

Austin Shutterbug Club Holiday Banquet with End-of-Year Awards Saturday, December 7th • 6pm til 9pm.

The County Line BBQ on the Hill
6500 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746

6pm Social Hour • Cash Bar
7pm. Family style dinner

Brisket, Sausage, and Chicken
Potato salad, cole slaw, beans & house bread
Homemade cobbler with ice cream
Ice tea & soft drinks included

Cost is \$25.00 per person.
Deadline for making your payment is
December 1st.

Mail to: Lois Schubert
3823 Arrow Drive • Austin, TX 78749

Good food, good conversations, raffles and best of all -
Awards!

This year's exceptional photos will be shown on the screen
during the festivities and goodies will be raffled off.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

We would like to make this the
best ASC banquet ever.
Support your club and have a great time.
Y'all come!



No Club Meeting in December. We have the Awards Banquet instead.



Our next Club Meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2020
6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

Visitors Always
Welcome!

ASC Year End Message

This is our last newsletter of the year and I want to wish everyone a great New Year to come. This year has been a very busy one for the club. The club continues to grow, now with 120 members on the roster.

With this growth there has been a lot of discussion over opportunities the club can change procedures and improve some activities. The recent club survey was a good sounding board and several opportunities were brought to light.

Last week the Leadership Team met to, not only nominate new leader positions, but to address some of the issues brought forward by the survey.

First, I wish to introduce the new slate of officers for 2020. These individuals have volunteered for 2020 and will be voted upon by the club at the December Meeting/Dinner.

President	Brian Loflin
Vice President/Programs	Stennis Shotts
Secretary	Jill McClain
Treasurer	Barbara Hunley & Kathy Kraft

Secondly, I would like to welcome new volunteer leaders (bold) to the team in the following positions:

Evaluation Chair	Fred Peebles
Evaluation Co-Chair	Steve Houston
Evaluation Committee	Linda Avitt
Hospitality Chair	Kim Shotts
Newsletter Editor	David Pettit
Refreshments	Richard & Joyce Bennett- John Davis
Exhibits	Open
Field Trips and Outings	Beverly Lyle, Larry Peruffo

You will hear more about new programs soon including, Special Interest Groups, Club Outings and Field Trips, Competitions, Exhibits, and more.

We are blessed as a club to have some amazing photographers. We also must keep in mind that bringing in new members that want to learn and grow their photographic skills is the life blood of every club while also challenging our experienced photographers. Also, our mission is about education, so all the recommendations below try to bring these three components into the mix.

To satisfy some of the feedback over Evaluation & Review, we wish to make this process a very instrumental educational tool to help grow and improve members' photography. I know it has been very effective in that mission. To do so, Fred Peebles and Steve Houston are working on recommendations for positive changes to Evaluation & Review that will enhance education, reduce the idea of competitiveness, and encourage more participation without pressure.

Recommendations include some of the following ideas:

- First, make Evaluation and Review solely educational.
- Return the process to monthly meetings where it belongs for the benefit of many.
- Change the methodology of evaluation,
- Enlarge the panel of volunteer image judges, and
- Develop alternatives for those who wish to continue a competition for annual awards.

A principal mission of ASC is about education, so all our recommendations try to bring together the best ideas for the majority of members. It is always my goal to make this process a very instrumental educational tool to help grow and improve members' photography. Over the years, I have seen many member's photography grow in a positive direction from participation.

As we move toward our December meeting and Awards Dinner, I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a great New Year!

I hope to see everyone at the Awards Dinner- Saturday, December 7.

Brian Loflin

Caddo Lake Field Trip

November 3-6, 2019

photos by Beverly Lyle



photo by Beverly Lyle



Beverly Lyle



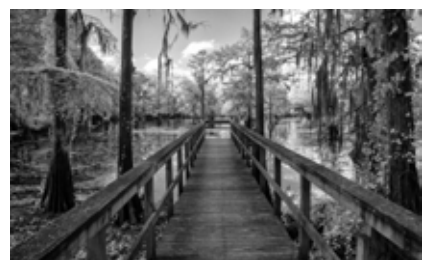
Pete Holland



photos by Kathy McCall



Lois Schubert



Stennis Shotts



Rose Epps



Kathy McCall

November Evaluation and Review

Judges: Brian Loflin, Phil Charlton

Assignment Top Scores - Travel Photography



A View Framed in Gold
Dave Maguire



Monument Valley Dawn
Dolph McCranie



St. Peter's Basilica
Joyce Bennett



Sugar Shack - Mendon, Vermont
Kathy McCall



Ben Franklin
Lois Schubert



Visitor From Outer Space?
Lois Schubert



Yosemite Reflections
Linda Youngblood



Louisiana Downs
Beverly Lyle



Alien Spacecraft Lands in DC
Mike Stys



Budapest Parliament Building
John Menefee



Black Hmong Tribal Woman,
SaPa Vietnam
Matti Jaffe



Emerald Lake
Dave Maguire



Tuscan Storm Clouds
Rose Epps



Mont St Michelle, Normandy
Steve Houston



Sunrise at Belvedere, Tuscany
Kathy McCall



Yosemite View
Linda Youngblood



Blue Hour, East Glacier NP, MT
Matti Jaffe

General Top Scores



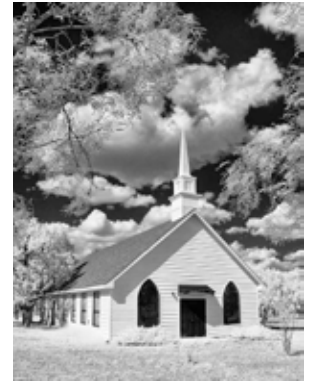
Common Buckeye
Dolph McCranie



It's in the Eye of the Beholder
George Krezinski



Stalking
Paul Munch



Old Country Church
Stennis Shotts



Looke!
Linda Avitt



Dia Museum
John Davis



Unexpected Tourists on the
Golden Gate - Mike Stys



Philadelphia Reflections
Rose Epps



Lincoln's Sparrow
Paul Munch



Possum for Lunch
Richard Bennett



Twelve Strings
Linda Avitt

ANNOUNCING...

New guidelines for submitting images
Images submitted for Evaluation
will now be: 1400 pixels on the
long side, 300 ppi, sRGB, JPEG.

2020 Assignments

January - Backyard Birds: You don't have to travel to capture birds. Your backyard or a neighborhood park provides plenty of opportunities to photograph birds. Check out Dolph McCranie's article in the February 2019 ASC newsletter on photographing backyard birds. Color or Black and white.

March - Bugs: Interesting insects. These can be taken anywhere, but must be taken after March 1, 2019. Color or B&W.

May - Black & White Landscape
Black & White Landscape - Any landscape, taken anywhere, but must be taken after May 1, 2019.

July - Leading Lines: Photograph anything you want, but the photograph must include lines that lead your eye to the subject. Color or B&W, but must be taken after July 1, 2019.

September - Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives: If you've seen the series on the Food Network, you know what we're looking for. Cafes, dance halls, beer joints, and the like are all eligible. Color or B&W. Must be taken after September 1, 2019.

November - Holiday Urban Landscape: An urban landscape that features a holiday theme. Color only. Must be taken after November 1, 2019.

2019 Calendar

December

12/7 Holiday Party and Awards

2020 Calendar

January

01/02 Evaluation and Reveiw

Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

"water"

In the Main Gallery

Juror | Doug Beasley

Entries Due | December 16, 2019

Exhibition dates | January 31 to March 15, 2020

Receptions | February 29, 2020

for more info:

<http://asmithgallery.com/calls-for-entry/>

FOR SALE

**Vortex Razor spotting scope with digiscoping
adaptors (except 50 mm)**

\$1100

Sigma 150-500 lens for Canon \$750

**I have used this a lot for birds but bought the
100-400 with a 1.4 converter which is about the
same magnification but sharper so I can let go
of this one.**

Cathey Roberts catheyr@mac.com

FOR SALE

Canon 5D iii.

Very clean and in great condition.

\$1000

Linda Avitt 512-468-1542.

Jeff Parker has several upcoming workshops
Visit <http://jeffparkerimages.com/joinme/>
for more information.

ASC members get a \$10.00 discount!

“Bosque Del Apache NM and White Sands Tour

Join us! for this incredible rare opportunity to visit one of the iconic winter wildlife photographic sites. 50,000 snow geese and 10,000 Sandhill Cranes visit this site each winter. Along with all the associated predators. Not to mention some of the grandest sunsets around. Shutterbugs get \$25 off of \$400 cost

- **Dec 1-5, 2019** - Only 10 photographers max
- **For Details email:** radykstra.photo@gmail.com or see <https://www.rdykstraphoto.com/bda>



Club Leadership for 2019

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
Vice President/Programs	Stennis Shotts	678-637-8367
Secretary	Nancy Naylor	512-345-3350
Treasurer	Lois Schubert	512-947-4864
Evaluation Chair	Fred Peebles	512-468-0928
Evaluation Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Evaluation Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
Evaluation Committee	Phil Charlton	512-918-8061
Hospitality Chair	Kim Shotts	678-637-8367
Newsletter Editor	Kathy McCall	512-264-9602
Refreshments	Richard and	512-301-2718
Refreshments	Joyce Bennett	512-301-2718
Refreshments	John Davis	512-327-5996
Refreshments	Beverly McCranie	512-394-9031
Exhibits	Steve Houston	512-418-8878
Exhibits	Hatham Samarchi	512-413-1073
Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Electronic Communication	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Roster and Name tags	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144

**Austin Shutterbug Club
Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was held on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Northwest Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Stennis Shotts. There were 44 attendees.

Photos from the recent field trip to Hill Country Water Gardens were shown on the screen.

Stennis introduced guest and former Shutterbug member Jane Kelly.

He thanked Kelly Ahr and Jill McLane for providing refreshments for the evening.

A form was passed around to sign up to bring refreshments for 2020.

Stennis made the following announcements:

- November 16, Saturday - Brian will present a workshop on time lapse photography. 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Southwest Austin Metro Library
- December 7, Saturday - Holiday Banquet with end-of-year awards. 6:00-9:00 p.m. at The County Line on Bee Caves Road

Stennis reviewed results of the recent survey regarding the club. The survey was emailed to 103 members and 58 responses were received. Education was very important to members throughout the responses. Preferences were:

- 79% Saturday workshops
- 78% Guest speakers who spoke on teaching techniques
- 77% Open discussion
- 66% Member Moments - "How to do it" was the theme throughout.
- 64% Trips - want trips closer to home, more weekend trips, Scavenger Hunt was a big hit
- 54% Critiques

The annual leadership meeting will be on November 19 and critiques will be discussed.

Images were presented for evaluation and review. The Assignment subject was "Travel."

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEW!

2020 Photography Workshops

with

Brian Loflin



"Thanks to Brian for the extensive preparation that he did for our workshop. He has expansive knowledge and photographic expertise. On top of that, he is a very capable communicator and teacher who shows much interest in his students. He goes above and beyond what you would expect in order to make the learning experience worthwhile and memorable. Our workshop was first rate!" —Nancy N, Austin, Texas



Landscapes, Light Painting and Starry Night Sky Workshop

February 28 - March 2, 2020

Join me for an unforgettable time in the very best photographic location in Texas- Big Bend National Park. The workshop will feature landscape photography by day and light painting and starry skies by night. Emphasis will be placed upon planning, locating destinations, and how to prepare for an intensive photography shoot. The group will set up for some of the very best landscapes in Texas for both daytime and nighttime photography. In addition, light painting techniques at the twilight hour in the Terlingua Ghost Town will be a featured highlight. Transportation, meals and lodging not included.

Hummingbird Photography in the Texas Hill Country

May 9 • June 13, 2020

Join me on a private ranch near Fredericksburg, TX for a day long hummer shoot on a facility abounding with hummingbirds. Learn multiple high speed flash set ups to achieve feather freezing detailed images of these flying jewels. Flash equipment provided all you need is your camera, lenses and a sturdy tripod. Lunch provided.

Bird Photography in the Texas Rio Grande Valley

May 21-24 • October 22-25, 2019

Come to the avian rich Rio Grande Valley for a hands-on bird photography workshop in the heart of South Texas. The workshop features instruction and intensive shooting in some of the best birding habitat available. Specifically timed for the best specialty birds and migrants, this workshop is held at one of the very best facilities for bird photography. Spring birds include Painted and Indigo Buntings, Grosbeaks and Summer Tanagers and several species of Orioles. A highlight of the workshop is the favorite raptor shoot, featuring Crested Caracara, Harris' Hawk, Black Vultures and more! Meals and lodging included.



Macro & Close-up Photography Intensive in the Texas Hill Country

August 15-16, 2020



Learn to photograph our small world around us in the heart of the magical Texas Hill Country for an intensive two-day photography workshop geared to shooting close focusing images. This highly-praised workshop will be packed with hands-on instruction to help you grow your close-up photographic abilities with newfound skills, tools, techniques and proficiency. Techniques will also include creating the perfect exposure and use of flash and lighting modifiers. This workshop will be held at Concan, TX, on the Frio River with aquatic, woodlands, and limestone hill habitats. Meals, transportation and lodging not included.

Flash Photography

September 19, 2020

This workshop will take the mystery and fear out of the use of electronic flash. It will detail the use of Speedlights, Studio Flash, Gels, Light modifiers and much more. Models provided. Indoors and outdoors on location.

Bosque del Apache NM Bird Photography

December 9-13, 2020

Tens of thousands of Snow Geese and Sand-hill Cranes make this a bird photographer's paradise. Combine that with Mule deer, Coyote, Eagles, and more for a rewarding outdoor photography experience. Lodging in nearby Socorro, NM. Lodging, meals and transportation not included.

For more information email: bkloflin@austin.rr.com or see: www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html



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