

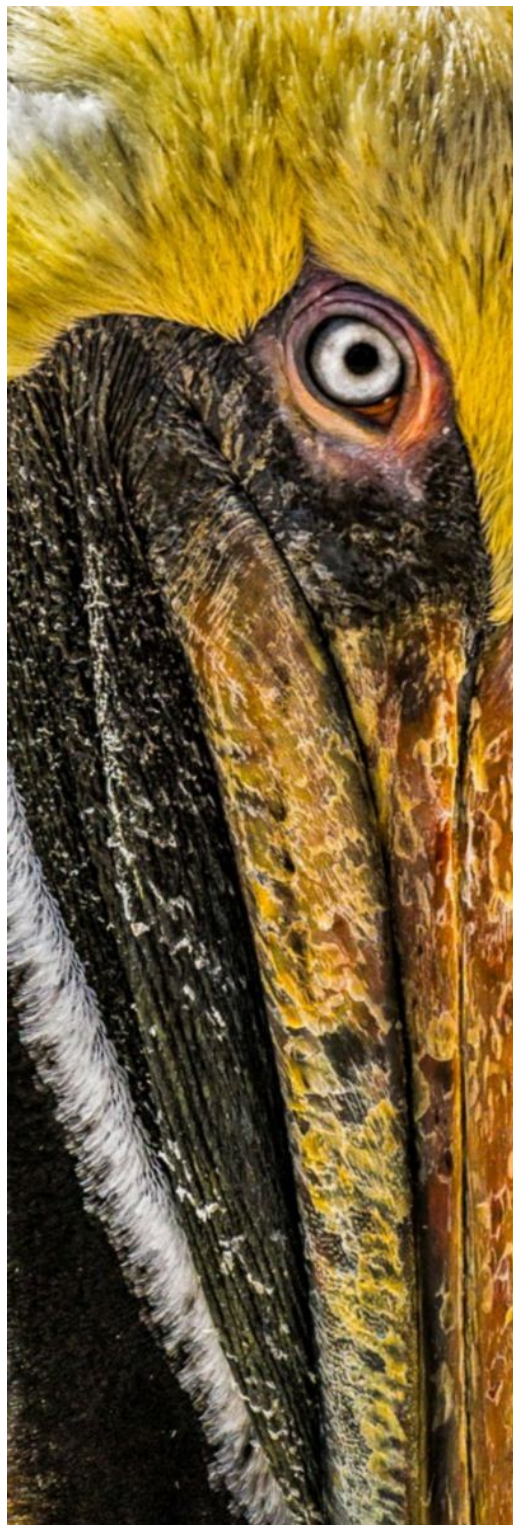


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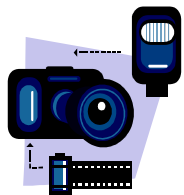
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BEST IN SHOW: ~THE GAZE~ BY DENNIS FRITSCHÉ

Parts is Parts - this is one of those topics that I always dread. I have to make myself embrace the goal of stretching my thinking and coming up with something original and on topic. I made a trip to my favorite junk yard and came up with a few candidates but they were too obvious. I kept remembering the description that said something like pieces of the whole which are not apparent. While on a field trip to the Dallas Zoo with the Dallas Camera Club, I kept running this phrase through my mind as I walked around. Not every photograph that day was relevant to that thought, but, as I went through the day, I amassed several images and they kept getting better and more focused. Near the end of the day, I saw this pelican and felt there was potential for a good image.

I was using my Nikon 1 V2 with an 80-300mm (equivalent) lens. Even with this reach, I had to crop out 70% of the image to get just the 1:2 aspect ratio I wanted. A bit of Lightroom and Photoshop work got the detail I wanted. I was not going for a nature representation so I was liberal with the detail and saturation sliders.

The title, The Gaze, was purposely left non-specific so the viewer must think about what they are seeing. Had I named it Pelican in Mating Season then the viewer and judge would have had a nature subject in mind and not an art photograph as I intended.



Upcoming Club Activities

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>.

June 7, 2014 – End of Year Party: Setup 5:30, dinner at 6:00 in our regular meeting room at the church. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and the club will provide bar-b-q and drinks. On a USB drive or CD, bring a 3-minute presentation of some of your photos — a trip, a photo study, photo essay, or whatever you enjoy sharing. (Photos should follow our contest guidelines for content.) We will also present the contest awards. Family members are welcome. Sign up at the May meeting.

June 14, 2014 – Denton Air Show at Denton Enterprise Airport. Bring the family along for the fun, as the PPC will make a trip to the Denton Air Show on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend. The show features Vintage Aircraft, Helicopter Rides, and Aerobatic Demonstrations. Gates open at 8:30 am. Show is 2 hours long. \$10/adult. Kids under 6, free. See FAQs at <http://denton.schultzairshows.com/faqs.html> for what you can carry in.

June 23, 2014, 6:15 – Snapshots! Ask the Experts! The May Snapshots! session features a panel of PPC Master photographers who will do their best to answer your most difficult and vexing photography questions.

July 12, 2014 – Fort Worth Scavenger Hunt: "Hop on, Hop off" trip on DART and the TRE, over to the Ft. Worth Stockyards for a scavenger hunt. Look for details later.

August 9, 2014, 2:00 – 5:00 – Tabletop Workshop: The workshop uses setups that can be contained on a table or similar small area to challenge your photographic skills. It includes Still Life, water drops, black light and other interesting techniques and will be held in the Education Building of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Guest Speaker – *To Yemen and Back: Travel Outside the Comfort Zone* – Larry Petterborg

In January, I celebrated my 65th birthday on a little known (at least in the US) island in the Gulf of Aden off the Horn of Africa. The island of Socotra belongs to the Middle Eastern country of Yemen and is home to some very amazing beaches, birds, mountains, and trees. This program will describe the journey of six photographers getting to and from Socotra and their travels photographing new and challenging places. While few, if any, folks in the US would identify Yemen as a high priority photo destination, the people there are warm, friendly, and eager to share their culture and to have their pictures taken. The opportunity to visit and photograph exotic locations and see a very different culture was an incredible experience. This trip really helped me change the way I see and photograph the world. While I don't think that you have to travel a great distance to make a great photograph, by venturing outside of my comfort zone I was able to make photographs unlike any that I had ever made before.

Larry has been an active member of the Plano Photography Club for more than 15 years and in the time has presented several programs. He is currently a Professor in the TWU School of Physical Therapy in Dallas. In addition to the PPC, Larry and his wife Mary are members of the Heard Nature Photographer Club in McKinney. Prior to moving to the DFW area, he had been active in photography clubs in Columbia, MO and San Antonio, TX. The Petterborg's enjoy the activities and camaraderie provided by participation in the club and look forward to many more years of photography.

GSCCC End-Of-Year Awards and Contest Winners

At the annual convention for the Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) last month, honors for the 2013-2014 year were awarded to clubs and individuals. The PPC performed well, receiving awards in each of the three digital categories in which we compete, one of only two clubs to do so. As measured by highest cumulative points earned for the year, our club was awarded certificates for 1st Place in Pictorial (with the highest score of any club in any category, projected or print), 3rd Place in Nature, and 5th Place in Photojournalism.

In addition, a year-end competition was conducted in each category amongst photographs which placed during the year (with an extra submission granted to clubs which judged a competition during the year). The PPC excelled in this competition, with four winners, claiming nearly one-third of the honors and twice as many as any other club in the digital categories! The winners are:

Pictorial:	1st Place	Chris Caho	"Make My Day"
Pictorial:	1st HM	Ernie Tacsik	"Economic Pressure"
Nature:	1st HM	Ron Hasty	"Cold and Alone"
Photojournalism:	2nd HM	Dennis Fritsche	"Home Stretch"

Many thanks and congratulations to all the excellent photographers of the PPC. Plaques will be awarded to the individual winners at the PPC year-end party. To see the lists of winners and all the winning photographs, go to: www.gulfstatesccc.org, and navigate to the May newsletter.

Danette Volkmer, GSCCC Representative

New Club Year Begins in May

The new club year began 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.

This may be the year you work on improving your photography by participating in the monthly photo competitions. The monthly theme stimulates your creativity as you develop a photographic idea and then hones your skills as you strive to meet the technical challenges.

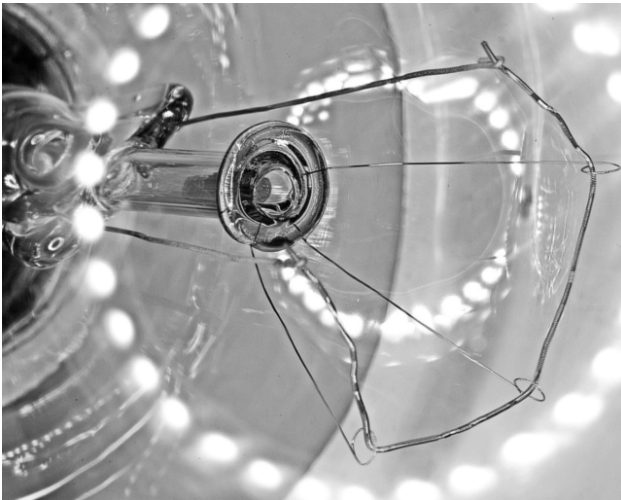
At the end of the competition year, participants with the highest combined judge and place points in each level are invited to move to the next level. Promotion to Master also requires service to the club. This year we recognize Linda Grigsby and Marie Hansen who have promoted to the Master level. Congratulations to all participants who are advancing.

Finally, we voted on a new slate of officers for the coming year. Congratulations to the new officers. If you would like to help, please contact any of the officers and lend a hand.



March's Winning Images – Parts is Parts

MASTERS				ADVANCED			
Dennis Fritsche	THE GAZE	1st, BoS	15	Bud Barlow	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING 101	1st	13
Lois Lehman	HOG HEAVEN	2nd	14	Linfen Hwang	TIE DOWN	2nd	13
Jen Carrick	BEST FOOT FORWARD	3rd	14	Marie Hansen	RUSTY LOCOMOTIVE PARTS	3rd	12
Jose Artiles	BOOK PARTS	HM	13	Jerry Schlesinger	DRIVE TRAIN	HM	11
Sharlott Hasty	IT'S READY TO GO	HM	13	Sam Wilson	ALL THE KING'S HORSES AND ALL THE KING'S MEN COULDN'T	HM	11
INTERMEDIATE				BEGINNERS			
Don Champlin	WHERE DOES THIS GO?	1st	14	Robin DeRouen	FILAMENT	1st	14
James Haynes	THREE GENERATIONS	2nd	12	James Walsh	TREES HAVE PARTS, TOO	2nd	13
Wayne Kenter	ADVANCE TOKEN TO PLAY ,AND ENJOY THE GAME.	3rd	12	Lou Warren	ALL THE WRONG PARTS	3rd	10
Valerie Johnson	PART SHIP, PART SEA, PART SKY	HM	11				



Robin DeRouen



Lou Warren



James Walsh



Don Champlin





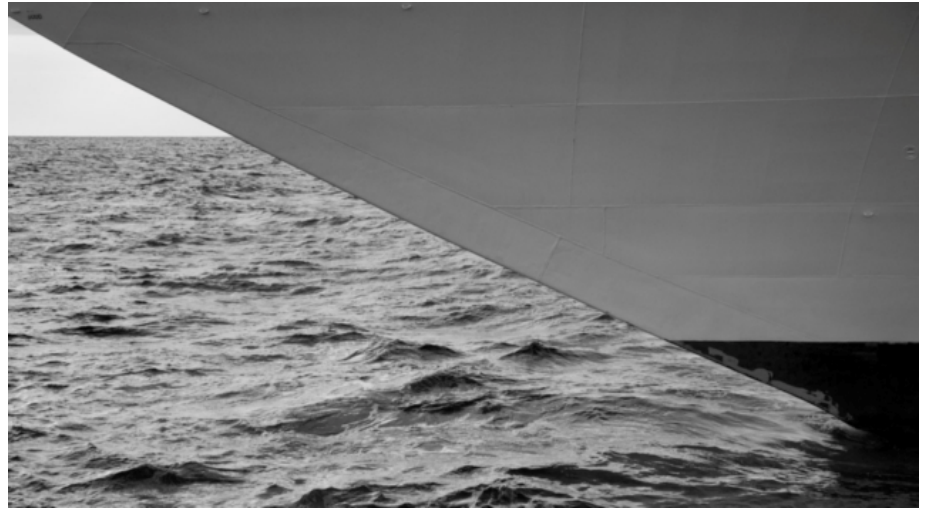
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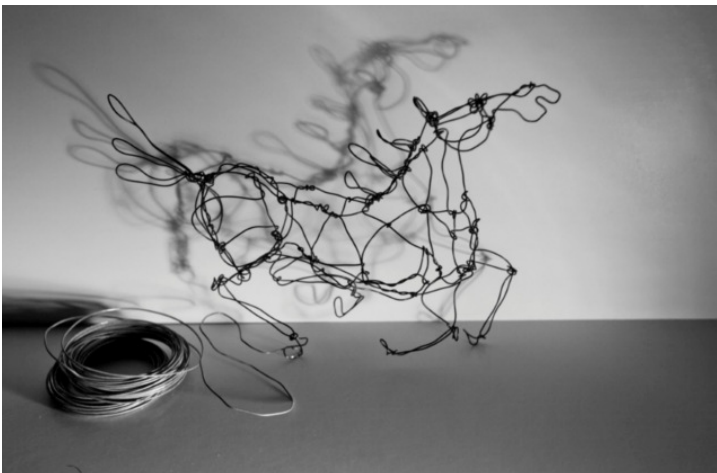
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Marie Hansen





Jerry Schlesinger



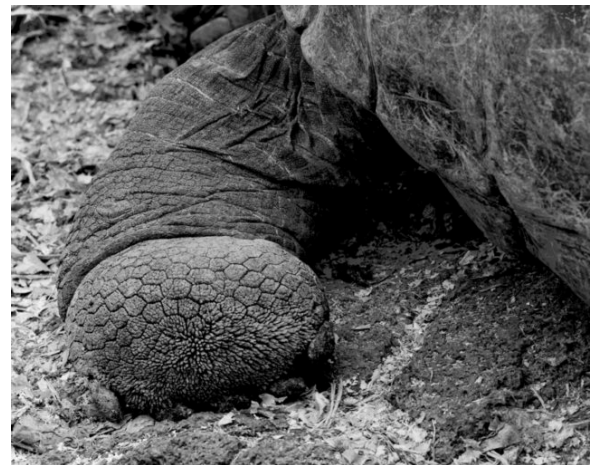
Lois Lehman



Sharlott Hasty



Sam Wilson



Jen Carrick



Jose Artiles



COMPETITION TOPIC

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		
October	Open (Print)	April	Open	October	Open		

COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
BEGINNERS			ADVANCED		
James Walsh	44	123	Marie Hansen	43	125
Robin DeRouen	48	110	Linda Grigsby	35	124
Debbie Conard	30	98	Bud Barlow	34	116
Leslie Johnston	20	89	Jim Spencer	26	116
Cathy Lin	15	65	Sam Wilson	6	113
Lou Warren	6	54	Carol Barlow	11	104
John Paul Douglas	10	35	Linfen Hwang	12	102
Mary Jean Blevins	9	35	Jerry Schlesinger	2	99
Vijayakumar Balasundaram	4	32	Karen Chaney	1	72
Bruce Barlow	6	23	Aimee Wilson	7	66
Joyce Mangum	0	9	Jim Shannon	10	63
Alpa Agarwal	0	7	Peter Luh	10	50
			Steve Sutton	4	48
			Ming Luh	3	47
			Ken Morton	1	36
INTERMEDIATE			MASTERS		
Don Champlin	88	141	Ernie Tacsik	34	130
Valerie Johnson	14	112	Danette Volkmer	36	128
Charlie Henkle	15	105	Dennis Fritsche	31	123
Wayne Kenter	7	107	Marea Downey	15	120
James Haynes	12	102	Ron Hasty	17	117
Ron Lin	23	88	Lois Lehman	22	110
Bryan Zumbar	4	105	John Lehman	23	106
Brian Prestemon	15	89	Sharlott Hasty	12	116
Ming Yang	11	79	Jose Artiles	6	116
Chris Caho	13	63	Jen Carrick	5	116
Parvin Stiles	0	70	Lee Hatfield	7	114
Brad Sharp	0	39	Larry Petterborg	4	112
Ronnie Scaggs	0	34	James Stover	2	104
Jesse Flores	0	30	Peter Staxen	0	84
Retha Moulder	0	30			
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			
Barbara Pena	1	12			
Sudheer Vijayakumar	0	8			



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: HELLO

I want to extend my deep gratitude both personally, and on behalf of the club, to Carol Barlow for her service as the club President for the past two years. She has not only done an excellent job as President in leading the club and providing direction to the other officers, but also has been very enjoyable to work with. She gave me a lot of assistance and mentoring as I took responsibility for the club website, and without her help we would not have done nearly so well in the last two PSA website contests.

Please join me in expressing appreciation to Carol for her leadership. I also want to say thank you to the other outgoing officers with whom I have been serving for the past year or two: Sharlott Hasty, Marea Downey, John Lehman, Marie Hansen and Sherry Jaco. I have enjoyed the discussions in the board meetings and also have learned a lot from each of you. Finally, for the continuing and new board members, I think we are off to a great start and I am deeply grateful that each of you has decided to serve along with me. This year should be fun and I am looking forward to the club activities, training sessions, speakers and contests that we will experience through the year.

Sam Wilson

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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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