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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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Best in Show: *Iceland Ice* - By Marea Downey

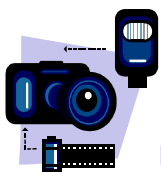
I am delighted that the judge liked my image of ice on a beach in Iceland. This was shot at ISO 200, f.8 for 1 second. I did essentially nothing in post-processing. I am not very good at working on images on a computer, and prefer to be out with my camera taking the pictures. This image was made in early December in Iceland, on a beach near a glacier.

The pieces of ice float down from the glacier and roll around on the beach nearby. For me, as a landscape photographer, the challenge was to make a reasonable composition. I am used to the landscape staying still, but here the lumps of ice, big and small, moved all the time as the waves came and went. It may not look like it, but the reach of the waves was quite something, and it was important to be constantly ready to move my equipment, or get soaked.

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Upcoming Club Activities

May 11, 2016 – FC Dallas Soccer Vs. Portland Timbers - Toyota stadium in Frisco.

May 23 – July 16, 2016 – Exhibit at Stonebriar Mall (Frisco)- Submit your work for the upcoming exhibit at Stonebriar Mall (Frisco). All experience levels are encouraged to participate. Prints are due May 19. Prints may be framed or unframed. Framed prints may not have glass, just lightweight plastic. Unframed prints must be matted or flush-mounted on mat board or foam core or canvas wrapped. Prints must have sawtooth hangers or loop at top corners. No wires. Themes include: Action Events, Fauna and Flora, Local Landmarks, Patriotic Celebrations, Summer Skies, Tropical. Email exhibits@planophotographyclub.com for more information.

June 4, 2016 – PPC end of year party – At our regular meeting location.

June 28, 2016 – An Evening with David Bergman - The Dallas Camera Club is sponsoring an evening with David Bergman. David, based in New York, covers sporting events and rock bands. He has achieved 13 Sports Illustrated covers. The meeting starts at 6:45 pm, with David's presentation beginning at 7:15 pm. The location is Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Ave, Dallas, TX 75225.

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:

April 23 - 24, 2016 – Air Power Expo 2016 - Airshow free to public at NAS Ft Worth featuring Blue Angels
<http://www.airpowerexpo.com/home.html>

May 1, 2016 – March of Remembrance Canton, Texas - At 1:30 PM, 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>

May 5 - 7, 2016 – GSCCC Convention - MCM Elegante in Beaumont, TX. \$132.87, plus hotel room. The last day to reserve a room at the discounted rate at the hotel in Beaumont, TX is April 14th. Some of the speakers this year includes Rick Samon, Doug Box, Steve Kozak, William Innes, Judy Host, Drew Loker, Ryan Brown, Jose Yau, Buddy Delahoussaye and our Keynote Speaker, Monica Royal. There will be wonderful photographic excursions planned that will offer some great photo opportunities. <http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/convention>

- Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney

- Fort Worth Water Gardens

- Fort Worth Stockyards <http://www.fortworthstockyards.org>

Guest Speaker – Top Ten Challenges for Beginning Photographers – Amy Holmes George

Amy Holmes George is a fine art photographer based near Dallas, Texas, where she has held teaching appointments at Baylor University, the University of North Texas and Collin College. As a former tenured professor of photography and digital media from Stephen F. Austin State University, she holds an MFA in photography from Clemson University and a BFA cum laude in photography and graphic design from Miami University. Currently Amy is Executive Director of the Texas Photographic Society and a member of the National Board of Directors of the Society for Photographic Education.

Exhibited widely throughout the U.S. as well as in Italy, England, France and China, Amy's work has been featured in over one hundred exhibitions and is housed in several permanent collections, including The Getty, The Kinsey Institute and the Fratelli Alinari Museum. In 2008, Amy was awarded a Fulbright grant to fund a rephotographic project based on the Fratelli Alinari photo archives in Florence, Italy. Also, her work has been published in a variety of texts, including the third edition of "The Book of Alternative Photographic Processes", "Gum Printing and other Amazing Contact Printing Processes", and the fifth edition of "Exploring Color Photography: From Film to Pixels".

"Top Ten Challenges for Beginning Photographers" will address some of the most common mistakes made by beginning level photographers, offering visual examples and tips for overcoming those obstacles. Additional topics will include basic elements and principles of design as well as how to achieve more dynamic photographic compositions.



PPC VOLUNTEERS For 2016 – 2017 Club Year

POSITION	NAME
<i>President</i>	Richard Vestyck
<i>1st VP/Secretary</i>	--- open ---
<i>2nd VP/Programs</i>	Louis Aguirre
<i>Activity Co-Chairs</i>	Mary Jean Blevins/Todd Matthews
Activity Team	Fred Mays, Ron Lin, Sherry Jaco, Krishna Duggu, Tom McCallister
<i>Training Chair</i>	Dennis Fritsche
Training Team	Don Champlin, James Edward
Portrait Photo Chair	John Lehman
Portrait Photo Team	Jerry Schlesinger
<i>Contest Chair</i>	Jerry Schlesinger
<i>Membership Chair</i>	Greg Jones
Membership Team	Alan Daniel
<i>Treasurer</i>	Michael Losurdo
<i>Newsletters</i>	James Stover
<i>Webmaster/Tech Chair</i>	Sam Wilson
Technology Team	Nancy Mack, Janet Davenport
Historian	Cindy Vaillancourt
Contest Site Admin	Jerry Schlesinger
PSA Representative	Bud Barlow
GSCCC Representative	Larry Blackwell
Slideshow Chair	Lulu Warren
Slideshow Team	Linda Grigsby, Mary Jean Blevins, Louis Aguirre
Contest Slideshows	Ron Hasty
Tabletop Equipment	Cindy Vaillancourt
Light Rental	Lulu Warren
Exhibits	--- open ---

Elected Positions in bold italics

Elections for new officers will take place at the April meeting.

Congratulations to Dennis Fritsche who won best in show at the Heard Nature Photography Contest for *Grand Canyon 2015*.

Change Of Club Meeting Time and Training Program

Starting in May 2016, the Training activity portion of Club meetings will begin at 6:00 pm rather than 6:15. The main meeting with the speaker, announcements, slide-shows and contest results will start at 7:15 pm rather than 7:00. The Club will be making a significant and very beneficial change to the training program. We will devote 45 minutes to an hour to training each month. Rather than a single presentation we will be dividing interested Club members into Study groups, with more intense focus on a particular topic. One group may focus on Camera Basics while another group delves into more advanced Lightroom topics.



February Winning Images – Open

Masters				Advanced			
Marea Downey	Iceland ice	14	1st,BoS	Bud Barlow	Pollen Porter	14	1st
Don Champlin	Tennessee Warbler	14	2nd	James Edward	An Idlewild Debutant	13	2nd
Danette Volkmer	Lines and Angles	13	3rd	Ron Lin	Japanese White Eye	12	3rd
Sharlott Hasty	Steller's Sea Eagle Landing on the Ice Pack	13	HM	James Walsh	Let There Be Light-	12	HM
				Carol Barlow	Quietly Waiting	12	HM
Intermediate				Beginners			
Mary Jean Blevins	Happy Giraffee	14	1st	Cathy Lin	The Little Creature	14	1st
Ming Yang	Dawn At Acadia National Park	13	2nd	Jack Hwang	The Owl	13	2nd
Walter Brock	Cardinal	13	3rd	Jeanne Shelton	What a day for a stroll	13	3rd
Parvin Stiles	Street Lights	12	HM	Nancy Mack	Daffodils	11	HM
Joyce Mangum	Zombie Rust	12	HM				



Cathy Lin



Jack Hwang



Jeanne Shelton

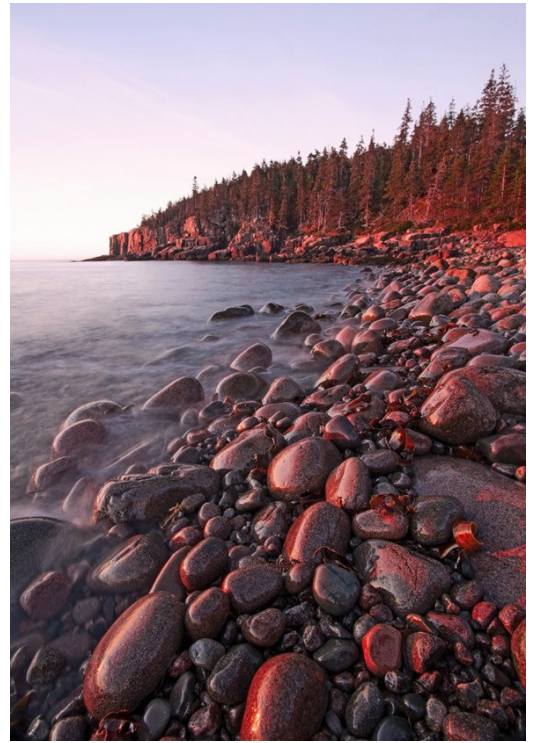


Nancy Mack





**Mary Jean
Blevins**



**Ming
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Walter Brock



Parvin Stiles



**Joyce
Mangum**



**Bud
Barlow**



**James
Edward**



**Ron
Lin**



**Carol
Barlow**



**James
Walsh**



**Don
Champlin**



Danette Volkmer



Sharlott Hasty



Competition Themes

April	Open	August	Open	December	No Contest	April	Open
May	Repetition	September	Shadow Play	January (2017)	Photojournalism	May	Closeups
June	Open	October (Print)	Open	February	Open	June	Open
July	Shallow Depth of Field	November	Person Involved in an Activity	March (Print)	Decrepit, Ruined or Broken	July	Perspective

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Judge's Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Judge's Points	Place Points	Total Points
Beginners				Intermediate			
Mack, Nancy	36	109	145	Johnson, Valerie	30	112	142
Johnston, Leslie	39	95	134	Yang, Ming	41	100	141
Lin, Cathy	32	88	120	Mangum, Joyce	24	104	128
Hwang, Jack	20	98	118	Zumbar, Bryan	3	81	84
Ratzlaff, Randy	16	70	86	Carroll, Vincent	10	72	82
Griffin, Lori	7	60	67	Haynes, James	10	56	66
Armstrong, Brenda	11	43	54	Warren, Lulu	4	62	66
Barlow, Bruce	4	32	36	Davenport, Janet	4	60	64
Conard, Debbie	0	32	32	Blevins, Mary Jean	20	40	60
Shelton, Jeanne	3	24	27	Stiles, Parvin	2	54	56
Farmer, Denny	3	20	23	Jaco, Sherry	10	37	47
Sarembock, Jeffrey	0	21	21	DeRouen, Robin	10	34	44
Wan, George	1	20	21	Leshner, Aaron	3	39	42
Quinn, Stephanie	6	14	20	Roldan, Oscar	6	32	38
Wan, Ying Bee	0	19	19	Rogers, Mark	0	32	32
Duggu, Krishna	0	17	17	Flores, Jesse	0	30	30
Srinivasan, Amita	0	13	13	Sharp, Leo	0	27	27
Avellanet, Lois	0	12	12	Moulder, Retha	0	26	26
Dimmick, Russell	0	10	10	Brock, Walter	3	13	16
Tovell, Nicholas	0	10	10	Blackwell, Larry	0	12	12
Moulton, Katherine	0	9	9	Losurdo, Michael	0	10	10
				Singh, Kamalpreet	0	9	9
Advanced				Masters			
Barlow, Bud	36	110	146	Downey, Marea	31	116	147
Hwang, Linfen	31	111	142	Hansen, Marie	23	111	134
Edward, James	32	98	130	Petterborg, Larry	12	114	126
Walsh, Jim	18	107	125	Artiles, Jose	18	107	125
Barlow, Carol	19	104	123	Champlin, Don	22	103	125
Schlesinger, Jerry	7	90	97	Hasty, Sharlott	10	113	123
Spencer, Jim	16	79	95	Lehman, John	13	105	118
Lin, Ron	9	84	93	Fritsche, Dennis	12	105	117
Henkle, Charlie	10	50	60	Grigsby, Linda	10	102	112
Morton, Ken	1	57	58	Hasty, Ron	13	95	108
Shannon, Jim	3	14	17	Volkmer, Danette	4	103	107
				Wilson, Sam	10	95	105
				Staxen, Peter	6	97	103
				Carrick, Jennifer	0	93	93
				Stover, James	0	86	86
				Lehman, Lois	1	72	73

*** 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: *Thank You*

This month marks the end of two years that I have been president of the club. I would like to say I have thoroughly enjoyed this time, but as most of you are aware, the tragedy that hit my family a little over a year ago has to temper that enjoyment. What I certainly have enjoyed is getting to meet so many club members and especially having gotten to know so well those who have served with me on the executive board these past two years. I appreciate the time, energy and talents you have brought to your various areas of service. I hope all club members will join me in saying a heartfelt "Thank You."

I wish I could list all of the names here, but I must single out two, 1st Vice President Bud Barlow and 2nd Vice President Parvin Stiles. I am sure neither of you accepted your role thinking that you would actually have to lead a club meeting, but during my absence last summer both of you did just that, and I am deeply grateful that you cheerfully stepped up and filled in for me. Bud also led the executive committee meetings for four months, and I can only say again, "THANK YOU!"

- 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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