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# **SHUTTERBUG**

**Austin Shutterbug Club Newsletter** 

Austin, Texas December 2015

### Austin Shutterbug Annual Christmas Awards Banquet 2015

Thursday, December 3rd Las Palomas Restaurant-Bar 3201 Bee Caves Rd. #122

West Woods Shopping Center Next to Westlake Post Office

6:00 P.M. Social hour (cash bar)
7:00 P.M. Dinner

**Includes:** 

Chips and Salsa Enchilada Buffet: Beef, Chicken, and Cheese Served with Rice, Beans, Sour cream Dessert- Homemade Caramel Flan Ice Tea

Annual Club Awards for End of Year Competition Winners to follow Door Prizes!...Club Leadership for 2016 to be announced

Cost of Banquet \$20.00 per person Bar charges not included

Limited seating to 45 so get your spot early.

The past 3 years we have had 36 to 43 people.

Because Tres Amigos on 360 has closed we had to quickly find a new restaurant.

Deadline for payment is the 20th of November

Make checks payable to Austin Shutterbug Club and mail to Lois Schubert, 3823 Arrow Drive Austin, Tx 78749 Or bring check or cash to Nov. 5th meeting



No meeting in December--Annual Awards Banquet for Members
Thursday, December 3, 2015

6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner

Las Palomas Restaurant 3201 Bee Caves Rd. #22

#### Assignment Category: Wheels--out of 19 images 3 received top scores



Rolling Thunder- 27 Linda Avitt



Busted- 27 Michael Martin



Classic- 27 Rose Epps

#### General Category--out of 37 images 14 received top scores



Into the Fog - 27 Linda Sheppard



SoCo Guitarist - 27 Brian Loflin



Inner Glow - 27 Dave Maguire



Twelve-Spotted Skimmer - 27 . Desha Melton



Uluru Sunset - 27 Dan Tonissen



Corn Husk Lily - 27 Jeff Lava



Cape Buffalo - 27 Linda Sheppard



Derby Girl - 27 Nancy Naylor



Just Hanging Out - 27 Rose Epps



Monarch Emergent - 27 Brian Loflin



Over the Hill - 27 Cheryl Callen



Up A Road Less Traveled - 27 Lois Schubert



Daybreak - 27 Nancy Naylor



Under the Wharf - 26 Paul Munch

#### **Member Exhibits**

Members Lois Schubert & Pete Holland have images in the juried show "open". Exhibit runs Nov. 27 to Jan. 3, 2016 at the A Smith Gallery in Johnson City, TX.

Receptions Nov 28th and Dec 26th.

Member Kathy McCall will exhibit 4 of her photographs Nov. 30 to Feb. 29, 2016 at the at the East Main Grill in Johnson City, TX.

Hays County Arts Exhibit through Dec. 20th
Holly Moore and Wes Odell have each been selected to exhibit
five large photographs at the Hays County Government Center

#### **Call for Entries**

in San Marcos in their "2015 Arts Exhibit."

#### A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX Call for Entries: "childhood"

Juror Tom Chambers
Entries Due: January 7, 2016
Exhibition dates: February 19 to March 27, 2016
Reception: Feb 27 & Mar 26, 2016 from 4 to 7pm
for more info: amanda@asmithgallery.com

### AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB Minutes of the November 11, 2015 Meeting

Vice President Pete Holland called the November 11, 2015, meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Refreshments for this evening were provided by Beverly Lyle and Beverly McCranie.

Pete explained for our visitors the monthly activities of the Club. He also informed that the ASC Annual Christmas Awards Banquet will be on December 3. This year the event will be at Los Palomas Restaurant, 3201 Bee Caves Road, due to the closing of Tres Amigos on 360. The cost is \$20 per person and is for members and guests. Seating is limited to 45 and the deadline for reservations is November 20.

Pete then introduced and welcomed visitors: Debra Ellsworth, Stephen Libster and Paul Mueller.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected money for the Christmas Banquet and member dues.

Member Dolph McCranie reviewed results of the November critique. The Assignment category was "Wheels". Comments were aired as to difference in colors on the screen and cutting off images at the top. Competition Chair Fred Peebles hopes to have calibration of the projector completed by January.

Pete announced that Laurence Parent will judge images for awards at the Christmas Banquet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Nancy Naylor, Secretary

#### **2016 Assignments**

**January - Street photography:** Photography that features the human condition within public places not necessarily on a "street". Assignment must include a person or persons. In color or black and white.

#### March - Texas Landscape in B&W.

May be panorama, intimate or any scale in between. The location should be the title (but make it brief!)

May - ACTION SHOTS of people: We are talking about people who are moving be it sports, exercise, work, play, dance, etc. Could be riding a bicycle but not a car or motorcycle. Could be rowing a boat but not riding in a motor boat. MUST DEMON-STRATE ACTION! Color or monochrome.

**July - Urban Night Photography:** Subjects might be reflections, neon signs, streaking lights, skylines, monuments, fireworks, individual buildings, street lights, carnivals, museums, overlooks and views, bridges, fountains. Color only

**September - Rust:** Make an interesting composition that features something rusty. It could be a fence, sign, roof, wall, shed, utensils, tools, vehicle, etc. Must show the detail, texture and beauty in the color of rust. Color only.

#### November - A Garden/Cultivated Flower:

We have often focused on Texas wild flowers but this time it should be roses, orchids, lilies, exotics, etc.

Find it in your own garden, a friends garden, a public garden or even buy one. Center of interested should be on one flower though could include others in a properly treated background. Color only.

### For Sale

Barbara Hunley-- recently traded in her Tamron macro lens for a Nikon macro and the close-up lens set no longer fits. She's asking \$50.

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#### **Balcones Frame Supply, Inc.**

5400 N. Lamar #2003 Austin, TX 78757 (512) 452-6326 Balconesframe.com

Balcones Frame Supply, Inc. offers CURRENT members of the Austin Shutterbug Club

a 15% discount on framed items.

### "Water Droplet Photography Workshop" November 7 at the Yarborough Branch Library with Lois Schubert as the featured presenter, and assisted by Basset Maguire and Wes Odell

A very successful workshop--so informative and lots of fun. Lois gave great instructions and her slide presentation of images she had created was very inspiring. Four stations were set up so the many attendees had ample opportunity to try out the technique.

We had been told to bring our camera with a macro or zoom lens of about 100 mm and tripod with a head capable of angling the camera straight down on the subject.



Lois Schubert

Each station had a stand to hold a piece of glass about 12 to 18 inches above the subject. The glass had been coated with RainX and allowed to dry then water was sprayed or dripped on the glass to form drops. Three of the stations were lit by LED lights and the fourth with a small light box.

Lois provided a multitude of colorful subjects to photograph from large artificial flowers to colorful m & ms. There was brightly colored paper and scarves and several colors of tissue paper for backgrounds.

Camera settings using a lens in the 70-120 mm range were: Aperture priority, Manual focus and f-stop 5.6 to 11. Position the camera on a tripod facing downward about 18-24" over the glass.

#### Some helpful websites are:

http://seeinginmacro.com/macro-photography-tutorial-abstract-reflections-in-water-droplets/http://edknepleyphoto.com/2010/11/12/water-drops-on-glass/http://petapixel.com/2011/09/30/candies-photographed-in-water-drops/

http://expertphotography.com/shoot-my-shot-colorful-water-drops/



Kushal Bose



Barbara Hunley



Kathy McCall



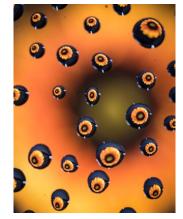
Dave Maguire



Michael Martin



Rose Epps



Tom Vessely

## 2015-2016 Photography Workshops



# 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



#### Bird Photography in the Texas Rio Grande Valley

October 30 - November 1, 2015 • March 17-20, 2016

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 South Texas birding habitat available.

The workshop will be held at the 700-acre Laguna Seca Ranch north of Edinburg, Texas, purpose-designed for photography and preserved with all-native plants and animals, constant-level ponds, and permanent photography blinds oriented for the best use of light. Each blind provides outstanding photographic opportunities. At our workshop we bring the birds to you creating an outstanding South Texas birding and photography adventure!

For more information: http://www.thenatureconnection.com/SoTxBirdPhotoWS.html



For more information: http://www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html

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

#### **Internet Continuing Education and Information**

Do you have a favorite website or YouTube link for information relating to photography or post processing?

Send it to kwmccall@gmail.com and I'll post it in the newsletter.

Blake Rudis

http://everydayhdr.com

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

Martin Bailey Podcast

http://www.martinbaileyphotography.com/blog/

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.rmsp.com/blog

#### Club Leadership for 2016

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