THE AUSTIN



SHUTTERBUG

Austin Shutterbug Club Newsletter

Austin, Texas November 2013

Annual Shutterbug Club Holiday and Awards Banquet



Thursday, December 5th Tres Amigos

Capital of Texas Highway location 1801 South Hwy 360. Just North of Barton Creek Mall



6:00 PM Happy Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 PM Dinner includes:
Beef or Chicken Fajitas, plus all the trimmings
NEW... Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas
Chips and Salsa
Dessert (Provided by the Club)
Cola, Tea or Coffee
(Bar charges are NOT included)



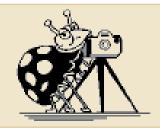
Annual Club Awards for End of Year Competition Winners to follow and Club leadership for 2014 will be introduced

Cost of the Banquet is \$20 per person.

Please bring your check or exact cash amount to the November 7th meeting. You can also mail your check to: Paul Munch, 10704 Cooper Hill, Austin, TX 78758 Make check payable to Austin Shutterbug Club. Deadline for mailing is December 1st.

The November meeting is Evaluation and Critique - The assignment for November is Fall Color in the Landscape: An image of fall color in the natural world (meaning the world that does not show the handiwork of humans).

Color only. For obvious reasons.



November Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2013
6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757 Visitors are always welcome!

Austin Shutterbug Club December Field Trip

Saturday, December 7 Brian and Shirley will lead a field trip to the

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.

The field trip will begin with a 3:00 PM meeting in the lobby of the

Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel

200 South Alamo Street, (Corner of Alamo and Market Streets) San Antonio, Texas, 78205

From there 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.

Participants should plan for the weather and dress comfortably for being outside for the evening.

Tripods will be required for long exposures.

This will be a late field trip.
You may plan for a return drive to Austin
about 10:00 PM.

2014 Assignments

January - Food Photography: Something made at home or in a restaurant, a plate of food (and may include it's setting), a nice dessert, a favorite entree or something similar. Not a fruit and or vegetable still life. The food and not the setting must be the primary subject. Color or monochromatic is OK.

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!)

Classes and Workshops



South Texas Birding Photography Workshops:

February 6 - 9, 2014

See our website: www.thenatureconnection.com/

SoTxBirdPhotoWS.html

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



I highly recommend Brian's South Texas Birding Photography Workshop.

Myself and five other ASC members took the October Workshop and had a great learning experience!

Kathy McCall



Precision Camera University

http://precisioncamerauniversity.com/classes/

Austin Shutterbug Minutes September 5, 2013

President Brian Loflin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, and welcomed attendees. There were no visitors (perhaps due to UT game).

Field Trip Chair Greg Mack had sent information to Brian about the Fredericksburg field trip scheduled for October 19. Members should meet at the Visitor Information Center at 9:30 a.m. Complete details will be provided by email. Greg asked for a tentative head count, and 14 members responded.

Brian told members he is an instructor with the Digital Photo Academy, which has recently begun to include Austin for its events. Pentax is supporting them now rather than Panasonic. A free workshop will be held on Sunday, October 20, at Precision Camera from 2-5 p.m. Pentax K50's will be provided.

In other news, a Photo Walk starting at Joe's Coffee Shop will be held on Saturday, October 5. It is sponsored by Canon.

Treasurer Paul Munch gave his report. The club has \$2,340.18 in its account. Of that, \$1,320.18 can be spent.

Brian announced the Club Holiday and Awards Banquet will be held at Tres Amigos. It will take the place of the December meeting, and reservations are being taken now. The cost of the dinner is \$20/person. The club pays for dessert, tips, etc. Mark your calendar. Friends, spouses, SI's are invited.

Programs Chairman Pete Holland introduced Dennis Darling, a photographer since 1981, who presented a slide show of his documentary work. He is currently head of the University of Texas Photojournalism Department, coming to Austin from Atlanta. He has two books out, and has been featured in many periodicals. He also does free lance work. Initially, he shot with a view camera. He uses only B&W film, esp. Tri-X, and likes the square format best. He suggests nothing more than a 50 mm lens for shooting people. In answer to questions from attendees--he does ask permission to take his images; he rarely uses flash or a tripod. He stated that commerce of photos beyond media needs a model release, but books, exhibits, newspapers, etc. are OK. Occasionally, he uses a Holga (toy camera). Dennis travels a lot in his work, and had many wonderful and fascinating stories to tell the club. His subjects are on the margins of society, i.e., motorcycle gangs, KKK, etc. He is currently working on a Holocaust survivors project and showed the club some of the images and told the story of one of the survivors. They survived the Terezín concentration camp, a "country club" compared to others.

Refreshments for the evening were provided by Mary Paige Huey and Joni Jones.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

P.S. from ASC secretary - if you were intrigued by Dennis and his work, check out this website (and many more) to learn more about him: http://www.ilovetexasphoto.com/dennis-darling/

Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

Call for Entry: Trees
Juried by Ellen Jantzen

Entry deadline: November 18, 2013 Exhibition dates: Jan 3 - Feb 9, 2014

Reception: January 25, 2014

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

Club Leadership for 2013

| President | Brian Loflin | 512-331-2820 |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Vice President/Programs | Pete Holland | 512-689-5939 |
| Secretary | Jane Kelley | 512-914-8843 |
| Treasurer | Paul Munch | 512-836-6379 |
| Competition Chairman | Fred Peebles | 512-441-7913 |
| Competition Committee | Linda Sheppard | 512-306-1516 |
| Competition Committee | Dolph McCranie | 512-394-9031 |
| Events Coordinator | John Patterson | 512-507-7272 |
| Events Coordinator | Gregg Mack | 512-431-9573 |
| Hospitality Chairman | Nancy Naylor | 512-345-3350 |
| Newsletter Editor | Kathy McCall | 512-264-9602 |
| Refreshments Chairman | Beverly Lyle | 512-336-5370 |
| Refreshments Chairman | Bev McCranie | 512-394-9031 |
| Exhibits | Shirley Loflin | 512-331-2820 |
| Webmaster | Barbara Hunley | 512-250-1144 |
| Electronic Communication | Rose Epps | 512-502-0608 |
| Roster and Name tags | Rose Epps | 512-502-0608 |
| | | |