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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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## Best In Show: Star Trail At Fort Griffin, Texas By Wen-Chi

This image was taken in Fort Griffin State Historical Park at Albany Texas. In order to get the best star trails I selected a night with no moon. I used the following two sites:

Moon phase calendar to confirm a night with no moon:

[http://www.moonconnection.com/moon\\_phases\\_calendar.phtml](http://www.moonconnection.com/moon_phases_calendar.phtml)

Best dark condition of the sky to capture the best star trails.

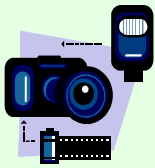
[http://www.observingsites.com/ds\\_tx.htm](http://www.observingsites.com/ds_tx.htm)

The image was taken 01/28/2017 with an Olympus PEN-F and Fisheye 8mm F1.8 lens with the camera set to ISO 80 and F1.8. I used LIVECOMP (Live Composition) mode in the camera to capture a series of 113 exposure of 30 seconds duration. The light painting on the historical Administration Building was done during the 1st two exposures. The LIVECOMP accumulates light captured by each exposure and creates the final image internally. During the process, I can view the composed image via the live view screen. Once the star trail met my expectation, I pressed the shutter release again to stop LIVECOMP mode. The final raw image is created by camera. No additional stacking software tool was used. The post processing of image is completed by DXO OpticsPro and Photoshop.

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## Upcoming Club Activities

### Activities being planned:

**May 20, 2017 – Blackland Prairie Raptor Center** – a great opportunity to take close ups of the raptors. The handlers will have them out and available. The cost is \$20 per person. See <http://www.bpraptorcenter.org>.

**June 3, 2017 – PPC End of Year Party** – 6:00 – 8:15 PM in our regular meeting room at the church. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and the club will provide bar-b-q and drinks. On a USB drive, bring a 3-minute presentation of some of your photos — a trip, a photo study, photo essay, or whatever you enjoy sharing. (Photos should follow our contest guidelines for content.) We will also present the contest awards. Family members are welcome. Sign up at the May meeting.

### Other activities of interest 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>

## Heard Nature Museum Contest

The Plano Photography Club was well represented in Advanced Adult Division of the Heard Nature Museum Annual Fund Raising Photo Contest. There were 723 images submitted in the contest this year.

Sharlott Hasty won Best of Show and 1<sup>st</sup> place in “captive animal” for her image Horses at the Hideout Ranch. Sharlott also received 1<sup>st</sup> place in “birds” for her image Great White Egret and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Japanese Macaque in the “animals wild” category.

Ron Marabito won 1<sup>st</sup> place in “scenics” for Great Sand Dunes, Colorado.

Dennis Fritsche’s image Sand on the Rio Grande received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the “abstractions in nature” category. Dennis also received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in “Creative Interpretation” for Drinking Cactus juice and an Honorable Mention in the “black and white” category for Ancient Bristle-cone Pine.

Larry Petterborg received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in “birds” for Eastern Meadowlark. Larry’s image Dragon Fly was a 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in the “insects, butterflies, and arachnids” category.

Ron Hasty’s image Orange Mountain Spring, Yellowstone received an Honorable Mention in the “scenics” category.

## Guest Speakers – “A Year On The Plate” – Starla Willis And Ann Lamb

*A Year on the Plate*, the Dallas County Master Gardener Cookbook, was created by a group of volunteers whose vision was to tell the story of incorporating edible plant material that grows in North Texas in delicious and enticing recipes, while educating the public on how to grow these same fruits, vegetables, herbs and more. The photography was accomplished almost entirely by two amateur photographers who love to garden and enjoy taking pictures. On a couple of rare occasions, professional photographers contributed to the effort.

We learned about plating, staging, lighting tricks, presentation, and color. Trial and error was our norm, and there were many, many sessions of narrowing down to the picture that would be the best selection. And if we didn’t get “the one” in that session, we made the dish again and re-photographed. We were the cooks, the stylists, the editors, the critics and the cheerleaders. We continued to experience new challenges to be conquered before publication.

*A Year on the Plate* has been a huge undertaking that has taken our small committee to places we had no idea we would go. And we are better because of it. We hope you are able to savor the journey as we share our photographic experiences.



## Competition Changes

The Board has announced that beginning with the 2017-2018 club year, there will be no April competition. There will be an April, 2017 competition. The contest year will run from May through March and consist of 10 competitions instead of 11.

The annual awards dinner will coincide with the regular May, 2018 meeting instead of a separate awards dinner in June.

For 2017-2018 club year, There will be two special end of year awards:

Portrait Award  
Photojournalism Award

Any member can submit up to three entries in each special award category. Digital submissions are due by the April, 2018 meeting. An overall winner in each category will receive the award and a plaque. The next two entries will receive second and third place rosette ribbons. The results of these special awards are not considered in the high points, image of the year, or photographer of the year competitions.

## Nominations For Club Officers

May is the beginning of the club year. At the April meeting members will vote on new officers and volunteers. The following members have been nominated. Anyone else interested in serving please contact Richard, club president.

Position	Officer/Volunteer
President	Richard Vestyck
1st Vice President/Secretary	Peter Staxen
2nd Vice President/Program Chair	Aaron Leshner
Treasurer	Michael Losurdo
Activities Co-Chairs	Mary Jean Blevins/ Sam Wilson
Activities Committee	Todd Matthews
Membership Chair	Greg Jones
Membership Committee	Alan Daniel
Contests and Site Administrator	Jerry Schlesinger
Training Chair	Dennis Fritsche
GSCCC Representative	Linda Grigsby
PSA Representative	Jeff Sarembock
Newsletter	James Stover
Website/Technology Administrator	Sam Wilson
Slideshow Chair	James Stover
Contest Slideshows	Ron Hasty
Exhibits Chair	Joyce Mangum

## Training Classes Starting May 2017

We will start a new set of classes at the May meeting. Please join us in the main room at the meeting on April 27 at 6:00 to get more detail about the classes from the instructors. Please refer to the attached file for class descriptions.

Most of the classes are open to anyone. However, two classes have size limits and you must enroll directly with the instructor. Placement is based on a first come basis.

Group	Instructor	Limited Attendance	Maximum Participants	Location	Dates
Open Topics	Marea Downey/ Ron Marabito	No	N/A	Room 3	Start May
Color and Light	Ernie Tacsik	No	N/A	Room 4	May - August
Fundamentals (Two Classes/Month)	Bud Mallar	Yes	6	Room 8	May - August
Lightroom	Dennis Fritsche	No Must buy book	N/A	Room 7	May -Nov
Assignments	Larry Petterborg	No	N/A	Room 5	May - Nov
Lighting	John Lehman	Yes	6	Room 1	May - August





## February Winning Images – Open

### Masters

Linda Grigsby	Buachaille Etive Mor	15	1st
Ron Hasty	Wyoming Campfire February 2017	15	2nd
Sam Wilson	Pemaquid Point Lighthouse	14	3rd
John Lehman	Green Eyes	13	HM

### Intermediate

Nancy Mack	White-Peony	15	1st
Jack Hwang	Resting after A Big Meal	14	2nd
Cathy Lin	D725446a	13	3rd
Parvin Stiles	love	12	HM
Aaron Leshar	Milky Way	12	HM

### Advanced

Valerie Johnson	Alone	14	1st
Ming Yang	Natural Bridge At Dusk	13	2nd
Jerry Schlesinger	Shea	12	3rd
Ron Lin	The Butterfly	11	HM

### Entry

Wenchi Lee	Star Trail at Fort Griffin, Texas	15	1st
Carina Johnsson	My Vespa	14	2nd
Randy Ratzlaff	Holiday Star	14	3rd
Alan Daniel	Egret Walk	13	HM



Carina Johnsson



Randy Ratzlaff



Alan Daniel



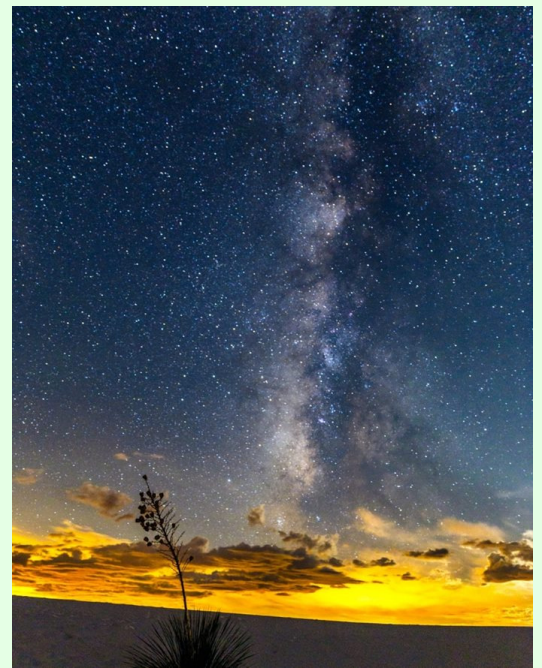
Nancy Mack







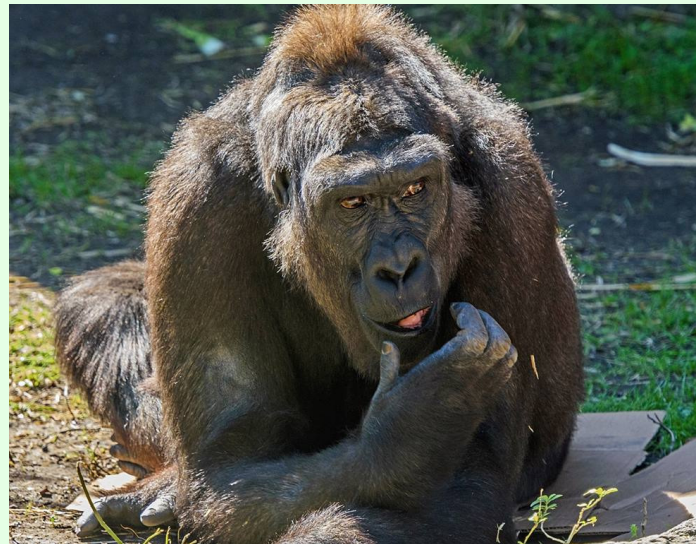
**Jack Hwang**



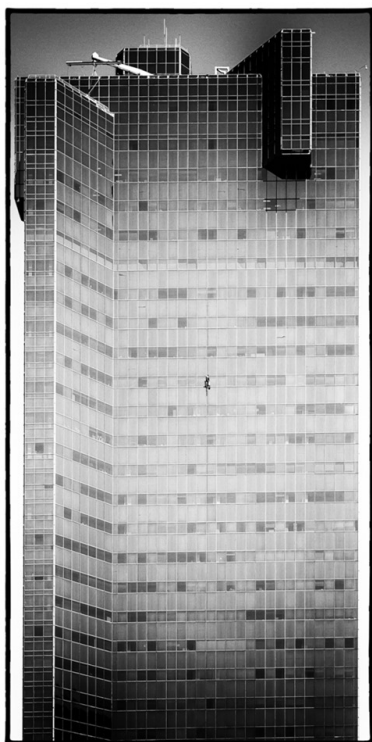
**Aaron  
Leshner**



**Parvin Stiles**



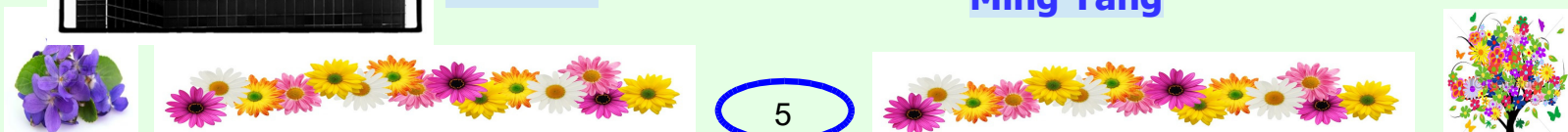
**Cathy  
Lin**



**Valerie  
Johnson**



**Ming Yang**







**Jerry Schlesinger**



**Ron Lin**



**Linda Grigsby**



**Ron Hasty**



**Sam Wilson**



**John Lehman**



## Upcoming Competition Themes

May	Closeups	September	Geometric	January (2018)	Special effects	May	Diagonals
June	Open	October (Print)	Open	February	Open	June	Open
July	Perspective	November	Cemeteries	March	On The Road	July	Motion
August	Open	December	No Contest	April	No Contest	August	Open

## Competition Standings\*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
<i>Entry</i>				<i>Advanced</i>			
Lee, Wenchi	103	48	151	Walsh, Jim	106	41	147
Johnsson, Carina	105	39	144	Johnson, Valerie	103	39	142
Daniel, Alan	92	27	119	Lin, Ron	102	31	133
Ratzlaff, Randy	95	21	116	Yang, Ming	99	27	126
Sarembock, Jeff	91	15	106	Spencer, Jim	94	22	116
Farmer, Denny	86	16	102	Barlow, Carol	94	13	107
Griffin, Lorretta	77	1	78	Hwang, Linfen	90	7	97
Moulton, Katherine	70	1	71	Schlesinger, Jerry	85	3	88
Wan, George	56	0	56				
Wan, Ying-Bee	41	3	44				
Duggu, Krishna	38	6	44	<i>Intermediate</i>			
Shang, Ping	36	4	40	Mack, Nancy	101	28	129
Barlow, Bruce	10	0	10	Lin, Cathy	98	30	128
Cruise, Shannon	10	0	10	Leshner, Aaron	97	28	125
Bennett, Martha	9	0	9	Stiles, Parvin	101	11	112
Kundumkar, Deepak	7	0	7	Brock, Walter	94	17	111
				Johnston, Leslie	95	12	107
				Mangum, Joyce	92	14	106
<i>Masters</i>				Davenport, Janet	91	8	99
Griqsbv, Linda	103	36	139	Hwang, Jack	84	6	90
Fritsche, Dennis	102	17	119	McKeen, David	80	9	89
Artiles, Jose	99	18	117	Dailey, Daniel	79	1	80
Petterborg, Larry	102	12	114	Jaco, Sherry	77	0	77
Lehman, John	95	14	109	Losurdo, Michael	72	0	72
Hasty, Ron	95	13	108	Carroll, Vincent	71	1	72
Champlin, Don	75	28	103	Conard, Debbie	58	10	68
Carrick, Jen	89	12	101	Blevins, Mary Jean	58	1	59
Staxen, Peter	89	7	96	Zumbar, Bryan	56	0	56
Volkmer, Danette	88	6	94	Moulder, Retha	47	0	47
Hansen, Marie	90	2	92	Haynes, James	35	10	45
Wilson, Sam	88	4	92	Hytken, Louise	44	0	44
Lehman, Lois	82	6	88	Rogers, Mark	36	0	36
Hasty, Sharlott	87	0	87	Huntley, Guy	32	0	32
Stover, James	80	0	80	Warren, Lulu	30	0	30
Edward, James	68	12	80	Otto, Richard	24	3	27
Barlow, Bud	68	0	68	Bernthal, Mark	23	0	23
				McCallister, Thomas	18	0	18
				Gray, Paul	11	0	11
				Gardner, Paul	9	0	9
				DeRouen, Robin	7	0	7

**\* 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: *Elections For Officers*

First I would like to mention that I will not be at the April meeting. I am going to have surgery on my lower back to reduce pressure on my lower spine. The pressure on my nerve bundle has been causing me to experience numbness in my extremities when I exert myself too much. I have put it off, like most people do, but its time to have it done. I should be fine to be at the May meeting.

This is also the time of year that we elect new officers for the board. We will be voting on these new officers at the April meeting. Since I will not be present, Peter Staxen (our 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Secretary), will be running the meeting. The new officers we will be voting on are

2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Program Chair	Aaron Leshner
PSA Representative	Jeff Sarembock
GSCCC Representative	Linda Grigsby
Activities Co-Chairs	Sam Wilson (with Mary Jean Blevins)

We will also be having our end of the year party on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The details are here in The Flash. Thanks and I will see you all in May.

**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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