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Austin Shutterbug Club Newsletter

Austin, Texas December 2013

Annual Shutterbug Club Holiday and Awards Banquet Thursday, December 5th Tres Amigos

Capital of Texas Highway location 1801 South Hwy 360. Just North of Barton Creek Mall

6:00 PM Happy Hour (Cash Bar) 7:00 PM Dinner includes: Beef or Chicken Fajitas, plus all the trimmings NEW... Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas Chips and Salsa Dessert (Provided by the Club) Cola, Tea or Coffee (Bar charges are NOT included) Annual Club Awards for End of Year Competition Winners to follow and Club leadership for 2014 will be introduced

Cost of the Banquet is \$20 per person. Mail your check NOW to: Paul Munch, 10704 Cooper Hill, Austin, TX 78758 Make check payable to Austin Shutterbug Club.

November 2013 Evaluation and Review Judging was by Brian Loflin

November's Assignment--Fall color in the Landscape 5 out of 11 images received high scores



Fall Splendor - 27 Linda Sheppard



Gaillardia - 27 Laura Singleton



Maple Leaves - 26

Jeff Singleton

Falling Leaves - 27 Tom Delaney



River in the Rain - 27 Linda Sheppard

General Category--out of 31 images 16 received top scores



Morning Light - 27 Bill Buros



Eastern Phoebe - 27 Kathy McCall



Red Alert - 27 Nancy Naylor

Breakfast - 26

Cheryl Callen



Monarch Hindwing - 27 Linda Avitt



Yum, Yum Worms! - 27 Cheryl Callen



Flaring - 27 Paul Munch



Autumn Storm - 27 Pete Holland



Golden-Fronted Woodpecker - 27 Rose Epps



Animus River, Silverton - 26 Beverly McCranie



Roller Girl Photographer - 26 Lois Schubert



White-Lined Sphinx Moth - 27 Dolph McCranie



Old Cape Cod - 26 John Davis



No Swimming Allowed - 27 Lois Schubert



Fine Dining - 27 Nancy Naylor



Texas State Cemetery - 27 Pete Holland

Austin Shutterbug Club December Field Trip

Saturday, December 7 Brian and Shirley will lead a field trip to the

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.

The field trip will begin with a 3:00 PM meeting in the lobby of the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel 200 South Alamo Street, (Corner of Alamo and Market Streets) San Antonio, Texas, 78205

From there 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.

Participants should plan for the weather and dress comfortably for being outside for the evening.

Tripods will be required for long exposures.

This will be a late field trip. You may plan for a return drive to Austin about 10:00 PM.

2014 Assignments

January - 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.

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!)

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/



I highly recommend Brian's South Texas Birding Photography Workshop.

Myself and five other ASC members took the October Workshop and had a great learning experience!

Kathy McCall

Austin Shutterbug Minutes November 7, 2013

President Brian Loflin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, and welcomed attendees. He introduced the visitors, both of which stated they were joining the club.

Dan Slutsky and Beverly McCranie provided refreshments for the meeting.

Brian stated he was the only judge to show up for judging of the November images. He thanked member Linda Avitt for joining the Competition Committee; she transcribed the judging notes.

Treasurer Paul Munch gave his report. The club has \$2,320.18 in its account. He passed the membersip envelope for new members and changes for current members.

The annual Awards Banquet will be held the first Thursday of December and is \$20/person. It will be held at Tres Amigos Restaurent, with happy hour at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Dessert is provided by the club. The dinner will be followed by the awards ceremony.

The December field trip will be Saturday December 7--holiday lights on San Antonio's River Walk. It is an evening photo shoot starting at 3 pm. Members will meet in the lobby at the Hilton Palacio del Rio which is on the River Walk. At this time, there is not an organized group dinner.

Member Bassett Maguire stated that Lois Schubert had won the Zeiss 12 mm 2.8 lens at Precision Camera. Congratulations to her! Shirley Loflin stated the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has asked Brian to teach their photo classes in 2014. Congrats to Brian!

Showing of the images entered for Evaluation and Critique began with Assignment images, followed by the General category.

Brian discussed photo competition. Some had not been sized correctly; he requested that entrants pay more attention to that detail. The assignment for January 2014 is food--members are encouraged to read the description on the club website.

Regarding officers and committee chairs for next year, Brian asked everyone to continue in their current job, if possible. Rose had taken over as Secretary when Jane Kelley moved out of state, and she asked if there was a volunteer for that job. Shirley Loflin volunteered. Many thanks to Shirley; Rose will continue her previous duties in 2014.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 7:55 pm. At that time member Phil Charlton told members about DXO Viewpoint software. It corrects distortion problems caused by wide angle lenses. The company has now upgraded it to recognize individual lenses. It is highly recommended by Phil.

Brian commented on an article in the 2014 Rocky Mountain School of Photography magazine featuring member Rose Epps in a Student Focus.

Call for Entries

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A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX Call for Entry: Hipstamatic Juried by: Mario Estrada, VP Special Projects, Hipstamatic Entry deadline: December 30, 2013 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

For more Call for Entries see: www.texasphoto.org/NatNewsCompetitions.html, The website of the Texas Photographic Society

Club Leadership for 2014

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