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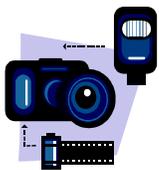
Best in Show: *Agave Nectar Feeding Bat* - By Larry Petterborg

For many years I have been fascinated with bats, first as a biology major at the University of Utah and later as an admirer of the photography of Merlin Tuttle. About a year and a half ago, Kathy Adams Clark did a program at the Heard Nature Photographers Club. She offers workshops in Arizona where you can photograph both bats and hummingbirds using high speed flash techniques. We did song birds and hummingbirds in Madera Canyon and for the bats and more birds, we went down into the valley to "The Pond at Elephant Head". Bill Forbes lives on the property and provides the all of the triggers and flash equipment necessary to photograph feeding bats at night. Because Bill did not have any electronics that were compatible with my OM-D E-M1 Olympus camera, I had to barrow a Canon 5D from Kathy. We manually focused the cameras, set up the flowers and aimed the flash units during daylight. After a quick meal at sunset, we turned everything on and left the cameras going all night. The great thing is, the bats fly in to feed on the nectar in the agave flowers and trip the infrared beams taking their own pictures.

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Upcoming Club Activities

May 24 – July 18, 2016 – Exhibit at Stonebriar Mall (Frisco) Beat the Heat and Visit the PPC's Exhibit at Stonebriar Centre May 24 - July 18! Our pictures will be in display cases, with information about the photographs, photographers, and club in each display case. The cases are located outside the following anchor stores: 2 cases outside Dillard's upstairs; 2 cases outside Macy's upstairs, and 2 cases outside Macy's downstairs. Stonebriar Centre is located at 2601 Preston Rd., Frisco, TX 75034 (the NW intersection of SH 289 and SH 121). Mall hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thanks to all participants!

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:

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

Guest Speaker – "House of the Generals" – Dan Spigel

Dan Spigel, born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, was a fine arts and drama major at the University of Texas, also studied at Texas Christian University, And the Hollywood film Institute. Dan Retired from commercial real estate. His passion has been photography and film making. In the 90's he announced he was going to write a screenplay.

Two years later, he started filming the movie "House of the Generals." He speaks from coast-to-coast on his endeavor of making an independent film. Dan stresses the importance of how family photographs through genealogy played an important role in the screenplay. It took Dan Spigel years to discover cousins who were among the Russian émigrés arriving in Dallas. From whom he learned about more about his mother's family and the story of her life In the General's house..

Dan wrote, produced and directed the movie, which is filmed entirely in Texas with the exception of an opening scene in Paris, France. Dan has appeared on national television and on June 16 he is appearing at the Plano Photography Club.

Filmmaker Dan Spigel, producer of the independent film, "House of the Generals," speaks on the importance of family history. He brings his family back to life through photographs to tell a historic tale of family survival beginning with the Russian revolution to the Holocaust, concluding with the miracle of the birth of Israel. As second generation Holocaust survivors, Dan and his wife, Tammy, have spoken to groups nationwide and appeared on national TV, discussing the 145-minute film.

Dan will begin the program by engaging the audience directly and then will proceed with a very short screen photo presentation on a video projector. The talk includes: why your photos are so important, the future and how the sky is the limit in photography, how photography engages all the arts, and how to be involved in all aspects of photography. Photographs led Dan and Tammy on a road of discovery for the last 20 years. He will talk about family they thought were lost and then discovered. Tammy will join Dan on the podium for questions and answers.



PCC End-Of-Year Contest Winners

The club's annual End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet was held June 4 at West Plano Presbyterian Church. Annual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards based on Total Points. Photographer of the Year is based on Image Points. Congratulations to all the winners!

- Beginners 1st: Nancy Mack
 2nd: Leslie Johnston
 3rd: Cathy Lin
- Intermediate: 1st: Ming Yang
 2nd: Valerie Johnson
 3rd: Joyce Mangum
- Advanced: 1st: Bud Barlow
 2nd: Jim Walsh
 3rd: James Edward
- Masters: 1st: Marea Downey
 2nd: Larry Petterborg
 3rd: Sharlott Hasty

Photographer of the Year: Larry Petterborg

Digital Image of the Year: 1st: Marea Downey Sea Fog at Dawn over Sand Dunes
 2nd: Danette Volkmer Under the Old Bridge
 3rd: Dennis Fritsche Caddo Lake Rainbow

Print of the Year: 1st: Ron Hasty Orange Mountain Spring
 2nd: Jeff Sarembock Leopard In The Veld
 3rd: Nancy Mack Yellow Calla Lilies



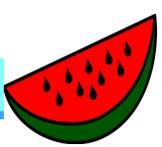
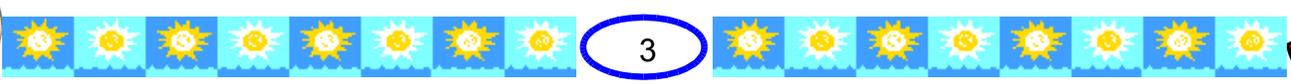
Marea Downey



Ron Hasty



**Richard Vestyck
Congratulates
Larry Petterborg
Photographer of the Year**



April Winning Images – Open

Masters				Advanced			
Larry Petterborg	Agave Nectar Feeding Bat	15	1st,BoS	James Walsh	The Bend in the River-	14	1st
Danette Volkmer	Under the Old Bridge	13	2nd	Carol Barlow	Outstanding in its field	13	2nd
Sharlott Hasty	Great White Egret Displaying	13	3rd	James Edward	killer eyes	12	3rd
Dennis Fritsche	Setting Sun Rising Moon	12	HM				
Intermediate				Beginners			
Ming Yang	Tame The Untamed	15	1st	Ping Shang	Drangonfly	15	1st
Janet Davenport	Antelope Canyon	14	2nd	Cathy Lin	Guiding hand	15	2nd
Walter Brock	snake	13	3rd	Jeffrey Sarembock	Gate in Field of Bluebonnets	14	3rd
Sherry Jaco	Catching the Last Rays of Play	12	HM	Krishna Duggu	Calm Sunset	13	HM



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James Walsh



Carol Barlow





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Dennis Fritsche



Competition Themes

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
August	Open	December	No Contest	April	Open	August	Open
September	Shadow Play	January (2017)	Photojournalism	May	Closeups	September	Geometric

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
<i>Beginners</i>				<i>Intermediate</i>			
Mack, Nancy	133	46	179	Yan, Ming	124	51	175
Johnston, Leslie	103	39	142	Johnson, Valerie	120	30	150
Lin, Cathy	103	38	141	Mangum, Joyce	123	25	148
Hwang, Jack	109	20	129	Carroll, Vincent	82	10	92
Ratzlaff, Randy	78	16	94	Zumbar, Bryan	88	3	91
Griffin, Lori	67	7	74	Warren, Lulu	75	14	89
Sarembock, Jeffrey	46	9	55	Davenport, Janet	74	10	84
Armstrong, Brenda	43	11	54	Blevins, Mary Jean	50	23	73
Shelton, Jeanne	41	6	47	Haynes, James	62	10	72
Barlow, Bruce	32	4	36	Stiles, Parvin	69	2	71
Conard, Debbie	32	0	32	Jaco, Sherry	49	11	60
Wan, George	31	1	32	Brock, Walter	37	12	49
Duggu, Krishna	30	1	31	Rogers, Mark	46	0	46
Wan, Ying Bee	30	0	30	DeRouen, Robin	34	10	44
Farmer, Denny	26	3	29	Leshner, Aaron	39	3	42
Shang, Ping	15	10	25	Roldan, Oscar	32	6	38
Quinn, Stephanie	14	6	20	Flores, Jesse	30	0	30
Srinivasan, Amita	13	0	13	Losurdo, Michael	27	0	27
Avellanet, Lois	12	0	12	Sharp, Leo	27	0	27
Cruise, Shannon	12	0	12	Moulder, Retha	26	0	26
Dimmick, Russell	10	0	10	Blackwell, Larry	12	0	12
Tovell, Nicholas	10	0	10	McCallister, Thomas	9	0	9
Moulton, Katherine	9	0	9	Singh, Kamalpreet	9	0	9
				Santos, Any	7	0	7
				Clark, Brittany	6	0	6
<i>Advanced</i>				<i>Masters</i>			
Barlow, Bud	136	46	182	Downey, Marea	135	40	175
Walsh, Jim	133	31	164	Petterborg, Larry	139	23	162
Edward, James	122	36	158	Hasty, Sharlott	138	13	151
Hwang, Linfen	126	31	157	Hansen, Marie	125	25	150
Barlow, Carol	127	25	152	Fritsche, Dennis	130	13	143
Spencer, Jim	101	22	123	Lehman, John	124	17	141
Schlesinger, Jerry	104	7	111	Artiles, Jose	120	19	139
Lin, Ron	92	9	101	Champlin, Don	115	24	139
Henkle, Charlie	50	10	60	Staxen, Peter	117	17	134
Morton, Ken	57	1	58	Volkmer, Danette	123	10	133
Shannon, Jim	14	3	17	Grigsby, Linda	120	12	132
				Hasty, Ron	118	13	131
				Wilson, Sam	109	10	119
				Carrick, Jennifer	109	0	109
				Stover, James	105	0	105
				Lehman, Lois	88	1	89

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





President's Message: *Open Board Positions*

We still need to fill two board positions to complete this years board. We are looking for someone to volunteer for the following:

1st VP/Secretary: Duties include taking minutes at the board meeting and making a final document for the club records. The 1st VP will also be responsible for running board meetings and general meetings if the current president is not able to do so.

Exhibits Coordinator: Duties include finding venues for club photographers to show their work in public. This includes coordinating with the venue staff, collecting photographs of club members for display, and working to make sure our participation in the show runs smoothly.

- Richard Vestyck

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About The Club

The club meets the third Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at West Plano Presbyterian Church 2709 Custer Road, Plano TX. Training sessions start at 6:00 PM and the main meeting starts at 7:15 PM. 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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