



2019 Award Winners



Photographer of the Year
Dave Maguire



Photograph of the Year
Veiled Peak by Dan Tonissen

Assignment Awards



1st Place
Sunrise at Belvedere, Tuscany
Kathy McCall

2nd Place
Monument Valley Dawn
Dolph McCranie



3rd Place
Louisiana Downs
Beverly Lyle

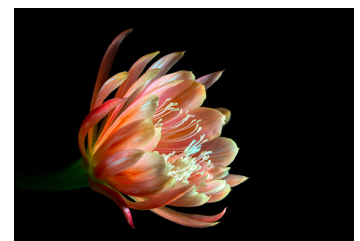
General Awards

1st Place
Lilac-Breasted Roller
Joyce Bennett



2nd Place
Italian Cypress in Infrared
Kathy McCall

3rd Place
Night Blooming, Cereusly
Dave Maguire



January is Evaluation and Review - Assignment: The Color White



Club Meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2020
6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors Always
Welcome!*



Welcome to the New Year!

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and Holiday season. I also wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year; Prosperous in Love, Health and Financial Well-being.

I introduced the new slate of officers and volunteer leaders for 2020. These individuals have volunteered for 2020 and were voted by unanimous count by the club at the December Meeting/Dinner. I welcome them to our Leadership Team. It does take a small village to keep our club running smoothly. Members will see a lot of new programs and activities starting this month.

Our club has grown substantially over the recent past. The December roster has 120 members. Our wish is that our club has something for every member, regardless of their photographic skill level. We are blessed to have some amazing photographer members. We are counting on the more experienced members to share in their expertise so that new members can learn and grow their photographic skills. This club is about growth, so we do want to provide educational programs for all as well as challenges for our experienced photographers.

The Leadership has created opportunities to improve some activities. The first change will come this month with a new method of Evaluation and Review. Fred Peebles and Steve Houston will introduce a new format into the E&R that should enhance education, reduce the idea of competitiveness, and encourage more participation without pressure.

In January we will have a live critique within the meeting. In this new process the photo maker of the will a short overview including the location of the photo, the story or emotion of the photo and the camera, settings, etc. Then have everyone may provide feedback on what they like about the photo. We will then provide feedback on what could improve the photo. If we have time, we will take some images into Photoshop and make some live edits. This will allow us to focus upon education regardless of the member is an advanced photographer or just beginning and leverage the vast and diverse knowledge of our club members.

In March we will have a critique by three qualified club member judges. Each time we have a judged event, the judges will rotate.

The Evaluation Committee welcomes feedback from the club on each critique methodology and make any improvements through the year. Let's keep an open mind to the effectiveness of the process. In addition, you will see a new agenda for speakers, weekend workshops, field trips and scavenger hunts. We are doing diligence to fulfil the needs for every member.

As January kicks off a New Year for us, I wish every member an enjoyable club year.

**Brian Loflin
President.**

2020 Calendar

February

Meeting: 2/6 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

March

Meeting: 3/5 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

April

Meeting: 4/2 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

May

Meeting: 5/7 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

June

Meeting: 6/4 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

July

Meeting: 7/2 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

August

Meeting: 8/6 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

September

Meeting: 9/3 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

October

Meeting: 10/1 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

November

Meeting: 11/3 TBA
Field Trip: (TBD)

December

TBA Holiday Party and Awards

January

Meeting: 1/2 Backyard Birds Critique
Field Trip: None

You Can Contribute to the Newsletter

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Are you currently displaying your photography? Send me the information and I'll publish it.

Have you recently traveled for photography and want to share your experience? Send a description and some photos.

Have you taken a workshop and want to share your experience? Let us know.

Do you know of any photography related exhibits in Austin or the Hill Country that your fellow members might be interested in?

Have you gotten some new photography gear you'd like to review or acquired some new programs or apps.

Club Leadership for 2020

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
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Treasurer	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
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Evaluation Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Evaluation Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
*Field Trips & Outings	Beverly Lyle &	512-797-5661
*Field Trips & Outings	Larry Peruffo	512-306-1095
Hospitality Chair	Kim Shotts	678-637-8367
Newsletter Editor	David Pettit	512-7-62-7848
Refreshments	Richard and	512-301-2718
Refreshments	Joyce Bennett	512-301-2718
Refreshments	John Davis	512-327-5996
Refreshments	Beverly McCranie	512-394-9031
Exhibits	Vacant	Vacant
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Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
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Roster and Name tags	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144

* These two individuals will assist the with Outings & Club meetings.



Dave Maguire - Photographer of the Year



Kathy McCall - First Place Assignment



Beverly Lyle - Third Place Assignment

**Christmas Banquet
Door Prizes**



**Available at the
January 2 Meeting**

If you were a successful winner of a TILE Pro at the dinner, you may pick yours up at the January meeting. You must bring your printed sheet provided to you at the banquet.



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

Kevin Gourley Photography Workshops
All levels of classes + Colorado Workshops
<http://www.kgphotoworkshops.com>
ASC members: \$20 Discount on all classes
(inquire before registering)

Current Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

"structure"

Juror | Bill Schwab

Entries Due | February 3, 2020

Exhibition dates | March 20 to May 3, 2020

Receptions | March 28, 2020 and April 25 2020

Both - 4 to 8pm

for more info:

<http://asmithgallery.com/calls-for-entry/>

Internet Continuing Education and Information

<https://photographytv.com/take-better-pictures/>

Blake Rudis <http://f64academy.com/blog/>

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

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

<https://www.rmisp.com/blog>

Anne McKinnell
<http://annemckinnell.com/blog/>

<http://www.lightstalking.com/photography-freebies/>

<https://www.on1.com/news/>

<http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/blog/>

<https://www.picturecorrect.com/tips/>

2020 Assignments

March - Bugs:

Description TBA

May - Black & White Landscape:

Description TBA

January - Backyard Birds: You don't have to travel to capture birds, Your backyard or a neighborhood park provides plenty of opportunities to photograph birds. Check out Dolph McCraine's article in the February 2019 ASC newsletter on photographing birds. Color or Black and White.

*Happy
New
Year*

The Frame Corner will give Austin Shutterbug Club Members
a 20% discount on moldings which is a great deal!

The Frame Corner

7112-A Burnet Road • Austin, TX 78757

512.453.7788 Open: Tues - Sat. 10am - 5pm

NEW!

2020 Photography Workshops

with

Brian Loflin



"Thanks to Brian for the extensive preparation that he did for our workshop. He has expansive knowledge and photographic expertise. On top of that, he is a very capable communicator and teacher who shows much interest in his students. He goes above and beyond what you would expect in order to make the learning experience worthwhile and memorable. Our workshop was first rate!" —Nancy N, Austin, Texas



Landscapes, Light Painting and Starry Night Sky Workshop

February 28 - March 2, 2020

Join me for an unforgettable time in the very best photographic location in Texas- Big Bend National Park. The workshop will feature landscape photography by day and light painting and starry skies by night. Emphasis will be placed upon planning, locating destinations, and how to prepare for an intensive photography shoot. The group will set up for some of the very best landscapes in Texas for both daytime and nighttime photography. In addition, light painting techniques at the twilight hour in the Terlingua Ghost Town will be a featured highlight. Transportation, meals and lodging not included.

Hummingbird Photography in the Texas Hill Country

May 9 • June 13, 2020

Join me on a private ranch near Fredericksburg, TX for a day long hummer shoot on a facility abounding with hummingbirds. Learn multiple high speed flash set ups to achieve feather freezing detailed images of these flying jewels. Flash equipment provided all you need is your camera, lenses and a sturdy tripod. Lunch provided.

Bird Photography in the Texas Rio Grande Valley

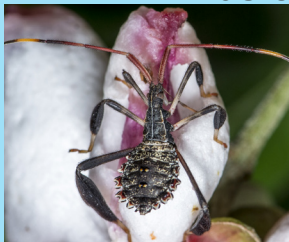
May 21-24 • October 22-25, 2019

Come to the avian rich Rio Grande Valley for a hands-on bird photography workshop in the heart of South Texas. The workshop features instruction and intensive shooting in some of the best birding habitat available. Specifically timed for the best specialty birds and migrants, this workshop is held at one of the very best facilities for bird photography. Spring birds include Painted and Indigo Buntings, Grosbeaks and Summer Tanagers and several species of Orioles. A highlight of the workshop is the favorite raptor shoot, featuring Crested Caracara, Harris' Hawk, Black Vultures and more! Meals and lodging included.



Macro & Close-up Photography Intensive in the Texas Hill Country

August 15-16, 2020



Learn to photograph our small world around us in the heart of the magical Texas Hill Country for an intensive two-day photography workshop geared to shooting close focusing images. This highly-praised workshop will be packed with hands-on instruction to help you grow your close-up photographic abilities with newfound skills, tools, techniques and proficiency. Techniques will also include creating the perfect exposure and use of flash and lighting modifiers. This workshop will be held at Concan, TX, on the Frio River with aquatic, woodlands, and limestone hill habitats. Meals, transportation and lodging not included.

Flash Photography

September 19, 2020

This workshop will take the mystery and fear out of the use of electronic flash. It will detail the use of Speedlights, Studio Flash, Gels, Light modifiers and much more. Models provided. Indoors and outdoors on location.

Bosque del Apache NM Bird Photography

December 9-13, 2020

Tens of thousands of Snow Geese and Sand-hill Cranes make this a bird photographer's paradise. Combine that with Mule deer, Coyote, Eagles, and more for a rewarding outdoor photography experience. Lodging in nearby Socorro, NM. Lodging, meals and transportation not included.

For more information email: bkloflin@austin.rr.com or see: www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html



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