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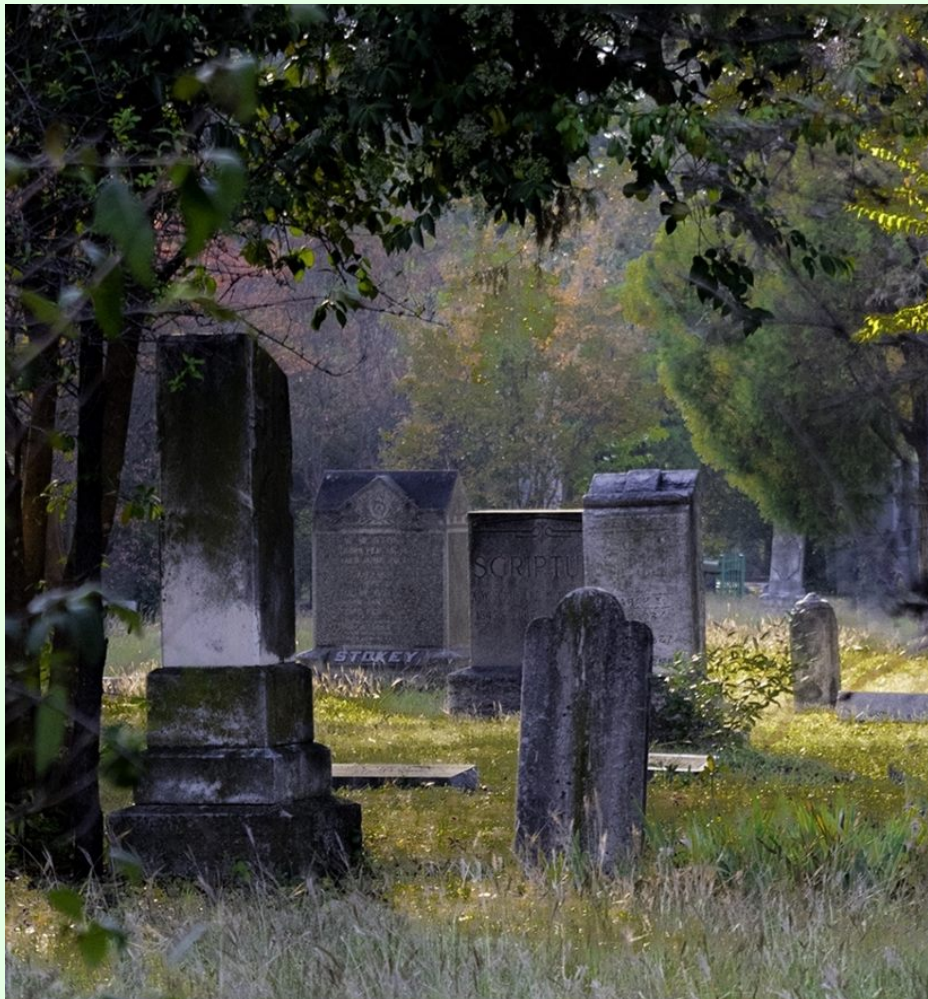


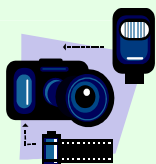
Best In Show: *Fall Colors Embrace Time Weathered Headstones* By Daniel Dailey

This photo of tombstones was taken in November 2017 at the Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas. We had been shooting photos of the Old Cavalry Hill Cemetery and as it began to get close to closing time for the cemetery, we walked across North Hill Street to the Greenwood Cemetery, which had already closed. I walked along North Hill Street and started shooting photos through the wrought iron fence surrounding the cemetery. The grass was high and dry in many places and as I walked along the edge of the cemetery I noticed several spots where the grass became a lush green and autumn colors of the trees seemed to encompass the time weathered headstones. This was one of those spots. Details: Nikon D5500, Nikkor 18-55mm kit lens at 55mm, 1/640, f/5.8, ISO 1000. Post processing in Lightroom.

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Upcoming Club Activities

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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 those choosing to spend the night, you will need to make your own arrangements. It is recommended to do that as soon as possible as this is a popular event. For all attending please, send a confirmation to Activities.

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. There is no charge for spectators. Categories of vehicles include muscle cars, military, street rods, Mustangs, Corvettes, exotic, trucks and others.

For details see: www.heightscarshow.com

May 12, 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/

May 17, 2018 – PPC End of Year Party – Setup begins at 6:30 and the party is from 7:15 to 9:00 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. Bring on a USB flash drive 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 April meeting.

Guest Speakers – “Beyond The Lustre Photograph: Process And Print To Make Your Images Sing!” – Debra Klawetter

Debra Klawetter, CPP, is a local fine art portrait and wedding photographer who is on a continual quest to produce imagery that makes her own heart sing, as well as those of her clients. She is committed to printed images and enjoys taking her photographs beyond the norm. Learn to explore the possibilities in your images and ways to present them to be enjoyed for decades to come!

Plano Photography Club Members Results From The Richardson Photo Contest

Four Plano Photography Club members won ten awards in the Richardson Photo Contest. Winning photos will be on display on the 3rd floor of the Richardson Library through February 20.

Abstract 3rd Place-
Anything Goes 3rd Place-
Honorable Mention-
Cityscape / Architecture 3rd Place-
Experimental/Enhanced 1st Place-
It's A Small World 1st Place-
2nd Place-
3rd Place-
People 1st Place-
Sports & Action 3rd Place-

Sam Wilson
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Debbie Conard
J.D. Luttmer
Linda Grigsby
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Title: Green and Gold Fan
Title: '37 Pontiac Indian Chief
Title: Facing the Fire
Title: Street Bike
Title: A Head For Music
Title: Busy Bee
Title: Orange on Orange
Title: Honey Bee on Dianthus
Title: Cathedral Meditation
Title: Jockey's Ride



Big Changes For The Club

Last year the Board has announced that began with the 2017-2018 club year, there will be no April 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 17, 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 at 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. Members may propose and sponsor additional awards and provide the accompanying plaques and ribbons.

Promotions for the club competition are effective with the May competition. Members will be notified of their new competition class. Remember, promotion to Masters Class is based on the member's portfolio of work, both depth and breath, over several years, service to the club, and a demonstrated ability to teach and assist other club members. One of the best way to provide service is to volunteer to be a club officer. We encourage all members to volunteer to help make **your** club better.

As you know, our membership year runs from 1-May to 30-April. Many of you may be familiar with our competition web-site. In the past that site has been used only for managing the monthly photo competitions. As we have been preparing for the membership renewal process we looked into the features of the "competition web-site" and found that it was actually designed to be a complete system for managing a photo club. With that in mind, this year we are going to utilize that web-site for our membership renewal and on-going membership management. This web-site will now be considered our "Members Only" web-site. This will give each member full control and ownership of their contact information for PPC.

You can access the Members Only web-site by clicking on the Members Only menu button in the upper right corner of our primary web-site www.planophotographyclub.com. Or you can go directly to plano.photoclubservices.com.

You will still pay your dues by either check or cash at a club meeting and sign the Agreement of Waiver of Liability form. We are looking into the possibility of accepting PayPal transactions for the membership dues. But that is not in place yet. In either case, we still need everyone to sign the Agreement of Waiver of Liability form.

The annual fee that our club pays for the Members Only web-site service is determined by the number of Competing Members. We can have an unlimited number of non-competing members. Our current service agreement allows up to 100 competing members. We currently have 81 Competing Members.

As we transition to online membership we look forward to entering the 21st. Century!



October Winning Images – Cemetery

Masters

Jose Artilles	St. Paul Chapel Cemetery, NYC	15	1st
John Lehman	Remembering	14	2nd
James Stover	Night Watch	14	3rd
Linda Grigsby	Clonmacnoise Cementary	13	HM
Sharlott Hasty	Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery 1899	13	HM

Advanced

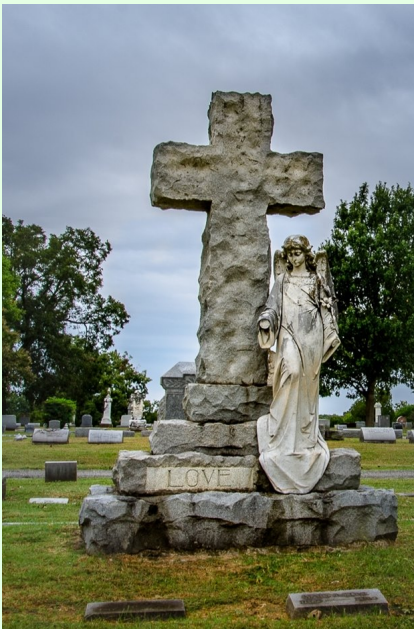
Randall Dunn	The Light Beyond	15	1st
Jim Spencer	Tombstone	14	2nd
Wenchi Lee	One Foggy Morning	12	3rd
Carol Barlow	Ricoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires	12	HM
Walter Brock	Hidden Marker	12	HM

Intermediate

Daniel Dailey	Fall Colors Embrace Time Weathered Headstones	15	1st,BOS
Michael Losurdo Jr	A Family in Stone	14	2nd
Joyce Mangum	Laborer at Rest	14	3rd
Richard Otto	Heavens Grace	14	HM

Entry

Nock Wong	Rest in Peace Mary Love	13	1st
Katherine Moulton	A lovely, lonely walk	12	2nd
John Eden	We will remember	12	3rd
Katrina Christopher	Shade Stone	12	HM



Nock Wong



Katherine Moulton



Katrina Christopher

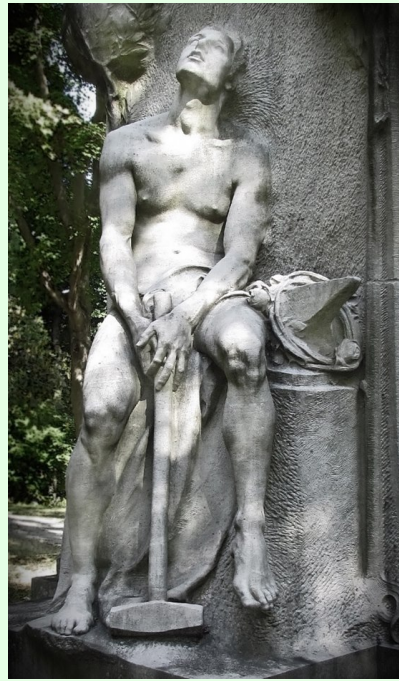


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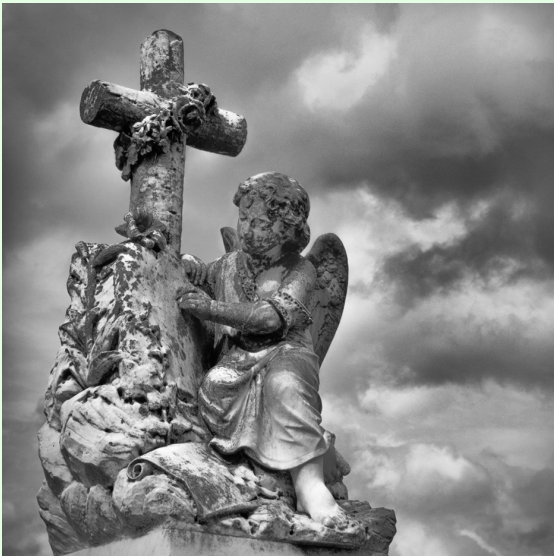




**Michael
Losurdo**

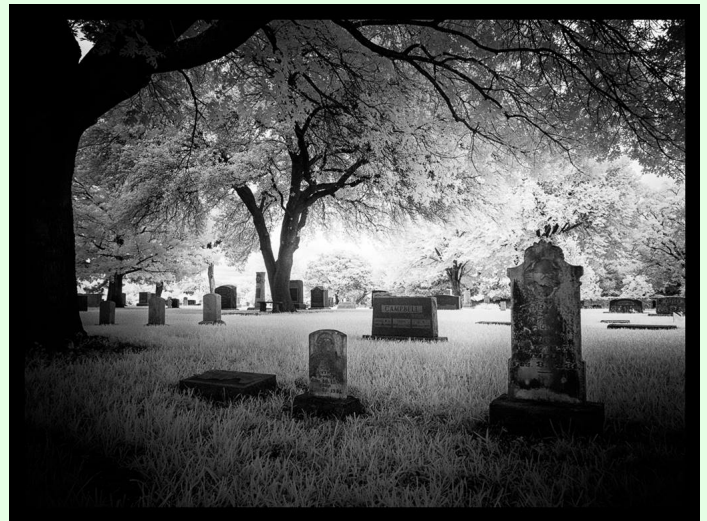


**Joyce
Mangum**

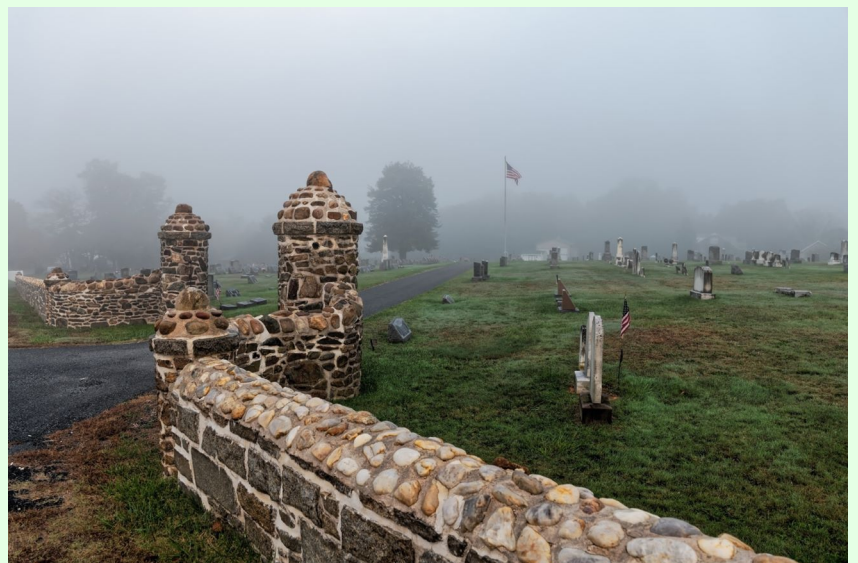


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**Richard
Otto**



Jim Spencer



Wenchi Lee





**Carol
Barlow**



**Walter
Brock**



**Jose
Artiles**



**James
Stover**



**John
Lehman**



**Linda
Grigsby**



Sharlott Hasty



Upcoming Competition Themes

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
May	Diagonals	September	Rusted and/or Peeling	January (2019)	On the Street Where You Live	May	

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
Entry				Advanced			
Wong. Nock	89	46	135	Lee. Wen-chi	88	26	114
Sarembock. Jeff	82	23	105	Hwang. Linfen	87	22	109
Mathews. Todd	74	22	96	Mack. Nancv	87	19	106
Moulton. Katherine	72	6	78	Dunn. Randy	79	17	96
Eden. John	56	14	70	Brock. Walter	85	6	91
Christopher. Katrina	47	12	59	Yana. Mina	65	21	86
Griffin. Lorretta	49	6	55	Barlow. Carol	72	13	85
Farmer. Denny	47	5	52	Spencer. Jim	75	8	83
Lucas. Sam	39	0	39	Schlesinger. Jerry	73	0	73
Wan. Ying-Bee	23	3	26	Lin. Ron	59	1	60
Faingold. Anna	22	3	25	Lin. Cathv	51	6	57
Ratzlaff. Randy	18	0	18	Lesh. Aaron	49	6	55
Intermediate				Masters			
Hwang. Jack	85	27	112	Lehman. John	93	29	122
Johnsson. Carina	88	22	110	Fritsche. Dennis	91	16	107
Dailev. Daniel	87	13	100	Hastv. Ron	87	17	104
Snaga. Earl	80	12	92	Artiles. Jose	89	14	103
Bernthal. Mark	75	13	88	Hastv. Sharlott	84	16	100
Daniel. Alan	81	2	83	Wilson. Sam	86	11	97
Stiles. Parvin	77	0	77	Stover. James	81	15	96
Blevins. Marv Jean	65	11	76	Petterbora. Larry	84	11	95
Johnston. Leslie	59	13	72	Griagbv. Linda	86	7	93
Losurdo. Michael	58	12	70	Volkmer. Danette	84	7	91
Manum. Joyce	66	3	69	Carrick. Jen	86	4	90
Otto. Richard	62	4	66	Lehman. Lois	81	1	82
Moulder. Retha	33	0	33	Walsh. Jim	81	0	81
Davenport. Janet	31	0	31	Johnson. Valerie	73	2	75
Carroll. Vincent	23	6	29	Hansen. Marie	42	0	42
Futrell. Sidnev	24	3	27	Chaplin. Don	25	1	26
Conard. Debbie	24	1	25	Staxen. Peter	18	0	18
Grav. Paul	22	1	23				
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: The New Club Year

It's already February, so we are seriously starting into our new year. I wanted to point out some of the new events we have coming up, including a trip to Tyler, Texas to photograph the Azaleas and Spring Flowers in mid-march and the Dallas Zoo Safari in May. We are also having our End of the Year Party and awards dinner this year in May instead of our regular meeting. We will not have an awards dinner in June as we have had in previous years.

We will have the election of new officers at the April meeting, so if anyone is interested in becoming a new board member, this is your chance to fulfill your club obligation to be considered for Master level photographer. After two years, I will be stepping down as the club President, so I am looking for someone to step up and take over the duties of running the club. I am still looking for someone to take over the role of GSCCC representative for the coming year. If you are interested in either of these positions, please email me at: ppc@planophotographyclub.com. There are other board positions that will be coming open also. Look for that information in an upcoming N2U.

We are also in the process of changing our "Competition Website" to our "Members Only Website." You may already have received emails about it, so for more information, please see the Newsletter or the website.

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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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