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Best in Show: *Shadows on the Patio with Flowers* - By Aaron Leshner

I have always thought this was a good image and I'm pleased the judge thought so, too. Receiving the "Best of Show" is a great honor and I'm grateful to have taken an image worthy of this award.

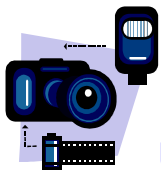
Several years ago, I was assigned to take images showing light and shadows in my Photography 1 class at Richland College. While searching for shadows around my house and neighborhood, to my surprise, my patio became a goldmine with shadows from the roof and patio furniture stretched out onto the patio cement. I grabbed my camera. The table's shadow looked like a vase so I added the flowers and was pleased with the look. When I started to shoot the image, I became part of the shadow - not good - so I used a ladder on the other side shooting the image upside down to keep my shadow out of the image. After rotating the image in post processing, I captured the perfect photo.

I took this image using a Canon T2i with an 18-135mm lens. While shooting in manual mode, the settings for this image were f11 @ 1/320th sec with an ISO of 200. Some post processing was used in Photoshop.

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Upcoming Club Activities

December 3 – Annual Holiday Party - 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>

Annual Holiday Party

Our Annual Holiday Party is Saturday, December 3, in our regular meeting room. Setup is 5:30 PM with dinner at 6. Please bring an appetizer, vegetable or dessert as well as a short slideshow on a Flash drive. Sign up at the November meeting. The club will provide meat, drinks and utensils.

Join us after the Club Holiday Party for a walking tour through Deerfield Subdivision, which is located in Northwest Plano between Preston Rd. and Coit Rd. This subdivision is known for light displays on homes throughout the neighborhood. There is no fee, however donations are accepted through their website for Children's Medical Center. To walk through the neighborhood, parking is recommended on non-busy side roads north of the clubhouse, 4549 Old Pond Road. To drive through the neighborhoods, refer to deerfieldplano.org for Holiday Light Information. To prevent traffic congestion, individuals driving are asked not to exit their vehicles.

Guest Speaker – "With A Little Help From My Friends" – Larry Petterborg

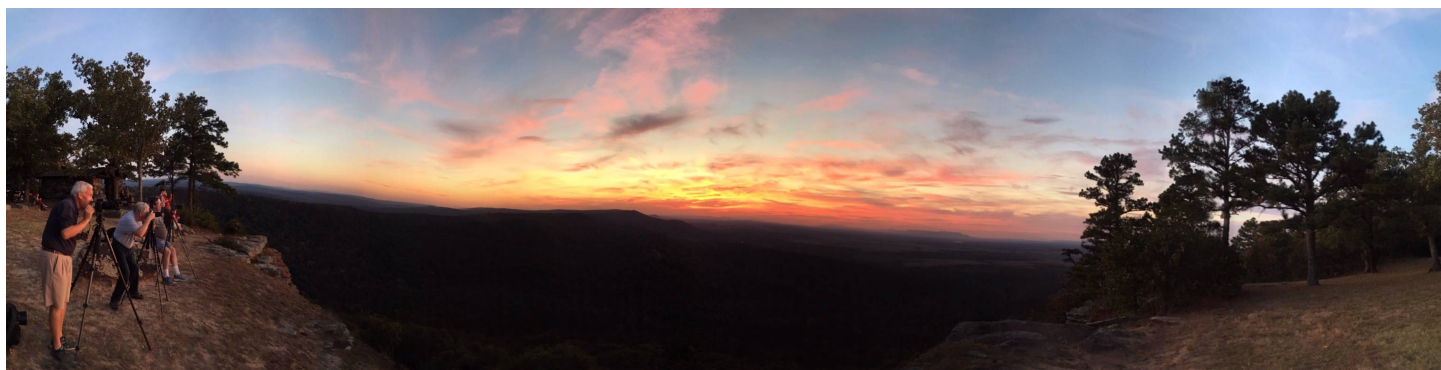
I was born and raised in Utah's Salt Lake Valley and developed an early interest in photography while snapping shots with a Kodak Brownie. I progressed to 35 mm film cameras in the late 60's while in the US Army. After we moved to Texas for the first time in 1977 for graduate school, I joined the Woodlawn Camera Club in San Antonio. Following graduation, I joined the faculty of the University of Missouri, School of Medicine in Columbia, Missouri where I joined the Mid-Missouri Camera Club.

In 1999, we moved back to Texas and settled in Dallas. I actually joined the Plano Photography Club prior to our move. I recently retired from Texas Woman's University, where I taught human gross anatomy in the School of Physical Therapy. In addition to PPC, I am currently a member of the Heard Nature Photographers Club, the Dallas Camera Club, and PSA. My primary photographic interest is nature, from sweeping landscapes to intimate close-ups and I am long-time user of Olympus cameras and lenses. These days I generally take two digital camera bodies and lenses ranging 12 mm to 250 mm (24 to 500 equivalent) on my outings. The program this month is going to highlight the benefits of participating in organized photographic activities and learning from others.



Fall Color Trip to Petit Jean State Park Arkansas

Twenty-nine members and spouses from PPC traveled to Petit Jean State Park October 27-30 to photograph the wonderful scenery and fall colors. We stayed at the Mather Lodge, an historic lodge built by the CCC. We took long hikes, got up early for spectacular sunrises, shot gorgeous sunsets and stayed up late for light painting and nighttime photography. Here are some of the photographers in action.



September Winning Images – Shadow Play

Masters

John Lehman	Behind The Curtain	15	1st
Don Champlin	Zig-Zag	15	2nd
Linda Grigsby	Abstract Art on steps	14	3rd
Jose Artiles	Shadow with Shades	14	HM
Peter Staxen	Nested Thoughts II	13	HM

Advanced

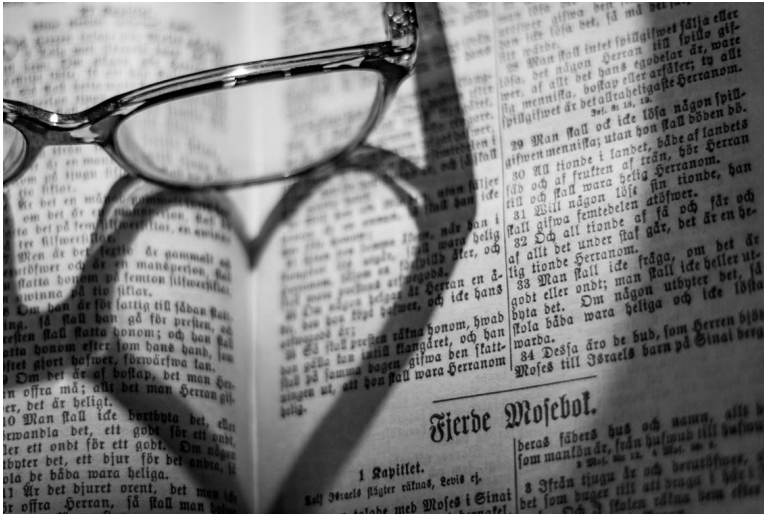
Ron Lin	On the Way to Work	15	1st
Valerie Johnson	Place to Kiss	15	2nd
Linfen Hwang	Casting from An Ancient Window	15	3rd
James Walsh	Rorschach Foliage	14	HM
Jim Spencer	Sand and Shadows	13	HM

Intermediate

Aaron Leshner	Shadows on the Patio with Flowers	15	1st,BoS
Janet Davenport	Carousel	15	2nd
Richard Otto	Love to Read	15	3rd
Parvin Stiles	Crystal Glass	14	HM
Vincent Carroll	Egg Shells	14	HM

Entry

Carina Johnsson	The Love of Reading	15	1st
Randy Ratzlaff	Balloon's Shadow	15	2nd
Jeffrey Sarembock	Victorian Shadow Play	14	3rd
Loretta Griffin	Divided Morning Light	13	HM



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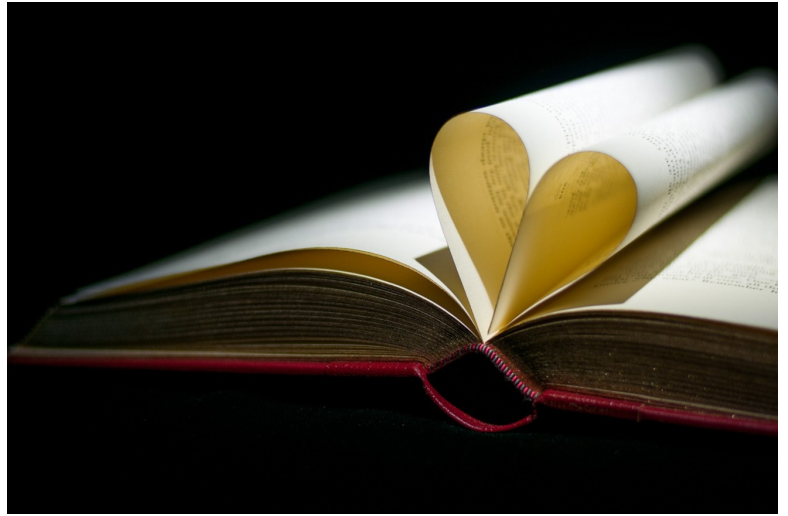


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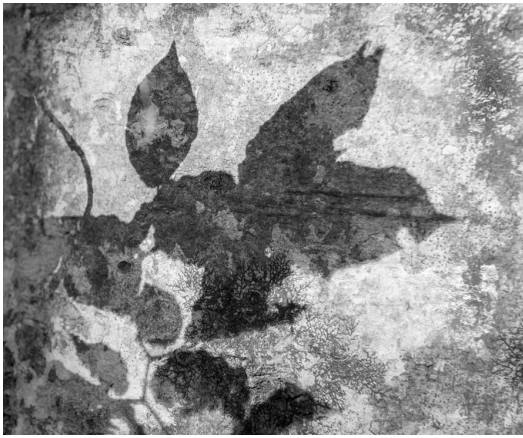


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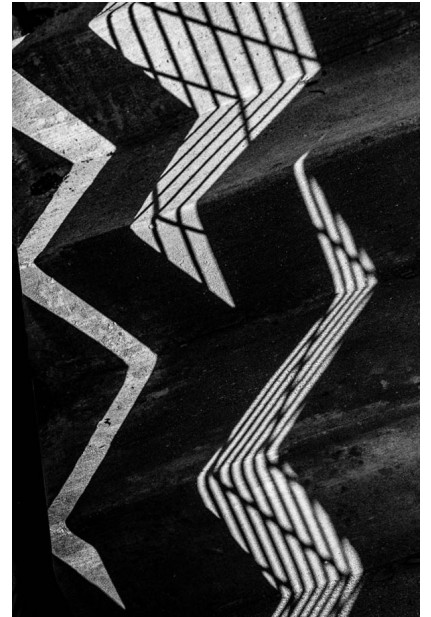
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John Lehman



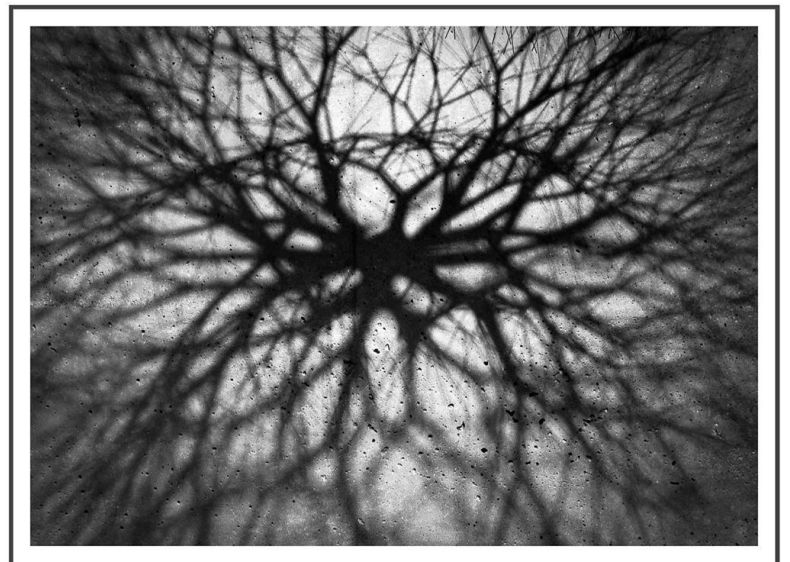
Don Champlin



Linda Grigsby



Jose Artiles



Peter Staxen



Competition Themes

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
February	Open	June	Open	October (Print)	Open	February	Open

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
<i>Entry</i>				<i>Advanced</i>			
Johnsson, Carina	53	29	82	Lin, Ron	56	27	83
Ratzlaff, Randy	51	16	67	Walsh, Jim	55	25	80
Lee, Wenchi	48	17	65	Yang, Ming	52	15	67
Sarembock, Jeff	50	12	62	Johnson, Valerie	52	12	64
Daniel, Alan	42	10	52	Spencer, Jim	50	12	62
Wan, Ying-Bee	41	3	44	Barlow, Carol	50	7	57
Griffin, Lorretta	42	1	43	Hwang, Linfen	48	4	52
Shang, Ping	36	4	40	Schlesinger, Jerry	43	0	43
Wan, George	37	0	37				
Duggu, Krishna	31	6	37				
Farmer, Denny	34	1	35	<i>Intermediate</i>			
Moulton, Katherine	33	0	33	Leshner, Aaron	53	24	77
Barlow, Bruce	10	0	10	Lin, Cathy	53	24	77
Cruise, Shannon	10	0	10	Mangum, Joyce	48	12	60
Kundumkar, Deepak	7	0	7	Brock, Walter	50	6	56
				Davenport, Janet	47	6	53
				Mack, Nancy	47	6	53
				Stiles, Parvin	49	2	51
				Johnston, Leslie	47	1	48
<i>Masters</i>				Losurdo, Michael	47	0	47
Grigsby, Linda	56	20	76	Carroll, Vincent	45	1	46
Fritsche, Dennis	54	13	67	Haynes, James	35	10	45
Lehman, John	52	13	65	McKeen, David	38	6	44
Champlin, Don	49	16	65	Dailey, Daniel	42	1	43
Edward, James	48	11	59	Hwang, Jack	42	0	42
Petterborg, Larry	50	5	55	Jaco, Sherry	41	0	41
Artiles, Jose	50	4	54	Zumbar, Bryan	40	0	40
Hasty, Ron	47	6	53	Blevins, Mary Jean	37	1	38
Carrick, Jen	46	6	52	Rogers, Mark	36	0	36
Volkmer, Danette	46	6	52	Hytken, Louise	35	0	35
Staxen, Peter	47	4	51	Conard, Debbie	32	0	32
Wilson, Sam	46	1	47	Warren, Lulu	30	0	30
Hansen, Marie	44	1	45	Bernthal, Mark	23	0	23
Hasty, Sharlott	44	0	44	Moulder, Retha	20	0	20
Stover, James	44	0	44	McCallister, Thomas	18	0	18
Barlow, Bud	43	0	43	Otto, Richard	15	3	18
Lehman, Lois	42	0	42	Huntley, Guy	13	0	13
				Gray, Paul	11	0	11
				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.**





President's Message: *Happy Holiday Season*

This is the last President's message before we dive into the Holiday season. Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away and Christmas seems to occur shortly after. I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season, both in giving thanks to what we have at this time of year and to think of those less fortunate than us. Photography is an expensive hobby, or even a more expensive career pursuit. We are blessed that we have the resources to be able to participate in the beauty of photography and to share that beauty with others.

During this time of the year, maybe you can use your skills to help point out the plight of those less fortunate. Photography is a very powerful medium that has the ability to instantly make people stand up and take notice through imagery. We all have this ability as photographers. Just something to ponder, when we pick up our cameras. A big thank you to all club members for making a difference.

So to everyone, a Very Happy Holiday Season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday party on December 3rd.

Richard Vestyck

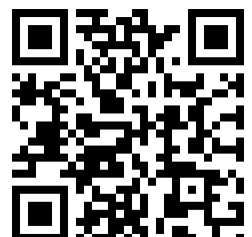
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About The Club

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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