



Our February speaker will be John Langford

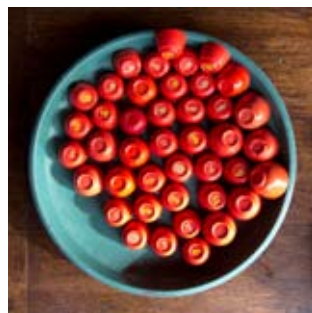
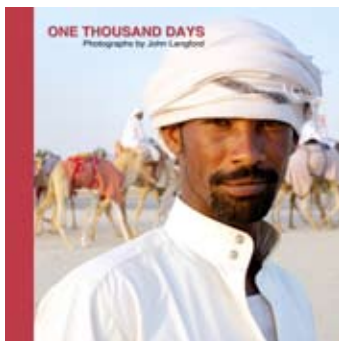
Have you ever fantasized about quitting your job, selling everything you own, and traveling the world? Our guest speaker for February did exactly that.

John Langford, a successful commercial photographer in Austin for more than 20 years, got rid of everything except a compact camera and the few belongings he could carry in a backpack. After 3 years and 38 countries, he's returned with tall tales and stunning images from his travels.

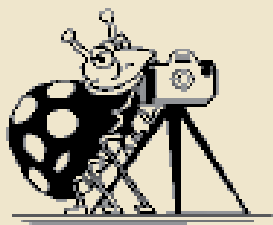
You won't want to miss Thursday's inspiring presentation, after which John's photo book "One Thousand Days" will be available for purchase.



For a preview of his work, please visit www.CozmicaCamera.com



Images courtesy of John Langford



February Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors are
always welcome!*

Don't forget to pay your 2014 dues!

January 2014 Evaluation and Review
Judging was by Brian Loflin, Shirley Loflin and Phil Charlton

January's Assignment--Food Photography
1 out of 13 images received a high score



Smoked Turkey - 26
Linda Sheppard

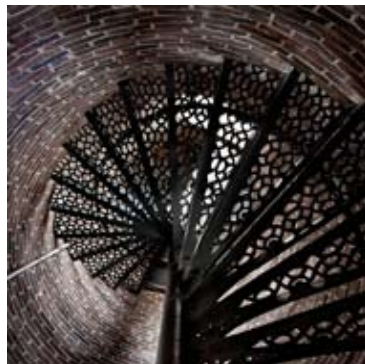
General Category--out of 30 images 12 received top scores



For Santa - 27
Brian Loflin



Morning Fog on Lake Austin - 27
Leslie Ege



Lighthouse Spiral - 27
Mary Paige Huey



Brown Pelican - 27
Paul Munch



Aspen - 27
Paul Munch



Ghandi Walks in the Rain - 27
Pete Holland



Hurricane Sandy's Wrath - 27
Bob Nix



Boating on Lake Austin - 27
Leslie Ege



New Zealand Rainbow - 27
Richard Bennett



Colorado - 26
Beverly McCranie



Sand Dunes, Death Valley - 27
Rose Epps



New Zealand School Bus Stop - 26
Richard Bennett

Classes and Workshops

* **South Texas Birding Photography Workshop:**

February 6 - 9, 2014

See our website: [www.thenatureconnection.com/](http://www.thenatureconnection.com/SoTxBirdPhotoWS.html)

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or contact Brian Loflin: bkloflin@austin.rr.com

* **Brian Loflin's Macro Workshop**

Following my macro class on campus, I wondered if a field class might improve field macro skills so I plotted with friend and student, Melody Lytle, about a workshop putting the classroom into practical field use.

I am planning on using MO Ranch Conference Center, a facility near Hunt, Texas offering room and board and a photo lab. See <http://www.moranch.com/index.php?t=1>

Please let me know if the following is of interest and hold the date.

The dates would be

Friday June 20: arrive 1:00 afternoon class/shoot, dinner, instruction/shoot

Saturday June 21, all day: breakfast, instruction/shoot, lunch, instruction/shoot, dinner, instruction/shoot

Sunday June 22, morning only: breakfast, instruction/shoot, lunch, depart at 1:00

In order to make this happen, we need between six and eight participants at a tentative cost of \$495 each.

This includes two nights double occupancy, the six meals above and access to a work room, the facility's Larkin Digital Lab so the cost is more than reasonable.

At this early stage, the above cost may change somewhat if our estimates are wrong but I will notify you quickly.

Fifty percent is due with booking and the remainder due six weeks before class on May 10.

The date in June will be warmish of course, but the season provides an abundance of small invertebrates and plants to photograph.

Please pass this message to anyone interested in macro.

Hope this interests you,

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Club Leadership for 2014

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Competition Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Competition Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
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Events Coordinator	Gregg Mack	512-431-9573
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Roster and Name tags	Rose Epps	512-502-0608

Call for Entries

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A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

Call for Entry: Magic

Juried by: Fran Forman

Entry deadline: March 17, 2014

Exhibition dates: May 2 to June 14, 2014

Reception: May 31, 2014, 4 to 7 pm

For more information and entry forms:

<https://www.asmithgallery.com>

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For more Call for Entries see:

www.texasphoto.org/NatNewsCompetitions.html,

The website of the Texas Photographic Society

2014 Assignments

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.

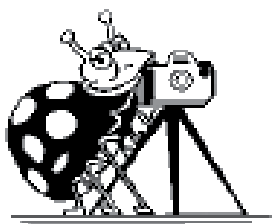
November - Wet Reflections: Capture reflections and anything wet. Could be as small as a drop of water or as large as the ocean. Wet streets, wet sidewalks or puddles are fair game. (Pray for rain!)

Assignment for January 2015:

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

The give-aways at the December Holiday Dinner were valued at about \$1,000.00!

Don't miss the date for next year. Maybe you, too, will be lucky.



Austin Shutterbug Club Get those dues paid for 2014:

\$25 per individual
\$35 per family
\$18 per student

Brian announced that at the February meeting a drawing for a **big surprise** will be held for members in good standing--meaning those who have paid their 2014 dues.

You must be present to win.

So come join us on February 6th and enjoy John Langford's fascinating presentation.

ASC Meeting Minutes January, 2014

President Brian Loflin called the meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club to order at 7:00pm. Brian called upon Nancy Naylor to introduce this evening's guests; they were: Claire Morris, Michael Bickham, Will Ferguson and Bill Ham (who joined the club tonight). All were welcomed.

Paul Munch, treasurer, announced that dues were \$25 a person, \$35 per family and \$18 per student. He also said that we had a balance of \$1324.26 in the club account. He also passed the dues folder around so members could bring their membership up to date.

Brian then introduced our Leadership Committee that had been installed at the Christmas Awards Party. They are:

Brian Loflin, President
Pete Holland, Vice President and Programs Chairman
Shirley Loflin, Secretary and Exhibits
Paul Munch, Treasurer
Fred Peebles, Competition Chairman
Linda Sheppard, Competition Committee
Linda Avitt, Competition Committee
Gregg Mack, Events Coordinator
John Patterson, Events Coordinator
Nancy Naylor, Hospitality Chairman
Beverly McCranie, Refreshments
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Barbara Hunley, Webmaster
Kathy McCall, Newsletter Editor
Rose Epps, Electronic Communications, Roster and Name Tags

Brian thanked our new leaders for volunteering. He then announced that John Langford will be our presenter for February's meeting. He will be showing some of his stock photography from around the world.

This evening's refreshments were provided by Linda Sheppard, Bev Lyle and Shirley Loflin. Brian reminded the group that many of the door prizes at the Christmas and Awards Party were paid for by the contributions made to the refreshment kitty and encouraged all to contribute.

Brian called for the evaluation and review of competition photos. The Assignment for December was Food Photography.

Brian called then for announcements from the floor, Ann Corn is looking for a way to get to meetings.

Photographer Jeff Parker is offering workshops again and is offering big discounts to members.

Feb. 27 to Mar. 1 is Texas Photo Roundup here in Austin. Passes are \$60-\$70

Rocky Mt. School of Photography has provided catalogs of upcoming classes for members and are on the back table. Brian stated that Rose Epps has a photo and story on page 39.

The refreshment schedule will be passed around for contributors to sign up.

Brian announced that next month that a drawing for a big surprise will be held at the next meeting for members in good standing.

Fred Peebles our Competition chairman talked about 2014's assignment categories.

Brian talked a little about "black point" and its definition. He stated it's important to have it correct and how it enhances the image.

Members chatted about various photos and how they took them for a while.

Brian brought the meeting to a close at 8:55 pm.

Buying and Selling

For Sale: Nikon D90 body only in excellent condition. Three batteries, battery charger, Hoodman eye piece, ViewNX2, USB cable, new Nikon strap, Nikon D90 Digital Field Guide by J. Dennis Thomas Price \$475
Contact: Linda Sheppard
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For Sale: Barbara Hunley has a Lowepro Passport Sling bag for \$40. Her phone number is (512) 965-0798. bhunley@austin.rr.com
She will bring it to the February meeting if it has not sold by then.