



The FLASH!

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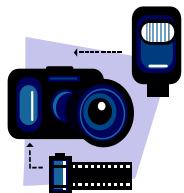
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Best in Show: The Blacksmith - By John Lehman

The Blacksmith is a staple at Dallas Heritage Village. I have photographed him often. He's a great character. The image was shot using an off-camera flash in the late afternoon. I set up along the edge of his shop where there is a ledge that surrounded the area. I simply laid the flash on the railing and shot it on TTL mode. In post-production, I cropped the image and employed dynamic contrast, which is a Photoshop plug-in within onOne's Perfect Effects. It adds a lot to make the image pop. I feel the flash added a lot to catching the smoke. It would have been a much more difficult shot to get without flash.





Upcoming Club Activities

April 28, 2014, 6:15 – Snapshots! Making Your Images POP for PPC Event Videos. Lois Lehman has been preparing the club slide shows of our events for two years and she is going to share ways to make your images pop, so they make a splash in the slide shows. We really want everyone who participates in club activities to contribute to the shows and this program will help you get your images ready for the shows and get the images noticed. It will also help you make images pop in ways that judges will likely notice them too.

April 28, 2014 – Submit photos for the Stonebriar Centre (Frisco) Exhibition (May – June). We need photos of various sizes with a summertime theme. It's a broad, fun category that could include: plants, flowers, sun, birds, wildlife, landscapes, night skies, sunsets, sunrises, pets, water, rain, or sunny scenes of any kind. Or, objects that represent summer: bicycles, sunglasses, beach balls, boats, sprinklers, pools, butterflies, fountains, sandcastles, waves, etc.

Please contact Valerie Johnson (exhibits@planophotographyclub.com) to submit your print count. Prints are to be turned in at the April meeting. Please, no people images.

May 17, 2014 – FC Dallas Soccer: FC Dallas Soccer at Toyota stadium in Frisco. The group rate is \$25 each, we will be seated together in the east stands, and they will allow 50 at a time to go down to the sidelines and photograph the game. <http://www.fcdallas.com/> Look for details later.

May 24, 2014 – Polo Match, Prestonwood Polo Club, Oak Point: Prestonwood Polo in Oak Point - \$10/car load. Bring your own food and drinks. <http://www.oakpointpolo.com/index.htm>. Look for details later.

June 14, 2014 – Denton Air Show at Denton Enterprise Airport. Gates open at 8:30 am. Show is 2 hours long. \$10/adult. Kids under 6, free. See FAQs at <http://denton.schultzairsthows.com/faqs.html> for what you can carry in.

Guest Speaker – On Safari in East Africa: Photographing Nature – John Mead

John S. Mead is a Master Teacher of Biology and a Nature photographer from Allen, Texas. John has been fascinated with the natural world since he was a boy growing up in New York City. Despite the dearth of nature to be found in New York City, John's love of biology combined with exposure to family members who loved photography led him to an adult life where the two would intersect. After concluding multiple degrees at his beloved Duke University, John came to Dallas to teach Life Science at the St. Mark's School of Texas. Working with young students proved to John the need to teach biology as a visual experience. Thus, John developed his current passion for imaging the natural world.

Beginning in the early 1990's, John traveled with students to places like Wyoming, New Mexico, and Belize. He always brought his camera along and worked to develop the skills that would help him tell the stories of those natural history travels. Such story telling extended to future visits to Africa as well as New Zealand to help share the beauty and majesty of nature with his students. In addition to his traditional DSLR work, John loves to take students of all ages on "Microsafaris" – getting to see the microscopic wonders of nature captured through microscopes outfitted with special video cameras. These videos have garnered well over 800,000 YouTube views. Regardless of technology, John remains steadfast in his desire to share Mother Nature's greatest gift: Wonder.

You can see John's photographic work online at www.BlueLionPhotos.com, or Facebook- www.facebook.com/bluelionphotos. His MicroSafari videos reside on his YouTube Page at www.Youtube.com/jsmead. He also can be found on Twitter: @bluelionphotos.

If you'd like to learn more about John, The Allen Image magazine did a cover story about him last March - http://allenimage.com/archives/show_issue.php?id=99



GSCCC Contest Winners

PPC had a winner in each of March's two Gulf States digital contests! In the GSCCC Pictorial Projected contest, Marie Hansen's "Milky Way" received first place. This image also placed first in the PPC October 2013 Print competition in the Advanced category.

In the GSCCC Photojournalism Projected competition, Dennis Fritsche's "Home Stretch" received third place. Dennis had entered this photo in our November "Stopped Motion" competition, and it seemed to work well as a photojournalism image.

Congratulations to Marie and Dennis!

New PPC Officers Elected for 2014-2015 Club Year

At the March meeting, the club elected officers for 2014-2015. The board was excited to present a slate of officers in March, giving time for a smooth transition from the current Board to the new one that takes over May first.

Thank you to the new officers who so willingly agreed to serve and were at the meeting to be introduced to the club. Your enthusiasm, ideas and involvement will continue to attract photography enthusiasts from the area. We appreciate your support.

To the current Board, we want to say THANK YOU! You handled your duties admirably, shared your ideas amiably, received each other's ideas warmly, and eagerly assisted when needed, all with utmost consideration for all club members. The outgoing and incoming officers are listed below.

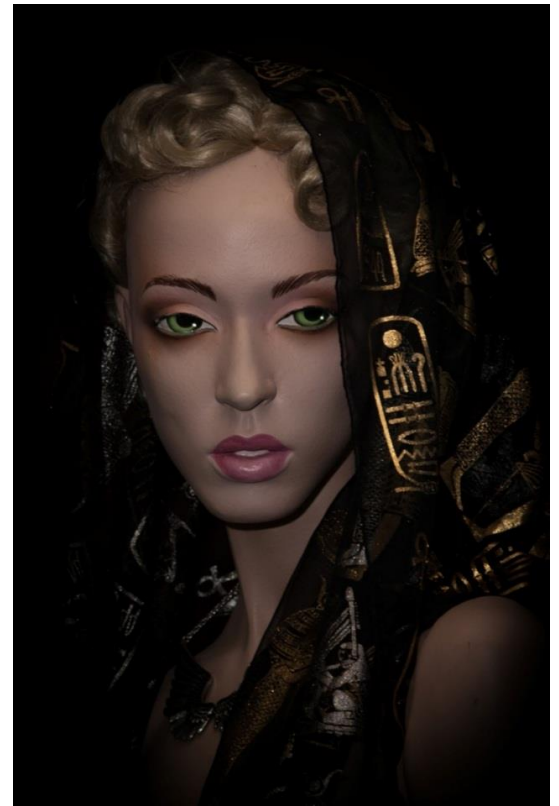
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President	Carol Barlow	Sam Wilson
Programs	Sharlott Hasty	Bud Barlow
Activities	Marie Hansen / Sherry Jaco	Parvin Stiles
Secretary (Membership)	Robin DeRouen	Robin DeRouen
Treasurer	Peter Staxen	Peter Staxen
Contests	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
Contest Site Administrator	Jerry Schlesinger	Jerry Schlesinger
GSCCC Representative	Danette Volkmer	Danette Volkmer
PSA Representative	Jen Carrick	Jen Carrick
Historian	Cindy Vaillancourt	Cindy Vaillancourt
Newsletter Editor	James Stover	James Stover
Webmaster	Sam Wilson	Jay Goode
Exhibits	Valerie Johnson	Valerie Johnson
Model Shoot Coordinator	Ken Guthrie	Ken Guthrie
Training	Marea Downey/John Lehman	Bud Mallar / Don Champlin

February's Winning Images – Open

<i>Masters</i>				<i>Advanced</i>			
John Lehman	The Blacksmith	1st,BoS	15	Marie Hansen	Cathedral Ruins	1st	15
Marea Downey	Sunset over the sea	2nd	15	Linfen Hwang	The Alpaca Keeper	2nd	15
Ron Hasty	Alaskan Brown Bear with Catch	3rd	15	Linda Grigsby	Yuccas in silhoutte	3rd	15
Ernie Tacsik	A Valentine's Day Box of Chocolates	HM	15				
Danette Volkmer	NIghtfall on the Tiber	HM	14				
<i>Intermediate</i>				<i>Beginners</i>			
Don Champlin	Cleared for Landing	1st	14	Leslie Johnston	The Challenge	1st	15
Charlie Henkle	Lantern Festival	2nd	14	James Walsh	Oregon Water Fall	2nd	14
Wayne Kenter	fall sky	3rd	13	Lou Warren	Timeless Beauty	3rd	13



Leslie Johnston



Lou Warren

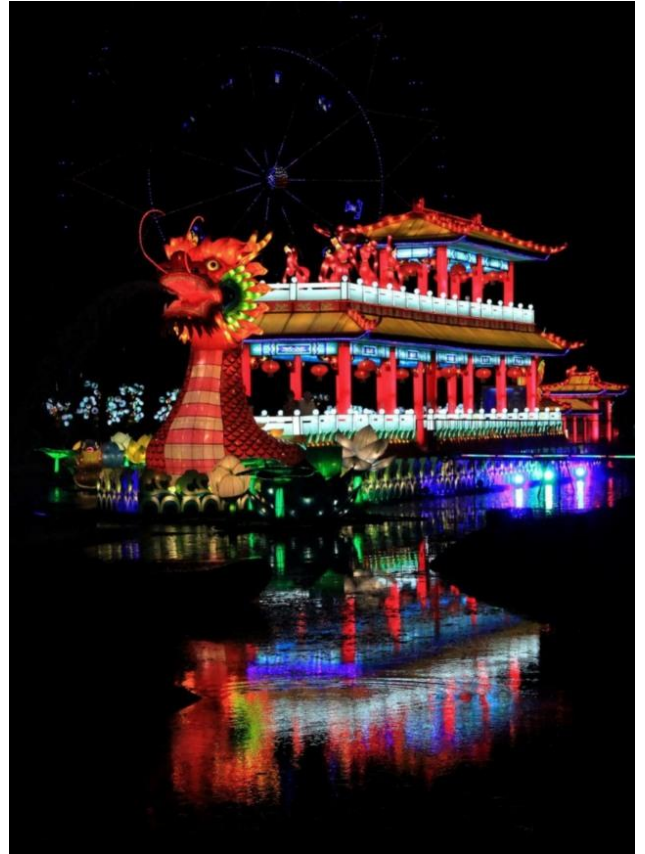


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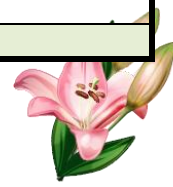


Competition Topic

April	Open	October	Open (Print)	April	Open	October	Open
May	S-Curve	November	Negative Space	May	Entrances	November	Abstract
June	Open	December	No Competition	June	Open	December	No Competition
July	Up in the Air	January (2015)	Photojournalism	July	Surprise Topic (TBD)	January (2016)	Photojournalism
August	Open	February	Open	August	Open	February	Open
September	Liquids	March	Vintage (Print)	September	Softness		

Competition Standings

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
<i>Beginners</i>			<i>Advanced</i>		
James Walsh	38	110	Marie Hansen	40	113
Robin DeRouen	38	96	Linda Grigsby	35	114
Debbie Conard	30	90	Jim Spencer	26	106
Leslie Johnston	20	89	Bud Barlow	24	103
Cathy Lin	15	65	Sam Wilson	5	102
Lou Warren	3	44	Carol Barlow	11	95
John Paul Douglas	10	35	Linfen Hwang	6	89
Mary Jean Blevins	9	35	Jerry Schlesinger	1	88
Vijayakumar Balasundaram	4	32	Karen Chaney	1	72
Bruce Barlow	6	23	Aimee Wilson	7	66
			Jim Shannon	10	63
			Peter Luh	10	50
			Steve Sutton	4	48
			Ming Luh	3	47
			Ken Morton	1	36
<i>Intermediate</i>			<i>Masters</i>		
Don Champlin	78	127	Danette Volkmer	36	118
Charlie Henkle	15	105	Ernie Tacsik	34	118
Valerie Johnson	13	101	Dennis Fritsche	20	108
Ron Lin	23	88	Marea Downey	15	111
Bryan Zumbar	4	95	Ron Hasty	17	107
Wayne Kenter	4	95	John Lehman	23	98
James Haynes	6	90	Sharlott Hasty	11	103
Brian Prestemon	15	80	Lois Lehman	16	96
Ming Yang	11	79	Lee Hatfield	7	103
Chris Caho	13	63	Larry Petterborg	4	104
Parvin Stiles	0	70	Jose Artiles	5	103
Brad Sharp	0	39	Jen Carrick	2	102
Ronnie Scaggs	0	34	James Stover	2	93
Jesse Flores	0	30	Peter Staxen	0	74
Melanie Dyer	0	28			
Steve Carter	1	24			
Joe Rougraff	0	24			
Sevy Strnad	3	21			
Michael Losurdo Jr	0	21			
Joe Sullivan	0	20			
Retha Moulder	0	19			
Barbara Pena	1	12			
Sudheer Vijayakumar	0	8			



President's Message: You Say Good-bye, I Say Hello



Serving as your president over the last two years has been a true privilege. I've worked with some wonderful people and deepened my friendships. What is really impressing is how willing everyone is to share their knowledge and discoveries with others. If you have refrained from getting involved outside of the club meetings because you think your skills are lacking, that is exactly why you should join in. You will meet nice people who want to help others, but enjoy learning themselves. And I know from experience, you will get more out of the club when you get involved.

events.

While it's good-bye as your president, I look forward to saying hello to you at club

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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