



Best Wishes for 2014



Charlaine Matthews

We must pause to remember one of our first members, Charlaine Matthews. She was one of eight gathered around the Loflin dining room table those many years ago as we formed the Club. Our condolences go to her husband Hank and the rest of her family.

Charlaine was a true light of inspiration in our club. She was always a smiling face to everyone who entered our door and tirelessly managed our refreshments and banquet.

Charlaine always wanted to do more. She desperately wanted to improve her photography and go all-digital. She never quite got there but she was with us all the way.

She wanted to do more with people. She was an exemplary care giver; as a nurse, as a mother, as a volunteer in her church and with our club. She was always wanting and willing to help. Always.

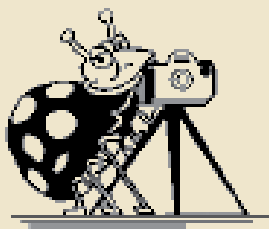
We lost Charlaine to an extended illness in December, but her memory will endure. She was our little cheer leader. We loved her. May God bless.

The January meeting is Evaluation and Critique - The assignment for January is

Food Photography: Something made at home or in a restaurant, a plate of food (and may include it's setting), a nice dessert, a favorite entree or something similar.

Not a fruit and or vegetable still life. The food and not the setting must be the primary subject.

Color or monochromatic is OK.



January Meeting
Thursday, January 2, 2014

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

Don't forget to pay your 2014 dues!

*Visitors are
always welcome!*

CONGRATULATIONS to All of Our ASC 2013 Winners!



Flaring - 27
Paul Munch



photo courtesy Kathy McCall

2013 Photographer of the Year

Paul Munch

Over the year, Paul achieved 8 perfect scores out of the 12 images allowed per member during the annual competition.



2013 Photograph of the Year

Barbara Hunley

"A Red Rose"

**2013 Evaluation and Review Winners
Judged by Jim Johnson**

In the **Assignment** category--the **Winners** are:



1st Place
Leslie Ege
"UT Tower with
Bluebonnets"



2nd Place
Kathy McCall
"Abbey"



3rd Place
Tom Barton
"The Pollenators"

In the **General** category--The **Winners** are:



1st Place
Pete Holland
"Texas State Cemetery"



2nd Place
Beverly Lyle
"Waiting for a Catch"



3rd Place
Linda Sheppard
"Lower Antelope"

A January 2014 Message from Brian

Previously, the leadership of our club recognized that we had some challenges in front of it. Our club is in a significant competition - for everyone's time from many directions, and - among other clubs, and meet-up groups. And we knew that we must assure the club served its purpose: to Encourage an interest in photography, to Provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas, to provide an enjoyable forum for development of artistic style and technique, and to promote a healthy spirit through educational programs, exhibition and competition. I believe that we meet these challenges monthly.

I want to thank everyone that helped make the 2013 club year an exciting one. Many thanks go to the Officers and Leadership Committee for a job well done.

Through the great planning efforts of Gregg Mack and John Patterson who planned and coordinated a lot of interesting field trips for the club.

Great programs were lined up by Pete Holland featuring nature photographer Jeff Parker, Mathew Sturtevant photographer of Austin Musicians, Statesman photographer Jan Janner, and photojournalist Dennis Darling who presented a most emotional portfolio of Holocaust survivors.

Club members again exhibited at the gallery of North West Hills Methodist Church with "Our Texas Nature, managed by Shirley Loflin and her exhibit committee

And again, Evaluation and Review was superbly managed by Fred Peebles. Assisting Fred this year are Linda Sheppard, Dolph and Beverly McCranie and newcomer, Linda Avitt who brings her courtroom reporting skills to the group. Judging this year was accomplished by Phil Charlton, Rose Epps, Dolph McCranie and Brian and Shirley Loflin.

We also appreciate those behind the scenes including Kathy McCall for publishing the newsletter, Barbara Hunley for getting it and all the competition scores online, Rose Epps for keeping our electronic addresses and membership data bug-free, Beverly Lyle and Bev McCranie for keeping us fed and refreshed and for coordinating our Christmas Awards Banquet, for Nancy Naylor who always is a helpful friend at the front door for visitors and new comers alike, and to Paul Munch for keeping our finances straight, paying

our bills, and assuring that we operated within budget again this year.

This is your club. It is a strong club. But, let's not rest on our laurels. Let's raise the bar once again for 2014. As you read this brief outline of our past year, you must have realized that the activities, camaraderie, and members make the Austin Shutterbug Club much more than a Meet-up Group. They say, "hey we're going to photograph, wanna come?" That's a passive, poorly coordinated approach. And that's what they get. Our club is ninety members strong and growing. Our talented and committed leadership makes that difference.

So it makes me happy to announce that your officers and leaders that made last year successful have agreed to work for the club again next year. And I thank them for again volunteering their time and service.

Austin Shutterbug Club 2014 Officers and Leaders:

President:	Brian Loflin
Vice President/Programs:	Pete Holland
Secretary:	Shirley Loflin
Treasurer:	Paul Munch
Competition:	Fred Peebles, Dolph McCranie, Linda Avitt and Linda Sheppard
Hospitality:	Nancy Naylor
Newsletter:	Kathy McCall
Events Coordinators:	Gregg Mack and John Patterson
Refreshments:	Bev McCranie and Beverly Lyle
Exhibits:	Shirley Loflin
Webmaster:	Barbara Hunley
Communications,	
Roster & Name Tags:	Rose Epps
Advisory Members of the Executive Committee:	
Past President:	Vacant
At Large:	Phil Charlton

Remember, to be a thriving, viable club our number one task must be: To attract and retain enthusiastic members.

As part of that process I will continue to seek out many of you for your insights and wisdom. When I call upon you, please take it not as a job, but as a positive opportunity. Please accept my challenge, let's go to work, but let's not forget to have fun.

2014 Assignments

March - Bridges: can be singular or plural, local or not, pedestrian or vehicle, modern, ancient or anywhere in between, color or monochrome.

May - Tiny Creatures: Close up views of insects, bugs, butterflies, spiders or even a small lizard. Nothing larger than an Anole lizard. Color or monochrome images are OK. Get out your macro lens, extension tubes or close up accessory lens and look for tiny creatures. Make it fun! You don't have to use any of the previously mentioned equipment; for butterflies etc. a standard lens may be fine.

July - A Texas Wild Flower: Just a single bloom, not a field of flowers. Single flower stalks such as bluebonnets that actually have multiple blossoms are fine. Images can be in color or monochromatic.

September 2014 - In Flight: An action shot demonstrating motion of anything in flight. Capture a bug, bird, person on a skate board, snow board, bike, an airplane or a skydiver, whatever you can find IN FLIGHT. Color or monochrome.

November - Wet Reflections: Capture reflections and anything wet. Could be as small as a drop of water or as large as the ocean. Wet streets, wet sidewalks or puddles are fair game. (Pray for rain!)

Assignment for January 2015:

Weather: An images that depicts weather but NOT a beautiful sunny day. Storm clouds, rain, sleet, snow, ice, wind, fog, rainbows are all acceptable.

Classes and Workshops

* **South Texas Birding Photography Workshops:**
February 6 - 9, 2014
See our website: www.thenatureconnection.com/SoTxBirdPhotoWS.html
or contact Brian Loflin: bkloflin@austin.rr.com

* **Precision Camera University**
<http://precisioncamerauniversity.com/classes/>

Club Leadership for 2014

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
Vice President/Programs	Pete Holland	512-689-5939
Secretary	Shirley Loflin	512-331-2820
Treasurer	Paul Munch	512-836-6379
Competition Chairman	Fred Peebles	512-441-7913
Competition Committee	Linda Sheppard	512-306-1516
Competition Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Competition Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
Events Coordinator	John Patterson	512-507-7272
Events Coordinator	Gregg Mack	512-431-9573
Hospitality Chairman	Nancy Naylor	512-345-3350
Newsletter Editor	Kathy McCall	512-264-9602
Refreshments Chairman	Beverly Lyle	512-336-5370
Refreshments Chairman	Bev McCranie	512-394-9031
Exhibits	Shirley Loflin	512-331-2820
Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Electronic Communication	Rose Epps	512-502-0608
Roster and Name tags	Rose Epps	512-502-0608

Austin Shutterbug Minutes December 5, 2013

Members of the Austin Shutterbug Club began gathering for social time at 6:00 p.m. at Tres Amigos Mexican Restaurant for the annual Christmas party and end-of-year awards celebration. A buffet dinner was served at 7:00 pm.

President Brian Loflin welcomed attendees at 7:05 pm, and asked everyone to have their dessert choices made. Members and guests moved to the buffet line one table at a time.

At 8:03 p.m. Brian reminded all attendees to be sure they had a ticket for the drawing. He then began drawing a few of the tickets and handing out some really nice prizes.

Brian then thanked everyone for their commitment to the club through the years--Gregg Mack and John Patterson for great field trips and workshops--Pete Holland for lining up some great programs including nature photographer Jeff Parker, Mathew Sturtevant (photographer of Austin musicians), Statesman photographer Jan Janner, and photojournalist Dennis Darling.

The club exhibited Texas Nature at the Northwest Hills Presbyterian Church, thanks to Exhibit Chair Shirley Loflin and her committee.

Evaluation and Review was superbly managed by Fred Peebles, assisted by Linda Sheppard, Dolph and Beverly McCranie and newcomer Linda Avitt. Judging was accomplished by Phil Charlton, Rose Epps, Dolph McCranie, and Brian and Shirley Loflin.

Behind the scenes workers were recognized: Kathy McCall, newsletter; Barbara Hunley, website; Rose Epps, membership roster and e-communication; Beverly Lyle and Bev McCranie, refreshments; Nancy Naylor, visitor welcoming; Paul Munch, Treasurer; and Jane Kelley (later in the year, Rose Epps), Secretary.

Brian encouraged the club to again "raise the bar" in 2014. The club has ninety members and continues to grow. He introduced and installed the leadership for next

year:

OFFICERS

President: Brian Loflin
Vice President/Programs: Pete Holland
Secretary: Shirley Loflin
Treasurer: Paul Munch

COMMITTEES

Competition: Fred Peebles, Chair, with Dolph McCranie, Linda Avitt and Linda Sheppard
Hospitality: Nancy Naylor
Newsletter: Kathy McCall
Events Coordinators: Gregg Mack and John Patterson
Refreshments: Bev McCranie and Beverly Lyle
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Communications, roster and name tags: Rose Epps

Advisory Members of the Executive Committee:

Past President Vacant
At Large Phil Charlton

Next Fred Peebles stated our judge this year for end-of-year awards was Jim Johnson (a non-participating member of ASC--website <http://www.jamesharveyjohnsonphotography.com/>). Awards were as follows:

Assignment Category 3rd Place - Tom Barton
2nd Place - Kathy McCall
1st Place - Leslie Ege
General Category 3rd Place - Linda Sheppard
2nd Place - Beverly Lyle
1st Place - Pete Holland

Image of the Year Barbara Hunley
Photographer of the Year: Paul Munch (this award is based on a point system).

At this time, the remaining tickets were drawn for prizes.

Brian added that ASC members get \$10 off Jeff Parker's Red Belly Ranch workshops. Check his website <http://jeffparkerimages.com/>.

The festivities adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Buying and Selling

For Sale: Nikon D90 body only in excellent condition. Three batteries, battery charger, Hoodman eye piece, ViewNX2, USB cable, new Nikon strap, Nikon D90 Digital Field Guide by J. Dennis Thomas Price \$475
Contact: Linda Sheppard
wsheppard@austin.rr.com
512-306-1516

Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX
Call for Entry: Hipstamatic
Juried by: Mario Estrada, VP Special Projects, Hipstamatic
Entry deadline: January 4, 2014
Exhibition dates: Feb. 14 to March 30, 2014
Reception: Feb. 22 and March 29, 2014
For more information and entry forms:
<https://www.asmithgallery.com>