



Evolution and Inspiration of a Fine Art Nature Photographer

In February 2025 David Cook will present to the Club his journey from taking pretty landscape snapshots to compelling fine art nature



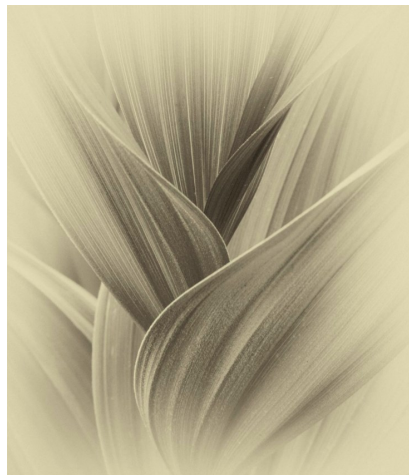
photographs. He will describe how he advanced from simple Facebook postings to selection in over 30 international juried exhibitions within the past three years.

David always had a passion for the outdoors and after a 30-year career as an educator and IT Professional, he began pursuing his love of nature

and photography. David is a Texas Master Naturalist and Travis Audubon Master Birder as well as a member of the North American Nature Photography Association where he serves as Chair of the Conservation Committee.



During COVID, David completed my first book called *Picturing The Lost Words*, a photographic and poetic exploration of words from nature that were removed from the *Oxford Junior Dictionary* in recent years. His photographs have been included in over 30 juried shows including the Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Midwest Center for Photography, Glasgow Gallery of Photography and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute's inaugural *Art That Matters to the Planet* exhibit.



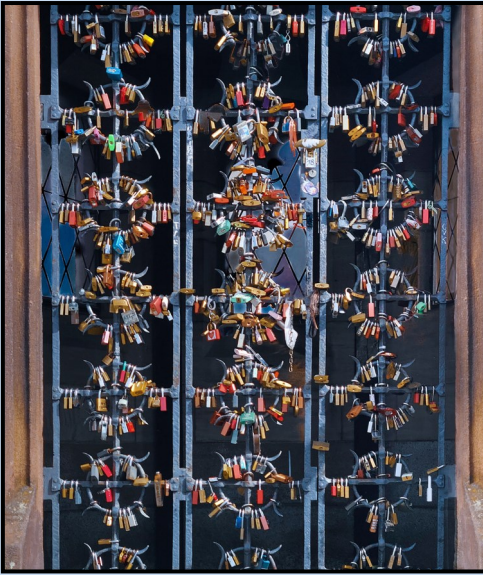
In addition to his photography, David helps kids of all ages connect to nature by volunteering and leading tours at the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center and

Westcave Preserve. He also serves on the Board of the Bull Creek Foundation and is actively involved in conservation projects including bird surveys, digital camera trapping efforts and invasive species management.

David's photographic work may be found on his website, davidjcookphotography.com and on Instagram @davidjcook10.



January Assignment – *Doors and Windows*



Mike Stys



David Leonard



Barbara Hunley



Pete Holland



Brian Loflin



Therese Beck



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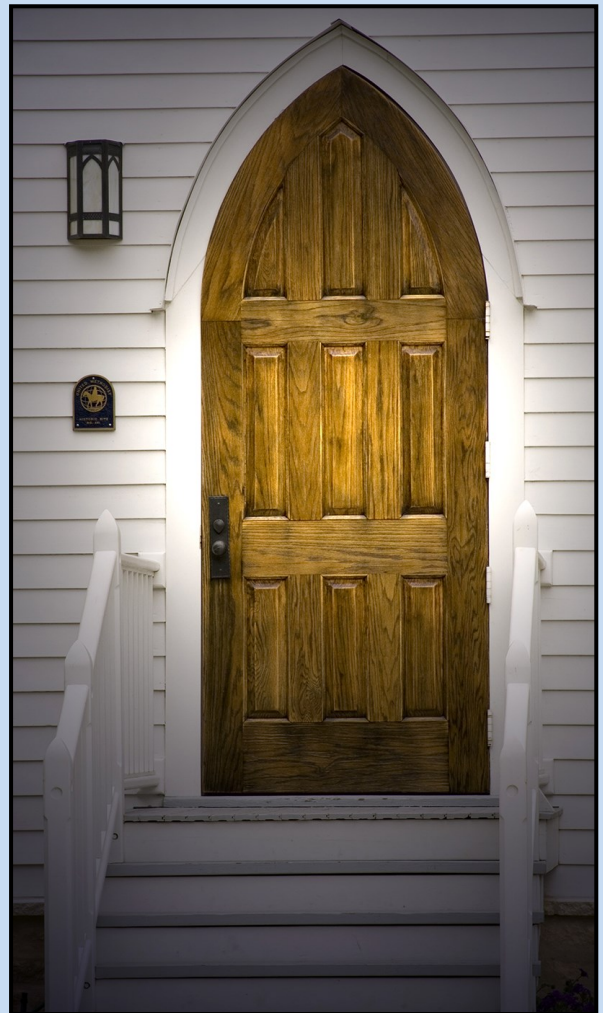
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Cindy Freeman



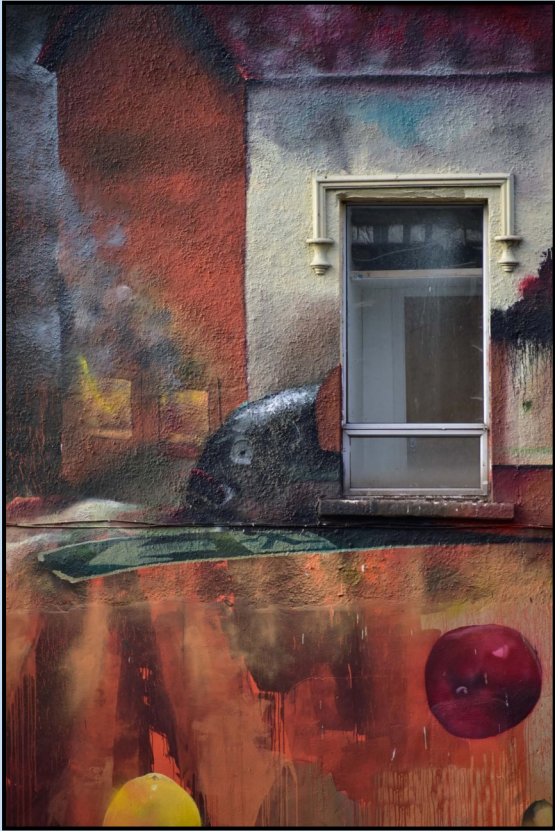
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Clarence Ranzau



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John Davis



General for January



Jill McLain



Brian Loflin



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Remembrance – Bassett Maguire and Dave Maguire

Eugene - Bassett Maguire Jr., a distinguished Professor Emeritus of Integrative Biology and Marine Science at the University of Texas, passed away on January 15, 2025. He lived a life marked by fierce curiosity, artistic expression, and a deep and abiding appreciation for all branches of science and the natural world.

Bassett shared his life with his beloved wife, Marjorie, who preceded him in death, as did his best friend and son David. He is survived by daughter-in-law Katherine, as well as his grandchildren Rachel and Daniel. In later years, he found companionship and joy with Lois Schubert.

Beyond his academic contributions, Bassett was a man of many passions. He was an accomplished photographer and poet whose creative works reflected his love for exploration and beauty. An avid traveler, he sought inspiration from the far corners of the globe, enriching both his personal life and professional endeavors.

Information taken from [legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com)

Bassett and his son Dave were both longstanding members of the Austin Shutterbug Club and we want to extend our condolences to the Maguire family.



Assignment Topics for 2025 - 2026

January 2025

Evaluation and review

Doors and Windows - An image where the primary subject is a door(s) and/or window(s) of a building or structure. Composition is the key. Any process. Color or monochrome.

March 2025

Tryptic - **Tryptic**. A group of three images side by side in one frame that tells a story or sequence. Color.

May 2025

Motion - the passage of time. Long or short. Color or monochrome.

July 2025

Unusual Vantage Point - An unusual perspective of your subject. Monochrome.

September 2025

Significant Detail - An in-focus image that reveals not just detail, but significant detail within the whole. Color.

November 2025

Insect in Flight - Simply that. Color.

January 2026

An Iconic Austin Mural - Must include the architecture that supports the painting. Color.



The best images are the ones that retain their strength and impact over the years
regardless of the number of times they are viewed.

- Anne Geddes -

Austin Shutterbug Club

Northwest Recreation Center

Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Brian Loflin at 7:00 pm.

Three guests were introduced. Brian described the meeting formats and club activities for the guests.

20 Photos were shown and critiqued on the Assignment category – Doors and Windows - and the General category.

John Davis announced that he writes novels and showed the books he has written that are available on Amazon under his full name – John Marvin Davis. Clarence Ranzau announced that next meeting he is bringing a lot of filters that he is giving away to interested members. Brian announced that dues for the new year are payable to Barbara Hunley tonight or by mailing her a check. He also advised us to watch the February newsletter for speakers being lined up for upcoming meetings.

The meeting was concluded at 8:00 pm.



Visitors welcome!



NEXT MEETING DATE!

Thursday, February 6, 2025

7:00pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr, Austin, TX 78757

We are on Facebook!

