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Austin Shutterbug Club Newsletter

Austin, Texas October 2014

October's Guest Speaker will be Austin photographer Alex Labry

Alex will talk to us about his life, his photography and his art philosophy.

He was born and raised in New Orleans, LA. but has lived in Austin for over thirty years and still hasn't lost his "Noo Awlins" accent!

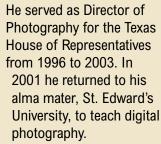


He graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Edward's University with a Bachelor of Arts in Photo-Journalism in 1984. He received a number of honors, including being recognized in Who's Who in American Universities and being named Outstanding Photography Student for 1984. During his undergraduate years, he was also editor of the yearbook. He went to graduate school at The University of Texas where in 1991 he obtained a Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography.



He is a past president of Texas Photographic Society, a past vice-president

of Lone Star Photographic Workshops and a past director of PhotoWork Gallery in Austin.







Over the past twenty years, his photographs have received many awards and honors. His artwork is owned by permanent museum collections in France, Mexico, Colorado, Louisiana, California, Maryland and Texas. His photographs have been published in Third Coast, Landscapes, Texas Hill Country Magazine, Nursing Today, Texas Monthly and Texas Gardener.



October Meeting
Thursday, October 2, 2014

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

Visitors are always welcome!

September's Assignment--In Flight 8 out of 21 images received a high score



Male Frigate Bird - 27 Dolph McCranie



It's Just A Kite - 27 Kushal Bose



Approach - 27 Linda Sheppard



Sandhill Cranes - 27 Phil Charlton



Chips Ahoy - 27 Beverly Lyle



Thayers Gulls - 27 Phil Charlton



Black Vulture - 26 Kathy McCall



Pogo Mania - 27 Wes Odell

General Category--out of 30 images 14 received top scores



Looking for Dinner - 27 Barbara Hunley



Fairy Lake - 27 Cheryl Callen



Queen Butterfly - 27 Linda Avitt

General Category continued



Grand Canyon Waterfall - 27 Lois Schubert



Blue Grosbeak - 26 Nancy Naylor



Early Morning Sun on Adriatic Sea - 27 Richard Bennett



The Runner!!--Beep...Beep - 27 Paul Munch



Ocean View in New Zealand - 27 Richard Bennett



Forgotten - 27 Cheryl Callen



Quartzsite Arizona - 27 Pete Holland



Skyline Arch - 26 Nancy Naylor



Atrium - Bob Bullock Museum - 27 Pete Holland



Practice after Lighting Class - 27 Lois Schubert



Feed the Baby - 27 Paul Munch

Saturday, October 4

A new teaching series will begin led by photography instructor Wes Odell.

The first in the series will be Tack Sharp Photography.

Wes will teach members how to assure their photos are always in focus and techniques to keep them really, really sharp.

The session will be at NWRC from 9:00 AM till Noon.

Leadership Meeting

A meeting of all club officers and committee persons will be called in October.

President Brian Loflin will arrange for the venue. Items on the agenda will include budget and officer slate for 2015.

Club Leaders Wanted

Nominations for leaders for the 2015 year will be finalized in October and November, prior to election and installation in December.

There are several members out there who have a lot of positive energy and acumen to contribute in helping lead our club.

We are asking for volunteers and suggestions of people who could help in one of the roles for the new year.

If you can, or know of someone who should fit in a key leader slot, please contact Brian Loflin.

The pay is pitiful but the rewards are great!

Mark your Calendars:

Christmas Lights on the colorful Paseo del Rio in San Antonio

Field trip led by Brian and Shirley Loflin
Saturday afternoon and late evening December 6.
This will be an exciting day and night shoot to
capture the colors of the season.
If you want to produce dramatic images and learn
new techniques, don't miss this one.

2014 Assignments

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!)

2015 Assignments

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

March - Still Life: Make an artful arrangement of articles of your choosing, provide just the right light and photograph it. Last years "image of the year" by Barbara Hunley is an excellent example as are beautiful paintings of the old masters. Let your creative juices flow and create a "master piece".

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

Save the Date!

Dec. 6- Christmas Lights: Paseo del Rio, San Antonio, Texas.

Brian and Shirley will lead a field trip to the colorful San Antonio River Walk to Photograph Christmas lights. This trip will be a late afternoon / evening field trip.

From our meeting place in San Antonio we will venture out to the river walk to shoot colorful decorations and holiday attractions. Along our way we will get snacks and refreshments from the many vendors along the river walk. No group meal is planned otherwise. As twilight falls, we will position ourselves to make images of the colorful lights and riverside luminarias. We will continue as we make our way toward the Alamo and complete our photos with a night view of the Alamo and the traditional Christmas tree. Cameras, zoom lenses and tripods will be required for long exposures. Meeting and travel details will follow at a later date.



6th Annual TEXAS PHOTO FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 12 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Downtown Smithville, Texas www.texasphotofestival.org 512-237-2313

"Let your inner photographer snap!"

Smithville Texas will host the 6th annual Texas Photo Festival on Oct. 11th and 12th. The Texas Photo Festival is a unique event for photographers of all kinds. Whether you're a professional photographer looking to add to your portfolio or an amateur enthusiast the Texas Photofest is sure to have something for you. The event includes classes, photo critiques, on-set instructors, contest, Photography showings, gallery openings and a Photographer Mixer. But that's not all! During the festival downtown Smithville is transformed into the "photo zone" with an eclectic mix of still and action sets.

A full day of photo opportunities and classes starting at 10 am. At noon, Mathew Sturtevant will hold a Proto Critique for a limited number of people. Bring up to 5 printed 5"x7" (minimum size) photos for review Email texasphotofestival@smithvilletx.org to reserve your spot. The day will wrap up with a Photographer Mixer hosted by the Lost Pines Artisan Alliance from 5-7 pm downtown. Follow us on Facebook at Texas Photo Festival.

INSTRUCTORS:

Lori Gola - Portrait Photographer, Lori Gola Photography 10 AM - "Instagram for Newbies & Smart Phone Photo Walk"

Greg Davis - National Geographic Creative Photographer & founding member of Austin Center for Photography 11 AM - "Cloth Paper Dreams"

Mathew Sturtevant - Photographer & Author, The Sound of Austin 1 PM - "Rock 'n Roll Picture Show"

Arthur Meyerson - Award Winning Photographer & Author 2 PM - "The Color of Light"

J. Griffis "Griff" Smith - Retired Photo Editor at Texas Highways Magazine

3 PM - "Everything You Want to Know about Editorial Photography"

Kevin Hutchison - Photographer 4 PM - "Light Ways"

Field Macro Workshop

Field Macro Photography Workshop With Brian Loflin Mo Ranch • Hunt, Texas



Photo courtesy Brian Loflin

The wonderful facilities at

Mo Ranch in the heart of the Texas Hill Country will again be the home of an intensive macro photography workshop.

Join award-winning naturalist and photographer Brian
Loflin for a three-day macro photography workshop geared
to shooting in a field setting.

This workshop will be packed with hands-on instruction to help you grow your photographic abilities with newfound skills, techniques and proficiency.

As the June venue was sold out in one week, Brian will host a second workshop in the Fall.

- Dates: October 10-12, 2014.
- Cost \$495.00 per person.
- · Two nights lodging and six meals are provided.
- Limited to ten participants.

For more on this and other workshops, visit http://www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html

To express your interest, please e-mail Brian at bkloflin@austin.rr.com

Only 3 Spaces Remain!

Don't be caught without a space.

Register NOW!

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

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: 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
\$680.00

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Painted Churches Field Trip

On the morning of Sept. 20th, we had a great attendance of 18 ASC members participate in the tour of four Painted Churches near Schulenburg, TX.



Despite the ever-changing weather, we all had excellent photo opportunities both inside and outside the churches in the communities of Dubina, Ammansville, High Hill, and Praha.



We had our own dedicated room for the nice buffet lunch at The Oakridge Smokehouse. Some of us were stranded there for 15 minutes after lunch, until the torrential downpour subsided just enough to risk the run to our vehicles.

All 18 members paid \$10 each for the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce guided tour of these 4 churches, and it seemed to be well worth that minor expense. (Half of that money went directly to the churches themselves.) They made



Photo by Kushal Bose

sure that we had uninhibited access inside of all of the churches, including a couple of balconies, and they also

turned on all of the lights turned



Photo by Kushal Bose



Photo by Kathy McCall



Photo by Dolph McCranie



Photo by Steven Houston



Photo by Dolph McCranic





Minutes of the Austin Shutterbug Club September 4, 2014

The meeting of ARC was brought to order by President Brian Loflin at 7:00 pm. He welcomed everyone and new visitors were introduced. They were: Bill Sofer, Pam Walker, Pat St. Cin, Jim Newkirk, Wes Odell, Brandon Jones, Wendy and Doug Sontag, Cheryl Cook, Doug Farrell, Kimberly Robeas, Jo Zamudio, Doris Manning.

Refreshments were provided by Joyce and Richard Bennett and Bob Nix.

Several dates of note were announced by Brian Loflin:

- · Sept. 20- Painted Churches field trip to Schulenburg; leaves Austin at 7 am
- · Oct. 4 Saturday 9:00 to Noon at NWRC -Wes Odell will be presenting a program on Tack Sharp photography.
- Oct/ Nov Meetings. Nominations of officers for 2015

Pete Holland asked for ideas for program and/or speaker ideas. Please submit by E-mail.

Wayne Hillman suggested that ASC invest in several photography videos for our members use and start a video library. It will be discussed at a later date.

The images and evaluations for September were presented. The evening's program that followed was a panel discussion by Phil Charlton, Pete Holland and Brian Loflin. "Before and after" images were shown. The maker then discussed the steps they took in processing to turn it into a winning image. A discussion followed. Time limits prevented a discussion of images from other members as was planned. These were postponed until October.

Brian announced that our next meeting will be October 2, 2014

The meeting came to a close at 9 pm.

Club Leadership for 2014

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
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