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## **SHUTTERBUG**

Austin Shutterbug Club Newsletter

Austin, Texas August 2014

# Our Guest Speaker for August is member Dolph McCranie



Beverly and Dolph Ferrnandina Shoreline

Dolph will have an interesting and entertaining program on his and Beverly's recent trip to the Galapagos Islands with Natural Habitat Tours.

He will cover their experiences before, during and after their time on the islands as well as the equipment used.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear about their experiences and see some amazing images.



Beverly Turtle Camp



August Meeting Thursday, August 7, 2014

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

Visitors are always welcome!

#### July's Assignment--A Single Texas Wildflower 5 out of 17 images received a high score



Mexican Hat - 27 Kathy McCall



Sunflower - 27 Lester Fife



Unidentified - 27 Linda Sheppard



Texas Blanket Flower - 27 Rose Epps



Texas Yellow Columbine - 27 Wes O'Dell

### General Category--out of 37 images 24 received top scores



Bald Eagle (Captive) - 27 Beverly McCranie



Hands - 27 Bob Nix



Untitled - 27 Cherly Callen



Lace Curtain - 27 Kathy McCall



Jellyfish - Monterrey Bay Aquarium - 27 Dolph McCranie



Franz Josef Glacier Reflected in Peter's Pool 27 - Joyce Bennett



Mission San Jose - 27 Kushal Bose

### **General Category continued**



Model Portrait - 26 John Davis



Rose-Breasted Grosbeak - Mal - 27 Leslie Ege



Gathering of Turtles - 27 Lois Schubert



Screech Owl - 27 Phil Charlton



Fall at Garner State Park - 26 Linda Sheppard



Spring View in New Zealand - 27 Richard Bennett



Cactus Flower - 27 Pete Holland



Cardinal- 27 Paul Munch



Waiting - 27 Dolph McCranie



DC Subway - 27 Matt Henderson



Pyrrhuloxia - 27 Paul Munch



Ferrnandina Shoreline - 27 Beverly McCranie



Untitled 2 - 27 Cheryl Callen



Egret in Flight - 27 Rose Epps



Get Off My Lens! - 27 Lee Brezik



Bartlett Cove, Glacier Bay NP - 27 Phil Charlton



Backyard Swing - 27 Pete Holland

## Save the Dates!

The Austin Shutterbug Club has a new series of workshops and events now confirmed and on the calendar. Please make a note and save the dates for these educational activities:

# Please note Date & Room Change August 16 - Cut and Arranged Flower Photography. 9:00 AM til Noon Classroom 2--Craft Room in the back (NW Austin Recreation Center).

The third in the lighting series has to do with the art of arranging and photographing cut flowers for dramatic still life images. Composition and lighting are keys to this form of image making and we will explore many variations. Additional techniques include contemporary diffusion, polarization and filtration for powerful images. All you need to bring is your camera, medium focal length or zoom lens and tripod. No flash or other lighting equipment needed.

## September 4: Meeting night program "How do you do that?

(Regular meeting NW Rec Center)

During the regular meeting the results of the September competition will be presented. As a follow on, a panel of club image makers will discuss selected images from previous competitions and describe tools, techniques and process for producing the images and methods by which selected images may be improved to produce higher scores. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn how to better improve your photography!

## **September 20- Field Trip: Painted Churches of Texas** Schulenburg, Texas led by Gregg Mack

The club will travel to the region between Schulenburg and Round Top Texas to photograph some of the exquisite painted churches build by early 19 th Century Czech and German immigrants. In 1984 fifteen of these churches with their pristine and unique art were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Come with us as we capture the profusion of color, murals and details of these churches of another era. All you need to bring is your camera, wide to medium focal length zoom lens and tripod. No flash or other lighting equipment allowed. Meeting and travel details will follow at a later date.

## December 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.

## **2014 Assignments**

**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!)

## **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

## **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!



Join photographers

<u>Alex Wild, Piotr Naskrecki, John Abbott,</u> and <u>Thomas Shahan</u>

on an 8 Day excursion to Belize and learn how to photograph insects!

When: Sept. 7-14, 2014 Where: Caves Branch Lodge in Belize

To view images from past participants, see https://www.flickr.com/groups/bugshotbelize2013/

For details and registration, see http://www.eventbee.com/v/bugshot/event?eid=172818003

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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#### Minutes of the Austin Shutterbug Club July 3, 2014

The meeting of ARC was brought to order by President Brian Loflin at 7:00 pm. He welcomed everyone and new visitor Dan Tonissen was introduced.

Refreshments were provided by Beverly McCranie, Beverly Lyle and Shirley and Brian Loflin.

Our Treasurer, Paul Munch, passed around the dues envelope and reminded members to please notify him if they have a change in their E-Mail address. He encouraged members to bring their dues up to date so they can continue to enter competitions and attend field trips.

Brian then shared with members the names of the exhibit winners:

Mack Hicks for Best Contemporary, Rose Epps for Best Color, Lois Schubert for Best Monochrome and Nancy Naylor for Best of Show. Each had been given a monetary award.

To add to the prestige of winning, Nancy's picture was purchased by the church where the exhibit was held. It was added to their permanent collection.

Program Chairman, Pete Holland, was absent so Brian gave us the schedule for upcoming club calendar:

Jul. 12 – Workshop on photographing glassware part 2

Aug. 7 – Dolph and Beverly McCranie will present a visual travelogue of their recent trip to The Galapagos Islands during the regular August meeting.

Sep. 4 – Regular club meeting and competition with panel discussion on how photographers made their pictures (photos will be judged elsewhere).

Sep. 20. – Fieldtrip to the Painted Churches.

Dec. 6 – Fieldtrip to San Antonio River Christmas Lights (led by Brian and Shirley)

Brian also stated that the Scavenger Hunts photos will be judged and shown at a later date. He also reminded our members of how much work that Fred Peebles, our Competition Chairman, does for our club with little thanks.

The members voted in favor of a reward for him. It was also discussed how hot the room is in the summer and was suggested that we need to buy a quiet fan for the room. Once again the members voted in favor.

The competition began with Brian Loflin, Shirley Loflin and Phil Charlton as judges.

The meeting came to a close at 9:05.

#### **Call for Entries**

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX Call for Entry: "forgotten" Juried by: Blue Mitchell Entry deadline: August 4, 2014

For more information and entry forms:

https://www.asmithgallery.com

Deadline: August 31, 2014

Eligibility: Open to All Photographers

Title: Bastrop's 2nd Annual Photography Competition

Sponsor: Bastrop Fine Art Guild

Six photographers will be awarded and featured for one year in an online gallery through Bastrop Fine Arts Website. There is an open theme for photographers 18 and older with a \$30 submission fee. All processes of photography acceptable.

For more information:

http://www.bastropfineartsguild.com/competitions/

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