# **THE AUSTIN**



#### Austin Shutterbug Club Newsletter

#### Austin, Texas March 2015

# Saturday, March 7th - Bluebonnet Train Trip to Burnet (People and Street Photography)



Train Riders: Hill Country Flyer Departs depot in Cedar Park 10:00 AM, Returns 4:00 PM 6 hours round-trip, 2 hour layover

This 66 mile round trip excursion journeys through the Texas Hill Country, crossing the wooden trestle bridge over the South San Gabriel River and Short Creek Canyon. All cars are pulled by our 1960 Alco diesel locomotive. Parties of two may be seated at shared tables.

There is a two hour layover in Burnet.

#### We will all meet at noon for lunch at the: **Texas Tea-Licious Restaurant**

216 South Main St, on the square 512-756-7636 They will have a table reserved for us, so just tell them you are with the ASC.

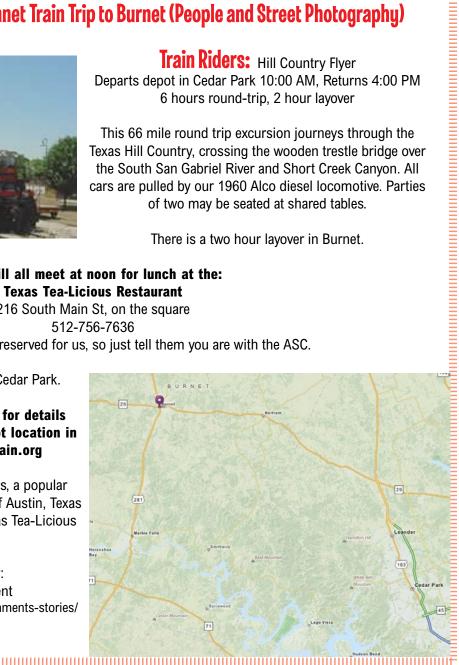
Train leaves at 4 pm for return trip to Cedar Park.

#### Visit the Hill Country Flyer web site for details regarding tickets, schedules and depot location in Cedar Park. www.austinsteamtrain.org

**Drivers:** Please proceed to Burnet, Texas, a popular tourist town located 60 miles northwest of Austin, Texas on Highways 29 and 281. Meet at the Texas Tea-Licious Restaurant at noon for lunch.

Here's an article about Street Photography: Click on the Street Photography Assignment http://yourshot.nationalgeographic.com/assignments-stories/

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# Thursday, March 5, 2015 6:30 pm

**Northwest Recreation Center** 2913 Northland Dr. Austin. TX 78757 Don't forget to pay your 2015 dues!

Visitors are always welcome!

# The Images from the Salado, Texas Scavenger Hunt held Saturday, May 3, 2014 were judged at the February 2015 ASC Meeting

Seven members submitted 117 images. The Five Judges: Linda Avitt, John Davis, Rose Epps, Pete Holland, and Beverly McCranie selected the winners in each category--there were a few ties. Here are the results:



1. Weathered wood Barbara Hunley



4. Repeating pattern Mary Paige Huey



6. Old building Mary Paige Huey



9. Rusty metal Fred Cerkan



2. Flower(s) Mary Paige Huey



5. Water Kushal Bose



3. A Reflection Kushal Bose



6. Old building Kushal Bose



- 7. Something colorful Kushal Bose
  - 10. An unusual use of a flag Fred Cerkan



8. A fence Beverly Lyle





11. A creative business sign Gregg Mack



12. Something the color blue Kushal Bose



13. Pointed Fred Cerkan



14. Rusted Fred Cerkan



14. Rusted Kushal Bose



15. Person/People in motion Mary Paige Huey



16. Old and new Fred Cerkan



18. What's that? Kushal Bose



17. Texture Fred Cerkan



19. Up close Beverly Lyle



18. What's that? Gregg Mack



20. Wow! Kathy McCall

# We are happy to announce ASC members will again have an opportunity to exhibit their work at the North Hills Gallery at the Northwest Hills Methodist Church at 7050 Village Center Drive in Austin.

#### Please mark these dates on your calendars:

Tuesday, June 2-installation of workSunday, June 7-ReceptionMonday, June 29-removal of work

It's time to begin thinking about the 5 images (taken within the last 5 years) you would like to enter. An independent juror will select approximately 80 images. A detailed Call for Entries will be emailed to all paid members in March.

Rose Epps & Linda Avitt, Exhibit Co-Chairs

### **Call for Entries**

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX Call for Entry: "water" Juried by: S. Gayle Stevens Entry deadline: March 30, 2015 For more information and entry forms: https://www.asmithgallery.com

For Sale: Teleplus PRO 300 DGX 1.4x AF Teleconverter for Nikon. This teleconverter is brand new, used once and is in excellent condition. I am selling in order to purchase the new Nikon version 1.4x teleconverter. New price for the Kenko is \$187.00. I will sell for \$90. Check with Kenko to verify compatibility with your lens. Excellent sharpness. Contact: Phil Charlton, pcharlton@austin.rr.com

For Sale: Kirk Enterprises L-Bracket BL-7D for Canon 7D Camera, \$70

This is a fantastic time-saver. Go from horizontal to vertical without changing your shooting position. Must be used with Arca quick-release platforms. Shows minor signs of wear, but is in excellent condition.

Linda Avitt biketrash@grandecom.net

**For Sale:** Sigma 120 -400mm F4.5-5.6 APO DG OS Nikon Mount FX and/or DX Filter size 77, Excellent condition Original box and padded carrying case included \$550.00

Price Drop!

Linda Sheppard Igsheppard@att.net 512-306-1516 (home) 512 750-2119 (cell)

# 2015 Assignments

**May** - Let's go shoot animals! Animal(s) Four legged, warm blooded animals. Not birds, reptiles or bugs! Your pet or a wild beast whatever suits your fancy. A portrait of a single animal or an animal family. Color, BW, or monochrome. Your choice.

**July - Trees**: Big trees, little trees, single tree, grove or row of trees. Just make the principle subject trees. They can be blooming, in fall color or have no leaves at all. Standing dead trees are acceptable. Color or monochrome.

**September - Highways and Byways:** A path, trail, sidewalk, road, street or highway serving as the leading lines into your image. Make it something that the viewer might want to travel on. Or it could be something daunting that might challenge them. The important thing is that draws them in to something beautiful, interesting or mystical. Color only

**November - Wheels:** A mode of transportation that is on wheels with the wheels being the main point of interest. Trains, bicycles, tricycles, motorbike/cycle, cars (old or new) trucks are all fair game as well as anything else you find that is on wheels and provides transportation. Color or Black & White

# **2016 Assignments**

**January - Street photography:** Photography that features the human condition within public places not necessarily on a "street". Assignment must include a person or persons. In color or black and white.

**March - Texas Landscape in B&W.** May be panorama, intimate or any scale in between. The location should be the title (but make it brief!)

#### AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB Minutes of the February 5, 2015, Meeting

The February meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was convened by President Brian Loflin at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Brian introduced visitors AI and Shari Favela, Nancy and Vaughn Hackett and Melody Lytle.

Refreshments were provided by Linda Avitt and Steve Houston.

Treasurer Lois Schubert reported that Dues are due. They are Family \$25, Single \$35 and Student under 21 years old \$18. Thus far, 22 members have paid (four family, 18 single). Dues are late after February 28 and the membership list will be revised beginning March 1. As of today there is \$2,256.10 in the bank.

#### Brian reviewed upcoming Field Trips:

March 7, Saturday Bluebonnet Train Trip to Burnet (People and Street Photography) - We will meet for lunch at 12:30 in Burnet. Those who wish may take the train; it leaves Austin at 10, arrives Burnet at Noon and Returns to Austin at 2:00. John Patterson will email information before the trip. April second week - Texas Wildflowers May - Scavenger Hunt - The date and site will be announced as we get closer. August - TBD September - Night Photography October - Extended Weekend Trip November - Wes Odell teaching December - TBD

Brian announced these Workshops: February 14, Saturday - "Demonstrating the Zone System" by Wes Odell.

June 13, Saturday - Wes Odell presents, "How do you do THAT?" July - Natural Light Portraits - with Wes Odell teaching

## **Internet Continuing Education and Information**

Do you have a favorite website or YouTube link for information relating to photography or post processing? Send it to kwmccall@gmail.com and I'll post it in the newsletter.

Martin Bailey Podcast http://www.martinbaileyphotography.com/blog/

Mike Browne - YouTube www.youtube.com/user/photoexposed

Tony Northrup - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBE338967F8DB7F2A

Anthony Morganti - YouTube www.youtube.com/user/AnthonyMorganti

http://digital-photography-school.com/tips

https://www.rmsp.com/blog

Brian was thanked by members for conducting the "Portrait Lighting and Posing" Workshop on January 24.

The Program tonight was Images from last May's Scavenger Hunt in Salado! Seven members submitted 117 images for competition tonight. Brian selected five Judges - Linda Avitt, John Davis, Rose Epps, Pete Holland, and Beverly McCranie - and distributed tally sheets to anyone who wanted to "play along" as a judge. There were 20 categories of images, including Flowers, Weathered wood, Patterns, Reflections, Water, Old building, Something colorful, a Fence, Rusty metal, Unusual use of a flag, Creative use of a sign, Something blue, Something pointed, Something rusted, Texture, Old & new, Motion, What's that, Up close, and Wow! After a break winner(s) of each category were announced.

Question arose as to whether there is interest in photographing the Milky Way. There was interest and Brian said we will do this when the weather is cold and crisp.

#### Announcements:

- ASC is invited to the monthly meeting of the Photography Club at Sun City for "Milky Way NightScapes Photography" presented by Royce Bair on Wednesday, March 4, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Cowan Creek Center, 1433 Cool Spring Way, Georgetown, TX 78633. - J. Griffis Smith is the featured Gallery Photography at Precision Camera. There is a closing reception Thursday, February 19, 5-7 p.m. and slideshow presentation of his work followed by a question and answer session.

- Lois Schubert will put on workshop (date TBA) to instruct us as to how to do her 2014 Best Picture of the Year image.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Nancy Naylor, Secretary

#### **Club Leadership for 2015**

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Lois Schubert	512-947-4864
Fred Peebles	512-441-7913
Linda Sheppard	512-306-1516
Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
John Patterson	512-507-7272
Gregg Mack	512-431-9573
Wes Odell	512-863-8283
Shirley Loflin	512-331-2820
Kathy McCall	512-264-9602
Beverly Lyle	512-336-5370
Bev McCranie	512-394-9031
Rose Epps	512-502-0608
Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Rose Epps	512-502-0608
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