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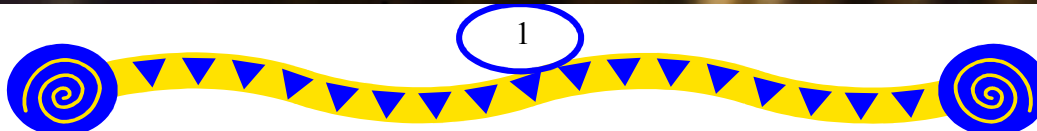
BEST IN SHOW: OAHU FINANCIAL DISTRICT - BY DANETTE VOLKMER

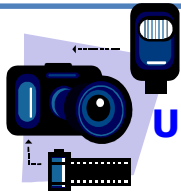
My husband and I celebrated our 15th anniversary by visiting the Hawaiian Islands. I was determined to shoot the last sunset before our return. We followed my husband's hunch and went to the beach at Mauna Loa Park. The park juts out into the bay in the middle of the Honolulu coastline. At first I shot on the beach facing across the water with the buildings to the right. We then spotted a point further into the park and away from the shoreline and - voila! - we gained a perspective of looking back toward the city over the water with the buildings in the financial district directly in the background. When we got there, the sky was a wonderful shade of deep blue, catching light from the sun that was now below the horizon. The building and shoreline lights had come on, creating reflections in the water. We shot for at least an hour after sunset in order to catch all the different colors and nuances of light.

Shooting was done using a Canon 5D Mark II and 24-105 mm IS lens on a tripod (with image stabilization switched off), using a remote shutter release. Settings were ISO 100, 28 mm, F11, 30 seconds, and (minor) post-processing done with Photoshop's Adobe Camera Raw 7.0 and CS6.

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Upcoming Club Activities

September 15-21, 2013 – PSA Annual Conference. Registration is now open for the PSA Annual Conference in Maine, September 15 to 21. 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

August 26 - October 7, 2013 – Photo Exhibit at The Plano Centre. If you want to participate or help, contact Valerie at exhibits@planophotographyclub.com for details.

September 20-22, 2013 – Plano Balloon Festival Tentative.

September 23, 2013, 6:15 – Snapshots! “Printing and Displaying Your Photographs” - Dennis Fritsche
Printing and displaying your photographs is fulfilling and pushes you to expand your skills. Whether you print your own images or send them out, there are a few things you need to do to make sure the final print looks like the image on the screen. This Snapshot will cover sizing your image for printing, soft proofing your image, sending the file to be printed, and mounting and matting your image..

September 28, 2013 – Model Shoot Tentative.

October 5, 2013 – Dallas Heritage Village Our club has been invited to photograph the plein air event before the Village opens to the public.

Guest Speaker – Fashion Photography – Steve Ellinger

Steve Ellinger, AIA, based in Abilene, Texas, is a practicing architect, educator and passionate photographer. Steve’s dedication to art and design has spanned from designing buildings, to sculpture, to photography. Steve strives to create images that challenge one’s thinking and evoke emotion. Although he has successfully engaged in the photography of many areas, he most enjoys capturing and creating images of people in settings and poses that are fashionable, artistic and contemporary.

Steve recently completed a highly successful and well-attended gallery showing at the Cockerell Gallery in the downtown arts district of Abilene. He is also a frequent speaker on the photography circuit where he talks about his fashion images. Steve is a member of the Professional Photographers of America (PPA).

Tabletop Workshop

About 40 members and trainers participated in this year’s Tabletop Workshop. Members had the opportunity to experiment with a wide variety of still-life options, many totally new to them. The set-ups included painting with light, black light photography, product photography, high speed photography and water drops. Also included were opportunities to check the focus points on your lenses and learning to calibrate your monitor.

Be sure to be at the next meeting when there will be a slide show of some of the great images taken by the participants. Those of you who participated, be sure to send in 5-7 of your favorites to be included.

If you missed the event, or were there and want to pursue more experimentation with still-life photography, several of the set-ups for the various tabletop activities are available to borrow from the club.



Basic Lighting Workshop

When family or friends find out you are a photographer, do you get asked to photograph the new baby, a wedding, the family dog, or parties and events? The key to success in all of these situations is great lighting. The next workshop, February 8, 2014, will focus on basic lighting skills to accomplish the variety of images we want to shoot.

This workshop will focus on basic lighting skills with speedlights/small strobes, reflectors and diffusers indoors and out. It will be a hands-on workshop where you use your own equipment (camera and speedlight) with the help of trainers/coaches. Keep an eye on the Flash, the webpage and the meeting for more details.

Club Web Site Finalist in PSA Web Site Contest

We are proud to announce the Plano Photography Club web site is a finalist in the "PSA Web Site Contest." The winner will be announced at the PSA annual conference in Maine in September. Many in our club agree: our web site is already a winner. Besides publicizing the upcoming events and programs, you can see the winning images from each month's photo contest, listen to the judge's comments and hear the commentary, read the monthly Flash, contact officers, and much more. There are links to all sorts of photography-related sites including those of our members and speakers.

Spend some time perusing our web site <http://www.planophotographyclub.com>. You may be surprised at what you will find. We also have a Facebook presence with lots of interesting tidbits. Sam Wilson does a superb job of creating an enticing and informative internet presence for our club.

Hanson Fong Workshop

In partnership with Canon, the Fort Worth Camera Club will be hosting one of the industry's premier wedding & portrait photographers on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (with a 1 hour lunch break). The event will once again be held at the Dorothea Leonhardt Lecture Hall Fort Worth Botanical Garden. You can see some of his amazing images at hansonfong.smugmug.com or learn more about him on Canon's Explorers Of Light website.

Tickets can be reserved & purchased (cash or check made out to "Fort Worth Camera Club") from Ernie Tacsik at the August 26th & September 23rd Plano Photography Club meetings & at the August 27th & SEP 24th Dallas Camera Club meetings (physical tickets will be available for pickup day-of-show at the event will-call). Physical tickets can also be purchased directly from the Fort Worth Camera Club by sending your check along with a SASE to:

Susan Horton
637 Lewis Dr.
Hurst, TX 76054

Tickets are ONLY \$10.00 and parking is free, but with limited lecture hall seating reserve your ticket early as the event is expected to sell out well in advance. Email info@fortworthcameraclub.org or contact Susan at 817.485.4455 for more information.

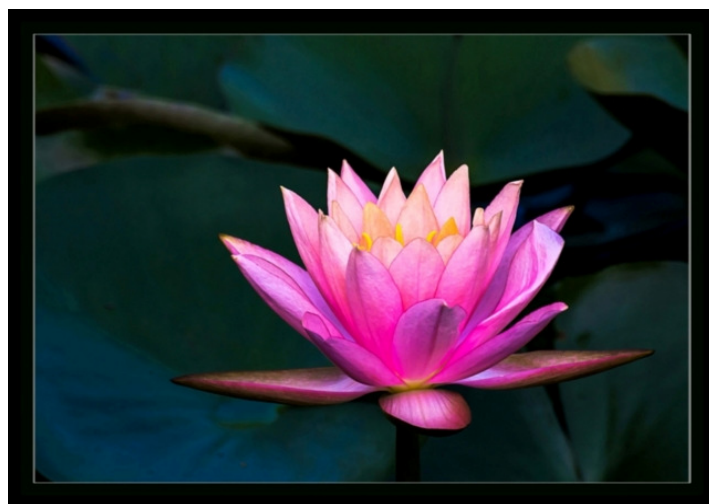


June's Winning Images – Open

MASTERS				ADVANCED			
Danette Volkmer	OAHU FINANCIAL DISTRICT	1st,BoS	15	Jim Spencer	GARDEN COLOR	1st	15
Dennis Fritsche	WILD IN THE MOJAVE	2nd	14	Aimee Wilson	KAMILA	2nd	14
Jose Artiles	BROADWAY SIGNS	3rd	14	Linda Grigsby	WHITE SANDS SUNSET	3rd	13
Marea Downey	EBB AND FLOW	HM	14	Jerry Schlesinger	THE GIRL FROM ARICA	HM	13
				Sam Wilson	KOI POND	HM	13
INTERMEDIATE				BEGINNERS			
Ron Lin	WATER LILY 1	1st	15	Debbie Conard	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	1st	13
Don Champlin	BRIGHT COLORS	2nd	14	Robin DeRouen	MEMORIAL DAY AT THE COWBOY CHURCH IN ATHENS, TX	2nd	13
Charlie Henkle	RENAISSANCE MAN	3rd	14	Vijayakumar Balasundaram	RELAX	3rd	12
Chris Caho	IT'S RAINING ROSES....	HM	13				
Steve Carter	LIONFISH PTEROIS VOLITANS	HM	13				



Robin DeRouen



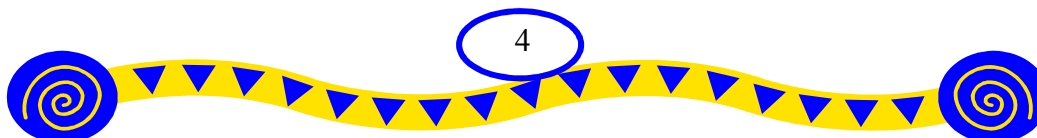
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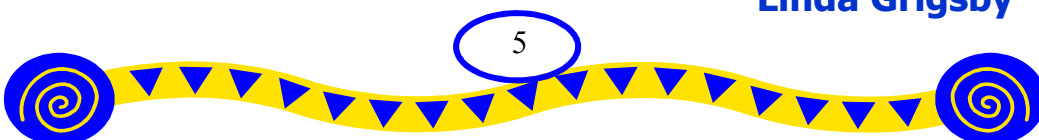
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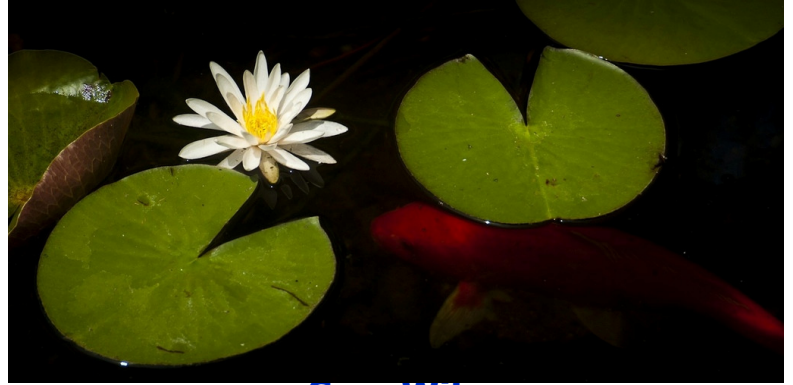


Linda Grigsby





Jerry Schlesinger



Sam Wilson



Aimee Wilson



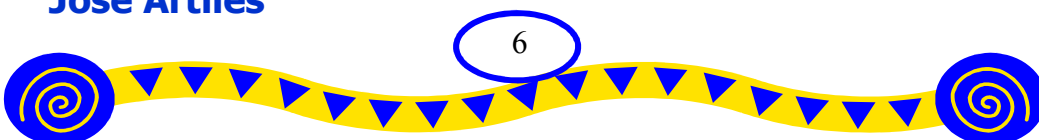
Dennis Fritsche



Jose Artiles

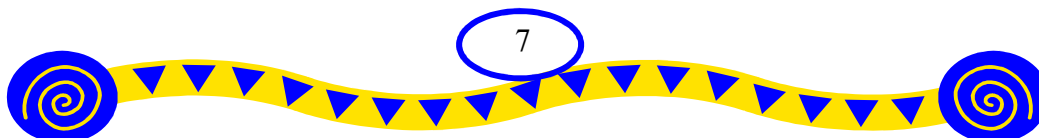


Marea Downey



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

COMPETITION STANDINGS					
Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
BEGINNERS			ADVANCED		
Robin DeRouen	16	28	Linda Grigsby	13	28
Debbie Conard	11	24	Jim Spencer	10	27
Mary Jean Blevins	6	24	Jim Shannon	6	26
James Walsh	3	22	Ming Luh	3	25
Leslie Johnston	0	21	Steve Sutton	1	25
Vijayakumar Balasundaram	3	12	Jerry Schlesinger	1	24
Cathy Lin	0	11	Marie Hansen	1	24
Lou Warren	0	9	Sam Wilson	1	24
			Peter Luh	0	24
			Karen Chaney	0	23
			Ken Morton	0	23
			Bud Barlow	0	21
			Carol Barlow	0	21
			Aimee Wilson	6	14
			Linfen Hwang	0	13
INTERMEDIATE			MASTERS		
Don Champlin	17	29	Danette Volkmer	21	30
Charlie Henkle	9	28	Lois Lehman	6	25
Chris Caho	4	26	Dennis Fritsche	6	24
James Haynes	1	24	Jose Artiles	4	26
Steve Carter	1	24	Ron Hasty	3	25
Ron Lin	10	15	Marea Downey	1	25
Brian Prestemon	1	22	Jen Carrick	0	24
Valerie Johnson	0	22	Larry Petterborg	0	24
Wayne Kenter	0	21	Lee Hatfield	1	23
Brad Sharp	0	20	Ernie Tacsik	0	23
Bryan Zumbar	0	20	John Lehman	0	22
Jesse Flores	0	20	Peter Staxen	0	22
Parvin Stiles	0	20	Sharlott Hasty	0	21
Michael Losurdo Jr	0	12	James Stover	0	20
Joe Sullivan	0	11			
Ronnie Scaggs	0	11			
Melanie Dyer	0	9			
Sudheer Vijayakumar	0	8			





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Our Web Site

We have one of the best web sites in the country! How do I know? Because our web site is a finalist in the "PSA Web Site Contest." Last year the site received Honorable Mention and Sam Wilson, our site administrator, worked hard to improve the site for this year's contest. He also maintains a Facebook presence for the club. I was able to attend an astrophotography workshop that I discovered through our Facebook page. I hope you are in the habit of checking the web site (and now Facebook) regularly. Learn more in the article above.

Carol Barlow

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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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