



The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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Best in Show: *Santa Gets Mobbed, Frisco TX* - By Jose Artiles

This image was taken at the Annual Parachuting Santa event in Frisco, and is the result of both a little planning and a lot of luck.

Santa had just parachuted from a helicopter. He had been preceded by an Elf who landed without incident on the designated area marked by a large X on the east lawn of Frisco Square park, which is in front of the Frisco municipal building. The area had been cordoned off to make room for the landing strip and was surrounded by a very large crowd.

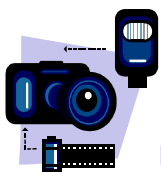
Unfortunately, it seems there was a sudden wind shift and Santa was forced to land on the street behind the crowd. He then made it to the east end of the strip and walked to the west end, while being mobbed all along the way. I simply waited for him to come my way, praying I wouldn't be trampled!

Shot this with an f/2.8 -14-24mm zoom set at 14, on a Nikon D750. Shutter Priority. f/4.5 1/200th ISO 800.

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Upcoming Club Activities

April 2-3, 2016 – Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Glen Rose, Texas – (Saturday Evening Tour Full!). We will be taking a private photography tour Saturday, April 2nd, in the late afternoon, taking pictures of wildlife animals. We will get together for dinner after the tour and stay over for the evening in the area. 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.

Other activities which may be planned through this year include:

May 1, 2016 – March of Remembrance Canton, Texas - At 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 1, 2016, the public is invited to participate in the annual Van Zandt County March of Remembrance to remember the 11 million victims of the Holocaust and to honor the survivors.. The event will begin with a prayer walk from the Van Zandt County Courthouse in Canton, TX and proceed along Hwy 19 for approximately one mile to the Farm Bureau building near the intersection of Hwys 19 & 243.

<http://www.marchofremembrance.org/states-r-thru-w-34/TX-Canton-4017>

- Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney
- Fort Worth Water Gardens
- Fort Worth Stockyards <http://www.fortworthstockyards.org>

Guest Speaker – *Paradigm Shift: How to Thrive in a World of Change* – Rob Hull

The world of photography has gone through some incredible changes over the past few years and the future promises even more. The pace of these changes can be described as volatile. So how do you thrive in this type of an environment. Whether you depend upon photography as a source of income or just like to create images to sooth your soul, there are things that you can do to ensure that you thrive in this type of environment.

Take a look in the rear view mirror to see where we've come from - how photography was born and through it's adolescence. Explore the forces that are changing this industry today and look down the road at the future. If there is one certainty it's that change is inevitable. Join us as professional photographer, author and educator Rob Hull helps you discover what you can do today to ensure that you thrive in this wild and crazy industry.

Rob Hull is a Certified Professional Photographer and owner of Coppel, Texas based GreatPhotography. Rob started GreatPhotography over 20 years ago and in that time has offered commercial, portrait and freelance services to thousands of clients. Rob's also been a popular photography instructor with SMU's Continuing and Professional Education with over 3,000 students since 1998. In addition to classes and seminars, Rob also host photography workshops in such majestic locals as Banff National Park, Olympic National Park, the Grand Tetons, the desert southwest and the Texas Hill Country. He's recently hosted photography programs in the Greek Islands, Columbia, Panama and Costa Rica. For advanced photographers, Rob developed and teaches the Canon Advanced Shooter Workshop.

Rob holds the title of Certified Professional Photographer (CPP). He's a member of the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) and is one of the region's CPP Liaisons, helping guide professionals on their path to certification. Rob has been recognized as PPA Photographer of the Year - Silver. He is a Fellow with the Texas Professional Photographers Association and is on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Professional Photographers Association.

As a specialist in digital workflow Rob also earned the title of Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) for Adobe's Photoshop Lightroom product.

Honors

A number of club members have won awards and honors in contests outside the club .

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge - Photographer of the Month

Larry Petterborg was named Photographer of the Month for May, 2015 by the Friends of Hagerman NWR for his image Young Buck."

GSCCC Winners - March 2015

For the March Photojournalism 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.

In the February GSCCC Nature competition, Sharlott Hasty's image "Snow Monkey in the Snow" placed third.

The PPC placed in both of the January Gulf States Camera Club Council competitions! Congratulations to Don Champlin, whose image "Cool Jalapeno" won First Place in the Pictorial Projected competition, and also to Aaron Leshner, for winning 2nd Honorable Mention in the PJ Projected competition for "Wakeboarding 101".

Congratulations go out to Irwin Lightstone for the 1st Honorable Mention win awarded for his image "Metaphor" in the GSCCC October Pictorial Projected competition. Congratulations are also in order for Larry Petterborg, whose image "Great Egret" won 2nd Honorable Mention in the November GSCCC Nature Projected contest.

Richardson Photo Contest Winners

Results of the annual Richardson Photo Contest were announced on January 30. Several Plano Photography Club members received awards.

Linda Grigsby, 1st place for "Athens Marketplace" in the category Back to Black and White, Proficient Division

JD Luttmner, 1st place for "National Camp Falls" in the category Wonderful Waterscapes, Proficient Division

Sam Wilson, 2nd place, "All the King's Horses, and All the King's Men, Couldn't ..." in the category Experimental/Enhanced, Proficient Division

Debbie Conard, 3rd place for "The Shadow Knows" in the category Texas Pride, Adult Division

Linda Grigsby, 3rd place for "Dallas Evening Scenic" in the category Cityscape/Architecture, Proficient Division

Ron Marabito, 3rd place for "Lonely Bush - Antelope Canyon" in the category Back to Black and White, Proficient Division

Sam Wilson, 3rd place for "Keep Your Eyes on the Ball" in the category Sports & Action, Proficient Division

Debbie Conard, Honorable Mention for "Where There's Smoke" in the category Photojournalism, Adult Division

Magazine Cover

Ming Yang has had this photo selected by the Prestonwood Polo and Country Club for the cover of 380 Guide Magazine.

Membership Renewal

Please see Membership Chairman this evening to renew your membership in the Club for the 2016-2017 year. Club dues for this year are \$30 for an individual membership. The fee for each additional member in the same household is two dollars. 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.



November's Winning Images – Portrait of Character

Masters

Jose Artiles	Santa Gets Mobbed, Frisco TX	15	1st, BoS
Larry Petterborg	Ride Um Cowboy	14	2nd
Dennis Fritsche	Three Generation Fun	14	3rd
Lois Lehman	Helping	12	HM
Sharlott Hasty	In The Race	12	HM

Advanced

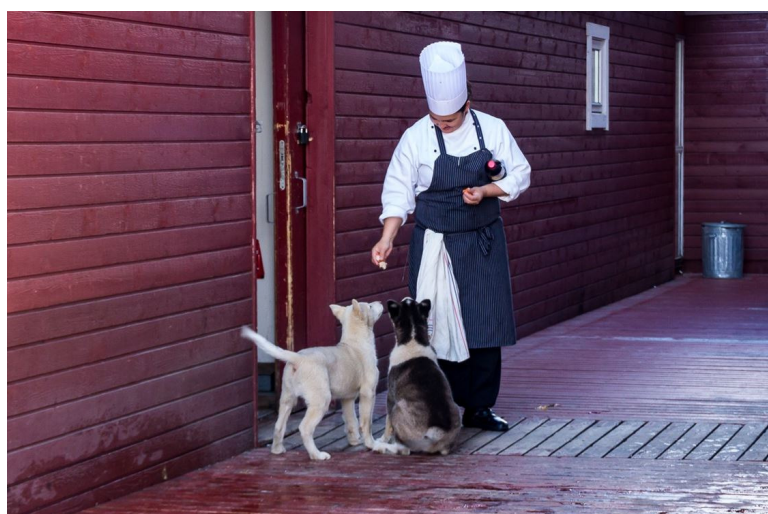
James Edward	Remembering...	15	1st
Jerry Schlesinger	Ommph!!!	14	2nd
Bud Barlow	Polo Match	13	3rd
James Walsh	The Entertainer	13	HM

Intermediate

Ming Yang	Promise To Fellow Soldiers - Honor Guard At Tome Of Unknown Soldier. Arlington National Cemetery	15	1st
Vincent Carroll	Close Finish at Bridgehampton circa 1958	14	2nd
Valerie Johnson	Grandson keeps working after food icon Willie Mae's death in 2015.	14	3rd
Janet Davenport	Tornado Aftermath	12	HM

Beginners

Leslie Johnston	Too Cute to Ignore	14	1st
Cathy Lin	In the Wide Alley of Chung King	14	2nd
Nancy Mack	Moroccan Mosaic	13	3rd
George Wan	Nature Garbage Cleaner ???	11	HM



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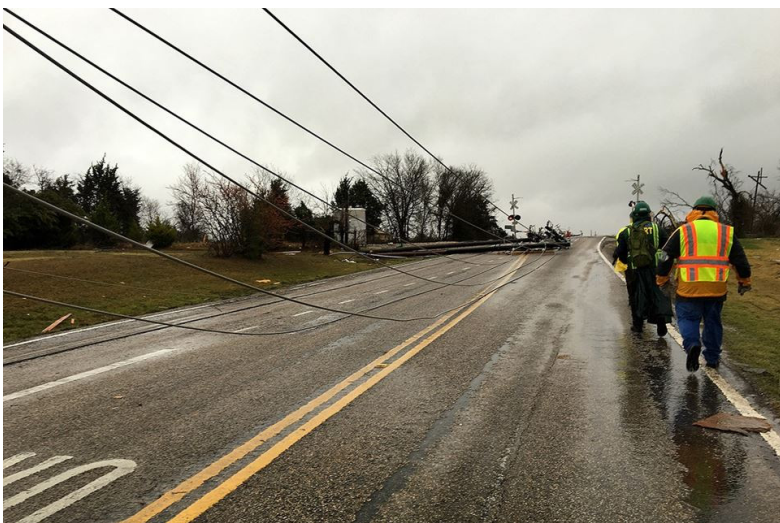
James Walsh



Larry Petterborg



Dennis Fritsche



Lois Lehman



Sharlott Hasty



Competition Themes

March (Print)	Monochrome	June	Open	September	Shadow Play	January (2017)	Photojournalism
April	Open	July	Shallow Depth of Field	October (Print)	Open	February	Open
May	Repetition	August	Open	November	Person Involved in an Activity	March (Print)	Decrepit, Ruined or Broken
				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	98	35	133	Johnson, Valerie	101	30	131
Johnston, Leslie	85	39	124	Yang, Ming	87	35	122
Hwang, Jack	85	14	99	Mangum, Joyce	92	23	115
Lin, Cathy	74	22	96	Carroll, Vincent	72	10	82
Ratzlaff, Randy	70	16	86	Zumbar, Bryan	71	3	74
Griffin, Lori	60	7	67	Warren, Lulu	62	4	66
Armstrong, Brenda	43	11	54	Davenport, Janet	60	4	64
Barlow, Bruce	32	4	36	Haynes, James	48	10	58
Conard, Debbie	32	0	32	DeRouen, Robin	34	10	44
Farmer, Denny	20	3	23	Stiles, Parvin	42	1	43
Quinn, Stephanie	14	6	20	Leshner, Aaron	39	3	42
Srinivasan, Amita	13	0	13	Roldan, Oscar	32	6	38
Avellanet, Lois	12	0	12	Jaco, Sherry	27	10	37
Sarembock, Jeffrey	12	0	12	Blevins, Mary Jean	26	10	36
Wan, George	11	1	12	Flores, Jesse	30	0	30
Shelton, Jeanne	11	0	11	Sharp, Leo	27	0	27
Dimmick, Russell	10	0	10	Moulder, Retha	26	0	26
Wan, Ying Bee	9	0	9	Rogers, Mark	22	0	22
Duggu, Krishna	8	0	8	Blackwell, Larry	12	0	12
				Singh, Kamalpreet	9	0	9
Advanced				Masters			
Hwang, Linfen	101	31	132	Downey, Marea	99	23	122
Barlow, Bud	96	26	122	Hansen, Marie	97	25	122
Walsh, Jim	95	17	112	Petterborg, Larry	103	12	115
Edward, James	85	26	111	Artiles, Jose	95	19	114
Barlow, Carol	92	18	110	Hasty, Sharlott	100	9	110
Schlesinger, Jerry	80	7	87	Fritsche, Dennis	96	12	108
Spencer, Jim	70	16	86	Lehman, John	92	14	106
Lin, Ron	72	6	78	Champlin, Don	88	17	105
Henkle, Charlie	50	10	60	Grigsby, Linda	89	11	100
Morton, Ken	57	1	58	Hasty, Ron	85	13	98
Shannon, Jim	14	3	17	Wilson, Sam	83	10	93
				Staxen, Peter	85	6	91
				Volkmer, Danette	90	1	91
				Carrick, Jennifer	84	0	84
				Stover, James	76	0	76
				Lehman, Lois	59	1	60

*** 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: *Through the eyes (and lens) of a child*

I am going to do something a little different this month, and hand over the President's message to my grandson, Derek, age 5. You may recall that last month, my message was a quote from a photographer who was intrigued by photos her young daughter had taken. On our last two outings together, Derek has asked if he can take a picture with my camera. I allowed him to do so - with careful supervision, of course! His photos didn't turn out too badly! The first one is a picture of his brother Brendan, at a playground, and the second one is his aunt Christin, his grandmother Barbara, and his aunt Katie. I can see I may need to get him a camera of his own soon!- 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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