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Best in Show: *Stepping Off* - By Valerie Johnson

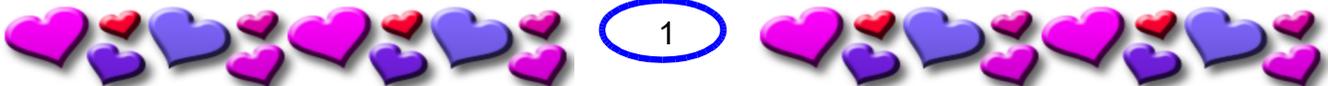
This image was captured with a point-and-shoot camera! So, the most valuable thing to share about this is: "The best camera is the one you have with you." (A quote attributed to at least four different photographers—thanks for the reminder, Jim!) This is a picture of a ropes course on a cruise ship. I wanted to record this unusual opportunity, but didn't have time to fetch my "big rig" (DSLR).

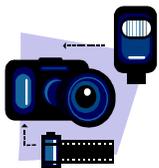
It was taken with a Nikon Coolpix S9700 (1/2000 sec., f 3.7, ISO 125) and edited in Lightroom, where I converted it to black and white, and encouraged it to become more of a silhouette. I cropped, cloned out distracting bits, and enhanced the contrast in the clouds.

Wish I could offer something more interesting or inspiring, but bottom line, this reminds us of two important things: you can't take the moment home if you don't press a button on something! And, the value of good editing software to get the image closer to what you saw—closer to what inspired you to press that button in the first place!

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Upcoming Club Activities

March 3-5, 2017 - North Texas Irish Festival - NTIF is held at Fair Park Friday night, Saturday day and night and Sunday and is produced by the Southwest Celtic Music Association. Those who attend will be offered a complimentary ticket (possibly more than one) with other possible perks (to be determined). Photograph people, families, dancers, music, equestrian, cooking, kids, dogs, etc. and presents learning challenges (crowds, poor lighting, night time) for the participants.

NTIF requests 6-7 images which they will use, giving credit to the photographer, in their marketing efforts and promotional media, such as the NTIF and SCMA websites.

Please send an email to activity@planophotographyclub.com and include the date you would like to attend. There will also be a signup sheet at the club meeting on January 26.

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>

Time to Renew your Membership

Just a reminder: Our club membership dues should be paid no later than May 1st. You may pay your dues at the same table where you pick up your membership badges at the monthly meetings. Dues are \$30 for the May through April calendar year. Dues for each additional membership in the same household as a member are \$2. Please don't wait till the last minute to pay your dues; try to remember to do it in the next few months.

Also, a new year means new officers and volunteers. We need your help to keep your club great.

Thanks everybody!

Guest Speaker – "Plan Before You Shoot" – Bob Sherman

Bob, a longtime member and contributor to the Dallas Camera Club, will discuss planning and preparation before you leave home so you get better photographs and that **WOW** shot. You may have heard the comment, "where did you get that shot" and, "how did get that shot". Bob will share ideas that will put you in a position to create images others are sure to talk about. He will discuss the planning, preparation, and research behind some of his best images. Bob will share a number of tools, resources, and procedures that helped him create the images he is sharing with us. He will explain how to use them and the resources that worked best for him.

Bob joined the Dallas Camera Club in 2003, he has served both as vice president and president. He is a master photographer and a Fellow of the club. Bob also served as a judge for non-club competitions, been successful in regional, national and international competitions. In addition, he has participated in gallery shows that featured his photographs.

Bob's business background is engineering and business. He has served as a senior executive in an international corporation. The one thing he enjoys about photography is that it combines both the technical and creative process into one avocation. He enjoys capturing and documenting his hobbies and interest, such as travel, diving, skiing, flying, and family, through photography.



GSCCC Convention

The GSCCC convention will be held this year in Fort Worth. There will be some top notch speaker including Tyler Stableford – a Canon Explorer of Light and David Woo – two time Pulitzer finalist for his news photography and well known for his celebrity work in Top Dogs and Their Pets.

Friday night we will be having a great Texas dinner and photoshoot in the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards. Saturday night the Awards banquet will be at the Texas Motor Speedway, a unique location adding something fun to our banquet experience – as I said right next to the hotel –The weekend is being hosted by the Cowtown Camera Club and they have arranged a \$99 discount at the hotel, but need a good turnout to cover the minimum stays they have committed to. It sounds educational and fun and would encourage you to think about it. Convention overview is available from DropBox:

[www.dropbox.com/s/a4cdiegkte5kn0t/Cameras%20in%20Cowtown%20 %20Shue_ClubDistribution.pdf?dl=0](http://www.dropbox.com/s/a4cdiegkte5kn0t/Cameras%20in%20Cowtown%20%20Shue_ClubDistribution.pdf?dl=0)

Richardson Photo Contest Winners

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

Proficient Division:

Anything Goes

Honorable Mention - Paul Gray Title: Sometimes You Just Don't Get The Shot

Cityscape/Architecture Black & White

1st Place - J.D. Luttmer Title: Fourth Rail Bridge

Fabulous Flora

3rd Place - Paul Gray Title: A Rose For A Lady (bug)

It's A Small World

1st Place - Paul Gray Title: Beeing There

2nd Place - Paul Gray Title: Butterfly-A Different View

Photo Journalism

3rd Place - Paul Gray Title: USMC-Semper Fi (always faithful)

Scenic/Landscapes

1st Place - J.D. Luttmer Title: Train To Hogwarts

2nd Place - Linda Grigsby Title: Buachaille Etive Mor

Sports & Action

2nd Place - Sam Wilson Title: Fishing At First Light

Still Life

Honorable Mention - Paul Gray Title: Pelican Droppings

Still Life Black & White

2nd Place - J.D. Luttmer Title: Rustic Planter

Wildlife

1st Place - Sam Wilson Title: Cheerful Carolina Wren At The Feeder

Wonderful Waterscapes

1st Place - Linda Grigsby Title: Gray Hope Bay Lighthouse (B&W)

3rd Place - J.D. Luttmer Title: Kilchurn Castle

Adult Division

Anything Goes

1st Place - Debbie Conard Title: Pow Wow

Photo Journalism Black & White

2nd Place - Debbie Conard Title: Thank You

Sports & Action

3rd Place - Debbie Conard Title: Eye on the Ball (B&W)

Wildlife Black & White

1st Place - Debbie Conard Title: Stinky Face



October Winning Images – Person In Action

Masters				Advanced			
Don Champlin	Samadhi	15	1st	Valerie Johnson	Stepping Off	15	1st,BOS
Jen Carrick	Striding to Work	14	2nd	James Walsh	Contemplating the Kabob	14	2nd
Jose Artiles	She Flies	14	3rd	Linfen Hwang	The Opera	14	3rd
Larry Petterborg	Fire Eater	14	HM	Ron Lin	Miguel at Scarborough Fair	13	HM
Dennis Fritsche	Bronc Rider	13	HM				
Intermediate				Entry			
Leslie Johnston	Getting it Right	15	1st	Alan Daniel	" Slow Down ! "	14	1st
Nancy Mack	Girl With Trapeze Bar	14	2nd	Denny Farmer	Face Painting	14	2nd
Cathy Lin	A Street performer in Yokohama	12	3rd	Carina Johnsson	Porchetta	14	3rd
Parvin Stiles	The Flute pPayer	12	HM	Randy Ratzlaff	The Athens Meat Butcher	13	HM
Janet Davenport	Oktoberfest	11	HM				



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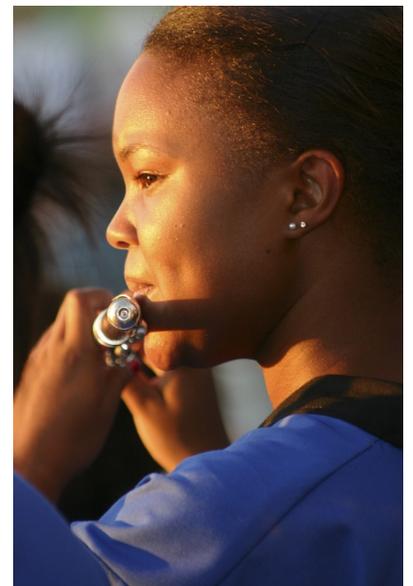
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Ron Lin



Don Champlin



Jen Carrick



Larry Petterborg



Jose Artiles



Dennis Fritsche



Competition Themes

March (Print)	Decrepit, Ruined or Broken	June	Open	September	Geometric	December	No Contest
April	Open	July	Perspective	October (Print)	Open	January (2018)	Photojournalism
May	Closeups	August	Open	November	Portrait	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	80	33	113	Walsh, Jim	84	41	125
Lee, Wenchi	74	28	102	Lin, Ron	81	29	110
Ratzlaff, Randy	74	17	91	Johnson, Valerie	78	23	101
Sarembock, Jeff	72	15	87	Yang, Ming	76	18	94
Daniel, Alan	66	20	86	Barlow, Carol	75	13	88
Farmer, Denny	62	13	75	Spencer, Jim	72	12	84
Griffin, Lorretta	59	1	60	Hwang, Linfen	71	7	78
Moulton, Katherine	51	0	51	Schlesinger, Jerry	64	0	64
Wan, George	44	0	44				
Wan, Ying-Bee	41	3	44				
Duggu, Krishna	38	6	44	<i>Intermediate</i>			
Shang, Ping	36	4	40	Lin, Cathy	75	27	102
Barlow, Bruce	10	0	10	Leshner, Aaron	71	24	95
Cruise, Shannon	10	0	10	Mack, Nancy	75	18	93
Kundumkar, Deepak	7	0	7	Brock, Walter	73	17	90
				Johnston, Leslie	72	11	83
				Mangum, Joyce	70	13	83
				Stiles, Parvin	74	4	78
				Davenport, Janet	70	7	77
<i>Masters</i>							
Grigsby, Linda	83	30	113	McKeen, David	62	9	71
Fritsche, Dennis	76	14	90	Carroll, Vincent	60	1	61
Champlin, Don	64	26	90	Dailey, Daniel	60	1	61
Lehman, John	74	13	87	Hwang, Jack	59	0	59
Artiles, Jose	75	7	82	Jaco, Sherry	57	0	57
Petterborg, Larry	75	6	81	Losurdo, Michael	57	0	57
Carrick, Jen	69	12	81	Zumbar, Bryan	56	0	56
Edward, James	68	12	80	Blevins, Mary Jean	46	1	47
Hasty, Ron	71	7	78	Haynes, James	35	10	45
Staxen, Peter	71	7	78	Hytken, Louise	44	0	44
Volkmer, Danette	65	6	71	Moulder, Retha	37	0	37
Hansen, Marie	67	1	68	Rogers, Mark	36	0	36
Wilson, Sam	67	1	68	Conard, Debbie	32	0	32
Lehman, Lois	66	2	68	Huntley, Guy	32	0	32
Hasty, Charlott	65	0	65	Warren, Lulu	30	0	30
Stover, James	63	0	63	Otto, Richard	24	3	27
Barlow, Bud	60	0	60	Bernthal, Mark	23	0	23
				McCallister, Thomas	18	0	18
				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: *Nominating Committee*

In a recent N2U, I mentioned that we need a volunteer to head up the Nominating Committee for the calendar year starting May 2017. This is an important position because it will help elect the board members that will help move the club forward in the next year. If you would consider this position, please email me at: ppc@planophotographyclub.com.

For me personally, I will be stepping down as the President of the club and VP of programs, mainly due to health reasons. I am also in the process of returning to work full time and won't have the time required to continue in my duties. I have not yet discussed with other board members whether or not they will be staying on, but we will be deciding in the coming months. It's still quite a while until May, but I would like any club member to consider either heading up the Nominating Committee or possibly serving on the board.

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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