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Best In Show: *Ranuncula Bouquet* - By Nancy Mack

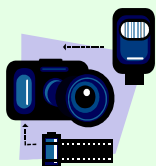
I am trying new challenges! The Plano Photo Club has nurtured my skills, since I only picked up a camera for the first time four years ago. I would like to thank Bud Mallar for the study group: ***This is a Camera***. You taught me the mystery of the exposure triangle and forced me to take pictures of anything but flowers. Gratitude to Ron Hasty for the ***Printing Study Group***. The difference between seeing an image on screen and on a variety of media was invaluable to me as I evaluated my images. Larry Petterborg's ***Special Projects Study Group*** gave me the courage to approach a gallery. My floral images are on display in a group show. See below. This particular image is printed on a 30x20 metal plate with gloss finish.

The photo was made with a Nikon 7100 and a Nikon 105mm 2.8 macro lens, ISO 100, f5.6, 2.5 sec mounted on a tripod and tethered to a laptop running Helicon Remote. The flowers are from a grocery florist. Most of my floral images have a dark and moody feel, inspired by Old Master paintings. The background is a drape of black velvet lit by filtered light from a bay window. I exposed 16 images which were stacked in Helicon Focus: www.heliconsoft.com. The final image was imported into Lightroom and processed so that the black background became darker and richer in tone. The photo was then processed in Photoshop with the Topaz Clarity filter.

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Upcoming Club Activities / Photo Ops

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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. Nancy is this month's Best of Show winner!

North Haven Gardens

7700 Northaven Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

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

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

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>

October 6, 2018 – Photowalk – McKinney TX sunset walk. We will be participating in Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photowalk: <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/>. Prizes are available for those who register with KelbyOne and submit images to their contest following the walk. Registration with KelbyOne is not a requirement. Club members are welcome to join the walk either way. There will also be non-club members who join us, so this is a good opportunity to meet some new people and invite them to the PPC! Details to follow.

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. Caddo Lake State Park, 245 Park Road 2, Karnack, TX 75661 <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caddo-lake>

For details and to sign up go to the Members Only web-site, login, then navigate to Organization > Calendar and click the event on November 9.

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

December 1, 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.

GSCCC Competition Winner

Every month the PPC enters images into the monthly Gulf States Camera Club Council Competition. Congratulations to Sharlott Hasty. Her image "Horses Running in Fresh Snow" received Honorable Mention in the GSCCC June 2018 Pictorial projected competition.

Ed Auger Passed Away

Long time club member Ed Auger passed away July 19th 2018. A memorial was held August 11th. Ed was Advanced Class Winner for the 2002 – 2003 competition year, was president for the 2005 – 2006 club year and was a member of the Masters Class. He organized the **Focus on Plano** Gulf States Camera Club Convention that was hosted by the Plano Photography Club April 19-21, 2007. Ed was an expert print maker and was the "Go-To" print guy for many club members. He was preceded in death by his wife Karen. Ed is in our thoughts.



Guest Speaker – “Magic In The Everyday” – Marcy Palmer

Marcy Palmer's work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally at The Center for Photographic Art (Carmel, CA), The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, The Berlin Biennial of Fine Art and Documentary Photography (GE), The Brighton Photo Fringe Festival (UK), The Brooklyn Museum of Art, The Vermont Center for Photography, The Center for Fine Art Photography, The Photomedia Center, The Watershed Media Centre (UK), Center on Contemporary Art in Seattle, WA, and other venues.

Marcy's work won Gold in the Fine Art, Abstract category of the PX3, Prix de la Photographie, Paris 2016 awards. Her work was also a finalist in the Fine Art Category for the 7th Edition of the Julia M Cameron Awards. Marcy has an M.F.A. in Photography and Related Media from the School of Visual Arts and a B.S. in Studio Art from Skidmore College. She teaches photography at Richland College. <http://marcypalmer.com/>

Future PPC Programs

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. There are only three classes remaining but keep an eye out for future classes – 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.

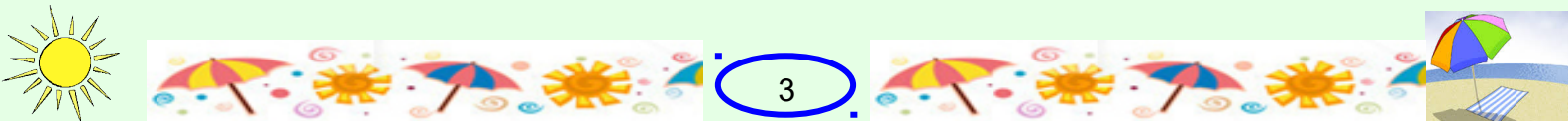
This Course is Designed to Help Students:

- 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.

Coming in the Fall

Dr. John will hold a model shoot in the fall! He along with other experienced PPC members will provide instruction and then we will have several models available at several locations. This has always been a fun and educational experience. Details are being planned. Stay Tuned!



June Winning Images – Open

Masters

Sharlott Hasty	Fighting Vulture and Caracara	14	1st
Linda Grigsby	Edinburgh at sunset	13	2nd
Dennis Fritsche	Teepees in the Rain - Terlingua	13	3rd
John Lehman	Mila #10	13	HM

Advanced

Nancy Mack	Ranucula Bouquet	15	1st,BOS
Mark Bernthal	Art attracts art	14	2nd
Linfen Hwang	Chefchaouen, Morocco	13	3rd
Ron Lin	Running Horses in Mongolia	13	HM
Wenchi Lee	Sunrise at Green Reef	13	HM

Intermediate

Gary Clinton	Frisco Railyard	14	1st
Vincent Carroll	Bad Hair Day	13	2nd
Alan Daniel	Missed !	12	3rd
Katherine Moulton	Look into my Soul	11	HM

Entry

John Eden	Reclaimed Headstones - Colonial Park Cemetery	13	1st
Katrina Christopher	Sky Cliff	12	2nd
Sam Lucas	True Blue Tatto - Austin Texas	11	3rd
Randy Ratzlaff	FIDDLER	11	HM



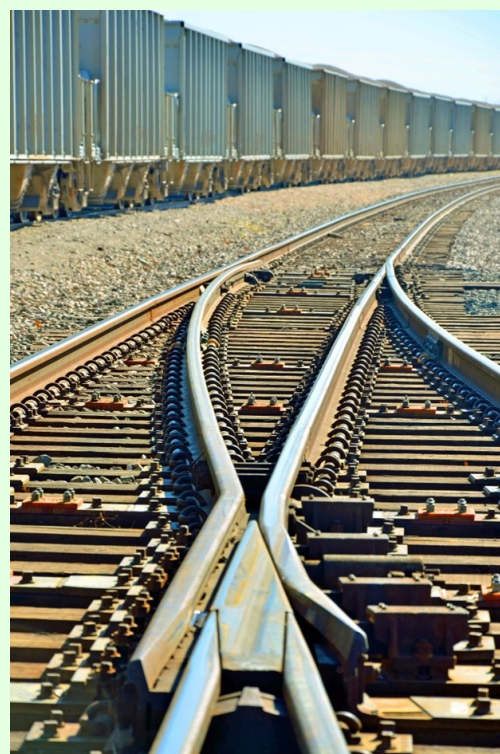
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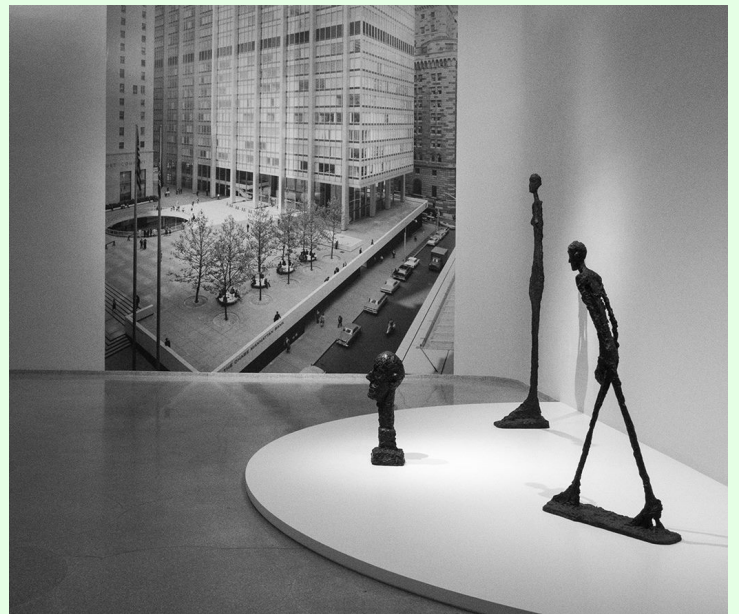
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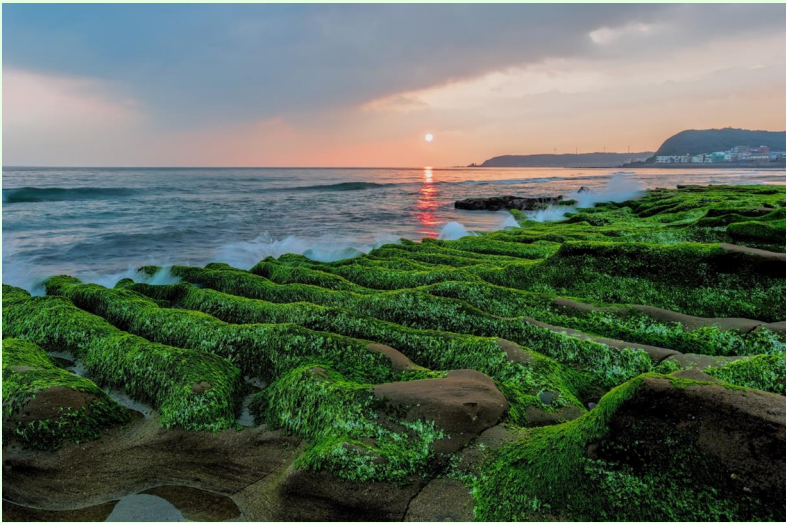


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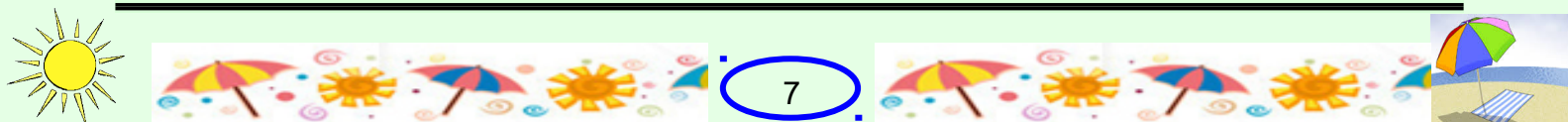
Upcoming Competition Themes

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 (B&W or Sepia)
November	Reflections	March (Print)	Panorama	July	High Key/Low Key	November	Music

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
Entry				Advanced			
Katrina Christopher	23	16	39	Nancy Mack	28	17	45
John Eden	22	10	32	Linfen Hwang	26	13	39
David Boomstein	20	6	26	Mark Bernthal	26	6	32
Siu Wong	20	3	23	Cathy Lin	25	3	28
Sam Lucas	11	3	14	Nock Wong	24	1	25
Randy Ratzlaff	11	1	12	Wenchi Lee	24	1	25
Ping Shang	10	0	10	Carina Johnsson	23	0	23
Todd Matthews	8	0	8	Jim Spencer	22	0	22
				Jerry Schlesinger	20	0	20
				Ron Lin	13	1	14
				Randall Dunn	13	0	13
				Mina Yana	12	0	12
				Sergio Piumatti	10	0	10
Intermediate				Masters			
Michael Losurdo Jr	24	10	34	Sharlott Hastv	27	13	40
Vincent Carroll	25	7	32	Ron Hastv	26	11	37
Alan Daniel	25	4	29	Linda Griqsbv	25	6	31
Parvin Stiles	25	3	28	Sam Wilson	25	6	31
Earl Snoga	22	6	28	Don Champlin	25	1	26
Gary Clinton	14	10	24	John Lehman	25	1	26
Daniel Dailey	22	0	22	Dennis Fritsche	22	3	25
Katherine Moulton	21	1	22	James Stover	24	0	24
Joyce Manqum	21	0	21	Danette Volkmer	23	0	23
Richard Otto	19	0	19	Larry Petterborg	23	0	23
Jeffrey Sarembock	18	0	18	Carol Barlow	22	0	22
Debbie Conard	12	0	12	Jose Artiles	21	0	21
Jason Ware	10	0	10	Lois Lehman	20	0	20
John Lebeck	10	0	10	Valerie Johnson	12	0	12
Mary Jean Blevins	10	0	10				
Retha Moulder	8	0	8				

*** 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 Cameras

National Geographic photographer Tom Peschak, in his article, "How the Ultimate Shark Photo Went Viral"* wrote "Instead of the scientist tracking the shark the shark is now tracking the scientist, which was much more compelling. Sometimes the best images are not the ones we planned for." Couple this with what our own Sam Wilson wrote a couple of years back about giving a young child a camera and looking at the results. Following Sam's lead, I gave my 1st

grade grandson a camera that produces instant, albeit small, printed pictures. It was an awakening to see how he saw life, life from just 4 feet above ground. By the way, most pictures did not make it home as his classmates wanted to keep the ones about them.

Life is happening, and you have the opportunity to capture and share it. Keep your camera always close. I would be remiss, if I did not add Bud's direction, always keep your tripod in your trunk.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2018/07/great-white-shark-meme-news-photography-animals-peschak/>

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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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