

**Austin Shutterbug Club***June Exhibit***May 30 - July 3, 2017 • North Hills Gallery**

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 7050 Village Center Dr, Austin

Our club has again been invited to exhibit at the North Hills Gallery this year  
(Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 7050 Village Center Dr, Austin).

The exhibit will run from May 30 to July 3.

An email request to submit images for selection will be going out mid-March to all paid members, so be looking for your best images from the past five years to enter.

The finished size of images allowed will be up to 26" on the long side.

If you need assistance preparing your images for entry, please contact Steve Houston.

Last year a panel discussion was held by the club regarding  
"Image Presentation for Exhibits."

If you would like a copy of the handout from that workshop, please contact Rose Epps.

Exhibit Co-Chairs:

Rose Epps [rmepps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmepps@sbcglobal.net)

Steve Houston [sdhouston360@hotmail.com](mailto:sdhouston360@hotmail.com)

*coming in april & may***April 6 Meeting****Speaker David Valdez**

David Valdez was the official photographer for President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1993. The Georgetown, Texas, resident talks about his unique experience and will show his favorite photos.

**May 6 Field Trip****Lady Bird Johnson  
Wildflower Center**

More details to come

For paid ASC members - Get those dues in!  
Make out your check now to Austin Shutterbug Club and mail it to:

Lois Schubert • 3823 Arrow Drive • Austin, TX 78749.

Memberships are: Adult: \$25.00

Family: \$35.00 • Student: \$18.00 (Under 18 years old)

**If you haven't paid your dues - after February you will be dropped from the roster!**

At the February Meeting: Evaluation - Assignment: Waterscape

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

**6:30 pm**

Northwest Recreation Center • 2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors Always  
Welcome!*

# February 4th Water Drops and Macro Photography

## Photographing Water Drops with High Speed Flash and using a Focusing Rail for focus stacking

The ASC Saturday workshop was an exceptionally well attended event. Thirty two members met at the Old Quarry Branch Library to experience two forms of macro photography.



photo by Kathy McCall

Linda Avitt demonstrated exceptional macro depth of field with focus stacking processes. She provided two setups complete with specimens, tripods, flash and macro slider rails for everyone to use.

We had a fantastic turnout for the macro workshop! Linda knows it was a success because she received several emails asking about focus stacking and the equipment she used.



photo by Kathy McCall

Brian Loflin provided two setups to photograph water drops and splashes using high speed electronic flash. His setups demonstrated different methods of creating controlled water drops using everyday materials. Two digital speedlight flashes were provided at each station wired to fit any camera brand. With the speedlights dialed down to 1/64 th power the burst of the flash is very, very short- actually about 1/30,000 (one thirty thousandths) of a second.



photo by Kathy McCall

Without the use of electronic sensors or triggers, the secret to success was to get a feel for the timing of the drop. Everyone was able to get into the swing of things and capture nice images.

The workshop continued until 1:00 and with the number of members present there was a great flurry of activity until the bitter end.



photo by Kathy McCall



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Dolph McCranie-9 images



Kushal Bose



Barbara Hunley



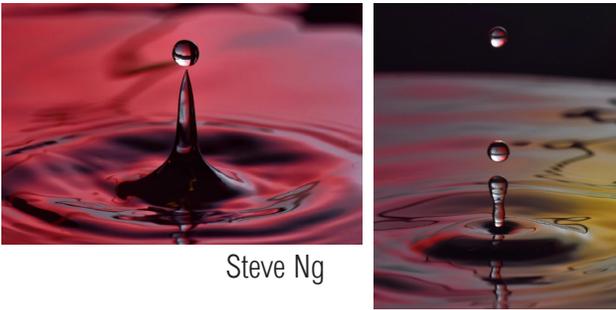
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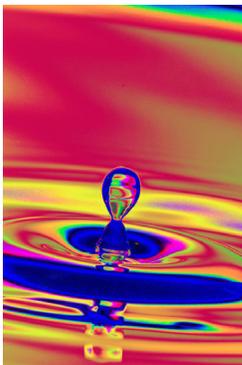
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Steve Ng



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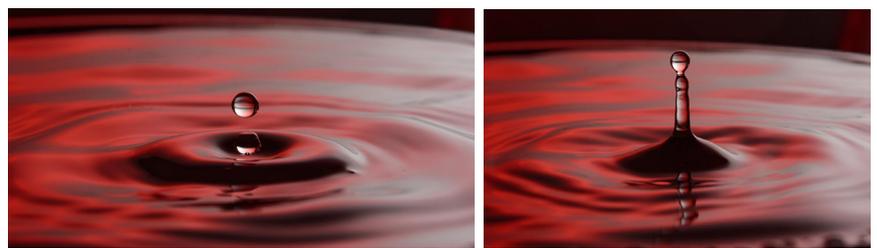
Jeff Lava



Jacqueline Chirunga



Kushal Bose-7 images



Tim Lamb

*save the dates!*

## Upcoming Field Trips & Programs for 2017

(Field Trips for paid ASC Members Only!)

- **March 2 Meeting - Evaluation Assignment Waterscape** in a Natural Setting
- **March 6 -10th – Trip to Big Bend**
  - Call 877-386-4383 or 432-371-3382 to make your reservation at Big Bend Resort and Adventures – Two Queens \$98 and One Queen \$65 – tell them you are with Austin Shutterbug.
  - Agenda was shared at the February meeting and was emailed to those going on the trip.
  - Those that have signed up: Rose Epps, Bill Johnson, Brian Loflin, Art Madden, Kathy McCall, Michael Martin Paul and Sharon Munch, Stennis and Kim Shotts, Dolph and Beverly McCraine, Linda Avitt and Desh Melton, Karen and Mike Reyna, David and Robin Pettit
- **April 6 Meeting - Speaker David Valdez**
- **April 7th – 9th (Easter 16th) – Trip to High Island**
  - Reserved 20 rooms at the Winnie, Texas Hampton Inn (10 double beds, 10 with kings)
  - Call 409-296-3525, give them the above dates and say you are with Shutterbug - If you have any trouble ask for Hetal Petal
  - We have reserved the bird blind on Saturday, April 8th for all 6 spots and on Monday the 9th we have 4 spots in the bird blind. Need to get a head count at the Mar. meeting of who will be going so we can make arrangements for everyone to get a chance to sit in the blind.
- **May 4 Meeting - Evaluation Assignment Photo of a PET animal**
- **May 6 - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**
- **June 1 Meeting - Speaker Earl Knottingham**
- **June 3 - McKinney Falls**
- **July 6 Meeting - Evaluation Assignment Circle/Circles**
- **July 8 - Painting with Light Night Photography**
- **August 3 Meeting - Speaker Alex Wild**
- **August 5 - Icons of Austin (Capitol, etc.)**

## Call for Entries

**A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX**

**Call for Entries: "she"**

Juror | Kat Kiernan

Entries Due | March 20, 2017

Exhibition dates | May 5 to June 11, 2017

Reception | May 27, 2017 from 4 to 8pm

for more info: [amanda@asmithgallery.com](mailto:amanda@asmithgallery.com)

Jeff Parker has several upcoming workshops

Visit <http://jeffparkerimages.com/joinme/>

for more information.

ASC members get a \$10.00 discount!

**The Frame Corner will give the Austin Shutterbug**

**Club 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

## Equipment for Sale:

**Leslie Ege is selling her Canon 5D Mark III**

**\$1500.00**

**If anyone is interested contact her at**

**512 433 6353.**

**Barbara Hunley has three Filters for Sale:  
Two Hoya UV filters 58mm and a Promaster**

**Circular Polarizer 58mm. Each are \$10**

**Contact her: [bhunley@austin.rr.com](mailto:bhunley@austin.rr.com)**

## 2017 Assignments

**March - Waterscape:** An image that includes water in a natural setting. Water should be the dominant element in the picture. Streams, waterfalls, lakes, ponds, are all fair game. Color or monochrome.

**May - Photo of a PET Animal:** (Doesn't have to be your own). Color or monochrome.

**July - Circle/Circles:** Anything or things round. Must be the strongest element of the image. Color or monochrome.

**September - Hands One or multiple:** May be hands at rest, at play, at work or celebrating. Just make sure the subject is hand/hands. Monochrome or color.

**November - Stripes:** We see stripes everywhere, in nature, architecture, fabrics, signs, shadows etc. Just make sure that stripes are the strongest element and focus of your image. Monochrome or color.

## 2018 Assignments

**January - Arches:** May be man made or arches in nature. Color or monochrome.

**March - Landscape Panorama**  
Color or Monochrome



My one and only trip to Big Bend was in June of 2006. I took this shot of one of the old buildings in Terlingua recently vandalized as we were waiting for dark so we could do some light painting. So sad that they were destroyed.

Kathy McCall

## AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB

Minutes of the February 2, 2017 Meeting

The February 2, 2017, meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was convened by ASC president Brian Loflin at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Brian welcomed visitors and explained the process for our bi-monthly Evaluation of images. Visiting were Joanne Chicco, Ryan Dishaw, Kathy Fitzgibbon, Tim Lamb, Elial McGurk and Mark Stracke.

Brian thanked Joyce and Richard Bennett, Rose Epps, and Kathy McCall for providing refreshments for this evening.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected membership dues for 2017. ASC dues are due January 1 and are late after February.

VP Programs & Events Stennis Shotts reviewed the 2017 calendar of events:

March 2 - Evaluation; March 6-10 Big Bend trip

April 6 - Speaker David Valdez; April 7-9 Trip to High Island

May 4 - Evaluation; May 6 - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

June 1 - Speaker Earl Knottingham; June 3 McKinney Falls

July 6 - Evaluation; July 8 - Painting with Light Night photography

August 3 - Speaker Alex Wild; August 5 - Icons of Austin (capitol, etc.)

September 7 - Evaluation; September 9 - Scavenger Hunt

October 5 - Scavenger Hunt Review; October 7 - Fort Worth Botanical Gardens & Dallas Zoo

November 2 - Evaluation; November 4 - San Antonio

December 7 - Christmas Banquet

Stennis went over itineraries for the Big Bend and Hi Island trips. There were handouts for Big Bend.

Exhibits Chairs Rose Epps and Steve Houston discussed the annual summer show which most likely will be at the church again. They are looking for venues for additional shows during the year and suggestions were taken. Some shows might have themes.

Fliers were available for photography workshops at Mo-Ranch in March and October.

The program tonight was in two parts. The first presentation, "Macro Photography and Focus Stacking" was by member Linda Avitt. Linda's slide presentation showed that macro images are "interesting, unique, intimate and unexpected...and can be like visiting another world." She illustrated how to make a successful macro image, lighting, the process of photo stacking, and the equipment and software she uses.

President Loflin presented a program on "Water Drop High Speed Flash Photography." Brian's slide show and presentation demonstrated "the methods of capturing liquid drops in midair and the many artistic shapes made as two or more collide in a controlled manner." Brian discussed tools/equipment needed, setup, camera settings, water drop methods, processing technique and references.

Brian and Linda will hold a workshop on Saturday, February 4, for members to have hands-on experience with these techniques and equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Nancy Naylor, Secretary

## Internet Continuing Education and Information

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

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

Mike Browne - YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/photoexposed](http://www.youtube.com/user/photoexposed)

Tony Northrup - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBE338967F8DB7F2A>

Anthony Morganti - YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/AnthonyMorganti](http://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/>

## Club Leadership for 2017

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
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Evaluation Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Evaluation Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
Evaluation Committee	Cheryl Callen	512-519-9518
Evaluation Committee	Phil Charlton	512-918-8061
Hospitality Chairman	Kim Shotts	678-637-8367
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Refreshments	Richard and	512-301-2718
Refreshments	Joyce Bennett	512-301-2718
Refreshments	John Davis	512-327-5996
Exhibits	Rose Epps	512-502-0608
Exhibits	Steve Houston	512-418-8878
Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Electronic Communication	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Roster and Name tags	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144

# NEW 2017 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



## **\*NEW\* - DIGINITE - Night Sky Workshop**

~~SOLD OUT!~~ • November 17-18, 2017

The night skies are bigger in Texas! Join us during the dark of the moon for an afternoon and overnight photography experience that will be unforgettable. The workshop will be held near Mason, Texas in a very remote location without light pollution to take advantage of the best night skies. The workshop begins at 1:00 PM the first day and ends at 10:00 AM the second. Learn the basic night sky photography techniques including still photography of the stars and the Milky Way, star trails, time lapse star motion techniques and light painting with these star techniques. Transportation, meals and lodging not included.

*For more information: <http://www.thenatureconnection.com>*

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

March 2-5, 2017 • October 12-15, 2017

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 and timed for the best migrations.

The workshop will be held at the 700-acre Laguna Seca Ranch north of Edinburg, Texas, purpose-designed for bird photography. The ranch is preserved with all-native plants and animals and features 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! Meals and lodging included.

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

## **Macro & Close-up Photography in the Texas Hill Country**

September 7-10, 2017

Photograph our small world around us in the heart of the magical Texas Hill Country for a three-day photography workshop geared to shooting close focusing images. This workshop is at Mo Ranch, a 500 acre facility located on the North Fork of the Guadalupe River with aquatic, woodlands, and limestone hill habitats. Photography will be in the field and lab setting. This workshop will be packed with hands-on instruction to help you grow your close-up photographic abilities with newfound skills, tools, techniques and proficiency. The workshop will feature hands-on learning and demonstrations with abundant native Texas flora and fauna. Meals and lodging included.

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

## **\*NEW\* - MacroQuest**

May 12-14 • September 28-October 1, 2017

Gather together in a biotic rich ecosystem to photograph our small world around us in a three-day photography workshop geared to making images of a maximum number of tiny subjects. This workshop is located at Neal's Lodge in Concan, Texas right on the Frio River with aquatic, woodlands, and limestone hill habitats. Photography will be focused in a field setting. Participants receive hands-on coaching in close-up photographic techniques while capturing a major collection of species in camera. The workshop will feature hands-on learning and demonstrations with abundant native Texas flora and fauna. Transportation, meals and lodging not included.

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