



Winners of the January Monthly Assignments



Icons - Larry Peruffo



People - Linda Avitt



Sunrise, Sunset Night Time - Michael Martin



Club Meeting is Thursday March 5, 2020

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors Always
Welcome!*

ASC Club Field Trip - South Padre Island

April 23-27, 2020

The South Padre Island trip (April 23-27) cutoff date for booking a room for the Shutterbug trip is approaching soon. Our block of rooms will be released March 15th so please make your reservations soon. We have 10 rooms booked and still have 10 remaining.

Below you will find the list of people that have signed up to go on the trip. If you are not on that list and want to go please email Stennis Shotts (stennisshotts@gmail.com) or Beverly Lyle (balyle50@gmail.com) and let them know that you will be attending. There are lots of things to see and photograph in the area so please come join us on this great trip.

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham

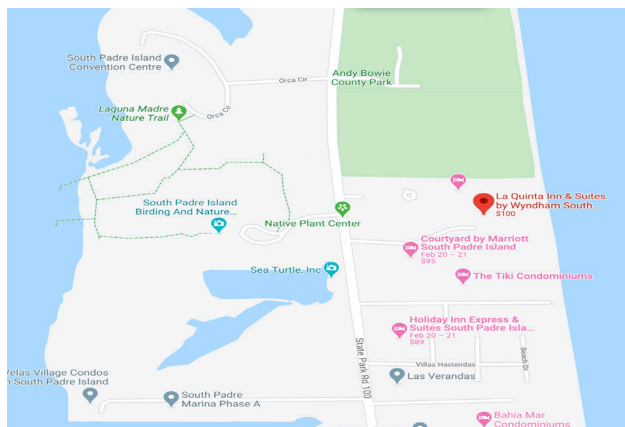
700 Padre Blvd
South Padre Island, TX 78597

Room rate for the club is \$125

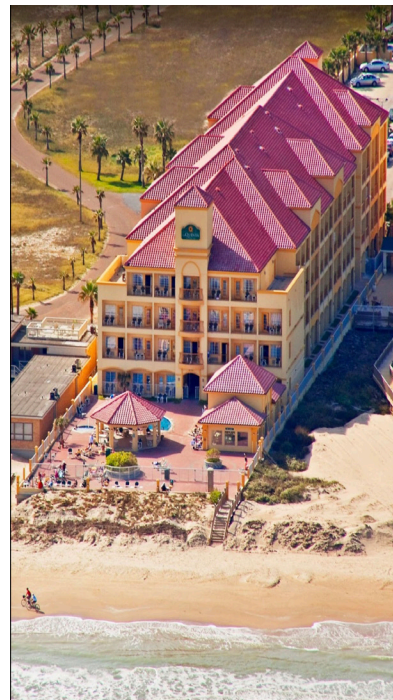
Call 956-772-7000 and ask for the Austin Shutterbug Club room block.

Room Rate includes the following:

- Free parking
- Free Wi-Fi
- Includes free breakfast
- Hot tub and swimming pool
- Can cancel up to 72 hours prior to arrival.
- Hotel has direct access to the beach
- Located across the street from the South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center.



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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 2020 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, 2020. Color or B&W.

May - Black & White Landscape

Any landscape, taken anywhere, but must be taken after May 1, 2020.

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, 2020..

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, 2020.

November - Holiday Urban Landscape

An urban landscape that features a holiday theme. Color only. Must be taken after November 1, 2020.

2021 Assignments

January - Abstract

Use Shape, Form, Color and Line to create a composition. Often a person would have to study your image to determine what the entire subject might be. Image is often a portion of a larger subject. Can be Black & White or Color. Must be taken after January 1, 2021.

2020 Calendar

January

Meeting: 1/2 Open Club Critique
30 day assignment

February

Meeting: 2/6 Review Monthly Assignment
Workshop: 2/8, Time: 10:30 to 12:45

March

Meeting: 3/5 Judged Club Critique
Field Trip: 3/7 Scavenger Hunt - Georgetown
Field Trip: (TBD) Wild Flowers in the Hill Country

April

Meeting: 4/2 Special Speaker
Field Trip: 4/5 Waco Airshow
Field Trip: 4/23-27 South Padre Island
• Estero Llano Grande State Park
• South Padre Island Birding /Nature Center

May

Meeting: 5/7 Open Club Critique
Workshop: 5/9 (TBD)

June 2 - 29

ANNUAL MEMBER PRINT COMPETITION & SHOW

June

Meeting: 6/4 Review Scavenger Hunt
Workshop: 6/13 (TBD)

July

Meeting: 7/2 Judged Club Critique
Workshop: 7/11 (TBD)

August

Meeting: 8/6 Member Moments
Field Trip: 8/29 Scavenger Hunt - Round Top

September

Meeting: 9/3 Open Club Critique
Field Trip: 9/12 (TBD)

October

Meeting: 10/1 Review Scavenger Hunt
Field Trip: 10/15-19 Galveston

November

Meeting: 11/5 Judged Club Critique
Field Trip: 11/12-16 Garner State Park

December

12/5 Holiday Party and Awards!

Club Leadership for 2020

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
Vice President/Programs	Stennis Shotts	678-637-8367
Secretary	Jill McLain	512-750-1997
Treasurer	Kathy Kraft &	512-443-3204
Treasurer	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Evaluation Chair	Fred Peebles	512-468-0928
Evaluation Co-Chair	Steve Houston	512-418-8878
Evaluation Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Evaluation Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
*Field Trips & Outings	Beverly Lyle &	512-797-5661
*Field Trips & Outings	Larry Peruffo	512-306-1095
Hospitality Chair	Kim Shotts	678-637-8367
Newsletter Editor	David Pettit	512-762-7848
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	Vacant	Vacant
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Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Electronic Communication	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Roster and Name tags	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144

* These two individuals will assist the with Outings & Club meetings.

Austin Shutterbug Club

Minutes of the February 6, 2020 Meeting

The Austin Shutterbug Club meeting was called to order by Vice President Stennis Shotts. Guests attending were Joe Canfield, Leslie and Jack Knopp

There was a discussion about dues and PayPal as an avenue of payment.

The Facebook page is now private and only members of the club can access it.

Feedback was requested about the 30-day assignment and whether it should continue. Participation is less than desired for this activity, but perhaps because it is new.

Scavenger hunt plans were discussed. There are currently 28 members signed up.

This Saturday, Feb 8, 2020 there will be a workshop led by Brian Loflin. Additional calendar items were discussed, and those are available on the web site.

There was a review of the January 30 Day Assignments, and the members voted on their top choice which will be submitted for end-of-year award voting. The winner in the Night Sky category was Michael Martin, in the Austin Icons category Larry Peruffo, and in the People category Linda Avitt.

There was a discussion regarding who members follow on Facebook, Instagram, and on photography web sites to provide learning opportunities. A number of names and sites were mentioned, and these will be posted on the Facebook page.

A request was again made for workshop topic preferences for 3 back-to-back workshops currently planned this year. Steve Huston presented a handout to each member on Photo Judging and Critique Guidelines to help members as they select and prepare photos for critique.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

You Can Contribute to the Newsletter

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Are you currently displaying your photography?

Send me the information and I'll publish it.

Have you recently traveled for photography and want to share your experience? Send a description and some photos.

Have you taken a workshop and want to share your experience?

Let us know.

Do you know of any photography related exhibits in Austin or the Hill Country that your fellow members might be interested in?

Have you gotten some new photography gear you'd like to review or acquired some new programs or apps.

Share your knowledge and experience with us.

**2020 DeWitt County Shutterbugs
Photography Contest and Exhibition
Cuero Municipal Library, Cuero Texas**

**All Photos are welcome including mobile images.
New Category for 2020: Action**



Entry Deadline:
February 26 - March 18
Judging: March 21
Display: March 23 - April 30

For a copy of the rules and information contact:
Michele dcshutterbugs@yahoo.com
or Dianna diannabartosh@icloud.com
dewittcshutterbugs.com

Click Image for more Information

Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

"portraits"

Juror | Elizabeth Avedon
Entries Due | March 23, 2020
Exhibition dates | May 8 to June 21, 2020
Receptions | May 30, 2020 from 4 to 8pm

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

Jeff Parker has several upcoming workshops
Visit <http://jeffparkerimages.com/joinme/>
for more information.
ASC members get a \$10.00 discount!

Kevin Gourley Photography Workshops
All levels of classes + Colorado Workshops
<http://www.kgphotoworkshops.com>
ASC members: \$20 Discount on all classes
(Inquire before registering)

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

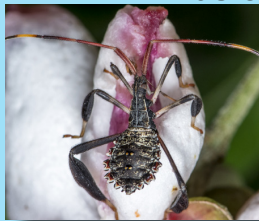
May 21-24 • October 22-25, 2019

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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