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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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Best in Show: *Super Rabbit* - By Don Champlin

This image was captured at the Alliance air show in October on the flight line before general admission. I was able to move around and shoot with a group of 40 photographers, without the swarming crowds, as the sun came up. Camera was tripod mounted, hand held wireless flash with the camera set for 10 second delay, which gave me time to walk around and aim the light on different areas. 1/8th second, f2.8, ISO 1600. I made numerous exposures with the light in different positions.

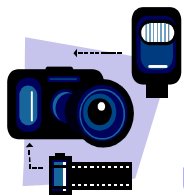
Now the work really begins for this image in the digital darkroom. 3 virtual images created with a 2 stop difference and merged via Photomatrix HDR; this can really give an impressive color saturation and dynamic range along with enhanced micro detail. Removal of buildings, hangers, tents, cars and people was done via the Clone Stamp Tool in Photoshop, reconstructing 40% of the Tarmac and horizon.

For the background I added the dark clouds from another of my images, making a careful, painstaking selection of the aircraft and creating a new layer copy. Also blended a small horizon from a third image to help the horizon transition (still not happy with it). When it was all composited together, coloring was added and blended from the sky onto the aircraft, coloring from the aircraft was blended into the background along with considerable dodging and burning to control tones. Not sure how many hours total it took since I am new and slow in Photoshop, there is a lot to learn.

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Upcoming Club Activities

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.

June 7 – Thoroughbred Racing at Lonestar Park. We 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 for 1 ticket or 2.

June 13 – End-of-Year Club Party: 6:00 – 8:15 PM 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.

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. The deadline is June 10th.

Roughriders: <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t540>

August – Tabletop Photography Workshop

September 18-20 – Plano Balloon Festival

Fall – People Photography Shoot at Memorial Park near Schimelpfenig Library

October – Polo at Prestonwood Polo Club

November 16 – January 19 – Plano Centre Exhibit

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



Promotions Announced

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 Don Champlin and Sam Wilson who have promoted to the Master level. Congratulations to all participants who are advancing.

Those of you who have been competing in our Club contests in either the Beginner or Intermediate class should be aware that you are free to make a change between the two classes, provided you do so on or before May 15. We plan to open the May contest for submissions on the 15th and it would be very helpful to have everyone in the correct class by then.

Should you want to make a change of class, either up or down, please contact the Contest Chair at contest@planophotographyclub.com, and request the change.

Guest Speaker – *The Hidden World of World War I* – Jeff Gusky

Jeff Gusky is a National Geographic photographer and explorer, as well as an emergency room physician. He's also an assignment photographer for the New York Times.

Jeff's fine-art career is marked by two books of black-and-white photography, multiple national exhibitions including the pairing of his work with the Spanish master Francisco de Goya and the legendary early 20th Century photographer Roman Vishniac, inclusion in a Broadway play and the honor of a Gusky traveling exhibition being ranked by Artnet Magazine on its 2009 list of the top twenty museum shows in America. Jeff explores the world photographing pieces of the past that can help us discover who we are and which inspire us to ask questions about the vulnerabilities of modern life that we have forgotten how to ask.

He resides in rural East Texas and in Dallas.

Jeff will talk about his imaging project that explores rock quarries hidden under former WWI battlefields in the French countryside. These underground cities are bristling with artifacts, sculptures and emotionally charged "graffiti" created by WWI soldiers a century ago.

See the National Geographic article at:

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2014/08/ww1-underground/hadingham-text>

See the New York Times article at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/28/travel/in-france-vestiges-of-the-great-wars-bloody-end.html>

Learn more about this project at:

<http://jeffgusky.com>. Additional links include:

<https://lensculture.com/articles/jeff-gusky-the-hidden-worlds-of-wwi>,

<http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/09/16/the-hidden-cities-of-world-war-one/>, and

<https://www.facebook.com/HiddenWWI>.

The Facebook site has one new photograph added each day throughout the Centenary.

Membership Renewal

Please see Membership Chairman Brenda Armstrong 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.



March's Winning Images – Vintage

Masters				Advanced			
Jose Artiles	Windmill, Frisco TX	14	1st	Don Champlin	Super Rabbit	15	1st, BoS
Marie Hansen	Put Out to Pasture	13	2nd	Jim Shannon	Kathrine on Anton Bridge	13	2nd
Marea Downey	1909 Apothecary Shop, unlocked after 70 years	13	3rd	Bud Barlow	The Juggler	12	3rd
Dennis Fritsche	Remembering the Cowboy	12	HM				
Jen Carrick	19th Century Cemetery in Buenos Aires	12	HM				
Intermediate				Beginners			
James Walsh	Remembrance of Things Past	15	1st	Joyce Mangum	Jessie's Doll 1910	14	1st
Valerie Johnson	Vintage Boots	14	2nd	Lou Warren	The Paper Boy	14	2nd
James Edward	Mobster round table	14	3rd	Nancy Mack	Shuttles on Mirror	13	3rd
Susan Thweatt	Abandoned Love	13	HM	Brenda Armstrong	Feelin Groovy	13	HM



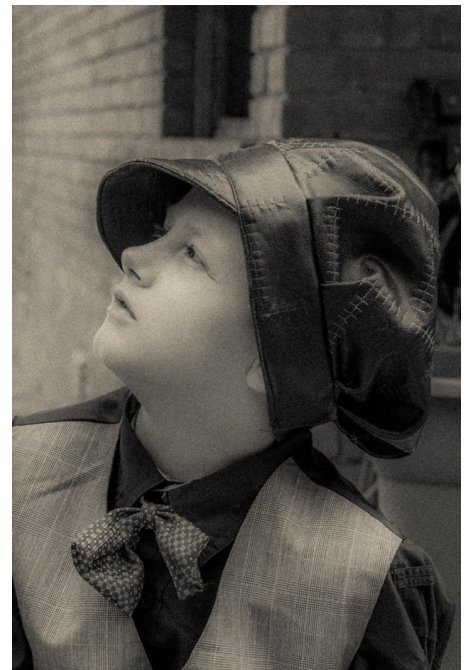
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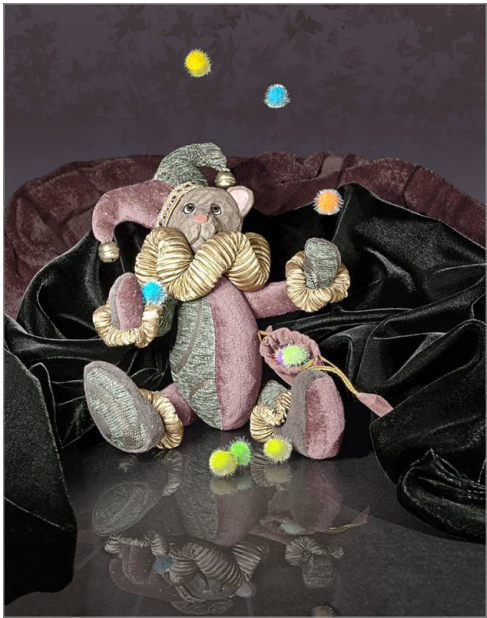
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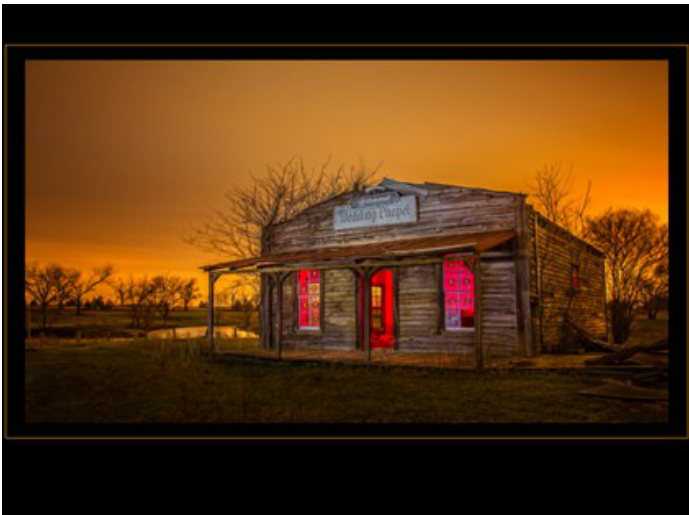
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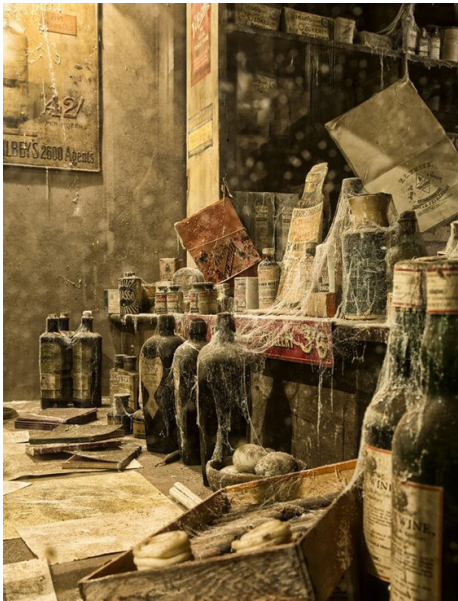




Jose Artiles



Marie Hansen



Marea Downey



Dennis Fritsche



Jen Carrick



Competition Topic

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

Competition Standings

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
Beginners			Intermediate		
Armstrong, Brenda	24	108	Edward, James	42	114
Warren, Lulu	27	100	Walsh, Jim	25	121
Davenport, Janet	18	91	Lin, Ron	34	101
Manum, Jovce	22	75	Henkle, Charlie	26	102
Johnston, Leslie	12	79	Zumbar, Brvan	13	107
Lesher, Aaron	24	63	Johnson, Valerie	16	97
Ratzlaff, Randv	14	68	Berry, Jim	2	102
Hwand, Jack	20	56	Yana, Mina	11	92
Lin, Cathv	0	70	Stiles, Parvin	3	93
Carroll, Vincent	12	53	Roldan, Oscar	14	63
Griffin, Lori	0	65	Kenter, Wavne	1	75
Mack, Nancv	14	41	Scaas, Ronnie	0	67
Blevins, Marv Jean	3	44	Havnes, James	0	49
Conard, Debbie	7	39	Blackwell, Larrv	6	41
Newman, Jerv	0	27	Goode, Jav	3	42
Clark, Marilia	0	17	DeRouen, Robin	7	35
Chen, Kevin	3	13	Thweatt, Susan	1	26
Mavs, Fred	0	8	Sullivan, Joe	0	24
Duquu, Krishna	0	7	Maurer, Grea	0	19
			Moulder, Retha	0	19
			Henric, Brian	0	11
			Petermann, Steve	0	10
			Flores, Jesse	0	10
Advanced			Masters		
Champlin, Don	82	141	Fritsche, Dennis	30	133
Wilson, Sam	23	115	Petterbora, Larrv	31	121
Barlow, Bud	11	109	Lehman, John	24	120
Barlow, Carol	11	105	Hastv, Sharlott	23	119
Shannon, Jim	19	92	Artiles, Jose	23	120
Spencer, Jim	3	103	Volkmer, Danette	16	124
Hwand, Linfen	12	87	Downev, Marea	13	121
Schlesinger, Jerv	7	81	Hastv, Ron	3	116
Chanev, Karen	8	71	Griasbv, Linda	11	104
Mallar, Bud	1	77	Hansen, Marie	9	105
Lichtstone, Irwin	16	45	Hatfield, Lee	1	111
Prestemon, Brian	11	46	Carrick, Jennifer	7	105
Morton, Ken	0	56	McGuire, Russell	7	103
Wilson, Aimee	0	20	Lehman, Lois	7	95
			Stover, James	0	99
			Staxen, Peter	1	88



Acting President's Message: *Sam Wilson*

As most of you know, Sam Wilson and his family have been going through some difficult times. Most recently, they took custody of their two grandchildren. He has decided that he needs time to focus on family, taking a break from his role as President. Per our Constitution, as 1st Vice President, I'm happy to fill in for him while he's absent. He knows that our thoughts are with him and Barbara.

*We*ve got a lot of exciting activities coming up, as described on pages 2 and 3. But most importantly, May starts our new contest year. I strongly encourage you to participate in our contests, as it is one of the best ways of improving your photography. I joined the club in 2000 and started entering contests. When I look back, I'm amazed at how poor my entries were and how much I didn't know. However, hearing the judges' comments, not only on my own entries, but on everyone else's, improved my understanding of what makes a good image. So please give yourself a chance to benefit from competing. Learn more at <http://www.planophotographyclub.comcontests/> and contact Jim Walsh if you have any questions.

- Bud Barlow

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About The Club

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 first Thursday of each month (except December) at our regular meeting location. 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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