# THE AUSTIN Club Newsletter Austin, Texas August 2019

# It's a Member Moment Extravaganza! 3 Photographic Adventures will be presented at the August meeting

#### Paul Munch presents: Alaska's Brown Bear Workshop





photos by Paul Munch

# Stennis Shotts and Cheryl Callen present: Winter in Yellowstone









photos by Cheryl Callen



photos by Rose Epps

## Rose Epps and Lois Schubert present: The Palouse





photo by Lois Schubert

There will also be a discussion on the best method to photograph fireworks.



# Club Meeting is Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757



# July Evaluation and Review-Long Exposure/Motion Judges: Brian Loflin, Dolph McCranie, Phil Charlton

#### **Assignment Top Scores**



Firework Fun - 10 **Dave Maguire** 



Smokies Stream - 9 Larry Peruffo

#### **General Top Scores**



Dawn in Tuscany Rose Epps



Rachel Brian Loflin



Turn 3 Dan Tonissen



Caring for the Egg Larry Peruffo



Magical Water Lily Dave Maguire



Up, Up and Away **Beverly McCranie** 



Tourists on the Alabama Pete Holland



Icy Reflection Lois Schubert

**Checkered White Butterfly Beverly McCranie** 



**Emeral Toucnet in the Cloud Forest** 



**Passion Vine** Linda Avitt



Moto-GP



**David Pettit** 



Splish Splash Bevery Lyle



Old Bullfrog

Lois Schubert



Italian Cypress in Infrared Kathy McCall



You Can Run, But That Only Prolongs the Inevitable Mike Stracke



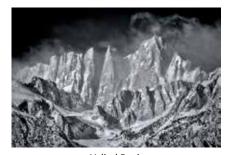
West View of Texas State Capitol Pete Holland



A Song on My Heart Paul Munch



Can You Do This? Stennis Shotts



Veiled Peak Dan Tonissen



Cattle Egret Dolph McCranie



Just a Little Too Close Stennis Shotts

# **August ASC Field Trip August 3rd Hill Country Water Gardens**

#### Join the ASC at the

### Hill Country Water Gardens

President Brian Loflin will lead the August club field trip to the *Hill Country Water Gardens* located in Cedar Park, TX. The Water Gardens is a business that caters to the construction of commercial and family ponds and all the supplies necessary to successfully stock and operate a pond.

At the Water Gardens we will have the opportunity to photograph many water plants, including water lilies and lotuses. In addition, there are a host of many other plants in the nursery gardens worthy of photos as well as a good location for great photos of dragonflies and damselflies.





Saturday, August 3 • 9:00 to 11:30 AM
Hill Country Water Gardens
1407 N. Bell Blvd. (Hwy 183 N)
Cedar Park, TX 78613
Lunch following:
11:30 AM • 1431 Cafe
601 E. Whitestone Blvd Ste. 300 (FM 1431)
Cedar Park, TX 78613

(Don't forget to bring a hat and some water.)

Three of John Davis' digital art photos are prominently featured in a model home by Lyte Custom Homes.

The interior photo showing the art work has also been used in advertisements in various local publications.



#### Brian Loflin is published in Bird Watcher's Digest!

"I am happy to say the Bird Watcher's Digest has published my article on Photography on South Texas Photography Ranches. The photo venues provide a great opportunity for photographers as well as a great opportunity for a secondary revenue stream for the property owners with very little cost.

My article is in the Jul-Aug 2019 issue and begins on page 58." To view the article visit Brian's Facebook page for the link.



### **2019 Assignments**

**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.

#### **November - Travel Photography:**

A photograph taken while traveling. It can include people (who should not be recognizable to the club) but must include a place that is not found around here. It can be building(s), nature, or other suitable content that says "I was here". Color or B&W. Taken after November 1, 2018.

### **2020 Assignments**

January - Backyard Birds: You don't have to travel to capture birds. Your backyard or a neighborhood park provides plenty of opportunities to photograph birds. Check out Dolph McCranie's article in the February 2019 ASC newsletter on photographing backyard birds. Color or Black and white.

March - Bugs Description TBA

May - Black & White Landscape
Description TBA

# You Can Contribute to the Newsletter kwmccall@gmail.com

Are you currently displaying your photography?

Send me the information and I'll publish it.

Have you recently traveled for photography and want to share your experience? Send a description and some photos.

Have you taken a workshop and want to share your experience?

Let us know.

Do you know of any photography related exhibits in Austin or the Hill Country that your fellow members might be interested in?

Have you gotten some new photography gear you'd like to review or acquired some new programs or apps.

Share your knowledge and experience with us.

### 2019 Calendar

#### August

Meeting: 8/1 Member Moments

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 Field Trip/Workshop: TBD

(Time Lapse Photography - Brian Loflin)

#### **December**

12/7 Holiday Party and Awards

#### **Frames for Sale**

Member Pam Walker is selling Frames purchased from Aaron Bros. before they closed.
All still in plastic wrappers with price tags.
Offering them at half price. I can send photos.

2 24x36 @ \$16.50 ea one black and one brown

3 20x24 @ \$28.50 ea black - identical

2 16x20 @ 15.00 ea Light wood

2 16x20 @ \$12.50 ea 2" deep - dark wood tone

Contact Pam Walker - totonj@gmail.com

#### **Call for Entries**

#### A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

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In the Main Gallery
Juror | Fran Forman
Entries Due | September 9, 2019
Exhibition dates | Oct. 25 to Dec. 8, 2019
Receptions | Oct. 26 and Nov. 30, 2019 both from 4 to 8pm
for more info:
http://asmithgallery.com/calls-for-entry/

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

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

#### Club Leadership for 2019

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#### Austin Shutterbug Club Minutes of the July 9, 2019 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, instead of the usual meeting time of the first Thursday due to maintenance scheduled at the Austin Recreation Center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brian Loflin. There were no guests probably due to the date change.

Brian thanked Leslie Botts and Kathy McCall for providing refreshments for the evening.

Brian read a letter from the Assistance League of Austin to the Club regarding our contribution in honor of Alice Davis wife of member John Davis who passed away in June.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected dues.

Brian conducted the following business:

- The Hummingbird Festival at Rockport/Fulton will be September 19-20.
- He asked who owns Canon crop sensor and gave a "Camerawired Timer Remote" to Michael Lewis who guessed the number.
- Someone is needed for Refreshments for August.

He reviewed the Calendar:

- August 1 Meeting: Member Moments
- August 3 Hill Country Water Gardens and Lunch field trip
- September 5 Meeting: Critique
- September 16 Scavenger Hunt in Galveston
- October 3 Meeting: Scavenger Hunt Review
- October TBD Field trip to Caddo Lake
- November 7 Meeting: Critique
- December 7 Christmas party at County Line

Images for evaluation and review were presented by Brian. The Assignment subject was "Long Exposure to Demonstrate Motion." Judges this month were Brian Loflin, Phil Charlton, and Dolph McCranie. Names of members and their scores were announced.

Questions arose regarding differences between images submitted and their projection onto the screen. Some were cropped in the projection process, others were not as sharp or were much lighter and blown out than the submitted images. It was noted that judging is based on the projected image and not on the image as submitted. In other words, the images on the screen do not represent our images as we see on the computer at home or on the computer that is projecting the images at the meeting. Several tech members commented on possible solution(s) to the problem. Suggestion was made to get together and adjust settings on the projector. Brian agreed that the judging committee will work on it and will call on tech expertise from our members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

# NEW 2019 Photography Workshops



# **Brian Loflin**

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"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 ialso nelude 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 purposedesigned 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 or see: www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html

