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Club Newsletter  
Austin, Texas  
December 2018

There will be no ASC meeting in December. Instead...

## *awards Banquet*

### Austin Shutterbug Club Holiday Banquet with End-of-Year Awards

Saturday, December 8, 2018  
The County Line BBQ on the Hill  
6500 W. Bee Cave Road  
Austin, TX 78746

6:00 pm Social Hour...Cash Bar  
7:00 pm Dinner

All the BBQ Fixins Including:  
Homemade Cobbler with Ice Cream.  
Ice Tea & Soft Drinks.  
\$25.00 Per person

Deadline to Send in a Check is December 5th Make  
Checks Payable to Austin Shutterbug Club

Mail to Lois Schubert  
3823 Arrow Drive  
Austin, Texas 78749

**Next Meeting is Thursday, January 3, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

Northwest Recreation Center  
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757



*Visitors Always  
Welcome!*

# Recap of the 2018 Club Year

Brian Loflin

Time is flying by, and it doesn't seem like Christmas and the New 2019 Year is less than a month away. This in part is because it has been a very busy and productive year for our club.

I'll tell you more about the many activities in a moment but, first I wish to say how pleased I am to be able to lead our club. It gives me a lot of pleasure to see the club move, thrive and grow as time passes. This is not a solo activity. I could not do this task without the generous and capable assistance from our VP Stennis Shotts and our Leadership Team -- this is an army of eighteen dedicated members. Thank you one and all!

In reflection, I always think about our challenge as a club. And did we do our job to meet the challenge. To be a thriving, viable club our number one task must be: To attract and retain enthusiastic members. If we can accomplish this goal, everything else can fall into place. Did we do that this year? I truly believe so. Let's look at some of the highlights:

First, we had several great speakers. Pro Jack Hollingsworth spoke on iPhone Photography and Earl Nottingham, chief photographer from Texas Parks and Wildlife, presented a program on drone photography. We have a lot of very talented members in the club and they took the stage as presenters as well. Member Kelley Ahr gave a very informative view of photographic art featuring creative photographic composites. And members Phil Charlton and Pete Holland demonstrated techniques of HDR and Black and white infrared imaging.

We exhibited our photography twice in the year. Our traditional venue, North Hills Gallery was joined by a new venue, the Thai Fresh restaurant, a more casual exhibit. There is a lot of work behind the scene and many thanks go to Rose Epps, Steve Houston and Carl Wood for making this happen.

Club outings and field trips were many and for some the highlights of the year. They included trips to Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, The Hill Country for Wildflowers, High Island, New Orleans, Hill Country Water Gardens, Rio Grande Valley Nature Field Trip and a Scavenger Hunt in Brenham as a competition with the Houston Camera Club.

During the warmer months we also held a couple of inside instructional workshops including Macro Photography and Image Processing and Judging.

One of the hallmark missions of our club is the improvement and growth of member's photography. Our Evaluation and Review process is a testament to success in this mission. We are seeing many excellent technical and creative images in the review. I am confident in stating that, in my many years in many clubs, that we can hold our club's photographic excellence up with any other club.

Lastly, I want everyone to understand the Austin Shutterbug Club is YOUR club. I know that you are passionate about the club. So, I am looking for input from each of you. Please continue to give me suggestions. The most important thing to remember is the improvement of member's photography and having fun and building camaraderie.

Let's continue in making that happen.

# Rio Grande Valley Field Trip

November 15 - 17, 2018



Brian Loflin



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Lois Schubert



Haytham Samarchi



Haytham Samarchi



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Lois Schubert



Kathy McCall



Kathy McCall



Kathy McCall



Lois Schubert



Paul Munch



Paul Munch



Paul Munch



Mike Stys



Rose Epps



Rose Epps



Rose Epps

# November Evaluation

Black and White

Judges: Brian Loflin and Phil Charlton

## Assignment High Scoring Images



If Walls Could Talk  
Babara Hunley



Twisted Tree  
Beverly Lyle



I Wouldn't  
David Pettit



Bourbon  
Dan Tonissen



Ripples  
Matt Zhu



Watching the Storm Roll In  
Pete Holland



Sands of Death Valley  
Rose Epps



Shattered  
Shannan Brent



Textured Rock  
Bruce Lande



The Photographer at Sunrise  
Beverly Lyle



Fort Concho Barracks  
Pete Holland

# General High Scoring Images



Hibiscus Glory  
Brian Loflin



Lily Reflections  
Dave Maguire



King Kong  
Dan Tonissen



Aligned  
Matt Zhu



Mono Lake Sunrise  
Kathy McCall



Blues Under the Roof  
Lois Schubert



Dragonfly on a Flower  
Kushal Bose



Autumn Color at North Lake  
Rose Epps



Peek-A-B00 Whiptail  
Brian Loflin



Tulip  
Dolph McCranie



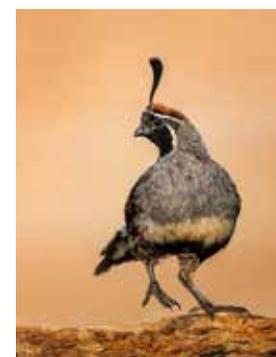
Black Swallowtail Eyespots  
Linda Avitt



Long-Billed Curlew  
Beverly McCranie



Tanzania Lilac Breasted Roller  
Mark Stracke



Strutting  
Paul Munch



I See You!  
Richard Bennett



Lurking Eyes  
Robert Ottogalli



Monarch Butterfly  
Linda Avitt

## Scavenger Hunt Shootout Reselts

Our 2018 Scavenger Hunt shoot off with the Houston Camera Club was judged by the Camera Club out of Plano Texas.

Due to the terrible weather on the day of the Scavenger Hunt we only had 11 members attend when we had 24 that were planning on attending.

The good news is that we tied the Houston club through the first 12 images. We got beat by 27 points due to the fact we only had 2 entries (should have been 6) in the two categories related to the fair.

We will share the actual photos and additional detail at an upcoming club meeting.

**Kevin Gourley Photography Workshops**  
All levels of classes + Colorado Workshops  
<http://www.kgphotoworkshops.com>  
ASC members: \$20 Discount on all classes  
(inquire before registering)

*RAdykstra* PHOTOGRAPHY

### **"Prowl, Growl & Howl" Photo Shoot & Workshop**

Join us! for this incredible rare opportunity to photograph some truly magnificent animals at an "Endangered" animal breeding facility while in controlled Montana countryside as your backdrop.

- **March 19-24, 2019** - Only 10 photographers
- **For Details email:** [radykstra.photo@gmail.com](mailto:radykstra.photo@gmail.com) or see <https://www.rdykstraphoto.com/prowlgrowlhowl>



## 2018 Calendar

### December

- Awards Banquet 12/8

## 2019 Assignments

**January - The Color White:** Okay, so white is all colors, but you know what we mean. Photograph anything you want, but the subject must be white. Make sure you have a good white point (and a good black point, as well). Color or, dare I say it, Black & White.

**March - 3's in Nature:** No hand of Man or Woman allowed. Rocks, flowers, trees, wild animals, etc. Be creative! Can be color or Black & White.

**May - Wildflower Landscape:** Wildflowers must be in the picture, i.e. part of the composition, but are not THE picture. No closeup or macro images. Color or B&W.

**July - Long Exposure:** Must be a long exposure image that reflects motion. No static images. Color or B&W.

**September - The Night Sky -** Photo must be of the night sky. Landscape elements are permitted, but the main subject must be the night sky. Photo must be taken after September 1, 2018. Color only.

## Current Call for Entries

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

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Juror | Joyce Tenneson

Entries Due | January 7, 2019

Exhibition dates | Feb. 22 to April 7, 2019

Receptions | Feb. 23 and March 30, 2019 - 4 to 8pm

for more info: <http://asmithgallery.com/calls-for-entry/>

## Austin Shutterbug Club

Minutes of the November 1, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Stennis Shotts.

Stennis related events of the recent flood in the Hill Country and its effect on his family, friends and himself.

Stennis thanked Rose Epps and Danelle Sasser who were responsible for bringing the refreshments for the evening. He then recognized visitors, including Robin Winter, John Kelly, Billy Schultz, Wade Mullin, and Linda Hampton.

Exhibits Co-Chair Carl Wood reported on the Shutterbug Club photo exhibit and reception at Thai Fresh.

A brief discussion was held regarding the South Texas Birding field trip on November 15-17 and the Holiday Banquet on December 8.

Results of Evaluation and Review of images for this month were presented. The Assignment category was "Black & White."

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.  
Nancy Naylor, Secretary

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

### Club Leadership for 2018

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
Vice President/Programs	Stennis Shotts	678-637-8367
Secretary	Nancy Naylor	512-345-3350
Treasurer	Lois Schubert	512-947-4864
Evaluation Chair	Fred Peebles	512-468-0928
Evaluation Committee	Dolph McCranie	512-394-9031
Evaluation Committee	Linda Avitt	512-468-1542
Evaluation Committee	Phil Charlton	512-918-8061
Hospitality Chair	Kim Shotts	678-637-8367
Newsletter Editor	Kathy McCall	512-264-9602
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
Exhibits	Carl Wood	512-785-4116
Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Electronic Communication	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Roster and Name tags	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144

## 2019 Calendar Tentative

### January

Meeting: 1/3 Critique  
Field Trip: None

### February

Meeting: 2/7 Valerie Bough: Insects  
Field Trip: 2/9 State Capital - Barbara Hunley

### March

Meeting: 3/7 Critique - Announce Shoot-Off Categories  
Field Trip: 3/15-17 Rockport

### April

Meeting: 4/4 Judge Shoot-Off  
Field Trip: 4/6 Waco Airshow  
4/11-14 High Island

### May

Meeting: 5/2 Critique  
Field Trip: 5/6-5/9 Dunvegan with 2 models

### June

Meeting: 6/6 Member Moment - Africa  
Field Trip: 6/10 (Mon.) Woman's Club with 2 models

### July

Meeting: 7/11 (TBD) Critique &  
Club Shoot-Off Announcement  
Field Trip: 7/13 Longhorn Cavern - Hummingbirds

### August

Meeting: 8/1 Judging of Club Shoot-Off  
Field Trip: 8/3 Hill Country Water Gardens

### September

Meeting: 9/5 Critique  
Field Trip: 9/16-19 Scavenger Hunt in Galveston

### October

Meeting: 10/3 Scavenger Hunt Review  
Field Trip: TBD Caddo Lake

### November

Meeting: 11/7 Critique  
January to Bosque

### December

12/7 Holiday Party and Awards

# NEW! 2019 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



**Back by Popular Demand!**

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

October TBD, 2019



Learn to 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 highly-praised 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 one-on-one instruction and demonstrations with abundant native Texas flora and fauna. Techniques will also include collecting, management, and photography of small animals, creating the perfect exposure, and use of flash and lighting modifiers. Photography will be in the field and lab setting. This workshop is held at Mo Ranch, a 500 acre facility located on the North Fork of the Guadalupe River with aquatic, woodlands, and limestone hill habitats. Meals and lodging included.

### \* **NEW LOCATION\*** - **Starry Night Sky Workshop**

May 3-4, 2019 Seminole Canyon State Park

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 at Seminole Canyon State Park in a very remote Texas location without light pollution to take advantage of the best night skies. The workshop begins at 1:00 PM the first day and ends after breakfast the second. Emphasis will be placed upon planning, locating dark sky destinations, and how to prepare for a night sky photography shoot. Photography techniques to be demonstrated include selection and use of the appropriate equipment, photographic stills of the stars and the Milky Way, star trails, time lapse star motion techniques and light painting with all the above. Outdoor hands-on photography will include location set-up and star photos of the Milky Way, star trails and landscape features. Transportation, meals and lodging not included.



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

February 28- March 3, 2019 • May 24-26, 2019 • October 24-27, 2019

Come to the avian rich Rio Grande Valley for a hands-on bird photography workshop in the heart of South Texas. The workshop features hands-on instruction and intensive shooting in some of the best birding habitat available and specifically timed for the best South Texas specialty birds and migrants.

The workshop will be held at the 700-acre Laguna Seca Ranch north of Edinburg, Texas, a purpose-designed ranch 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. A highlight of the workshop is the favorite raptor shoot, featuring Crested Caracara, Harris' Hawk, Black Vultures and more! 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 email: [bkloflin@austin.rr.com](mailto:bkloflin@austin.rr.com) or see: [www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html](http://www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html)



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