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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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Best in Show: A Quiet Place- By Marie Hanson

The Chapel is in Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. It was built in 1925 to serve guests and workers at the dude ranches near Jackson, WY. Local ranchers provided the construction materials, funding, and labor to build it. Inside the small rustic log chapel, behind the altar, is a large window that frames a view of the Cathedral Group of peaks. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and is owned and operated by St. John's Episcopal Church in Jackson.

I first got interested in astrophotography at Mike Mezeul's workshop at Ft. Griffin, in which our club participated a couple of years ago. I enjoyed that and have wanted to learn more. Last month I participated in a nightscapes workshop in Grand Teton National Park.

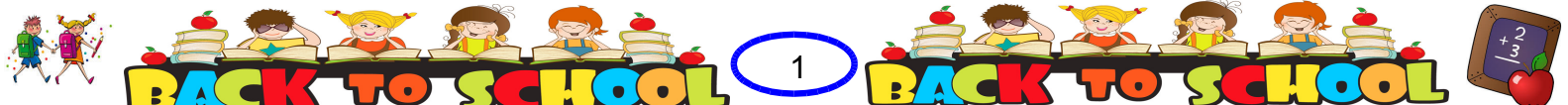
Along with the workshop, I planned a camping trip to Yellowstone, and the combined experiences were awesome. The Chapel was one of many places we photographed. This image was taken at 11:00 PM at night at the end of what is called the "Blue Hour", which is in the first two hours after sunset before you get the darkest skies. The church was light painted with 9 lights: 5 small lanterns inside, spotlight on the cross, stationary main light on the left, and fill light on the right.

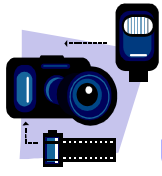
Recommended reading: *Milky Way Nightscapes* by Royce Bair.

Nikon D7200, Nikon 18-200 VR lens, ISO 2200, 15 Sec., f4

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Upcoming Club Activities

September 17 – Snapshot! Refreshments and social gathering.

September 18-20 – Plano Balloon Festival See below for details.

October 24 – People Photography Shoot at our regular meeting place, the West Plano Presbyterian Church.

October 31 – Polo at Prestonwood Polo Club. This event provides great opportunities for action photography as well as photojournalism. The owner will reserve a box with 24 seats for PPC, first come first served basis. (Others can still go but won't be fit in the box.) The gates open at 2pm. Polo match start at 3pm and goes till 6 or 7 pm. It is a charity event with additional activities, Halloween themed with trunk or treat, pony rides, petting zoo, etc. More info can be found here www.prestonwoodpolo.com. The event may have 10USD entry fees. (We are working to confirm this). If you are planning to attend or have questions, please send an email to activity@planophotographyclub.com, so that the club may get an accurate count of those attending.

November 14 – Hagerman Wildlife Refuge We'll meet at the refuge early on Saturday, November 14 in hopes of being able to photograph Snow Geese and Ross Geese and other shore birds that will be migrating through the refuge. The new Butterfly Garden and the Native Plant Garden should also have some butterflies and hummers. At 10 a.m. Dr. Wayne Meyer, Associate Professor of Biology at Austin College, will give a talk on identifying sparrows and the club is invited to attend. For those who would like to do lunch in Sherman, Cracker Barrel and Texas Roadhouse on Highway 75 are good options

November 16 – January 19 – Plano Centre Exhibit Prints may be framed, canvas-wrapped, or metallic. Minimum image size: 8" x 10;" Minimum outer dimensions of frame or mount: 11" x 14". Maximum outer dimensions of frame or mount: 24" x 36". Back of the print must be wired.

November 19 – Snapshot! James Stover - Night Photography in preparation for the Dallas Skyline shoot.

November 21 - Dallas Skyline Night Photography A fun evening of night shooting of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge and the Dallas evening skyline. We will park and pick a spot on the west side of the Trinity River near or on the old bridge made into a park, to take pictures from. I would advise getting there early, about an hour before sunset to insure a parking spot and to have time to set up. We will take pictures of the Dallas Skyline through sunset and into the evening. Afterwards we will meet at one of the restaurants close by. Attend the Snapshot! presentation November 19 to prepare for the shoot.

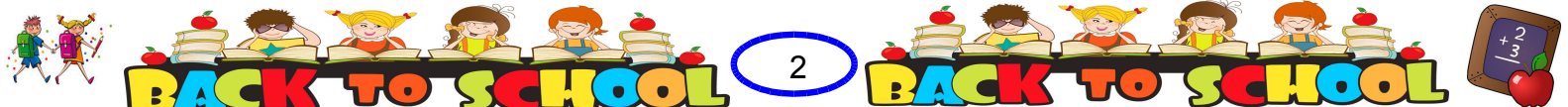
December – Holiday Party

April 2016 – Caddo Lake Overnight stay

October - November 2016 – Fall Color trip to Arkansas or Oklahoma - We are in the planning stages of a trip to see fall colors next year. An interest has been expressed on a return trip to the Buffalo River National Park in Arkansas in the latter part of October 2016. Or consideration is being given to Beaver's Bend State Park near Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Please e-mail activities@planophotographyclub.com with '2016 Fall Colors' in the subject line and let us know if you are interested.

Other activities which may be planned through this year include:

- Greek Festival - Dallas festival is on Sep 25-27th <http://www.greekfestivalofdallas.com>
- Dallas Arboretum Pumpkin Patch season from Sep 19-Nov 25th
- Frontier Flight Museum (Love Field): <http://www.flightmuseum.com/>
- Cavanaugh Flight Museum (Addison): <http://www.cavanaughflightmuseum.com>
- Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney
- Fort Worth Water Gardens
- Fort Worth Stockyards <http://www.fortworthstockyards.org>



Guest Speaker – *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About PPC Contests, But Were Afraid To Ask* – Jim Walsh

Jim Walsh has been our Contest Chairman for several years. He will give you the skinny on the What, Why and How of our Club's contests. His program will provide you a better understand the benefits of contests, ensure you have what you need to participate if you choose to, and reveal little-known contest tips.

And Jim will answer the tough questions you always wanted to ask, like, "Why would I want to embarrass myself by entering a Club contest?" and "What is the contest Judge looking for?", as well as expose "Why the Judge is always right... unless he's not".

36th Annual Plano Balloon Festival

Our September club activity will be the ever-popular Plano Balloon festival. Come experience photographic fun at it's best. Photograph the spectacular hot air balloons filling the sky in various colors and shapes. The weekend offers kid's activities, skydivers, fireworks, music, a variety of foods, and the beautiful hot air balloons. The three day Plano Balloon Festival begins Friday September 18th, 4pm at Oak Point Park, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway and ends Sunday evening.

There will also be live music on Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon, not to mention the Fireworks Spectacular starting on Saturday night at 9:15pm. The balloons will launch Friday at 6pm, Saturday at 7am and 6pm, and Sunday at 7am and 6pm (weather permitting).

For more information about the fun special events visit the Balloon Festival website <http://www.planoballoonfest.org>. To request a Photographer Badge visit <http://www.planoballoonfest.org/p/getinvolved/photographer-badge>.

Scenes from Table Top Workshop



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July's Winning Images – Shelter

Masters				Advanced			
Marie Hansen	A Quiet Place	15	1st, BoS	Bud Barlow	Shell-ter No More	13	1st
Ron Hasty	It Should Have Been Put In the Shelter	14	2nd	Ron Lin	Home of the Future Kings	12	2nd
Larry Petterborg	Cave Swallow and nests	13	3rd	James Edward	You are my shelter O Lord	11	3rd
Sharlott Hasty	Will You Share The Shelter?	13	HM	Linfen Hwang	My Shelter	11	HM
Jose Artiles	Wasp Shelter	13	HM				
Intermediate				Beginners			
Joyce Mangum	Sanctuary in Santa Fe	14	1st	Cathy Lin	I'll take care of you	12	1st
Ming Yang	Under Mom's Wings	13	2nd	Leslie Johnston	Eternal Shelter	10	2nd
Lou Warren	The Quiet Place	12	3rd	Randy Ratzlaff	Changing of the Guard	9	3rd



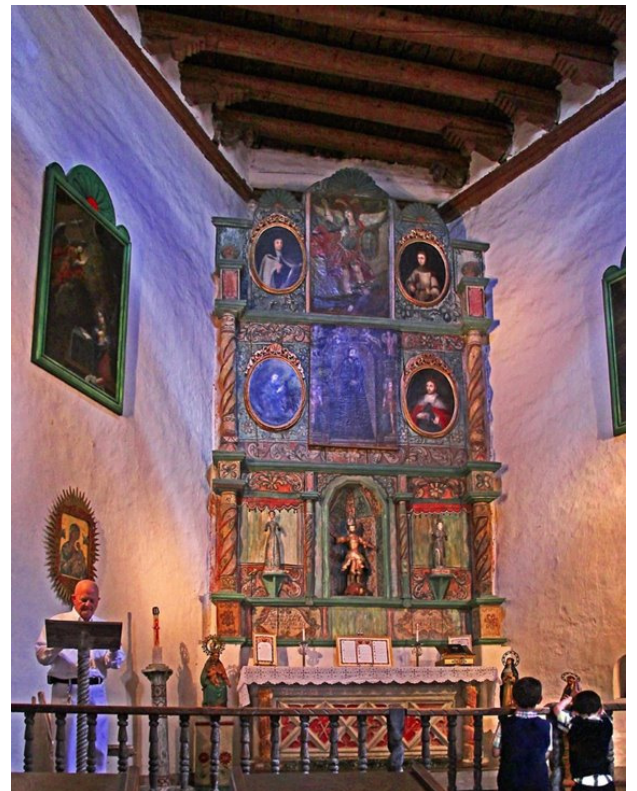
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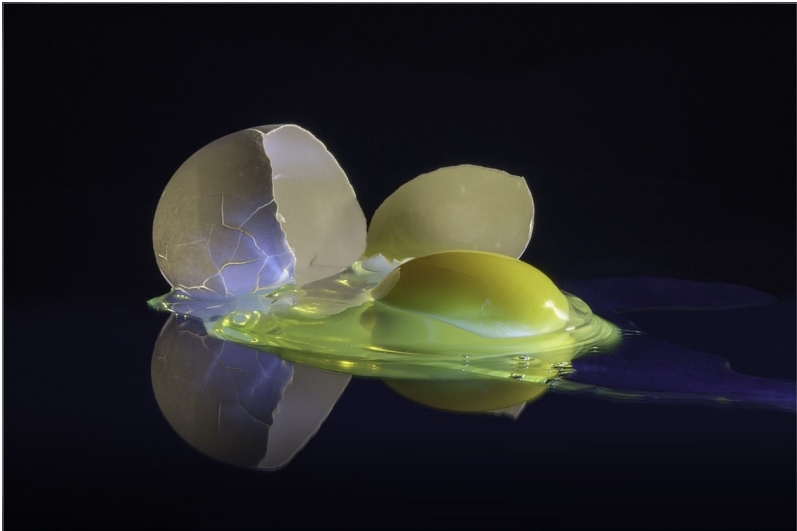
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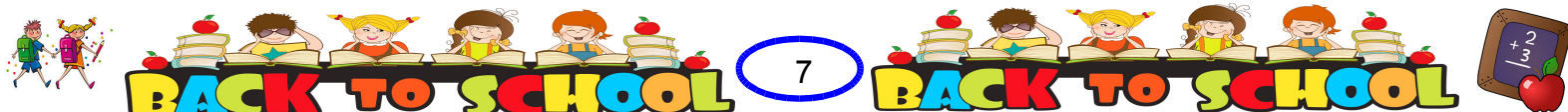
Competition Themes

September	Abstract	February	Open	July	Shallow Depth of Field	January (2017)	Photojournalism
October (Print)	Open	March (Print)	Monochrome	August	Open	February	Open
November	Portrait of Character	April	Open	September	Shadow Play	March (Print)	Decrepit, Ruined or Broken
December	No Competition	May	Repetition	October (Print)	Open	April	Open
January (2016)	Photojournalism	June	Open	November	People (TBD)		

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Judge's Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Judge's Points	Place Points	Total Points
Beginners				Intermediate			
Mack. Nancy	36	16	52	Yana. Mina	39	15	54
Armstrong. Brenda	34	11	45	Manum. Joyce	33	11	44
Lin. Cathv	30	10	40	Johnson. Valerie	34	4	38
Hwana. Jack	33	6	39	DeRouen. Robin	24	10	34
Johnston. Leslie	30	6	36	Carroll. Vincent	27	1	28
Conard. Debbie	22	0	22	Roldan. Oscar	22	6	28
Ratzlaff. Randy	19	3	22	Sharp. Leo	27	0	27
Barlow. Bruce	19	1	20	Warren. Lulu	22	4	26
Quinn. Stephanie	14	6	20	Blevins. Marv Jean	15	10	25
Griffin. Lori	18	1	19	Zumbar. Bryan	23	0	23
Srinivasan. Amita	6	0	6	Davenport. Janet	18	0	18
				Havnes. James	16	0	16
				Leshner. Aaron	16	0	16
				Moulder. Retha	16	0	16
				Flores. Jesse	11	0	11
				Stiles. Parvin	10	0	10
Advanced				Masters			
Barlow. Bud	38	16	54	Downey. Marea	42	22	66
Edward. James	36	13	49	Hansen. Marie	36	11	48
Walsh. Jim	35	7	42	Hastv. Charlott	40	5	45
Henkle. Charlie	31	10	41	Hastv. Ron	37	6	43
Hwana. Linfen	36	5	41	Petterboro. Larry	38	4	42
Lin. Ron	31	6	37	Fritsche. Dennis	33	6	39
Barlow. Carol	31	1	32	Chamolin. Don	31	6	37
Morton. Ken	29	1	30	Lehman. John	34	3	37
Schlesinger. Jerry	29	0	29	Volkmer. Danette	35	1	36
Spencer. Jim	23	0	23	Staxen. Peter	34	0	34
Shannon. Jim	14	3	17	Griest. Linda	32	0	32
				Artiles. Jose	29	1	30
				Carrick. Jennifer	29	0	29
				Lehman. Lois	27	0	27
				Stover. James	27	0	27
				Wilson. Sam	25	1	26

*** Annual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each Class based on Total Points.
Photographer of the Year is based on Judges' Points. Promotion based on Place Points.**





President's Message: *Good to be Back*

It is very good to be able to return to my duties as your club President. We were able to move our grandsons in with their Aunt and Uncle about a month ago now, and for the most part, things are going better than we had dared to hope. For the first time since March, we are beginning to think some positive thoughts about the future and to start to move beyond the tragedy of losing our daughter. I can't promise that I won't have another absence or two down the road, especially when the case goes to trial, but I am very confident that Bud Barlow and the rest of the club officers will be able to handle matters if I do have to be away again.

I can't say Thank You emphatically enough, especially to Bud, but also to all of our officers and volunteers. Bud stepped up to lead both board meetings and club meetings during my outage, and Parvin Stiles also led one of the club meetings when Bud was out of town. They went well "above and beyond" the duties they volunteered for and did a fine job. I hope you all will take the time to personally say "thank you" to Bud, Parvin and the other officers and volunteers.

- Sam Wilson

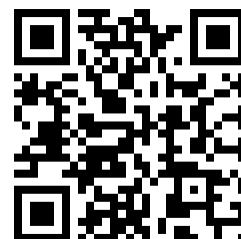
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About The Club

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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