

*May Field Trip***New Orleans - May 6 - 11**

Those going on the New Orleans Field trip May 6 - 11 should have received an email from Stennis Shotts with details.

Stennis needs to collect the costs for the two plantation home tours and lunch at Houmas House from those attending:

The cost includes the tours at each and the lunch at Houmas House. He would like to get a check from each of you for a total of \$62.96 per person. This includes \$44.71 for the Houmas House tour and buffet lunch and \$18.25 for Oak Alley plantation. You can bring a check to the next club meeting May 3rd or he can collect them once you get to New Orleans. The normal cost at Houmas House is \$80 and \$25 at Oak Alley so this is a reduced price.

Northwest Hills Methodist Church - June 2018 in the North Hills Gallery

Everyone who submitted entries for the North Hills Gallery exhibit should have received notification of entries accepted. If not, please contact Rose Epps. The Committee was pleased to have received so many entries from newer Shutterbug members. If it's your first time to exhibit your work and you have questions/concerns about presentation, please contact Steve Houston; he has volunteered his time to assist. Of course, feel free to contact any of us on the Exhibit Committee. The awards reception for this exhibit will be Sunday, June 3, 12:15 to 1:15 pm.

All members, friends, neighbors, relatives, etc. are invited!

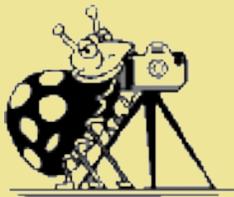
Please send a copy of your acceptance e-mail along with your check for the entry fee of \$25.00 payable to Austin Shutterbug Club to:

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

****OR you may give her your check and a copy of your acceptance at the May 3 meeting****

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**May is Evaluation and Review at the Austin Shutterbug Meeting.
The Assignment is "Patterns in Nature"**



Thursday, May 3, 2018

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors Always
Welcome!*

High Island Field Trip

April 13 - 16



Haytham Samarchi



Jill McLain



T. Jay

2018 Exhibit Opportunities

Exhibit at Thai Fresh Restaurant September 2018

As Carl Wood announced in the March meeting, our images will be up for two full months (August 29 through October 31)! A reception is planned for the evening of September 6. No fee to enter, no awards, just a casual fun show. Maybe some sales!

Exhibit Committee:

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

2018 Assignments

July - Yellow: Color only. Focus and principle subject of the image must be something yellow.

September - You are challenged to create an image of a person or persons that tells the viewer something distinctive about them without including the face. Okay to show the head, just not the face. It could show their age, profession, hobby, economic status, etc. Monochrome or color.

November - Black & White: Photograph whatever your heart desires. It is your choice BUT it must be entered as a pure Black and White, no color. Must have good black point and good white point with shades of gray tonalities.

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.

2018 Calendar

May

- Meeting: 5/3 Evaluation & Review
- Field Trip: 5/6-11 New Orleans trip

June

- Meeting: 6/7 Phil - HDR and Pete - Black and White
- Workshop: 6/16 Use of flash

July

- Meeting: 7/5 Evaluation & Review
- Workshop: 7/7 Macro

August

- Meeting: 8/2 Earl Nottingham - Drone Photography
- Field Trip: 8/4 Hill Country Water Gardens - Cedar Park

September

- Meeting: 9/6 Evaluation & Review
- Field Trip: 9/8 Scavenger Hunt - with Houston Camera Club

October

- Meeting: 10/4 Scavenger Hunt Review
- Field Trip: 10/12-14 South Texas Birding

November

- Meeting: 11/1 Evaluation & Review
- Field Trip: 11/3-4 Painted Churches and Market Days at Round Top

December

- Awards Banquet 12/6

Upcoming classes

Beyond The Basics - Third Class Saturday, June 23rd 10:30 - 1:00.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library,
835 West Rundberg Ln, Austin, TX 78758
Open to all members in good standing –
i.e. those have paid their dues

This is **class three** conducted by **Stennis Shotts** our Vice President and Head of Programs. Please arrive at 10:15 since we will start promptly at 10:30.
No equipment required.

This third class will include:

- Stop making pictures and start telling stories
- Exposure composition with the histogram
- Back button focus
- Focus modes and areas
- How to submit photos for critique

AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB

Minutes of the April 5, 2018 Meeting

The April 5, 2018, meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was convened by Vice President Stennis Shotts at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Stennis welcomed visitors Randy Dykstra, Matti Jaffe, and Jim Riviera. He thanked John Davis for providing the refreshments. He then passed the sign up list around to fill vacancies to bring refreshments.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected dues.

Vice President Shotts presented Shutterbug outings for the next few months of 2018.

- April 18 - High Island trip
- May 5-10 - New Orleans trip
- June 16 - Flash Workshop
- June 23 - Stennis' Photography Class #3
from 10:30 - 1:00 at Little Walnut Creek Library
- Sept. 22 - Shoot Off with the Houston Photo Club
at Brenham

Stennis introduced tonight's speaker, Jack Hollingsworth, who presented a program on iPhonography that included a video of his iPhone images. He discussed iPhone features for taking photos, "tech stuff" i.e., settings to use, camera apps and photo apps, and went through steps of taking iPhone images. Jack left us with the message: "Photograph what you love." The presentation and question time afterwards was informative and very well received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Nancy Naylor, Secretary

Call for Entries

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

Main Gallery

Juror | Harvey Stein

Entries Due | May 21, 2018

Exhibition dates | July 6 to August 19, 2018

Reception | July 28, 2018 from 4 to 8pm

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

FOR SALE

Canon 400mm F5.6 Lens- \$800

With Camo lens coat, Tripod ring,
Zipper case, and both lens caps

Bill Johnson 512-781-4689

wbjhnsn@gmail.com

(Put Shutterbug Club in the subject line)

Club Leadership for 2018

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South Texas Bird Photography Workshops

New dates for 2018

Join noted photographer, author and instructor, Brian Loffin for an intense, instructional, bird photography workshop in the heart of the South Texas flyway. The workshop features a half-day of hands-on instruction and two and a half days shooting in some of the best South Texas birding habitat available where neotropical South Texas varieties and migrants abound.

The workshop will be held at the Laguna Seca Ranch north of Edinburg, Texas in the heart of the lush Rio Grande Valley. The facilities of the 700-acre ranch are purpose-designed for photography and preserved with all native species. It features four constant-level ponds, each with permanent photography blinds oriented for the best use of light. A fifth blind is set up specifically for raptors. Each location has been hand-crafted to provide the most outstanding bird photography opportunities. With nearly eighty species found on the property, Laguna Seca Ranch clearly offers a uniquely outstanding South Texas bird photography adventure!



White-tailed hawk



Crested caracara

At our workshop we bring the birds to you! We set up natural perches considering the best photographic light. Photography of the best scenarios is just 12-15 feet from your lens! Birds have dripping water attractions and are fed year-round so that attraction of the best species is stress-free.

This workshop is designed for serious photographers competent in the use of their camera and equipment, yet may not have experienced the thrill of producing bird photographs of the highest quality. Copious instruction will include hands-on demonstrations in bird photography, understanding best exposures and camera settings, and the use of flash. Instruction will also include how to

set up in a blind and shooting etiquette, setting up perches, best management of light and backgrounds and much, much more.

The equipment of choice is a Digital SLR camera and zoom lenses in the 200 mm or longer focal length with tele-converter and extension tube options. Some photographers enjoy lenses of 400 to 600 mm in focal length. A dedicated flash with Better-Beamer style flash extender is an ideal option. Bring your laptop for image downloads and review.

Accommodations will be at the nearby ECHO Hotel in Edinburg, Texas. Participants will have mini-suites, a welcome spot to unwind and relax. Dinners will be served in the dining room and nearby restaurants and group discussions and refreshments may follow in the evenings. TV and Wi-Fi internet connections are available.

Join us in Texas' Rio Grande Valley for a truly remarkable and memorable photographic experience!

Limited to six Photographers
March 15-18, 2018 or October 25-28, 2018

Price: \$1,495.00

Includes lodging, meals and ranch fees.

(Exclusive of transportation to/from the Rio Grande Valley.)

A detailed information packet and equipment list will be sent to those wishing to register.

For more information contact:

The Nature Connection
Austin, Texas

512-743-7009 • bkloffin@austin.rr.com

www.thenatureconnection.com



Pyrrhuloxia



Green jay



Sharp-shinned hawk



Golden-fronted woodpecker



Harris hawk