



The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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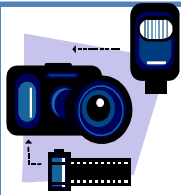
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BEST IN SHOW: *GIRL WITH HAT* - BY VICTOR SHUNG

I am surprised and honored that my photograph won "Best in Show" this month. I have seen many of other photographs in this contest that were well deserved to win this title than mine. The image was taken at last year Fall Outdoor Model Shoot. Because of the weather, we moved the shooting to indoor at the church. I have to attribute most credit to The Plano Photography Club members who setup the perfect lighting and background for me to shoot this image.

The lighting was simple but very effective – a soft box flash was placed left of the camera at 45 degree angle and a fairly large white reflector stood at the opposite side as a fill. The background was made up by a group of multicolored balloons. I was using Canon 7D with a 24-105 zoom lens at F16, 1/250 sec. and ISO 100. I did a little cropping and adjusting the contrast, clarity and vibrancy in Camera Raw. I removed some skin blemishes and softened up the skin tone by Gaussian blur filter in Photoshop CS5.



Upcoming Club Activities

April 22, 2013, 6:15 – *Snapshots!* “Flower Power” - Larry Petterborg. Just when you think there is nothing left to photograph, you can always turn your lens on a flower. Flowers are readily available any time of the day and year. If you can't find any outside, you can easily obtain them from your local market. If the weather is too rough to shoot outdoors, you can stay warm and toasty making flower portraits in your kitchen. During this session, we will go over basic equipment and techniques for making flower photos.

April 25-28, 2013 – *GSCCC Convention*. The Jackson Photographic Society (MS) is hosting this year's convention. There is still plenty of hotel space, so book while you can take advantage of the special rate. See GSConvention2013.com or contact Jack Hourquettes: coljack1220@gmail.com.

May 18, 2013 – *Outdoor Model Shoot*. Our annual Outdoor Model Shoot will be held at Hidden Cove Park on Lake Lewisville. Photographers arrive at 9:15 AM for a briefing. The shoot will last until 2:30 PM. There will be a charge of \$24, payable in advance. For more information contact Ken Guthrie (Home) 972-292-3969 (My New Cell #) 972-839-1265 or modeling@planophotographyclub.com.

June 8, 2013 – *End of Year Party*: Setup 5:30. Dinner at 6:00.

September 15-21, 2013 – *PSA Annual Conference*. Registration is now open for the PSA Annual Conference in Maine, September 15 to 21. It is a good deal at \$175 if you register before June 1.

Go to www.psa-photo.org, click on Conference, then Overview to see videos from the past few conferences. Contact Jen Carrick if you have questions

September 26 - October 7, 2013 – *Photo Exhibit at The Plano Centre*. Details to follow. If you want to participate or help, contact Valerie at exhibits@planophotographyclub.com.

Guest Speaker – *Telling the Texas Story* – Russell Graves

Telling the Texas Story is a program about the people and places that make Texas iconic. Through photos, videos, and anecdotal stories viewers will be engaged and inspired by the presentation.

Since I can remember, I've been fascinated with nature, wildlife, agriculture and the outdoors. As a teenager on my family's cattle ranch, I recall being chastised for searching for white-tailed deer when I was supposed to be looking for lost cattle in the hardwood bottomlands that filter the muddy waters of Bois d'Arc Creek.

I went to school in the tiny Northeast Texas town of Dodd City where I was surrounded by a rural culture that is still strong today. As a boy growing up on the rolling hills of the northern Texas Blackland prairie region, my family introduced me to fishing, hunting, camping, trapping, and other outdoor pursuits.

Because of my background as a small town guy, I feel I bring a fresh perspective to my photography, writing, and speeches, which makes my work unique.

New Club Year Begins in May

The new club year begins May 1. This means it is time to renew your membership. Dues are still only \$24, a true bargain. Please visit the membership desk before the meeting or at the break to renew. Please bring a check or cash for \$24.

May also brings changes to the contest. The club continues to grow with many new, enthusiastic members. And more members means more images in the contest. In recent years it has been increasingly difficult to find people willing to judge our contest and to provide meaningful commentary. After much deliberation and spirited debate, the board has decided to limit the competition to one image per member per month. Hopefully with fewer images to judge we will get more meaningful commentary.

Also, now is the time for promotions. As soon as the April scores are in, the board will be announcing promotions in time for you to submit images into the May competition. Congratulations to all of you who are advancing.

Finally, we will be voting on a new slate of officers for the coming year. As you know, the success of the club is due in large measure to the efforts of the club officers. If you would like to help please contact any of the officers and lend a hand.

This Month's Winning Images - Open

MASTERS				ADVANCED			
Lois Lehman	LADY WITH A FAN	1st	12	Lee Hatfield	GREEN JAY JUGGLER	1st	12
Jose Artiles	LEFT TURN	2nd	13	Jen Carrick	PEROT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND NATURE	2nd	12
Marea Downey	SNOWSTORM APPROACHES IN NORWAY	3rd	14	David Philips	ROCK 'N ROLL	3rd	13
Dennis Fritsche	FISHING ON GOLDEN POND	HM	12	Sharlott Hasty	PREPARING FOR FLIGHT	HM	11
INTERMEDIATE				BEGINNERS			
Chris Caho	BLACK AND WHITE BRIDGE	1st	14	Victor Shung	GIRL WITH HAT	1st,BoS	14
Jim Shannon	KAITLYN 03 IN HURST	2nd	11	Ron Lin	BLUE HERON	2nd	12
Jim Shannon	BAD FAIRY	3rd	14	Cathy Lin	OUT TO WORK IN EARLY MORNING	3rd	14
Katherine Robertson	JANE	HM	11	Charlie Henkle	CATHERINE'S PALACE	HM	13
				Ron Lin	DAYDREAM IN AN OLD CLASSROOM	HM	14



Ron Lin



Cathy Lin



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Jim Shannon



Charlie Henkle





Chris Caho



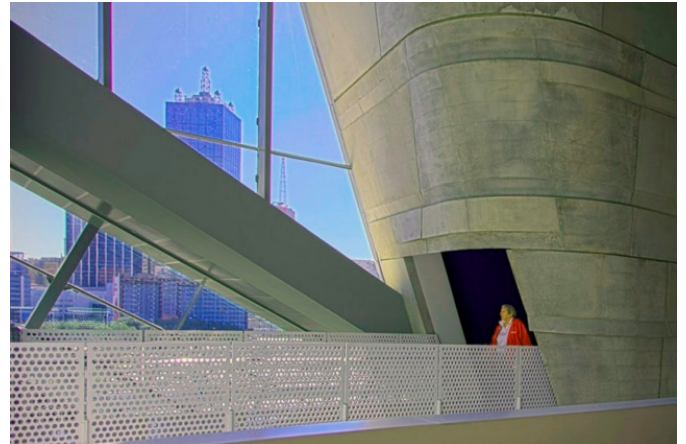
Jim Shannon



LEE HATFIELD

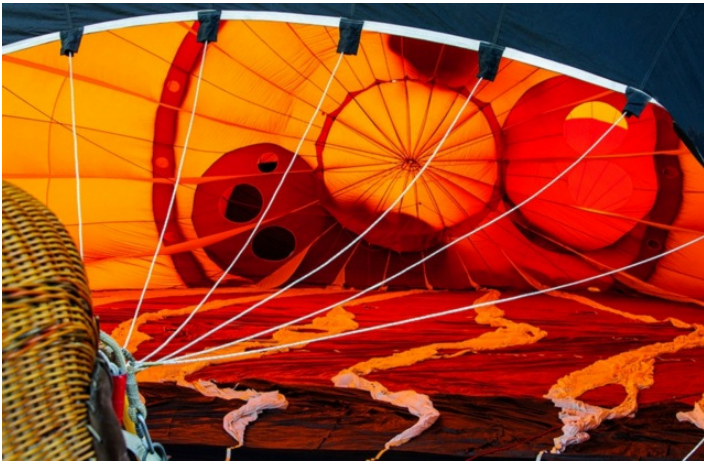


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JEN CARRICK





SHARLOTT HASTY



DAVID PHILIPS



LOIS LEHMAN



Jose Artiles



MAREA DOWNEY



Dennis Fritsche



COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
BEGINNERS			ADVANCED		
Valerie Johnson	50	170	Lee Hatfield	35	212
Charlie Henkle	13	196	Linfen Hwang	19	209
Wayne Kenter	10	190	Jim Spencer	19	203
Ron Lin	28	168	Jen Carrick	20	197
Linda Lee Bickford	13	172	Sharlott Hasty	15	195
Bryan Zumbar	4	180	Ming Luh	7	198
Debbie Conard	9	155	Karen Chaney	17	173
Melanie Erwin	7	147	Marie Hansen	7	182
Ming Yang	21	120	Peter Luh	10	147
Cathy Lin	12	120	Linda Grigsby	10	144
Leslie Johnston	0	85	David Philips	14	131
Don Huddy	0	83	Stephen Finnerty	6	130
Parvin Stiles	0	63	Sherri Kidner	1	111
Victor Shung	11	46	David Forehand	0	70
James Haynes	1	45	Alan Mann	1	66
David Allen	0	44	Bud Barlow	0	56
Jesse Flores	0	41	Tim Morgan	11	43
Kurtis Allen	9	29	Ken Morton	0	45
Rajiv Karanam	4	26	Steve Sutton	0	25
Lou Warren	0	28			
Sherry Jaco	0	27	INTERMEDIATE		
Gerald Newman	0	20	Sam Wilson	29	195
Sudheer Vijayakumar	0	19	Carol Barlow	20	196
Letty Ramos	0	18	Aimee Wilson	17	178
Cheri Soileau	0	16	Jerry Schlesinger	14	178
Terri Kropp	0	14	Chris Cahoe	42	148
James Walsh	0	12	Jim Shannon	23	160
Mary Jean Blevins	0	10	John Lovelace	9	166
Amrit Singh	0	8	Ronnie Scaggs	0	108
MASTERS			Melanie Dyer	3	85
Marea Downey	49	227	Retha Moulder	0	77
Jose Artilles	25	208	Brian Prestemon	3	63
Larry Petterborg	21	206	Joe Sullivan	6	42
Dennis Fritsche	17	207	Barbara Pena	10	25
Ernie Tacsik	14	206	Svatava Strnad	1	24
James Stover	20	197	Sathish Iyer	0	22
Ron Hasty	1	202	Don Champlin	0	21
Danette Volkmer	4	194	Katherine Robertson	1	19
Jamie Hilbig	6	187	Harold Walker	6	12
Lois Lehman	20	163	Michael Losurdo Jr	0	18
John Lehman	17	160			
Peter Staxen	1	164			
Russell McGuire	0	66			

COMPETITION TOPIC

April	Open	September	Take Five	March	Parts is Parts (Print)
May	Vanishing Point	October	Open (Print)	April	Open
June	Open	November	Stop Motion	May	S-Curve
July	Solitude	January	Found in the City	June	Open
August	Open	February	Open	July	Up in the Air



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Change is in the Air

Spring seems to be coming and so is the new club year, which starts in May. We will elect officers for the New Year at the April meeting, and I want to say a BIG thank you to those who have served so ably with me this past year. It is also the start of a new contest year and we are making a change that we hope will improve the contest process. Beginning in May each entrant may submit only one image. This should make it easier to obtain judges and better commentary. Several of you didn't feel that there was value in receiving scores for images without also hearing comments. It is still our goal to keep the commentary within a 30-minutes time frame. Also, the themes have been chosen through August 2015 so plan to participate in the contests this year to stimulate your photographic skills, and remember to pay your dues at the April meeting.

If you have any interest in volunteering, contact me at ppc@planophotographyclub.com.

Carol Barlow.

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ABOUT THE CLUB

The club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month (no meeting in December) at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. Visitors are welcome! Officers meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (except December) at the church. Open to all members.

The club is a member of: *Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) & Photographic Society of America (PSA)*

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