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Best in Show: *Precious Cargo* - By James Edward

This image means a lot to me. I shot the couple's wedding a few years prior; they were one of my earliest wedding clients and gave me a chance to cover their special day. Happy with their wedding pictures, when they had a child, they asked me to capture their baby's pictures. The husband is a fire fighter and they wanted something special showing his profession. At the fire station, I looked around for a suitable background and felt the wall would be a perfect fit, depicting the rough sturdy nature of the profession, while not being too distracting and taking away from the focus of the child. One of the parents knitted the outfit, that was perfect for the shoot. We carefully placed the newborn on the father's arm and captured this moment.

I used a single speedlite triggered by Pocket Wizards accompanied with an umbrella to act as a diffuser. I wanted a nice clean directional light to illuminate the subject. In post, I knew I wanted to add some effects that would help the image stand out. I added some punch and contrast to the wall to give it a grittier feel, I added a vignette to keep the focus on the subject. I softened the baby's skin every so slightly, to maintain a newborn's delicate nature, purity, and fragility.

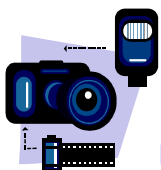
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Upcoming Club Activities

October 27-30, 2016 – Fall Color Trip to Petit Jean State Park Arkansas - We will be going to Petit Jean State Park in Arkansas this fall for a fun trip with fall colors. New Status -**All rooms are fully booked now at Mather Lodge**. If you want to go on the trip, check with Janet Davenport for any cancellations that may have come up at the Mather Lodge by contacting her at janet@davfam.org or make a reservation at a hotel in Morrilton on I-40 which is 20 minutes from the park or 30 minutes from top of the mountain in the park (Mather Lodge). There is a Holiday Inn Express in Morrilton.

Please e-mail Janet Davenport at activity@planophotographyclub.com and let her know you have reserved a room. Also motor-home camping is available as well as tent camping if not completely booked. You would need to call the visitor center at 501-727-5441 to check availability on camping. Also check periodically on the website <http://petitjeanstatepark.com> to see if other guests staying there have canceled and you can book directly online.

For additional information concerning the trip, please go to the PPC web-site and look under Activities.

November 12, 2016 - West End Scavenger Hunt – See below for details.

Future – Table Top Workshop - The workshop is free to members of PPC. Date to be announced. We are looking for volunteers to help.

There will be skill sessions lead by an experienced photographer. The instructors will provide background information for that session and then you will practice under their supervision. Each session will be offered at least once in the morning and once after lunch. Given the nature of these sessions, participation in each session will be limited. Candidate sessions (depending on instructor availability) are:

1. Sharpen your focus skills
2. Nail exposure
3. Getting the color you want
4. Adding light
5. Being creative with shutter speed.

Other activities which may be planned through this year include:

- 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>

West End Scavenger Hunt

Join us November 12 for a Scavenger Hunt in the West End to practice your photo shooting skills!!

We will meet at a specific location (to be announced) at 9 am and regroup later for lunch at 11:30 am. The goal of the hunt (besides connecting with fellow photographers!), is to practice skills with easy to find items and increase our skills of observation. A map of suggested areas/streets will be provided.

All who plan to participate are asked to select one to two items to add to the Scavenger Hunt list. Please select things that are physical items such as “the color red” versus highly interpretive words as “something that is playful”. In addition, state what photography skill you want to practice with this item ie. shallow depth of field; panning; panoramic or photographer’s choice. Please submit your items for the scavenger hunt list to activity@planophotography.com



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Photography in the Dallas Art Scene

I am sure many of you have seen the article in the Dallas Morning News by Rick Brettell regarding photography in the Dallas art scene:

DallasNews.com: <http://www.dallasnews.com/arts/visual-arts/2016/10/11/will-photography-ever-interest-dallas-art-crowd>

He references four exhibits in the article. A group of us saw all four of them Friday and they all have something to offer. I highly recommend taking some time to see at least some of them. Admission to all the galleries is free and the Contemporary Museum recommends a donation of \$5 – well worth it.

The David H. Gibson show at the Valley House Gallery was, to quote Mr. Brettell, “The David Gibson exhibition at Valley House Gallery is — how else can I say it — sublime.” The show closed on Monday. In addition to outstanding photographs, Mr. Gibson’s handmade books were on display.

If you are out and about I can also recommend some other galleries:

Sun to Moon which has a show celebrating Europe. Scot Miller the owner will speak at the Dallas Camera Club meeting later this month.

After Image Gallery is one of the oldest photography only galleries in the country. They have a magnificent collection.

The Dallas Contemporary: Bruce Weber: Far from Home," through December 18, (info www.dallascontemporary.org).

PDNB Gallery: "Geof Kern, Life, Death, Beauty and Garbage, Selected Works 1987-1997", through November 12 (info at www.PDNB.com).

Dennis Fritsche

Guest Speaker – "James Edward" – Portrait Photography

Club master photographer James Edward comes to us with a unique background; with a BS in Finance, a BS in Accounting, an MBA and a Masters in MIS, he stumbled into photography. Almost eight years ago, on a backpacking trip across the US, trying to find himself and what he wanted to do next, he took a camera with him to document the trip and the rest is photography history...

James Edward is in his 8th year as a professional photographer in the Dallas area; he averages over 225 shoots a year and now has a team of photographers and video guys helping run his organization. Unlike most photographers that settle into one discipline, James Edward enjoys shooting just about anything: weddings, commercial work, portraits, head shots, events, boudoir, and now video. He believes he excels in various disciplines because he views and approaches photography as art collectively, rather than viewing it as different types.

He has finally found his calling, loving every aspect photography and video have to offer. He and his team are constantly trying to perfect the technical and fundamental nature of the craft, while emphasizing the experience in working with clients. His teams shoot with top Nikon equipment and work tirelessly to expand, while always giving their best to deliver amazing client experiences. His work can be found at www.jamesedward.com



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August Winning Images – Open

Masters

James Edward	Precious cargo	15	1st,BoS
Ron Hasty	Bobcat Stalking At Last Light	14	2nd
Larry Petterborg	Master and Apprentice	13	3rd
Linda Grigsby	The Lonely Road	13	HM

Advanced

Ron Lin	The Drummer	14	1st
Ming Yang	Spider . Web . Rain	13	2nd
Carol Barlow	Dubrovnik Rooftop.	13	3rd

Intermediate

Cathy Lin	Monkey	15	1st
Nancy Mack	White Calla Lilies	14	2nd
Walter Brock	Busy as a bee	14	3rd
Mary Jean Blevins	Young Girl with Red Flower	14	HM

Entry

Randy Ratzlaff	Fish Market	14	1st
Krishna Duggu	All dressed up in wild flowers	13	2nd
Ping Shang	Butterfly In Vigorous Summer Garden	12	3rd
Denny Farmer	Alaska Bay	12	HM



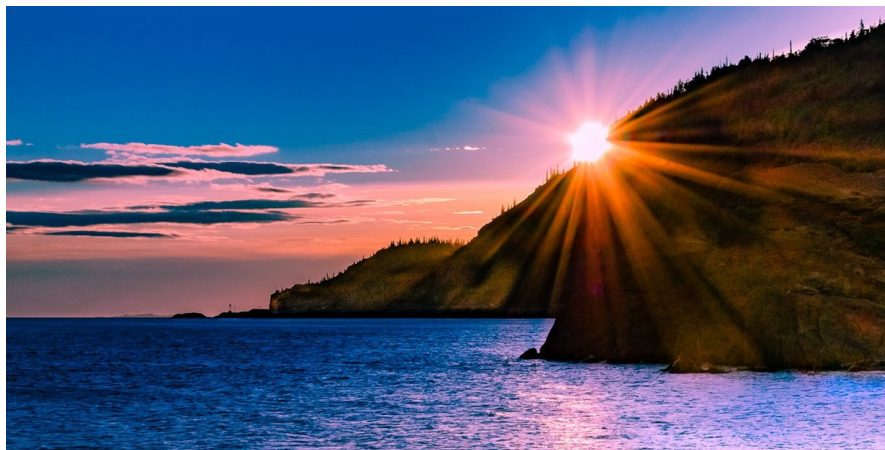
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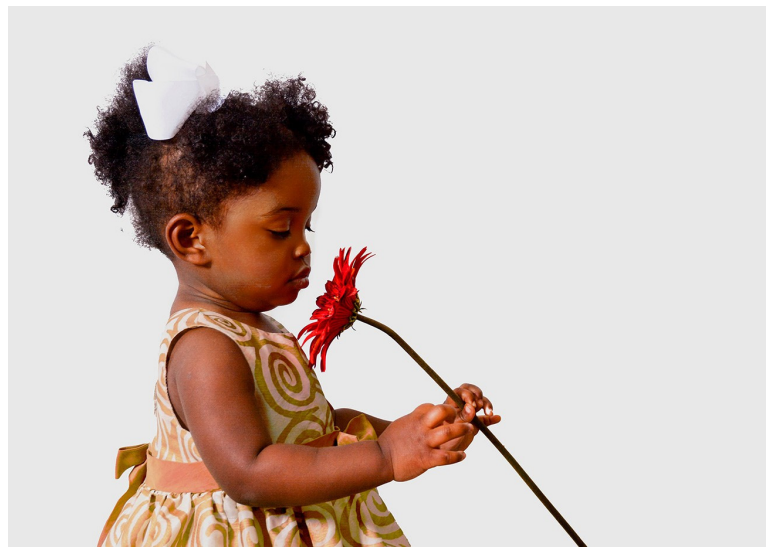
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Competition Themes

October (Print)	Open	February	Open	June	Open	October (Print)	Open
November	Person Involved in an Activity	March (Print)	Decrepit, Ruined or Broken	July	Perspective	November	Portrait
December	No Contest	April	Open	August	Open	December	No Contest
January (2017)	Photojournalism	May	Closeups	September	Geometric	January (2018)	Photojournalism

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
Entry				Advanced			
Johnsson, Carina	38	19	57	Walsh, Jim	41	24	65
Lee, Wenchi	37	17	54	Lin, Ron	41	17	58
Ratzlaff, Randy	36	11	47	Yang, Ming	41	15	56
Sarembock, Jeff	36	9	45	Spencer, Jim	37	11	48
Daniel, Alan	34	10	44	Barlow, Carol	38	7	45
Shang, Ping	36	4	40	Johnson, Valerie	37	7	44
Duggu, Krishna	31	6	37	Hwang, Linfen	33	1	34
Wan, Ying-Bee	33	3	36	Schlesinger, Jerry	33	0	33
Farmer, Denny	34	1	35				
Griffin, Lorretta	29	0	29				
Wan, George	29	0	29	Intermediate			
Moulton, Katherine	26	0	26	Lin, Cathv	40	23	63
Barlow, Bruce	10	0	10	Leshar, Aaron	38	13	51
Cruise, Shannon	10	0	10	Mangum, Joyce	36	12	48
Kundumkar, Deepak	7	0	7	Brock, Walter	39	6	45
				Mack, Nancy	35	6	41
				Blevins, Mary Jean	37	1	38
				Stiles, Parvin	35	1	36
Masters				Hwang, Jack	35	0	35
Griasbv, Linda	42	17	59	Johnston, Leslie	34	1	35
Fritsche, Dennis	40	12	52	Losurdo, Michael	34	0	34
Edward, James	39	11	50	Davenport, Janet	32	1	33
Champlin, Don	34	11	45	Haynes, James	23	10	33
Hasty, Ron	38	6	44	Dailey, Daniel	31	1	32
Petterborg, Larry	38	5	43	McKeen, David	26	6	32
Carrick, Jen	36	6	42	Carroll, Vincent	31	0	31
Volkmer, Danette	35	6	41	Jaco, Sherry	31	0	31
Lehman, John	37	3	40	Warren, Lulu	30	0	30
Artiles, Jose	36	3	39	Zumbar, Bryan	30	0	30
Staxen, Peter	34	3	37	Rogers, Mark	27	0	27
Wilson, Sam	35	1	36	Conard, Debbie	24	0	24
Hansen, Marie	33	1	34	Hytken, Louise	24	0	24
Hasty, Sharlott	34	0	34	Moulder, Retha	20	0	20
Lehman, Lois	34	0	34	McCallister, Thomas	18	0	18
Stover, James	34	0	34	Huntley, Guy	13	0	13
Barlow, Bud	31	0	31	Gray, Paul	11	0	11
				Bernthal, Mark	10	0	10
				Gardner, Paul	9	0	9

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



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President's Message: *Photographic Events*

This month I would like to call your attention to some upcoming events that our friends at the Texas Photographic Society are featuring. Unfortunately, the first event occurs on the night of our general meeting on October 20th. This is a public lecture by Dan Burkholder on the Richland College campus. However, there is an opening reception with Mr. Burkholder the following evening (October 21st) for the show: *Foto Texas: People, Places & Culture*. The show will be at the Brazos Gallery on the Richland College campus.

The second event is a special film screening of the film "A Single Frame", which occurs on Thursday, November 3rd. Producer Jeff Bowden will be present for a Q&A session after the film. Tickets may be purchased online to reserve your seat.

The third event will be a lecture by Mary Virginia Swanson on Friday, November 11th. She will be speaking about her book "To Be Published, or Self Publish? Publishing Options for Artists Today" A book signing and social will follow. Also, we invite attending artists to bring examples of their personal photography books—anything from handmade to on-demand to print press—for display prior to the lecture.

More information on these events is available in the N2U that I just recently sent out. If you didn't get the N2U, please contact me at: ppc@planophotographyclub.com and I will forward you the information.

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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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