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Best In Show: Tom And His Dog - By Sharlott Hasty

Our wanderlust found us in Northern Wyoming near Yellowstone in January 2017. When we arrived there was no snow and it looked pretty bleak. The next morning we awoke to a fantasy world of eighteen inches of soft snow.

The wranglers were planning to ride the horses for us so we could take pictures. The sky was a gorgeous soft box. Before we started taking pictures I met the most wonderful dog who belonged to the head wrangler, Tom, in the picture. Lucy, the dog, had been a rescue from somewhere in Georgia and now belonged to Tom. They were the first to run for us and you will notice how Lucy is watching the feet of the horse. She loved to run a couple of times then would, for some reason, come sit on my feet. One morning after a run she was sitting on my feet. My hands were frozen to a point that I could no longer take pictures. I took off my gloves and put them into her fur and "bingo" in a few minutes I continued for the morning. This was a once in a lifetime experience with perfect lighting.

Details: Nikon D500, 18-300 lens @95 mm, f8, 1/1250, EV+1, ISO 280

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Upcoming Club Activities / Photo Ops

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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: Regular Registration \$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>

September 25, 2018 – Joint PPC/DCC Downtown Dallas Night Shoot – Meet at El Fenix, 1601 McKinney Ave. at 5:30 for dinner, then sunset photos of downtown Dallas. Please email psfallcolors@gmail.com with headcount and if you are interested in carpooling. For details and to sign up go to the Members Only web-site, login, then navigate to Organization > Calendar and click the event on September 25. <https://plano.photoclubservices.com/>

October 6, 2018 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM – McKinney Sunset Photowalk – A walking tour of historic buildings in and around downtown McKinney, TX, including the Old Courthouse, the Flour Mill, the 1911 Post Office, the 1880 jail building, and other buildings from the early 1900's. We will meet in front of the Old Collin County Courthouse and will end with Pizza at **Mellow Mushroom**, 218 E Louisiana St. We will participate 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 – Location: Uncertain, Texas. Accommodations: members should make their own hotel/motel arrangements. There are cabins inside the park and towns like Uncertain and Jefferson near the park. Working Itinerary: Friday Arrive. Sunset boat tour. Saturday: Sunrise boat tour. Breakfast. Caddo Nature Reserve. Lunch in Jefferson. Photography opportunities in Jefferson are abundant – the town itself, the train, the cemetery. Sunset boat tour. Dinner. Night photography (TBD but we got decent Milky Way shoots off the dock at Shady Glade). Sunday: Sunrise boat tour. Breakfast. Caddo Nature Reserve and Jefferson if you missed them. Depart as preferred. <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, 2018 – 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.

May 2-4, 2019 – Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) Annual Convention - The Dallas Camera Club will be hosting the GSCCC 2019 annual convention. More details to follow.

Capturing Great Photos Of Reflections

Our competition subject for November is *Reflections*. Moving water, wet surfaces, ice, polished metal, glass, and coated plastic all create reflections. Look for symmetry between the subject and its reflection. A blurred reflection gives an impressionist feel to an image. Creative use of a polarizer filter can enhance the reflection and bring out colors. A reflection can accent a main subject such as a person walking through a puddle of water. A slightly long shutter speed can smooth out water reflections. Use a tripod. An interesting composition is a human subject leaning on or facing a mirror or viewing their own image in a mirror. Consider showing just the reflection, eliminating the subject entirely. Shooting through a partially reflective window gives you a composite of the reflection and the subject outside the window. Look for interesting juxtapositions.



Guest Speaker – “Going Beyond Milky Way Nightscapes” – Jason Ware

Jason Ware has been photographing the night sky since 1989 using exclusively Meade Instruments telescopes. He began astrophotography using both black and white as well as color films hyper-sensitized in his home built chamber. In 2005 Jason began using CCD cameras. Jason has been a beta tester for Meade, has over 200 published images, and has been a speaker at various astronomy and photographic venues. His images can be seen at his website <http://galaxyphoto.com/>.

Jason has a BSEE from Texas Tech. He currently works for Cadence Design Systems and is a member of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas, The Plano Photography Club, and the Dallas Camera Club.

Future PPC Programs

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.

Photography Fundamentals with Bud Mallar has completed this session. This is a great refresher course even for the experienced photographer. Bud will offer another session when there is sufficient demand. If you are interested, please email Bud at bmallar@yahoo.com.

Developing a Critical Approach to Looking at Photographs with Larry Petterborg meets in Room 1. This new class started on August 16. The class will be open to all but is an on-going curriculum, so check with Larry if interested. lpetterborg@gmail.com

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 that 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 Spring

Dr. John Lehman will hold a model shoot in the spring! (Scheduling conflicts prevented a Fall session.) 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!



July Winning Images – Motion

Masters

Sharlott Hasty	Tom and His Dog	14	1st,BOS
Sam Wilson	Art from Fireworks	12	2nd
Linda Grigsby	And the winner is	12	3rd
Jose Artiles	Rock Center Rickshaw	12	HM
Dennis Fritsche	Eternity	11	HM

Advanced

Cathy Lin	Jumping for joy	12	1st
Mark Bernthal	Passerby	11	2nd
Ron Lin	Deep Ellum Biker	10	3rd
Jerry Schlesinger	Amy	10	HM
Nock Wong	Lima Circito Magic del Agua after sunset	10	HM

Intermediate

Joyce Mangum	Island	13	1st
Vincent Carroll	Whoosh	13	2nd
Earl Snoga	Rain Drops	12	3rd
Jason Ware	Circumpolar Star Motion Over the Dome	12	HM
Daniel Dailey	Speed Skater	11	HM

Entry

Randy Ratzlaff	Surf Rider	13	1st
David Boomstein	Bike Rider	12	2nd
Ping Shang	Spirit Soaring High	11	3rd
Sam Lucas	The Pylons at IAH	11	HM
Katrina Christopher	I see you	10	HM



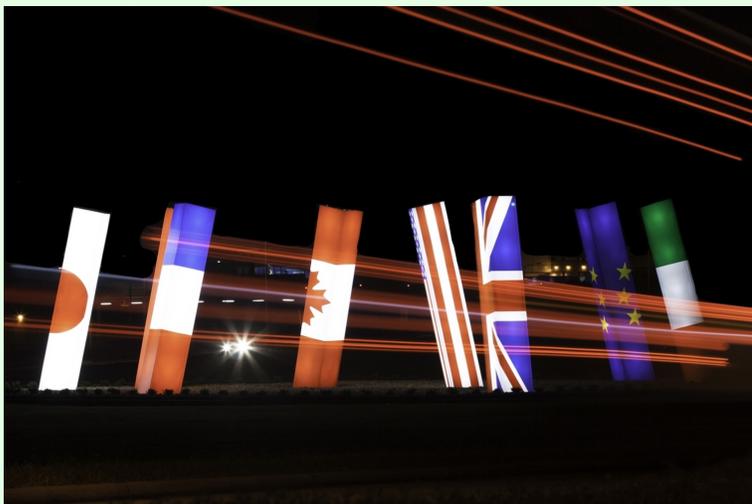
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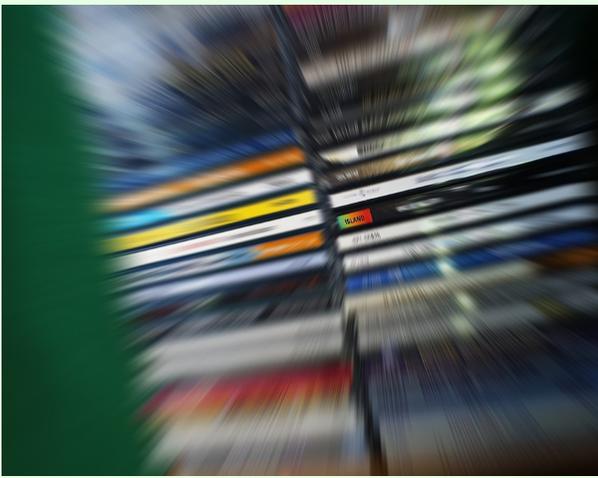


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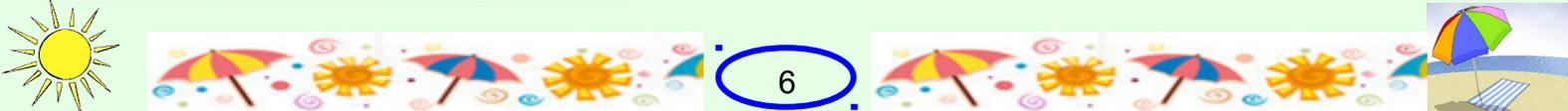
Mark Bernthal



Dennis Fritsche



Jose Artiles





President's Message: Sharing

American photographer, Aaron Siskind, credited as a major influence of abstract expressionist movement said, "Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving, (of sharing). What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything." As photographers we capture the moment and are not content to keep it to ourselves, but have a need, no a demand, to share it with the world.

Sharing comes in many forms. Many, if not all of us, use Facebook to communicate with our friends. PPC needs for you to take two action items.

1. Go to the Plano Photography Club on FB and select "Follow"
2. Then, make sure you are staying engaged with Plano Photography Club by liking and sharing posts on your timeline.
 - a. Once you are following the page you will receive notifications of recent posts. As an example, "Plano Photography Club added 86 new photos to the album: Mesquite Championship Rodeo photo outing"
 - b. By sharing and liking these posts we are increasing awareness of our work.

Have questions? Email me, Sam Wilson or Parvin Stiles. See you on Facebook!

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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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