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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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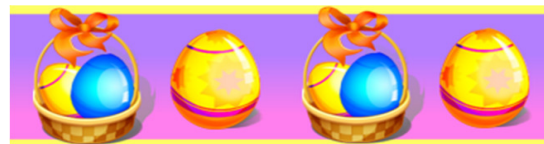
## Best in Show: ~The Polices of the Hell - By Ron Lin

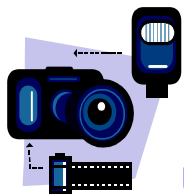
The Polices of the Hell originated from Chinese folk beliefs and myths, usually referred to a few members of God. The legend started from the eight generals catching evil exorcism for Wufu Emperor. These generals became the gods of the underworld and were also known as guards for the temples of the nether Gods such as Yama (King of Hell) and Cheng Huang (City Gods). Their responsibilities are to capture ghosts and evils and provide protections to people. Today in Taiwan the believers in the temples dressed up as The Police of the Hell in certain annual ritual to perform martial art under the fierce explosion of firecracker.

To me, capturing such a scene is both a heaven and a hell for a photographers. This particular ritual happened at Tau Yuan, about one hour drive from Taipei, in February of 2015. Before I went to Tau Yuan an experienced friend reminded me to bring ear plugs, mask, and wear something that I can afford to lose in case it catch the spark of the firecracker. The shooting went on rather smooth, both my flesh and equipment remain intact afterward except for one time during shooting I drop the ear plug and thought I'll become deaf for the rest of my life. Camera settings for this picture are: Nikon D800, Nikkor 24-120mm lens at 66mm, 1/320s, F4, ISO 400.

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## Upcoming Club Activities

**April 25 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Photoshop Training Part 1** taught by Bud Barlow. Bud will provide the first ('introductory') Photoshop training at the West Plano Presbyterian Church, where we hold our monthly Club meetings. This class will cover some very basic Photoshop information, suitable to people who are relatively inexperienced with it. Since there are many similarities with Photoshop Elements, those users will benefit from the training.

**May 7 & 9 10 AM – Dallas Zoo Scavenger Hunt** Take DART where it's convenient then meet up at the zoo.

**May 30 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Photoshop Training Part 2** taught by Bud Barlow. Bud will provide the second ('advanced') Photoshop training from at the West Plano Presbyterian Church, where we hold our monthly Club meetings.

**May – People Photography Shoot** at park near Schimelpfenig Library

**June 7 – Thoroughbred Racing** at Lonestar Park. e will not be going on June 20th. Please note that the new date is June 7th Sunday afternoon; races begin at 1:35pm. In addition to free pass and programs, the park is offering a tour of the stable area before races and a brief Q & A with a trainer for those interested, they may even let us pet some really cool racehorses! Each participant is expected to provide 10 images. The offer is for you and a guest. If interested, please email us at [activity@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:activity@planophotographyclub.com) for 1 ticket or 2.

**June – End-of-Year Club Party**

**July 25 – RoughRiders Baseball Game** at Dr Pepper Stadium in Frisco. A joint activity with Dallas Camera Club; we have put deposit to book the seats in Section 120, Rows 5-7. Seats are directly behind players dugout with a perfect viewing access to the home plate and first base; ticket @\$25 each includes all you can eat hot dogs, brats, Dr. Pepper products until 90 minutes after scheduled start time plus \$10 credit toward chicken sandwiches, burgers, beer/wine, dipping dots, etc. If you haven't been to the stadium, it is cozy and intimate, beautiful, family friendly, and affordable. If you are interested, click here to send us an email with number of tickets you wish to buy. Roughriders: <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t540>

**August – Tabletop Photography Workshop**

**September 18-20 – Plano Balloon Festival**

**October – Polo** at Prestonwood Polo Club

**November 21 – Hagerman Wildlife Refuge**

**December – Holiday Party**

Other activities which may be planned through this year include:

- Dallas Skyline and Hunt Bridge at night
- Rugby (Dallas Harlequins) - new season has already started and ends June
- CTC Auto Ranch (vintage automobile salvage yard, just north of Denton)
- Fossil Rim/Glen Rose - optional overnight (late November or early December)
- DFW Auto Show- March 25-29 at Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center (formerly, the Dallas Convention Center)
- Wurstfest in New Braunfels (overnight trip in November)
- Austin & McKinney Falls State Park
- John Bunker Sands Wetland - open to visitors 1st and 3rd Saturdays or by appointment- near Dallas
- Frontier Flight Museum (Love Field)/Cavanaugh Flight Museum (Addison)
- Astrophotography with Mike Mezeul
- Waxahachie Gingerbread Trail Festival



## PPC Winners in the Gulf States Camera Club Council Competitions!

In both of the March digital competitions of the Gulf States Camera Club Council PPC had winning images.

In the March PJ Projected contest, Jim Walsh's "The Fall of Number 5" won First Place, and in the March Pictorial Projected Contest, James Stover's image "The Portals of Nankoweap Ruins" won First Honorable Mention. Congratulations to both of you!

Danette Volkmer

## Guest Speaker – *Growing As An Artist (The Power of Self-Assignments)* – Larry Lourcey

First and foremost, Larry Lourcey is a portrait artist. Since earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1992, continuing education has always been a priority. Countless art classes and photography workshops have helped to mold his style and technique. His work encompasses a broad range of styles- from fun, whimsical black and whites to elegant, traditional portraiture. He is also a talented painter, with a rich style inspired by artists like Pina Daeni and John Singer Sargent. His work has been featured in everything from the "Painter Wow" books to the cover of Professional Photographer Magazine.

He has had several images included in the PPA Loan Collection, earning him the Imaging Excellence Award in 2013. He has also been a finalist in the Grand Imaging Awards. In 2001, Larry earned his Certified Professional Photographer designation from the Professional Photographers of America, followed by his Master Photographer degree in 2007. In 2009 he became a PPA Approved Juror. Larry is a member of the Professional Photographers of America and the Texas Professional Photographers Association. He is also a past president of the Dallas Professional Photographers Association.

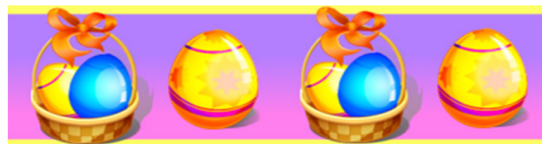
Already this year, he has spoken at the Society of Wedding and Portrait Photographers (SWPP) in London, and ImagingUSA in Nashville.

As the digital revolution continues to blur the line between amateurs and pros, it is more important than ever for us to grow as artists. If you take your artistry to the next level, recognition of your work will follow. One of the best ways to do this is through self-assignments.

In this fun and educational program, Larry will show you how he has used self-assignments to take his photography to the next level. More importantly, he will show YOU how you can do it yourself. This is a can't-miss program!

## Membership Renewal

Please see Membership Chairman Robin DeRouen this evening to renew your membership in the Club for the 2015-2016 year. Club dues for this year are \$30 for an individual membership. The fee for each additional member in the same household is one dollar. For club members who compete in the Club contests, there will be a grace period of two months. Members who have not renewed before the end of June will be prohibited from entering the June contest.





## February's Winning Images – Open

Masters				Advanced			
John Lehman	Vintage glamour	15	1st	Don Champlin	Tangerine Dream	14	1st
Lois Lehman	A Cowboy Sunday Night	15	2nd	Sam Wilson	Ready for Takeoff	13	2nd
Ron Hasty	T.A. Moulton Barn at Sunrise	14	3rd	Jim Shannon	Tour boat on the Yangtze	12	3rd
Danette Volkmer	Sippin' on the Dock of the Bay	14	HM	Bud Barlow	Old House	12	HM
Intermediate				Beginners			
Ron Lin	Police of the Hell	15	1st,Bos	Nancy Mack	Calla Lilies in Vase	15	1st
Larry Blackwell	The Leap	14	2nd	Janet Davenport	Dark Horse Finish	14	2nd
Parvin Stiles	Take that you darn Ball!	14	3rd	Joyce Mangum	Kentucky Memories	13	3rd
Ming Yang	Chasing The Moment	13	HM	Lou Warren	Green Heron	13	HM



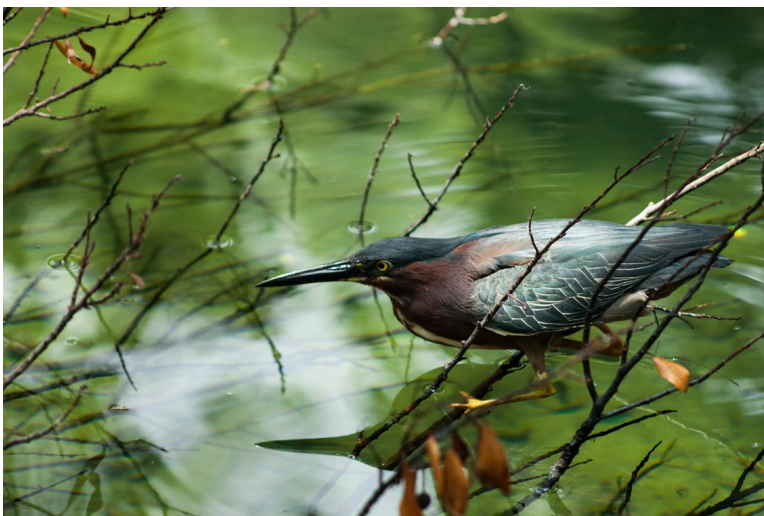
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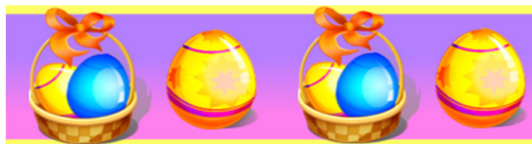
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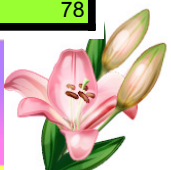
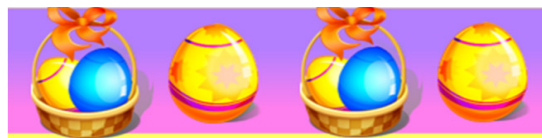
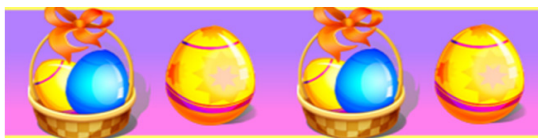


## Competition Topic

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

## Competition Standings

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
<b>Beginners</b>			<b>Intermediate</b>		
Armstrong, Brenda	23	95	Edward, James	39	100
Warren, Lulu	21	86	Lin, Ron	34	101
Davenport, Janet	18	81	Henkle, Charlie	26	102
Johnston, Leslie	12	79	Walsh, Jim	15	106
Lesher, Aaron	24	63	Zumbar, Brvan	13	99
Hwana, Jack	20	47	Yana, Mina	11	92
Manum, Jovce	12	56	Berrv, Jim	2	91
Ratzlaff, Randv	14	61	Johnson, Valerie	10	83
Lin, Cathv	0	57	Stiles, Parvin	3	81
Carroll, Vincent	12	70	Roldan, Oscar	14	63
Griffin, Lori	0	53	Kenter, Wavne	1	75
Conard, Debbie	7	39	Scaas, Ronnie	0	67
Mack, Nancv	11	28	Goode, Jav	3	42
Blevins, Marv Jean	3	32	DeRouen, Robin	7	35
Newman, Jerrv	0	27	Havnes, James	0	38
Clark, Marilia	0	17	Blackwell, Larrv	6	30
Chen, Kevin	3	13	Sullivan, Joe	0	24
Mavs, Fred	0	8	Maurer, Grea	0	19
Duqau, Krishna	0	7	Moulder, Retha	0	19
			Thweatt, Susan	0	13
			Henric, Brian	0	11
			Petermann, Steve	0	10
			Flores, Jesse	0	10
<b>Advanced</b>			<b>Masters</b>		
Chamolin, Don	72	126	Fritsche, Dennis	29	121
Wilson, Sam	23	106	Petterbora, Larrv	31	109
Barlow, Bud	8	97	Lehman, John	24	112
Barlow, Carol	10	93	Hastv, Sharlott	23	108
Hwana, Linfen	12	87	Volkmer, Danette	16	114
Spencer, Jim	3	92	Artiles, Jose	13	106
Shannon, Jim	13	79	Downev, Marea	10	108
Schlesindaer, Jerrv	7	81	McGuire, Russell	7	103
Chanev, Karen	8	71	Hastv, Ron	3	106
Mallar, Bud	1	77	Griasbv, Linda	11	93
Liahtstone, Irwin	16	45	Hatfield, Lee	1	99
Prestemon, Brian	11	46	Carrick, Jennifer	6	93
Morton, Ken	0	56	Hansen, Marie	3	92
Wilson, Aimee	0	20	Lehman, Lois	7	86
			Stover, James	0	88
			Staxen, Peter	1	78







**Box Camera  
Portrait**

## President's Message: *Elections*

We will be electing officers for the 2015-2016 year tonight. I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have stepped up to a leadership position. The club could not function without you! I also must say Thank You to the officers who have served so well during the past year. It has been a challenging year in many ways, but we have pulled together and the club remains strong.

I also want to give a shout-out to my good friend Kala King. She has a photography exhibit up in the Granville Arts Center in Garland. Kala has attended our club as a guest in the past year. Her style might be called Urban Wildlife. She specializes in photos of water birds at White Rock Lake and other area ponds and streams. She seems to have a knack for timing her photos to catch the birds in an particularly expressive moment. And she always comes up with a funny caption. Her exhibit is up in the Granville Arts Center through April 30. It can be seen Monday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm. It is also open on weekends any time the building is open for other events. You can also find Kala's work at <http://www.kapturedbykala.com/>.

- Sam Wilson

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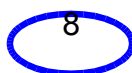
The club meets at 7 PM the third Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at West Plano Presbyterian Church 2709 Custer Road, Plano TX. Visitors are welcome! Officers meet at 7 PM on the second Monday of each month (except December) at a location to be announced. Open to all members.

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

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