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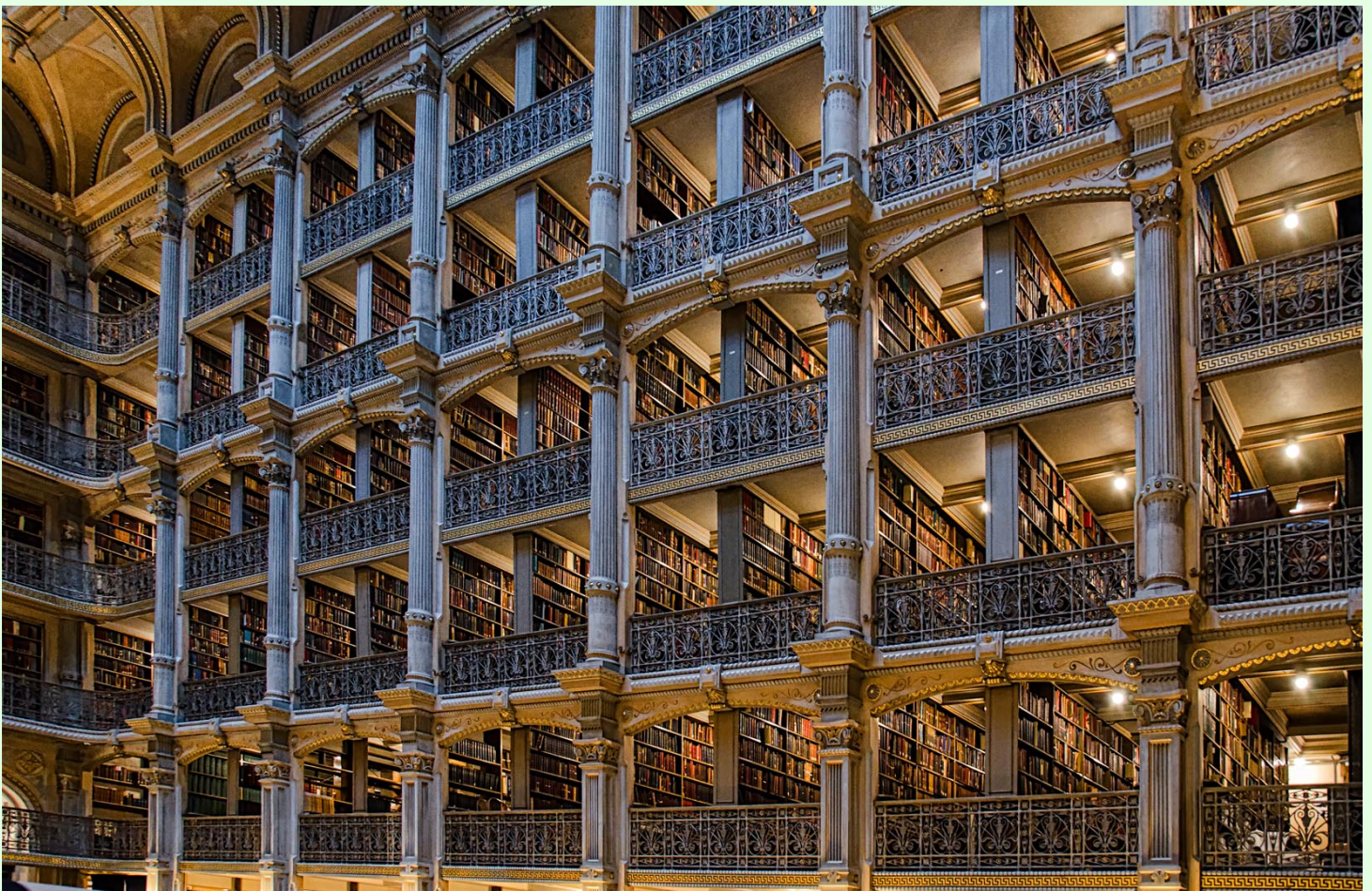
Best In Show: Peabody Institute Library By James Stover

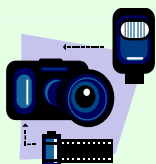
The Peabody Institute Library of The Johns Hopkins University is located in Baltimore, Maryland. It is one of the most beautiful libraries in the world and is known as a "cathedral of books." I spent considerable time finding the perfect location for my shot. It is almost impossible to capture the entire library and I wanted to emphasize the geometric feel of the columns and book stacks. I felt that an angled shot was more dramatic than a shot straight down the length of the building.

I used a Nikon D7000 with a Sigma 17-50mm f/2.8 lens. Focal length for the shots was 17 mm, aperture F5, 1/30 second, ISO 1600, handheld. I used Photoshop Elements to correct for perspective distortions, and Perfect Effects to enhance the contrast and to warm the books without affecting the columns.

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Upcoming Club Activities

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December 9, 2017 – Annual Christmas Party - Our Annual Christmas Party will be held 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.

A 2017 update on where to photograph Christmas Lights has not been published at this time. However, the following list from 2016 is a great start. Check the website of individual locations for dates and times for this year. Many of the shows are free but, some do have a charge.

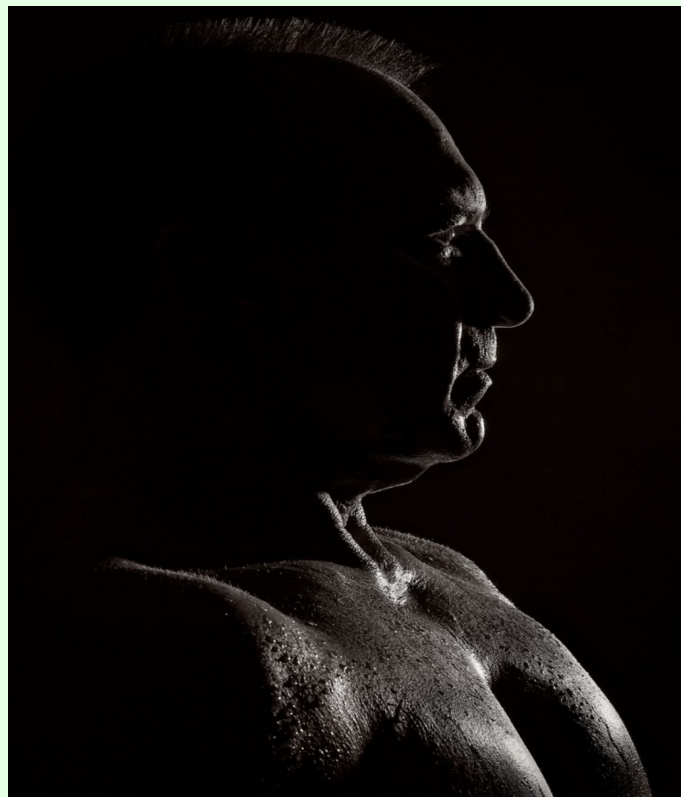
Magic of Christmas Light Show, Grapevine
Lights at Interlochen, Arlington
Gift of Lights, Fort Worth
Prairie Lights, Grand Prairie
Deerfield, Plano
12 Days of Christmas, Dallas Arboretum

Vitruvian Lights, Addison
Christmas Tour of Lights, Farmers Branch
Christmas in the Square, Frisco
Highland Park, Dallas
Gift of Lights, Texas Motor Speedway

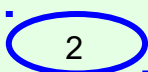
PSA Councils' Challenge Winner Don Champlin

Every month, local photography clubs within the gulf-states region, including the PPC, enters images from their monthly photography contests into the monthly Gulf States Camera Club Council Competitions. In turn, those winners are entered into an annual national Councils' Challenge competition hosted by the Photographic Society of America (PSA). Each Council may enter ten digital images from ten different makers in each of the following divisions: Color General (Open), Monochrome General (Open), and Nature General (Open).

PPC's own Don Champlin won 1st Place in Monochrome General and won Best of Show for the entire PSA Councils' Challenge for his image Self Portrait. Don was PPC Photographer of the Year for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 contest years. To see what an honor such a Best of Show award is for Don and the PPC, check out all the honorable mentions and 1st, 2nd and 3rd's in the video at <https://vimeo.com/239447010>, which may be viewed in full-screen size. The images are inspiring.



In addition, Sharlott Hasty won Honorable Mention for her image *Early Morning Breakfast* in the Nature Division. GSCCC took 3rd place overall among regional councils (less than 0.3% behind 2nd place), and finished in 1st place in the Monochrome Division.



GSCCC Competitions Winners

Every month the PPC enters images into the monthly Gulf States Camera Club Council Competition. Placing in recent GSCCC competitions are:

July 2017 Nature Projected:	Camel Thorn Trees	Marea Downey	3rd Place
August 2017 Color Projected:	Eternal Sky	James Stover	1st Place
September 2017 Nature Projected	Cypress in Summer	Dennis Fritsche	2nd HM

Congratulations to these winners!



Guest Speakers – “Telling The Story” – Sean Fitzgerald

Sean Fitzgerald attended Texas A&M and majored in political science and then attended law school at the University of Houston. He practiced trial law in Dallas. He says, “After law school, I bought a camera and started to take pictures. The right side of my brain started to wake up, I suppose, because I was hooked, seeing things, expressing myself, all that kind of stuff. Great fun, plus I have a big-time wanderlust for seeing new things and places, the more surreal the better.” He eventually decided to quit practicing law and photograph full time.

Sean does fine art photography, selling to individual and corporate collectors, interior designers, commercial art buyers, and stock agencies. He also shoots for commercial clients, magazines and calendars. In addition he teaches photography and Photoshop. Sean’s images have been published in numerous publications, including Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, Professional Photographer, Outdoor Photographer, New York Times, Audubon Nature Calendars, Texas Highways, Photo-Media, the United Nations’ annual reports, Monterrey Bay Aquarium publications, school textbooks, and music CD covers. He has received numerous awards for his photography.

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Photowalk Followup

Many of our club members participated in last month’s Downtown Plano Photowalk and had the opportunity to register with Scott Kelby’s International Photowalk. The top 10 photos selected by Scott Kelby can be viewed at <http://scottkelby.com/>.

Winning photos are from all over the world, including the United States. He also gives a short critique of each photo, providing insight into what he looks for while judging photos. This is another opportunity to learn how a judge looks at photos in a competition.



September Winning Images – Geometric

Masters

James Stover	Peabody Institute Library	15	1st,BOS
Dennis Fritsche	Passers By	15	2nd
Jen Carrick	Chicago Shapes	14	3rd
Sharlott Hasty	Geometric 2	14	HM
Don Champlin	Confused	14	HM

Advanced

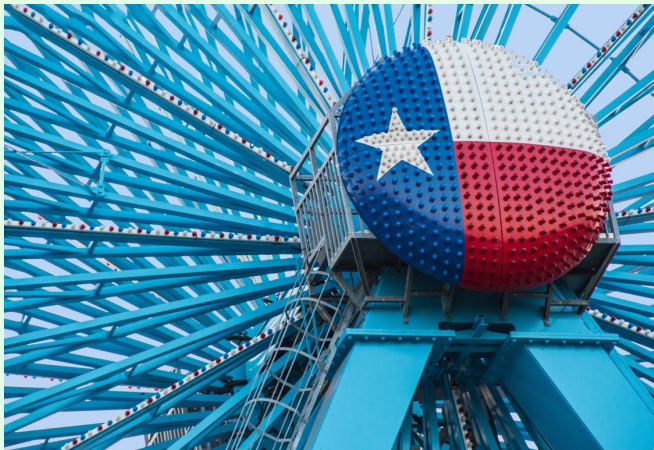
Ming Yang	Grasshopper	15	1st
Wenchi Lee	Spiral Stained Glass in black and white	15	2nd
Linfen Hwang	The Red Roof House	15	3rd
Jim Spencer	Chapel	15	HM
Carol Barlow	Antarctic Ice	14	HM

Intermediate

Carina Johnsson	Swedish apartments	15	1st
Michael Losurdo Jr	A Delicate Balance	15	2nd
Mark Bernthal	High Rise Stairway	15	3rd
Jack Hwang	Which Way?	15	HM
Daniel Dailey	Spoke n Wheels	14	HM

Entry

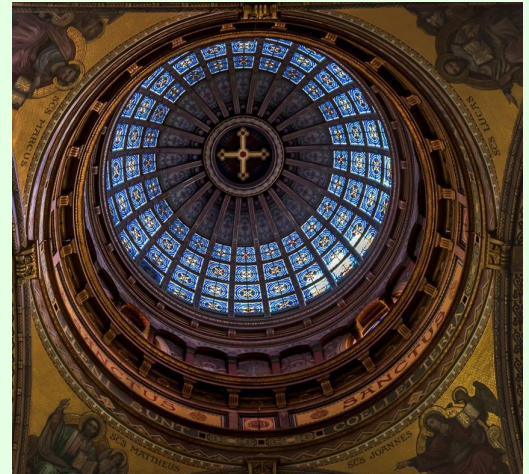
John Eden	texasstar@FairPark	14	1st
Todd Matthews	Inside the Lines	14	2nd
Nock Wong	Dome of Saint Nicolas Church in Amsterdam	13	3rd
Jeffrey Sarembock	Geometric Bundestag	13	HM
Denny Farmer	In Formation	12	HM



John Eden



Todd Matthews



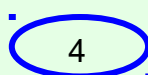
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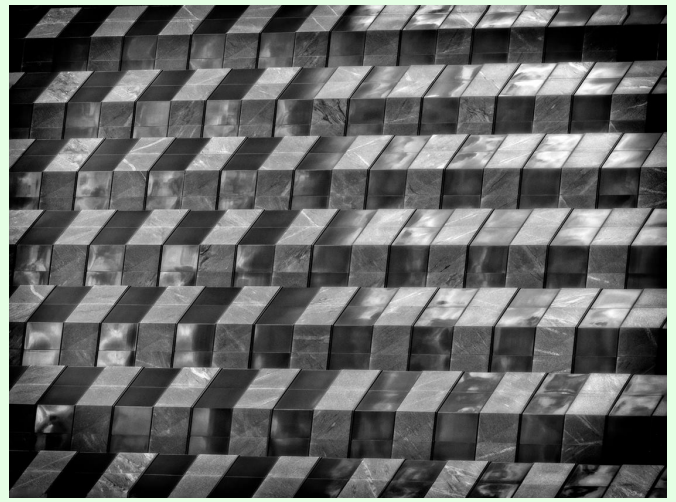


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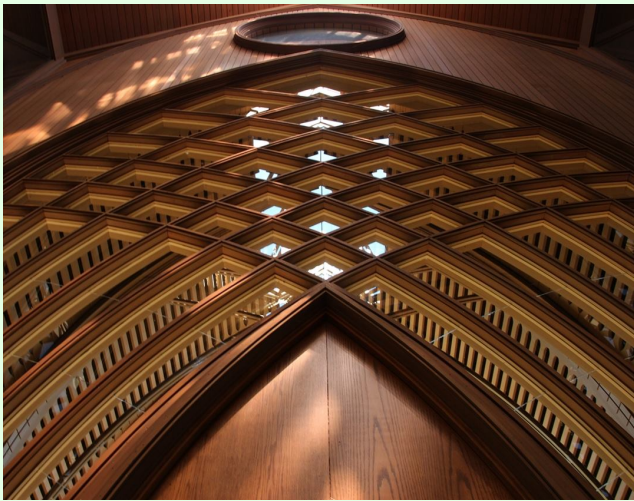




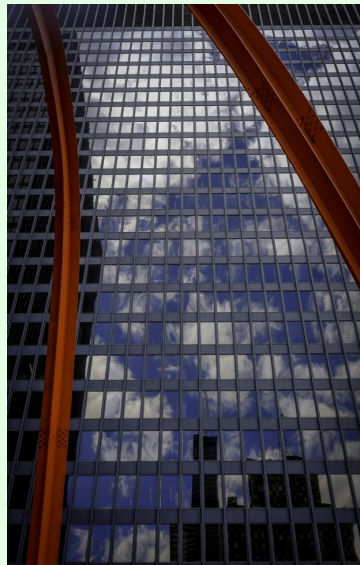
Linfen Hwang



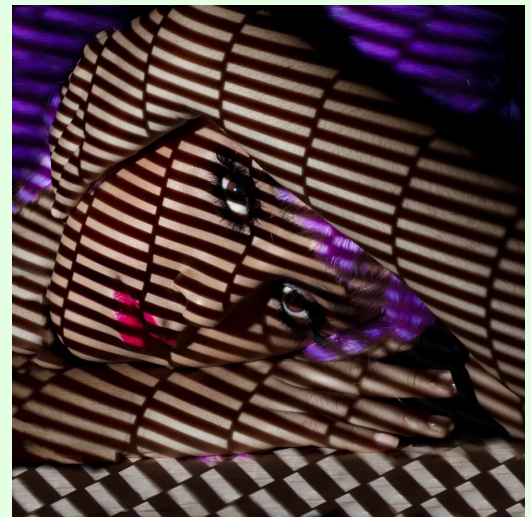
Dennis Fritsche



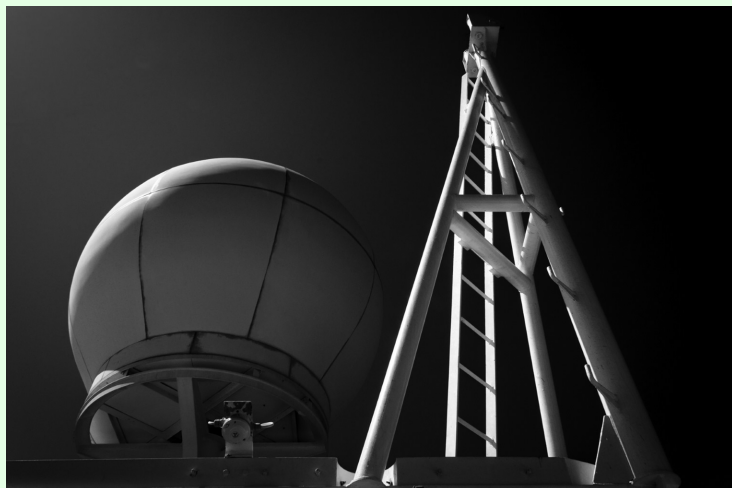
Jim Spencer



Jen Carrick



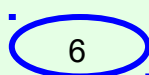
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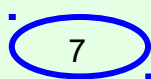
Upcoming Competition Themes

November	Cemeteries	March (Print)	On The Road	July	Motion	November	Reflections
December	No Contest	April	No Contest	August	Open	December	No Contest
January (2018)	Special Effects	May	Diagonals	September	Rusted and/or Peeling	January (2019)	On the Street Where You Live
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
Entry				Advanced			
Wond. Nock	62	26	88	Hwana. Linfen	65	22	87
Mathews. Todd	63	22	85	Yana. Mina	65	21	86
Sarembock. Jeff	59	17	76	Lee. Wen-chi	63	17	80
Griffin. Lorretta	49	6	55	Barlow. Carol	60	12	72
Eden. John	44	11	55	Dunn. Randv	64	7	71
Moulton. Katherine	48	0	48	Mack. Nancv	61	9	70
Christopher. Katrina	35	11	46	Brock. Walter	61	2	63
Lucas. Sam	30	0	30	Lin. Ron	59	1	60
Farmer. Denvv	24	2	26	Lin. Cathv	51	6	57
Wan. Ying-Bee	23	3	26	Leshar. Aaron	49	6	55
Faingold. Anna	22	3	25	Schlesinger. Jerrv	53	0	53
Ratzlaff. Randv	9	0	9	Spencer. Jim	51	2	53
Masters				Intermediate			
Lehman. John	67	23	90	Hwana. Jack	67	27	94
Fritsche. Dennis	66	16	82	Johnsson. Carina	62	16	78
Hastv. Ron	62	11	73	Johnston. Leslie	59	13	72
Wilson. Sam	62	11	73	Snaga. Earl	57	12	69
Petterboru. Larrv	60	11	71	Blevins. Marv Jean	53	11	64
Stover. James	58	12	70	Dailev. Daniel	59	2	61
Volkmer. Danette	61	7	68	Daniel. Alan	57	2	59
Carrick. Jen	62	4	66	Stiles. Parvin	57	0	57
Griqsbv. Linda	60	6	66	Manqum. Joyce	52	0	52
Johnson. Valerie	60	2	62	Bernthal. Mark	49	3	52
Artiles. Jose	60	1	61	Losurdo. Michael	44	6	50
Lehman. Lois	60	1	61	Otto. Richard	38	3	41
Hastv. Sharlott	56	4	60	Davenport. Janet	31	0	31
Walsh. Jim	59	0	59	Carroll. Vincent	23	6	29
Hansen. Marie	42	0	42	Conard. Debbie	24	1	25
Staxen. Peter	18	0	18	Grav. Paul	22	1	23
Chaplin. Don	14	1	15	Moulder. Retha	21	0	21
				Taube. Eric	13	0	13
				Futrell. Sidnev	11	0	11

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





President's Message: GSCCC Representative Needed

We currently have an opening for GSCCC Representative. Whoever is elected to become the PPC's next GSCCC Representative will turbocharge their photographic journey, and here's why: Every month, they will select from four to twelve images (from a pool of 1,000+) from PPC photographers to compete in the highly competitive GSCCC competitions. Every month, they will receive feedback as to how the selected images fared. Imagine the number of feedback cycles in a year.

As Larry Blackwell said, "Nothing elevated my photography as much as the research I performed to determine which images were most likely to succeed at a very high level of competition, and the feedback I received from the 200 images I selected and entered for competition entry during my two years as GSCCC Representative. Being able to select from images that I hadn't produced allowed me to focus purely on the merits of the images, without attachment or noise. It provided me priceless experience within a short time." The GSCCC is an acronym for Gulf States Camera Club Council, which is comprised of more than 20 local photography clubs based in a five-state region. Comfort with computer databases or Lightroom keywords and smart collections is recommended. For more information, email me.

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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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