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Best In Show: *Horses Running In Fresh Snow At Sunrise* By Sharlott Hasty

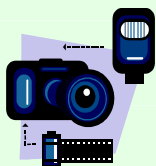
This photo of the horses was taken in February 2017 at a ranch in Northern Wyoming. What an exciting morning when we woke up to eighteen inches of new snow on the ground. The wranglers were moving eighty-six horses across the new snow from a pasture to a larger area of land. This was quite a sight as the horses were stirring up clouds of snow as they ran. The sky was over cast creating a giant soft box. It was a cold photo filled morning. I took pictures of the string of running horses then looked for a group of horses that were without merges.

Details: Nikon D500, Nikkor 18-300 at 52 mm, 1/1250, f8, +1EV, ISO 900.
Edited in Lightroom CC.

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Upcoming Club Activities

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February 3, 2018 – Art Work and Sculptures at Northpark Mall - Saturday, 8:30 am meet at Maggiano's entrance before the stores open to have an opportunity to photograph the sculptures and art work in the mall. Disclaimer statements will be available for signing. There are 47 art pieces on display including sculptures and many 2-dimensional pieces.

March 17, 2018 – Azalea/Spring Flower Trail, Tyler - The Flower Trail event is scheduled Mar 16-April 1. There are many events scheduled occurring during these weeks. The club will meet in Tyler at a place to be determined. For details see: www.tylertexasonline.com/tyler-texas-azalea-trail.htm.

April 7, 2018 – Heights Car Show – The Heights Baptist Church – 201 West Renner Rd. Richardson. For details see: www.heightscarshow.com

May12 , 2018 – Dallas Zoo Photo Safari – Capture amazing shots of wild and exotic animals in their naturalistic habitats with Dallas Zoo staff photographer Cathy Burkey. With help from zookeepers and guidance and tips from Cathy, you're guaranteed excellent photos of animals foraging for their breakfast, romping and playing, and exhibiting other natural behaviors. You'll meet at 8 AM. for some quick photo tips, then set out to explore some of the Zoo's most interesting and charismatic animals. Groups are limited to 15 participants to ensure individual attention. The session concludes at noon, and participants are welcome to stay at the Zoo for the day. Cost \$65-75. Limited to 15 people and open to the public. You must sign up with Activities. For details see: www.dallaszoo.com/event/half-day-group-photo-safari-16/

Training Classes

Contact: training@planophotographyclub.com

With the new year come new pre-meeting training classes. We have three class – listed below – that are on-going for a good part of the year. Two have limited class sizes and will fill up quickly. One is open but requires that you purchase the indicated book. We will have another class, still in development, with various subjects and instructors that will be opened to all. See the club website for details.

Photographic Projects

Instructor: Larry Petterborg

Class Size Limit: 8

Registration: email to lpetterborg@gmail.com

Room: Library

Photography Fundamentals Study Group

Instructor: Bud Mallar

Class Size Limit: Six

Registration: email to bmallar@yahoo.com

Room: 8

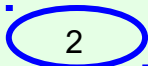
Advanced Photography

Instructor: Dennis Fritsche

Class Size Limit: none

Registration: email to dennisfritsche@verizon.net

Room: 1



40th Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest

2018 SUBMISSION DATES:
February 3 – 25, 2018

Four contest divisions:

- Youth - Junior (14 and under)
- Youth - Senior (15-18)
- Adult – Aspiring (Beginner/Intermediate)
- Adult - Experienced (Advanced Amateur or Professional)

Contest categories for nature-related digital images.

Entry fees: \$5/photo for youth, \$10/photo for adults.

Ribbons awarded for Best of Show in each Division and 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each contest category.

\$100 cash prize to Best of Show winners in each of the four contest divisions!

All contest proceeds benefit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney, TX.

Please see these websites for contest details and instructions for preparing and submitting entries:

www.heardmuseum.org/events/
www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest

Questions? Please contact:

Jackie Ranney, Contest Coordinator

Heard Nature Photographers - 214/478-2107 or contest@heardnaturephotographers.com

Guest Speakers – “*Nightscares, Astrophotography, And The Milky Way*” – JT Blenker

JT Blenker turned the trip of a lifetime traveling through out the country into a career in photography focusing on our sky's, elusive for many, Milky Way Galaxy. His professional journey has gone from working for some of the most prestigious Fortune 500 companies to becoming a landscape and night sky photographer that's created engaging workshops where the focus is on developing aspiring photographers into even better artists. The core tenets for every workshop is seeing and understanding light, becoming a creator with intention, and making images into artistry.

JT realized that passion, family, and happiness are the cornerstones of living a great life, and as an artist being true to yourself and engaging in experiences that move you are central to passion and creativity. Becoming engaged with the Professional Photographers of America's national, state, and local affiliates has allowed him to build heartfelt relationships with some of the best photographers alive today, as he shares his knowledge, engaging stories, and expertise through his astrophotography and landscape workshops throughout the USA. Recently, JT became a staff writer for Fstoppers and now can contribute to the photographic and artistic community on an incredible scale and hopes to grow more as a speaker, writer, and educator.

www.jtblenker.com/



September Winning Images – Open (Print)

Masters

Sharlott Hasty	Horses Running in Fresh Snow at Sunrise	15	1st,BOS
Ron Hasty	Milky Way at Great Sand Dunes NP	14	2nd
Jose Artiles	Roof, Addison TX	14	3rd

Advanced

Nancy Mack	Magnolia	15	1st
Wenchi Lee	Layered Mountains	13	2nd
Walter Brock	Alaskan Stream	12	3rd

Intermediate

Mark Bernthal	Wet text	14	1st
Carina Johnsson	Swedish Fish	14	2nd
Sidney Futrell	FISH POND	13	3rd

Entry

Nock Wong	Flying Roseate Spoonbill	14	1st
Jeffrey Sarembock	Life Ring Against Approaching Storm	14	2nd
Denny Farmer	Tired Hands Relaxing	13	3rd



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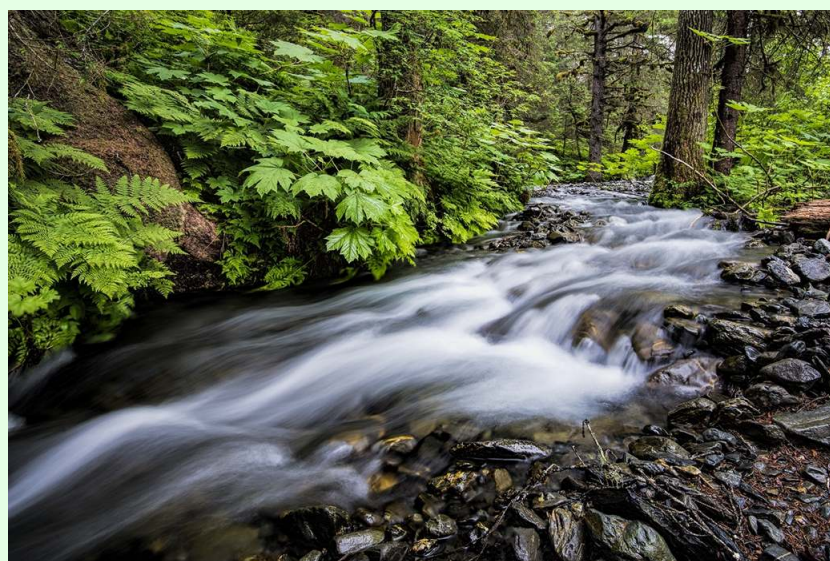


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Ron Hasty



Jose Artiles



Upcoming Competition Themes

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
March (Print)	On The Road	July	Motion	November	Reflections	March (Print)	Panorama
April	No Contest	August	Open	December	No Contest	April	No Contest

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
Entry				Advanced			
Wong. Nock	76	36	112	Lee. Wen-chi	76	23	99
Sarembock. Jeff	73	23	96	Hwang. Linfen	75	22	97
Mathews. Todd	63	22	85	Mack. Nancv	76	19	95
Moulton. Katherine	60	0	60	Yang. Ming	65	21	86
Griffin. Lorretta	49	6	55	Brock. Walter	73	5	78
Eden. John	44	11	55	Barlow. Carol	60	12	72
Christopher. Katrina	35	11	46	Dunn. Randv	64	7	71
Farmer. Denny	37	5	42	Spencer. Jim	61	2	63
Lucas. Sam	39	0	39	Schlesinger. Jerrv	62	0	62
Wan. Ying-Bee	23	3	26	Lin. Ron	59	1	60
Faingold. Anna	22	3	25	Lin. Cathv	51	6	57
Ratzlaff. Randv	9	0	9	Lesher. Aaron	49	6	55
Intermediate				Masters			
Hwang. Jack	74	27	101	Lehman. John	79	23	102
Johnsson. Carina	76	22	98	Fritsche. Dennis	79	16	95
Snaga. Earl	69	12	81	Hastv. Ron	76	17	93
Blevins. Marv Jean	65	11	76	Hastv. Sharlott	71	15	86
Bernthal. Mark	63	13	76	Wilson. Sam	74	11	85
Dailev. Daniel	72	2	74	Petterbora. Larrv	73	11	84
Johnston. Leslie	59	13	72	Volkmer. Danette	73	7	80
Daniel. Alan	69	2	71	Carrick. Jen	75	4	79
Stiles. Parvin	66	0	66	Griasbv. Linda	73	6	79
Mandum. Jovce	52	0	52	Stover. James	67	12	79
Otto. Richard	48	3	51	Artiles. Jose	74	4	78
Losurdo. Michael	44	6	50	Walsh. Jim	72	0	72
Davenport. Janet	31	0	31	Lehman. Lois	69	1	70
Carroll. Vincent	23	6	29	Johnson. Valerie	60	2	62
Futrell. Sidnev	24	3	27	Hansen. Marie	42	0	42
Conard. Debbie	24	1	25	Chaplin. Don	25	1	26
Grav. Paul	22	1	23	Staxen. Peter	18	0	18
Moulder. Retha	21	0	21				
Taube. Eric	13	0	13				

*** 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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