



Our Speaker for February will be Jeff Parker

Texas-native, Jeff Parker, was captivated by nature's big screen long before he developed a passion for capturing it with the camera. His photographs have appeared in many publications and websites including: Audubon Magazine online, NANPA's Expressions 2012, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine and Texas Wildlife Magazine. His work can also be seen in the books: "Borderlands of Laredo, Texas Edition", "Wildlife in Focus IV" and "Wildlife in Focus V".



Jeff was an award-winner in the 2010 Images for Conservation Pro-Tour. He was one of 20 world-class professional wildlife photographers competing for \$180,000 in prizes.

Jeff credits photography with bringing a deeper awareness to issues of conservation.

He especially appreciates how the lens helps spotlight the wildlife of Central America and Texas. "In Central America conservation is critical because of the huge number of both migrating and endemic bird species that rely on the region. And in Texas because about 95% of the state is privately owned," he says.



Jeff feels his and others' photographs of the natural world "provide an intimacy with nature that many wouldn't have otherwise and this helps people care about it more."

Jeff leads photo tours, workshops, and critter crawls on a regular basis. Visit: JeffParkerImages.com for more information.



Also check out Jeff's blog: <http://jeffparkerimages.com/blog/> for great stories and photos. His most recent includes beautiful images of snow in Big Bend.



February Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2013
6:30 pm
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

**January's Assignment--The Holidays
Out of 3 images one had a high score**



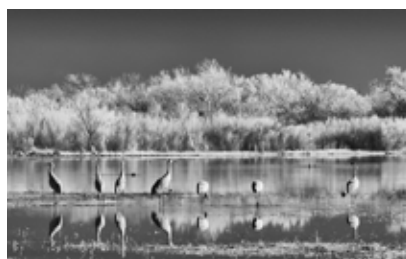
Jalen at Christmas - 27
Dolph McCranie

**January 2013 Evaluation and Review
Judges were Brian Loflin,
Shirley Loflin
and Phil Charlton**

General Category--out of 36 images 15 received top scores



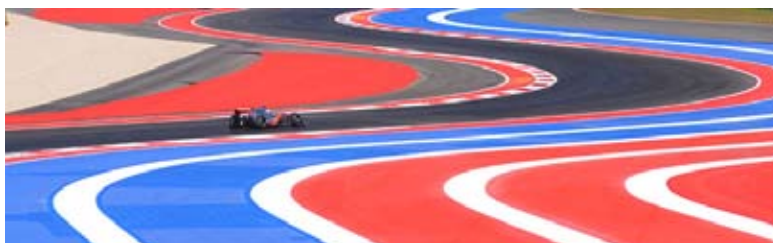
Solitude at Sunset - 27
Jane Kelley



Bosque Pond - 27
Kathy McCall



Bosque Buck - 27
Linda Sheppard



Austin F1, Into the S's
Matt Henderson



Me and My Shadow - 26
Rose Epps



Water Canyon - 27
Brian Loflin

General Category Continued



Sandhill Crane in Flight - 27
Beverly McCranie



Elf Adrift - 27
Kathy McCall



Snow in the Rockies - 26
Leslie Ege



Mr. & Mrs. Sandhill - 26
Linda Sheppard



Bosque Flyover - 27
Nancy Naylor



The San Marcos River at Luling - 27
Pete Holland



Montezuma Castle - 27
Paul Munch



A Smooth Flight - 26
Rose Epps



Path to the Sea - 27
Sheldon Lloyd

Some new photography opportunities are just around the corner!

* Brian & Shirley Loflin's Bird Photography Workshop in the Rio Grande Valley February 22-24, 2013. Visit this link for additional information: <http://thenatureconnection.com/SoTxBirdPhotoWS.html>

* Brian & Shirley will also conduct a series of Wildlife Photo Workshops at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, near Glen Rose, TX. One day workshops: June 8, and September 14, 2013 and Two Day workshops: May 18-19 and October 5-6, 2013. Visit this link for more information on Fossil Rim workshops: <http://www.fossilrim.org/workshops.php>

* John and Kendra Abbott are offering two upcoming Macro Photography Workshops in Austin. You can choose from one of two weekends, March 16-17 or April 20-21, 2013. They will explore different macro photographic techniques used to make the best images of insects, spiders, flowers, leaves, lizards, frogs, snakes and more. You will have the opportunity to try different equipment as well as learn how to use what you already own to its fullest potential. You will also learn a variety of post-processing techniques using Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, iPhoto and other programs. This workshop is designed for all levels of photographers, but to get the most out of the workshop, you should own a digital SLR. Each workshop is limited to 10 individuals and includes breakfast and lunch. This workshop is sponsored by the Capital Area Master Naturalists, but is open to everyone.

Our photography websites are:

<http://www.abbottnaturephotography.com>

<http://www.flickr.com/abbottnaturephotography>

<http://www.facebook.com/AbbottNaturePhotography>

Workshop registration details: <http://abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com/macro-workshop/>

Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

Call for Entry: Chair

Juried by O Rufus Lovett

Entry deadline: February 18, 2013

Exhibition dates: April 5 to May 12, 2013

Reception: April 27, 2013

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

For Classes see

<http://precisioncamerauniversity.com/classes/>

Club Leadership for 2013

President	Brian Loflin	331-2820
Vice President/Programs	Pete Holland	689-5939
Secretary	Jane Kelley	261-3572
Treasurer	Paul Munch	836-6379
Competition Chairman	Fred Peebles	441-7913
Competition Co-Chairman	Linda Sheppard	306-1516
Competition Committee	Dolph McCranie	394-9031
Events Coordinator	Tom Barton	373-3150
Events Coordinator		
Hospitality Chairman	Nancy Naylor	
Newsletter Editor	Kathy McCall	264-9602
Refreshments Chairman	Beverly Lyle	336-5370
Refreshments Chairman	Bev McCranie	394-9031
Exhibits	Shirley Loflin	331-2820
Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	250-1144
Electronic Communication	Rose Epps	502-0608
Roster and Name tags	Rose Epps	502-0608

Austin Shutterbug Club Meeting Minutes January 3, 2013

President, Brian Loflin, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Visitors were introduced and welcomed by all.

Brian stated that tonight's program is Evaluation and Review. He then explained the scoring process of the images submitted. He also stated that some of the club's other programs include guest speakers on a variety of photography related topics. The club also offers other activities for its members including workshops and field trips.

Brian then introduced the Leadership Committee:

- Brian Loflin, President
- Pete Holland, Vice President & Programs
- Jane Kelley, Secretary
- Paul Munch, Treasurer
- Competition Chairman, Fred Peebles
- Competition Co-chair, Linda Sheppard
- Competition Committee, Dolph McCranie
- Events Coordinator, Tom Barton
- Events Coordinator, position open
- Hospitality Chairman, Nancy Naylor
- Newsletter Editor, Kathy McCall
- Refreshments Chairman, Beverly Lyle
- Refreshments Chairman, Bev McCranie
- Exhibits, Shirley Loflin
- Webmaster, Barbara Hunley
- Electronic Communications, Rose Epps
- Roster and Name Tags, Rose Epps

This evening's refreshments were provided by Jane Kelley, Joyce Bennett, and Beverly Lyle. Brian reminded the group that the door prizes at the Awards Banquet were paid for by the contributions made to the refreshment kitty and encouraged all to contribute.

Brian then introduced Pete Holland, VP and Programs. Pete announced that the February speaker will be wildlife photographer, Jeff Parker. Jeff works with ranch and landowners providing photography workshops and seminars.

Brian announced that there are three presentations this evening: The high scoring images for 2012, Evaluation and Review, and a slideshow of images from the recent club field trip to Socorro, NM.

Brian then introduced Paul Munch, Treasurer. Paul explained the dues paying process and stated that this year's dues are \$35 family, \$25 individual, and \$18 student. He then stated that there is \$4,301.83 in the club bank account.

Fred Peebles, Competition Chair, began the slideshow of high scoring images for the 2012 Awards.

Winners in the General category were:

- 3rd Place, Paul Munch for "Bad Feather Day",
- 2nd Place, Linda Sheppard for "Bedoin Camel Driver", and
- 1st Place, Jane Kelley for "Aurora 2012".

The winners in the Assignment category were:

- 3rd Place, Rose Epps for "Strawberry",
- 2nd Place, Brian Loflin for "Honey Bee", and
- 1st Place, Dolph McCranie for "Dahlia".

Image of the Year was awarded to

- Jane Kelley for "Aurora 2012".

Dolph McCranie was awarded Photographer of the Year for the second year in a row based on his consistent high scores for each competition throughout the year.

Next was the Evaluation and Review presentation. The next assignment is "Go Fly a Kite." For specifics, please see the newsletter or website.

Linda Sheppard, Competition Co-chair, then presented the slideshow of images from the club's recent field trip to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, near Socorro, NM.

Brian announced that he teaches at the UT Informal program and that classes are beginning next week. He will be teaching "Beyond Basics", "Composition and Light", and "Macro Photography." For more information, go to www.informalclasses.org.

Brian told the group that John Abbott, macro insect photographer, will be presenting a couple of workshops this spring (March 16-17 & April 20-21). For more information, go to www.abbottnaturephotography.ticketleap.com. His website address is www.abbottnaturephotography.com.

From the floor, it was announced that Carolyn Coffey's new book on Photo Restoration is now available on iBooks. It was also announced that Adobe's Lightroom 4 seminar is coming to Austin January 31, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Save the Date!

2013 Gallery Exhibition for Austin Shutterbug Club at North Hills Gallery

Show Dates: July 3, through July 28, 2013
Hanging: July 2
Removal: July 29

Artist's Reception July 7, 2013 12:30 PM