



Speaker David Valdez

April 6th Meeting Presentation



Official photographer for President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1993

After graduating from high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico, David Valdez enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he was trained as a photographer. He served with the 836th Combat Support Group for four years, and then earned a BA in journalism from the University of Maryland at College Park. While he was a student there, Valdez was employed by the U.S.

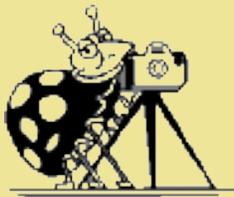
Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a photographer.

He left the federal government to become chief photographer for Nations Business magazine published by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In 1983, he became the personal photographer to then-Vice President George Bush. In 1988, President Bush appointed Valdez Director of the White House Photo Office. During this administration, he traveled to 75 countries and all 50 states with the President. In 1997, he published George Herbert Walker Bush: A Photographic Profile.

Valdez was appointed general manager of photography for Walt Disney Attractions in 1993. In 2001, he became Special Assistant to the HUD Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Valdez became the Vice President for Business Development for Blue Pixel Digital Experts. Blue Pixel was digital photography consulting firm. Blue Pixel contracted with Nikon and Microsoft. From 2003 to 2010, Valdez was the Director of Visual and Electronic Information for HUD's Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

Valdez is on the Board of the Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas and an advisor to the Marlin Fitzwater School of Communications at Franklin Pierce University.

**April 6 Meeting...Stennis will present a slideshow of
Big Bend participants' images!**



Thursday, April 6, 2017

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors Always
Welcome!*

March Evaluation

Judges: Brian Loflin, Cheryl Callen and Phil Charlton

Assignment: Waterscape Out of 18 Assignment images 6 were Exceptional



Rush Toward the Sea
Dave Maguire



Bouncing Bubbles
Kushal Bose



Rocks & Reflections
Kathy McCall



Rushing Through the Rocks
Lois Schubert



Lake McDonald
Rose Epps



Lake Siesta, La Grange, Texas
Bruce Lande

General Out of 40 General images 22 were Exceptional



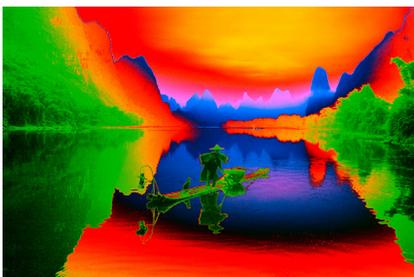
White Pelican
Beverly McCranie



Stop Drop in Time
Dave Maguire



Solitude
Dan Tonissen



Li River Fisherman
Jeff Lava



Red Bud Blossoms
Linda Avitt



Coming Storm
Lois Schubert



Passing Through
Nancy Naylor



Nap Time
Paul Munch



My Amzing Details
Richard Bennett



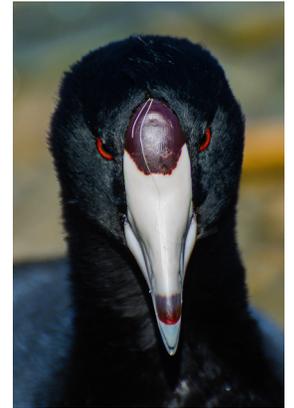
Cameron Falls
Rose Epps



Just Need One Good Reason to Stay
Steven Ng



Are You Looking at Me?
Stennis Shotts



Red Eyed Coot
Beverly McCranie



Long Billed Curlew
Dolph McCranie



Wow - They Look Like Us
Joyce Bennett



Atlantic Sunrise
Bob Nix



Thousand Year Old Tree at Goose Island
Pete Holland



Desert Renewal
Paul Munch



Wild Garlic
Jeff Lava



Freedom Protectors
Steve Houston



Foggy Morning in Rockport
Richard Bennett



Who Needs Waffle House?
Stennis Shotts

save the dates!

Upcoming Field Trips & Programs for 2017

(Field Trips for paid ASC Members Only!)

- **April 6 Meeting - Speaker David Valdez**
- **April 7th – 9th (Easter 16th) – Trip to High Island**
Signed up: Kathy McCall, Rose Epps, Art Madden, Bill Johnson, Brian Loflin, Stennis Shotts and Steve Houston going to High Island. Kim Shotts and Dixie Houston are also going but not photographing.

If you have signed up and do not see your name above please let Stennis know ASAP. You can either e-mail him at stennisshotts@gmail.com or call / text him at 678-637-8367.

We have 6 spots in the bird blind for April 8th and we want to see how many individuals we need to make arrangements for to sit in the blind during the day.

- 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 Sunday the 9th we have 4 spots in the bird blind. Need to get a head count at the April 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.)**
- **September 7 Meeting - Evaluation Assignment: Hand/Hands**
- **September 9 - Scavenger Hunt**

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.

- All members should have received notice by email that the "made in the last 5 years" requirement for entries has been dropped. So if you've completely reworked an older image with your increasing Photoshop skills, by all means enter it. Reminder--all entries are due by midnight on April 12, 2017••**

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

Steve Houston sdhouston360@hotmail.com

2017 Assignments

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

AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB

Minutes of the March 2, 2017 Meeting

The March 2, 2017, meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was convened by Vice President/Programs Stennis Shotts, who was substituting for ASC president Brian Loflin, at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Stennis welcomed visitors Eric Dernbach, Dan Diener, Kathy Fitzgibbon, Mariano Polinesi, Mark Stracke, Lance Vinson, and Danielle Wright.

Stennis discussed plans for the Big Bend and High Island trips and took questions. He then reviewed programs and speakers for the remainder of this year.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected dues.

Phil Carlton announced comments from the judges for this month's critique. The three categories were Excellent, Satisfactory and Needs Improvement. Questions regarding the images were taken from members. Judges were Cheryl Callen, Brian Loflin and Phil.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Nancy Naylor, Secretary

Call for Entries

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

Main Gallery

Juror | Sandrine Hermand-Grisel

Entries Due | May 1, 2017

Exhibition dates | June 16 to July 30, 2017

Reception | June 24 and July 29, 2017 from 4 to 8pm

for more info: 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

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

Tony Northrup - YouTube

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

Anthony Morganti - YouTube

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
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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
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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.

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



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