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Best in Show: *Dallas Nightscape* - By Linda Grigsby

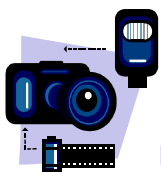
My photo, "Dallas Nightscape" was taken in the fall of 2012 with a Canon EOS 7D camera and a 24 – 105mm lens on a tripod with a cable release. I shot the photo at 80mm, f/11 for 25 seconds at an ISO of 100. I processed the photo in Lightroom and Photoshop and printed it on Red River Polar Pearl Metallic paper. The sight where I stood to take this photo was near the Houston Street bridge. Before the Oak Farms Dairy was torn down, photographers were able to park nearby and walk to the levee to take photos.

Recently I have been unable to reach this location due to the vast amount of construction in the area. That particular evening I started photographing the downtown area at 7:00PM and captured this photo at 8:02PM. I captured photos on both sides of the bridge, but I really liked how the lights on the bridge lead to the Omni Hotel. I have photographed Dallas at sunset and early evening many times, especially since the Trinity River swelled from the 2015 rains. I will continue photographing downtown Dallas to capture this growing and exciting city.

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Upcoming Club Activities

February 20 or 27, 2016 – Camera Fundamentals A workshop dedicated to those club members who would like a better understanding of their camera and how to use it. We will start the day at 9:00 with coffee and donuts. At noon we'll take an hour break for lunch provided by the club. If you wish to sign up for the workshop, please notify Bud Mallar at either bmallar@sbcglobal.net or training@planophotographyclub.com and indicate your brand of camera.

March 2 & 5, 2016 – Dallas Arboretum - Pick & choose your day; Wednesday ticket is buy one get one free at the gate; parking \$8 (online purchase); Park features the largest floral festival in the Southwest, the theme "The Artistry in Nature" featuring renowned sculptor Gary Lee Price's Great Contributors exhibit on display throughout the garden. The garden explodes with color from the 500,000 spring-blossoming bulbs.

April 2-3, 2016 – Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Glen Rose, Texas – We will be taking a private photography tour in the late afternoon taking pictures of wildlife animals. The tour will be on the backlot that is not open to the public. We will get together for dinner after the tour and stay over for the evening in the area. There is a fee of \$53 per person for the photo tour. Please e-mail activity@planophotographyclub.com if you are interested.

October 27-30, 2016 – Fall Color trip to Petit Jean State Park Arkansas - We will be going to Petit Jean State Park in Arkansas next fall for a fun trip with fall colors. Call the Mather Lodge at 501-727-5431 or 800-264-2462 to reserve your room or cabin. Tell them you are with the Plano Photography Club. You will have up to 30 days before your arrival date to cancel. Please e-mail activity@planophotographyclub.com if you are interested.

Guest Speaker – *Sharing Thoughts on His Photography* – Frank Richards

Frank Richards started shooting film and printing images in the darkroom when he was 20 something. After retiring in 2001, he taught Photoshop at a local high school – he had never used PS before, but was a faster study than the students. Being impressed with Photoshop's capabilities, he bought a digital camera and is now immersed in processing and printing his images. Recently, he spent several years working his way through the photography and art courses for a Photographic/Imaging Associate Degree at Richland Community College. He's also attended quite a few workshops with internationally recognized photographers.

Frank's interests are eclectic, but tend toward general pictorial images as opposed to fauna, portraiture or PJ. When asked, he'll generally say that he enjoys shooting anything that does not move, with his favorite subjects being landscapes, places and things. He usually prefers straight images, but also plays around with creative manipulation from time to time. In his mind, there is nothing like holding a fine print in one's hands. He has put a lot of effort into improving his printing skills – especially monochrome – and he'll bring some prints for us to see. He joined the Dallas Camera Club in 2005 and participates in the club's monthly print and projected image competitions in the Masters group. He's a Fellow and has held several offices in the club. He's also won numerous high-point and image-of-the-year awards in all competition categories. He teaches classes and workshops for the camera club and other local groups.

Frank has been fairly successful in outside competitions with winning images in the State Fair of Texas, Trinity River Contest, Photographic Society of America International Exhibition, North American Body Painting Championship (yep, you read that right) and others. He's been published in a few newspapers, magazines, calendars, websites and books. And he has images hanging in both private and public collections.

With photography being an important part of Frank's life, he'll share his thoughts on it and talk about some of his images. His program will include how he got started, general philosophy, approaching an image, the importance of composition, undertaking photo projects and the camera club. He'll also touch briefly on the gear and the post-processing tools that he uses.



Annual Holiday Party

Our Annual Holiday Party took place Saturday, December 6, at our regular meeting room. We had a great turnout and many members brought short slide show to share with everyone.



October's Winning Images – Open

Masters

Linda Grigsby	Dallas Nightscape	15	1st, BoS
Ron Hasty	Orange Mountain Spring	14	2nd
Dennis Fritsche	The White House at Canyon de Chelly	14	3rd
Larry Petterborg	Peacock	13	HM
Jose Artiles	Marines Escort Fair Park Dallas	13	HM

Advanced

Carol Barlow	Eastside Village Window	15	1st
James Walsh	Morning on the Lake	14	2nd
Linfen Hwang	Arch Mesa (Canyonlands National Park)	13	3rd
Jerry Schlesinger	Low tide on Vanuatu	10	HM

Intermediate

Sherry Jaco	Precious Tibetan Lama	15	1st
Joyce Mangum	Georgetown Barn	14	2nd
Janet Davenport	Glistening Moss	13	3rd
Valerie Johnson	Evening on South Padre	11	HM

Beginners

Nancy Mack	Yellow Calla Lilies	14	1st
Loretta Griffin	Texas Tuba March	13	2nd
Denny Farmer	Sara's Falls	13	3rd
Jack Hwang	The Narrows (Zion National park)	10	HM



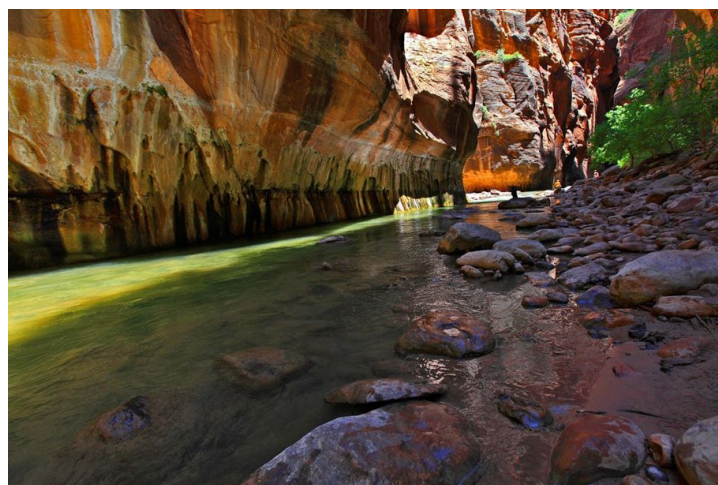
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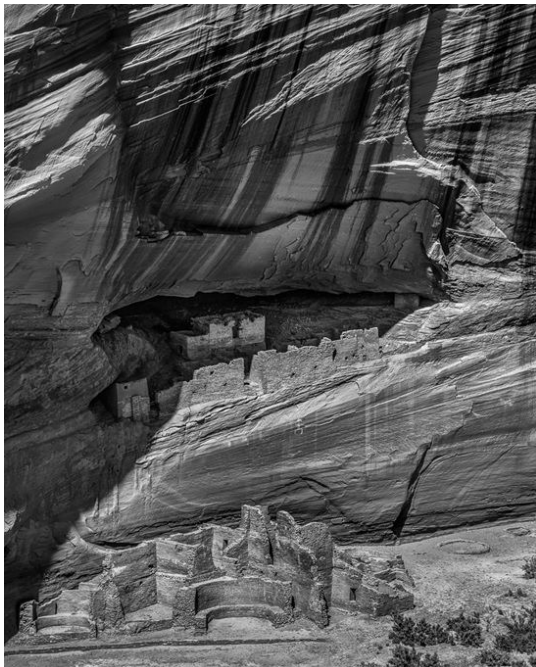
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Competition Themes

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

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Judge's Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Judge's Points	Place Points	Total Points
Beginners				Intermediate			
Mack, Nancy	73	32	105	Johnson, Valerie	73	21	94
Johnston, Leslie	58	26	84	Mangum, Joyce	71	23	94
Hwang, Jack	67	14	81	Yang, Ming	57	15	72
Griffin, Lori	50	7	57	Haynes, James	48	10	58
Lin, Cathy	47	10	57	Warren, Lulu	49	4	53
Armstrong, Brenda	43	11	54	Carroll, Vincent	48	4	52
Ratzlaff, Randy	48	6	54	Davenport, Janet	48	3	51
Barlow, Bruce	32	4	36	Zumbar, Bryan	50	0	50
Conard, Debbie	32	0	32	DeRouen, Robin	34	10	44
Farmer, Denny	20	3	23	Leshner, Aaron	39	3	42
Quinn, Stephanie	14	6	20	Roldan, Oscar	32	6	38
Srinivasan, Amita	13	0	13	Blevins, Mary Jean	26	10	36
Avellanet, Lois	12	0	12	Flores, Jesse	30	0	30
Dimmick, Russell	10	0	10	Sharp, Leo	27	0	27
Duggu, Krishna	8	0	8	Moulder, Retha	26	0	26
				Jaco, Sherry	15	10	25
				Stiles, Parvin	22	1	23
				Singh, Kamalpreet	9	0	9
Advanced				Masters			
Hwang, Linfen	74	21	95	Downey, Marea	77	23	100
Barlow, Bud	70	22	92	Hansen, Marie	72	14	86
Barlow, Carol	70	18	88	Champlin, Don	68	17	85
Walsh, Jim	69	16	85	Hasty, Sharlott	77	8	85
Edward, James	56	13	69	Lehman, John	69	14	83
Henkle, Charlie	50	10	60	Petterborg, Larry	76	6	82
Schlesinger, Jerry	55	1	56	Grigsby, Linda	70	11	81
Spencer, Jim	46	10	56	Fritsche, Dennis	69	9	78
Lin, Ron	49	6	55	Hasty, Ron	63	13	76
Morton, Ken	46	1	47	Artiles, Jose	67	8	75
Shannon, Jim	14	3	17	Volkmer, Danette	69	1	70
				Wilson, Sam	60	7	67
				Staxen, Peter	63	0	63
				Carrick, Jennifer	62	0	62
				Stover, James	55	0	55
				Lehman, Lois	47	0	47

*** 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: *Happy New Year!*

I hope all club members had an enjoyable holiday season – and were able to take great photographs of celebrations with family and friends.

As we move back into our normal cycle of monthly meetings and contests, I hope that every club member will give serious consideration to volunteering for a leadership role for the 2016-2017 year. Last year at this time, a majority of officers and volunteers agreed to continue in their position for another year. This year, however, there will be very significant turnover of the board. The good news is that there is plenty of opportunity for you to find a place where your contributions can have a positive impact on the club. Also, let me remind everyone that service to the club – which usually takes the form of filling an officer or volunteer position – is a required part of promotion to the Master's level.

Among the positions that will need to be filled during our next election are the following: President, Programs Chair, Activity Chair, Membership Chair, Training Chair, Contest Chair, PSA Representative, Exhibits Coordinator. I have begun to select a Nominating Committee, and Larry Petterborg has agreed to lead it. If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities and duties of any of these positions, please contact myself or Larry.

- 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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