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BEST IN SHOW: ~ *METAPHOR* - BY IRWIN LIGHTSTONE

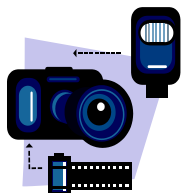
This image is a bit unique, in that it was one of the very few that I did not seek to limit noise. Like grain in film, I thought noise would add a bit of grit and sharpness to this image. ISO was set for 2500, the fstop was f22, and the shutter speed was 1/125th of a second for hand holding. Knowing the traditional boundaries of earth/sky and sea/land were obscured by fog, I sought to create a more ethereal image....the huge fog bank enshrouded Haystack Rock and its reflection balanced against the tiny but more concentrated form of a lone person.

It was processed primarily in Lightroom and converted to black and white in Nik Silver Effects Pro.

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Upcoming Club Activities

October 27, 2014 . *Snapshots! Image Presentation Sites:* Larry Petterborg will cover Flickr, Dan Leffel will discuss Smugbug and Bud Mallar will provide an orientation to Fotki.

October, 2014 . *Plano Centre Exhibit.* See below for details.

November 8, 2014 . *Lone Star Park:* The Sport of Kings+is one of the oldest sports in the United States, and the traditions of horse racing are second to none. We are making arrangements for an outing free of charge at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. The race track provides great opportunities for action photography and photojournalism, with some behind the scenes access before the first race.

December 6, 2014 . *Annual Holiday Party.* See below for details.

Annual Holiday Party

Our Annual Holiday Party is Saturday, December 6, in our regular meeting room. Setup is 5:30 PM with dinner at 6. Please bring an appetizer, vegetable or dessert as well as a short slideshow on a Flash drive or CD. Sign up at the October or November meeting. The club will provide meat, drinks and utensils.

Guest Speaker – *Journey of Photographic Expression* – Kaye Hargis

Kaye Hargis is a Masters-level member of the Dallas Camera Club, most recently being honored with the Photographer of the Year Award for Monochrome Prints in 2013-2014 and placing third for Color Prints. She has also won many outside awards, including 2012 State Fair of Texas Best of Show in the Adult B&W category, as well as placing in all but one of the years she's entered; 2005 Dallas Zoo Grand Prize in the Feather, Fur & Scales contest, as well as several First Place awards; placing eight times in the Gulf States Camera Club Council End of Year competitions; and having two images published in Black & White magazine's 2013 Single Image Contest.

For twelve years mastering the art of photography has been a personal quest for Kaye Hargis. It has been a personal journey of creative expression, which has had its mountains and valleys. As enthusiasm is a key ingredient to success, she will explore ways to keep photography fun and engaging through self-directed projects and by learning new digital darkroom skills. She has received recognition in local and state competition and will share these images, and more, as she explores an extremely creative adventure-photographic expression.



Ken Guthrie: 1947 - 2014

Ken, a veteran member of the Plano Photography Club, passed away Saturday, September 27. He served the club as past President and was the Model Shoot Coordinator for many years. He was born December 26, 1947 and was married to Laurie Cannon in 1997.

We will always remember Ken for the respectful way he dealt with all of the participants at the model shoots. It was important to him that the models were well-treated and had fun. We also remember with humor his attempts to pack all the model shoot supplies, including a full-length mirror and wardrobe rack, into his Corvette. He was endlessly patient when dealing with park officials, local police, and venue managers in arranging shoots. His diplomatic schmoozing was enormously helpful when dealing with these sometimes testy individuals.

Ken was a good man, a great friend, and we will remember him fondly.

Photographic Society of America Conference

The PSA chose Albuquerque, NM for its 76th conference. The conference ended in time for the participants to attend the world famous Balloon Festival. Tours offered before the conference visited the O'Keeffe museum in Santa Fe, the Acoma Pueblo, Tent Rocks National Monument, the Historic Route 66, and the Sandia mountains, to name a few.

Four days of meetings and talks kept everyone busy. Some were of the how to+variety: Back Yard Hummingbirds, Birds in Flight, 3D, Time Lapse, Macro Made Easy and Portrait Touch up- from Input to Output. The popular Tim Grey gave a program %Organizing Photos in Lightroom+and held a Q and A session.

Featured speakers were Darrel Gulin on %Nature and Travel Photography.+The Egyptian photographer Ayman Lotfy talked about creating your own style. Cole Thompson asked, %Why Black and White?+Tyler Stapleford's subject was entitled %Capturing the Dramatic Moment.+Don Doll in his talk %A Call to Vison+showed his thoughtful photographs of the Native American reservations and his work for the Jesuit refugee service.

Next year's conference is to be held in West Yellowstone, Montana, from September 27 to October 4. Any questions do ask me or consult the PSA website <http://www.psa-photo.org>.

Plano Centre Exhibition

We have an opportunity to exhibit in Plano Centre! This building hosts conferences, seminars, tradeshows, and parties, so there is fairly good exposure of our artwork to a wide range of people. (And, you may post your contact information and price.) The exhibit runs through the holiday season.

If you have one to three photographs that are framed, with hanging hardware, please bring them to the October 27 Club meeting. See The News To Use for more information.

If you would like to participate, but need more time, we're making arrangements to hang additional photos in the exhibit after the November meeting. If you'd like to participate, please send an email to exhibits@planophotographyclub.com with the number of prints you will submit.

August's Winning Images – Open

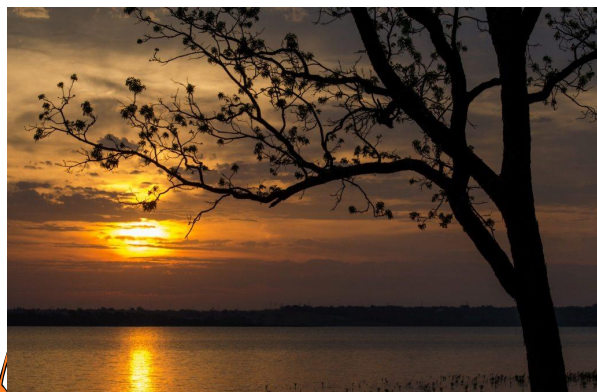
MASTERS				ADVANCED			
Larry Petterborg	Mountain Top Morning in Yemen	1st	15	Irwin Lightstone	Metaphor	1st, BoS	15
Marea Downey	Shetland ponies greet the dawn	2nd	14	Don Champlin	Self Portrait	2nd	15
Jose Artiles	Dog Walker, SoHo, NYC	3rd	14	Bud Barlow	Unmasked	3rd	14
Lois Lehman	Evening Prayers	HM	13	Jim Shannon	Portrait of Mason	HM	13
				Sam Wilson	Evening at White Sands National Monument	HM	13
INTERMEDIATE				BEGINNERS			
James Edward	My Muse for the Day	2nd	14	Jack Hwang	Flying Lesson	1st	14
Jay Goode	Adobe	3rd	13	Aaron Lesh	Wakeboarding 101	2nd	13
Ming Yang	Happy 4th of July!	HM	13	Kevin Chen	Sunrise Over the Lake	3rd	13
Wayne Kenter	Mom's favorite flower	HM	13	Lou Warren	On the Shoulders of Giants	HM	12
James Edward	My Muse for the Day	2nd	14	Randy Ratzlaff	Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood Reflection	HM	12



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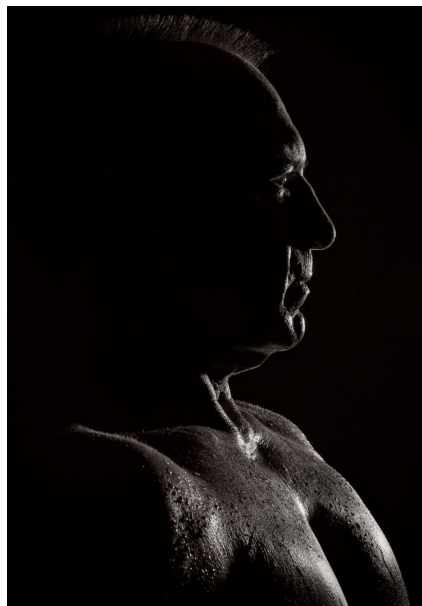
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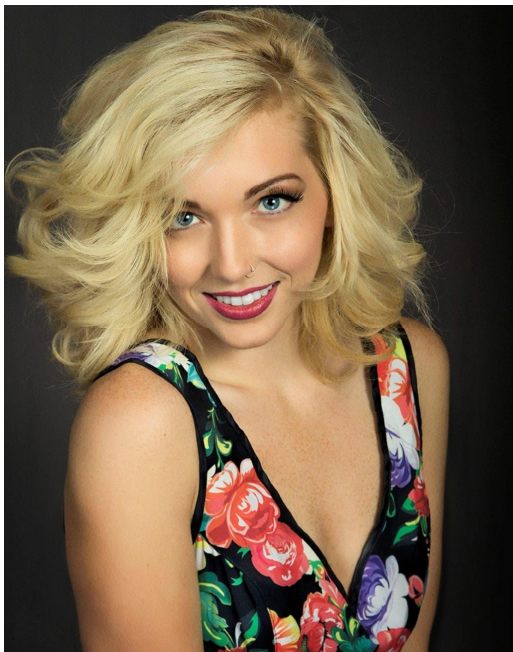
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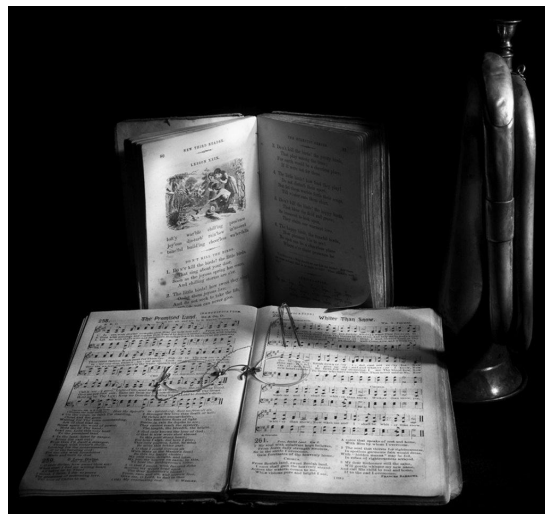
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Marea Downey



Larry Petterborg



Lois Lehman

COMPETITION TOPIC

October	Open (Print)	March	Vintage (Print)	July	Surprise Topic (TBD)	November	Abstract
November	Negative Space	April	Open	August	Open	December	No Competition
December	No Competition	May	Entrances	September	Softness	January (2016)	Photojournalism
January (2015)	Photojournalism	June	Open	October	Open	February	Open
February	Open						

COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
BEGINNERS			ADVANCED		
Brenda Armstrong	20	49	Don Champlin	27	53
Lou Warren	20	45	Brian Prestemon	11	46
Debbie Conard	7	39	Linfen Hwang	9	46
Leslie Johnston	6	39	Sam Wilson	7	45
Janet Davenport	3	30	Bud Barlow	5	45
Aaron Leshner	7	24	Karen Chaney	7	42
Cathy Lin	0	28	Irwin Lightstone	17	27
Vincent Carroll	1	27	Bud Mallar	0	43
Jack Hwang	10	14	Carol Barlow	0	39
Loretta Griffin	0	18	Jerry Schlesinger	0	39
Kevin Chen	3	13	Jim Spencer	0	39
Joyce Mangum	3	12	Ken Morton	0	29
Randy Ratzlaff	1	12	Jim Shannon	1	23
Krishna Duggu	0	7	Aimee Wilson	0	20
INTERMEDIATE			MASTERS		
Ron Lin	23	51	Jose Artiles	12	54
Charlie Henkle	16	51	Dennis Fritsche	13	53
James Edward	22	41	Larry Petterborg	11	52
Ming Yang	1	44	John Lehman	11	50
James Berry	1	43	Sharlott Hasty	10	50
James Walsh	1	42	Danette Volkmer	4	52
Wayne Kenter	1	42	Linda Grigsby	11	45
Robin DeRouen	7	35	Marea Downey	6	48
Bryan Zumbar	1	40	Lee Hatfield	0	46
Valerie Johnson	4	37	Russell McGuire	1	45
Ronnie Scaggs	0	39	Marie Hansen	3	43
Jay Goode	3	34	Ron Hasty	0	45
Parvin Stiles	0	36	James Stover	0	41
James Haynes	0	29	Jen Carrick	0	40
Oscar Roldan	3	24	Peter Staxen	1	37
Joe Sullivan	0	18	Lois Lehman	1	31
Brian Henric	0	11			
Greg Maurer	0	11			
Steve Petermann	0	10			
Retha Moulder	0	9			



**Photo by
Marie Hansen**

President's Message: Guides Program

This evening at our club meeting we are introducing a ~~%~~PPC Guides+Program. For those of you who have been in our club for at least two years, we would like for you to seriously consider agreeing to be a Guide to a newer member. The goal of the program is to help our newest members feel at home in the club more quickly, and to assist them in getting into the rhythm of our activities and contests.

Being a guide should not be a difficult task. We would like for you and your assigned new member to spend a little time talking at each club meeting, so you can get to know each other. You should introduce the new member to other club members, invite them to attend a Club activity with you, and be available to answer questions about the contests or other aspects of participating in the club. That's all there is to it!

If you are a newer member, and are still feeling a little out of place, please let the club President or Membership Chairman know that you would like to be matched up with a Guide. - 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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