



The FLASH!

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Special Note: July Meeting To Be Held August 2nd

Best In Show: *Feeding Her - Courting Behavior* By Ron Hasty

In April of 2018 we were joined by photography friends from New Jersey for a "Texas Photo Safari." We planned the trip to include stops in Ennis for the Bluebonnets, the hill country for wildflowers, wildlife and starry skies and then the Rio Grande valley for birds and wildlife. We spent 6 days in the valley photographing several dozen species.

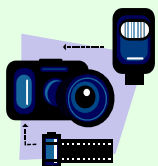
It was a great time of the year to see birds in their breeding plumage and exhibiting courting behavior. In the spring the male Northern Cardinal behaves territoriality and stakes out his territory with song, which he hopes will attract a female. During courtship, the male feeds seed to the female beak-to-beak as you see in this image. He will also feed the fledglings for a short time after they leave the nest. Photographing this quick moment requires patience and persistence. Trying to catch them in an environment which makes a good setting for a picture adds complexity to the situation.

Details: Nikon D500, Sigma 150-600 @420 mm, F/6.3, 1/1250, ISO 2000, manual mode, spot metering and spot focus.

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Upcoming Club Activities / Photo Ops

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July 21, 2018 – Mesquite Rodeo – Join us at the Mesquite Rodeo Saturday, July 21st for some action and motion photography. You may bring your tripod or mono-pod if you like but seating space is limited, so a mono-pod might be ideal. We have blocked 37 VIP seats (20 in section 5 and 17 in section 7) near the bucking chutes; roping will be coming from the opposite side and usually ends up in the center of the arena.

The group discount pricing is \$23 per VIP seat (\$38 regular price). Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7:30 and all you can eat BBQ for additional \$20 per person is available before the show; parking is \$10. It's an indoor air conditioned arena located at 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149.

For those that are interested, Brother Van, with Mesquite Rodeo, will take us in a group of 10 to 12 to the area behind the bucking chutes; I have been told, there are few steep steps to climb back there, so keep that in mind.

If you are interested in going, please register no later than July 13th with the number of tickets needed (1 or 2); then please mail me a check, pay to Parvin Stiles. I purchase our seats only; you may purchase dinner there. I am placing a deposit to hold the seats and later paying the balance for the group a week before the event. Please feel free to contact me for your questions at psfallcolors@gmail.com.

Tickets will be at one of the two will calls under each member's name. Dinner is purchased inside. One last note, our July contest theme is "Motion" and is due Sunday July 22nd before 11:59pm.:

July 20, 2018 – September 9, 2018 – Nancy Mack – Flower Photographs by Plano Photography Club member, Nancy Mack, will be included in a group show: ***Botanical Portraiture: A Modern Take on Classic Still Life***, at The Gallery at North Haven Gardens: Garden Center + Art Gallery + Café

North Haven Gardens

7700 Northaven Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

<http://www.nhg.com/>

<https://nancymack.smugmug.com/>

July 20, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 PM – Mike Mezeul – Artist Showcase at Lincoln Center located at The Star in Frisco, 3620 The Star Blvd., Suite 1205 Frisco, TX 75034. It's totally free! There will be free drinks, snacks and a door prize giveaway. Mike is a professional storm, astro, and landscape photographer. He will be our guest speaker in October and his topic will be "Kilauea volcano eruption from land, sea and air". To register, go to <https://www.lincolnexperiencecenter.com/> and look for his event in Frisco.

September 30 – October 6, 2018 – 2018 PSA Conference – Conference hotel: Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Registration fees: Early registration (April 2 - July 30, 2018): \$185. Regular Registration (starts July 31): \$210. On-site Registration: \$225. Non-member Guest of PSA Member, same household: \$165.00. Non-PSA member: \$255.

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?2018-psa-conference>

November 9 – 11 2018 – Fall Colors at Caddo Lake – Club members should make their own hotel/motel reservations. There are cabins inside the park, and in Uncertain and Jefferson TX. Activities include sunset and sunrise boat tours, night photography and tours of nearby towns. For details and to sign up go to the Members Only web-site at:

<https://plano.photoclubservices.com/>.



Guest Speaker – “Travel & Road Trip Photography / Making Large Prints” – Steve Reeves

Steven began road-tripping around the US 10 years ago with the goal of seeing the parts of the country that seemed under represented. He dubbed these excursions "Wanderlust Trips" and with his wife, Erin has covered close to 40 states and around 50,000 miles doing so. Images from these trips will be the focus of the August 2nd presentation. In 2014 Steven left the corporate world to pursue fine art photography full time under the name MakeShift Photography. Over the last few years the primary focus of this business has evolved into primarily fine art printing and production. Additionally, Steven teaches photography at Brookhaven Community College and recently completed two terms as the president of the Dallas Camera Club.

Future PPC Programs

August: Marcy Palmer (Richland College) - Magic in the Everyday <http://marcypalmer.com/>

September Jason Ware (Deep Space Astro-Imaging) - Going beyond Milky Way Nightscapes <http://galaxyphoto.com/>

October Mike Mezeul Kilauea Volcano eruption from land, sea and air. mikemezphotography.com

November Dan Leffel (PPC member) - Venice Carnivale and Cinque Terre boldlightphoto.com

January Ron Hasty (PPC member) - Photographing Birds in Flight, Fight, In Love & Birds for Art

February Nock Wong (PPC Photographer of the Year) - Travel photography

April Nancy Mack (PPC member) - The Art of Flower photography

Pre-Meeting Training

Pre-Meeting Training Classes meet from 6-7 (except as the instructor may instruct otherwise)

Advanced Photography with Dennis Fritsche will meet in the Library at 6:00 in the library.

Photography Fundamentals with Bud Mallar meets in Room 8. Check with Bud if you are interested. This is a great refresher course even for the experienced photographer.

Developing a Critical Approach to Looking at Photographs with Larry Petterborg. This new class will begin on August 16. The class will be open to all but is an on-going curriculum.

This Course is Designed to Help Students:

- 1) Critically look at and think about photographs,
- 2) To articulate their responses to the photographs viewed, and
- 3) To understand that judging a club photo contest is primarily a quantitative (scoring, ranking etc.) process the differs substantially from the qualitative nature of art criticism.

It is hoped that students will be able to develop critical analytical skills that contribute to improvements in the photographs they subsequently make.



May Winning Images – Diagonals

Masters

Ron Hasty	Feeding Her - Courting Behavior	14	1st,BOS
Sam Wilson	Green and Gold	14	2nd
Sharlott Hasty	Mockingbird Angry with Harris Hawk In Its Territory	13	3rd
Don Champlin	Sonia	13	HM

Advanced

Linfen Hwang	In the Wheat Field	13	1st
Nancy Mack	Single Calla Lily	13	2nd
Cathy Lin	Wine cellar in a tunnel	13	3rd
Nock Wong	Machu Picchu FXB6242	12	HM

Intermediate

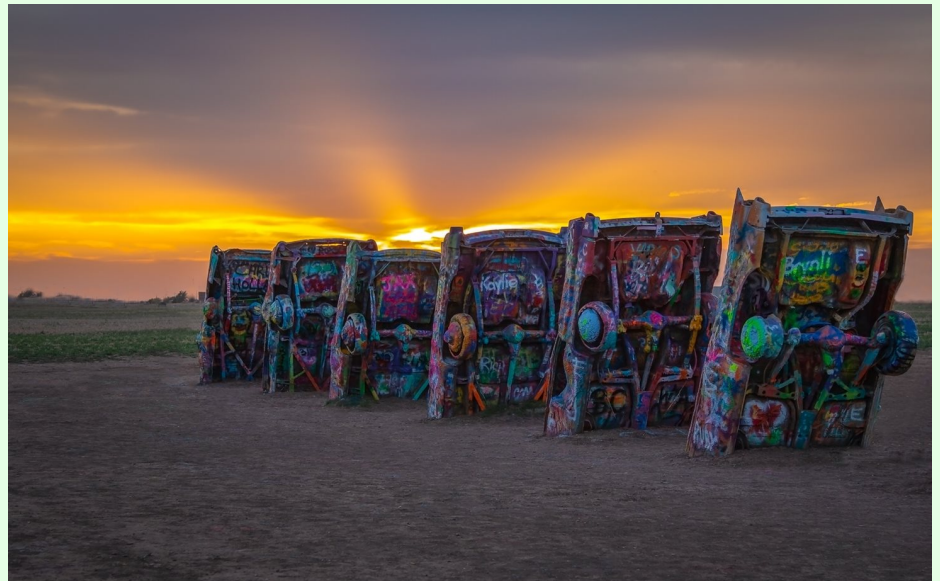
Michael Losurdo	13-strong	13	1st
Earl Snoga	Triangles Circles & Lines	13	2nd
Parvin Stiles	I feel the need - the need for speed!	13	3rd
Alan Daniel	Shifting Sand	13	HM
Vincent Carroll	Diagonals # 7	12	HM

Entry

Katrina Christopher	Lone Barrel	11	1st
David Boomstein	Cadillac Ranch	10	2nd
Siu Wong	Cuzco Museum	10	3rd



Katrina Christopher



David Boomstein



Siu Wong





Michael Losurdo



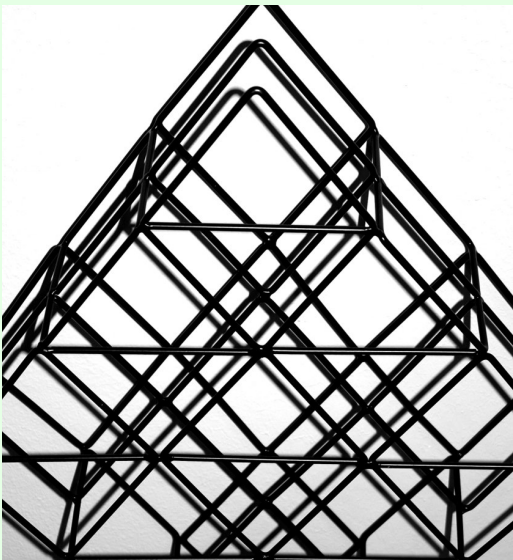
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Upcoming Competition Themes							
July	Motion	November	Reflections	March (Print)	Panorama	July	High Key/Low Key
August	Open	December	No Contest	April	No Contest	August	Open
September	Rusted and/or Peeling	January (2019)	On the Street Where You Live	May	Breaking the Rule of Thirds	September	Texas Historical Sites
October (Print)	Open	February	Open	June	Open	October (Print)	Open

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*** 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: Photography Has Nothing To Do With Cameras

"Photography has nothing to do with cameras" writes Lucas Gentry. At first glance, this may not make sense, but couple it with this quote by Eve Arnold, *"If the photographer is interested in the people in front of his lens, and if he is compassionate, it's already a lot. The instrument is not the camera but the photographer."* Together these quotes shed light on the true subject, the

photographer, you.

PPC is about "you" and our mutual love for taking pictures. Last month, I asked what we could do to make "us" better. First, thank you to those who did respond. Ideas shared with your Executive Council included PPC logo shirts, PPC identification cards, exclusive early entry into events, increase break time during monthly meeting, orientation class, food/beverage at monthly gathering and visitor follow up. This is a good start, but we need to hear from all of you. What are your thoughts, directions, concerns, ideas or questions? Remember, this is about "you", the photographer.

Cliff McKenzie

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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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