



February speaker

Kelley Ahr Conceptual Photographic Art

A type of photography that conveys an idea using photographic images and photo-editing software.

We will review the four steps of developing a conceptual art piece including finding inspiration, taking the photo, compositing in Photoshop, and color grading.

The final images are unique, fun and convey a story.

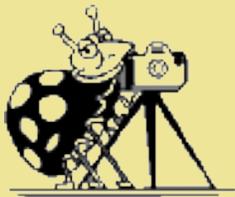


images by Kelley Ahr



Don't miss member
Kelley Ahr's
presentation!

Don't forget to pay your dues!



Thursday, February 1, 2018
6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

*Visitors Always
Welcome!*

February Field Trip

Fossil Rim – February 3rd & 4th Glen Rose, TX

- Saturday, February 3rd: We will have a guided tour from 2-6 pm
Please plan on being at the location below at 1:30 on Saturday.
 - Sunday we will meet at the below address at 8:15 and try to get away between 8:30 - 8:45
 - We will NOT meet at the entrance to Fossil Rim. The tours start from the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center Overlook.
The Overlook is located at 1789 County Road 2009 Glen Rose, TX 76043
- To get to the overlook turn on CR 2008 proceed 2.5 miles and turn right on CR 2009, go .8 miles and turn right into the Overlook entrance. Check-in will be at the Guided Tours Window of the Nature Store. We will discuss this in detail at our February meeting.
- Cost is \$65. Call 254-897-2960 and say you are with the Austin Shutterbug Photography Club and you can pay over the phone and get an e-mail confirmation - bring this with you
 - Dinner Saturday: 7:00 We will meet at Hammond's Bar-b-Que. Address is 1106 NE Big Bend Trail in Glen Rose, TX.
 - Hotel: You should make your reservations at the Best Western, Glen Rose, TX. Phone number is 254-897-4818. Reserved 10 kings and 10 queens for \$79 plus tax. Say you are with the Shutterbug Photography Club. Any questions ask for Becca. Breakfast is included



<https://fossilrim.org>

Saturday Attendees: 2-6 PM

1. Terry and Mark Stracke, Ryan Dishaw, Pam Oldham, Stephen and Dixie Houston, Kushal Bose

2. Bill Johnson, Haytham Samarchi and spouse, Paul and Sharon Munch, Shannan Brent Art Madden

3. Joanne and Elial, Beverly Lyle and sister, Phil Charlton and wife, John Davis and wife, Nancy Naylor and husband (14 seat truck)

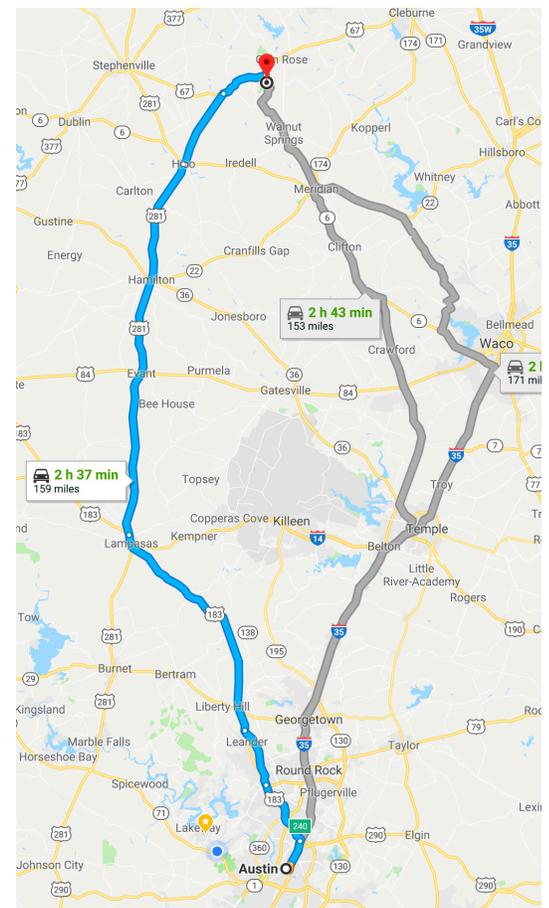
Sunday Attendees: 8:30 – 12 PM

1. Brian and Shirley, Dolph and Beverly McCranie, Pete Holland and Margie

2. Stennis Shotts and Kim, Kelly Ahr, Jill McClain, Walter Hennigan, Michael Martin

3. Dwight and Diane Casey, Daniel Riener and spouse, Heidi Maetzgold

For those not on the Saturday tour you can visit the local state park which we discussed at the meeting. I will send out more info on the state park or you can visit their web site at Dinosaur Valley State Park.



January Evaluation: Arches

Judges: Brian Loflin, Shirley Loflin and Phil Charlton

Assignment High Scoring Images



Horseshoe Bay Tunnel
Barbara Hunley



Trio
Bruce Lande



Villas Fall Fence
Beverly Lyle



Arch Intricacy
Dave Maguire



Arch With the Hole
Haytham Samarchi



Chapel Window
Kathy McCall



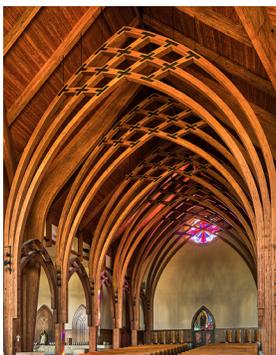
Blue Stars
Lois Schubert



Christmas at St. Mary's, Austin
Pamela Oldham



Mission San Jose
Rose Epps



Emmaus Arches
Dave Maguire



Old San Juan
Bruce Lande



Old Post Office Building, Round Rock
Pamela Oldham

General High Scoring Images



Looking for Me?
Barbara Hunley



Big Texas Buck
Brian Loflin



Caddo Lake
Beverly Lyle



Akbar Arches
Bassett Maguire



Black and Yellow Argiope
Beverly McCranie



Flying High
Joyce Bennett



Milky Way - Mason, TX
Phil Charlton



Gliding Together
Haytham Samarchi



Lower Falls on the Kanc
Kathy McCall



Hardware
Lois Schubert



Shades of Gray
Joanne Chicco



At Home in the Garden
Jill McLain



Bzzzzzz
Linda Sheppard



Purple Cone Flower
Dolph McCranie

General High Scoring Images



The Thinker
Dan Tonissen



Don't Fall
Joyce Bennett



Christmas Cactus
Phil Charlton



Coco Makes a Friend
Pete Holland



Squabble
Paul Munch



Vintage Truck
Rose Epps



You Talking to Me?
Steve Houston



Jaguar Trio
Brian Loflin



Green Heron
Beverly McCranie



Black Necked Stilt
Dolph McCranie



Beetle Juice
Dan Tonissen



If I Could Get Out of This Cage...
Stennis shotts



Cunningham Cabin
John Davis



Reflection on the Snake
Paul Munch



I'm Thinking
Richard Bennett

Upcoming Classes

Beyond The Basics

Second Class

Saturday, March 3rd from 10:30 - 1:00.

Old Quarry Branch Library, 7051 Village Center - across the street from North Hills Gallery.

This is **class two** 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 second class will include:

- Light
- Depth of field management including ISO, Aperture, Shutter speed
- Lens calibration
- Composition techniques
- Exposure compensation.

2018 Calendar

February

- Meeting: 2/1 Kelley Ahr - Conceptual Photographic Art
- Field Trip: 2/3 Fossil Rim

March

- Meeting: 3/1 Evaluation & Review
- Field Trip: 3/24 Wild Flowers and lunch at the Shotts house

April

- Meeting: 4/5 Jack Hollingsworth - iPhone photography
- Field Trip: 4/13-16 High Island - birds and other photography

May

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

June

- Meeting: 6/7 Drone Photography
- Workshop 6/16 Use of flash

July

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

August

- Meeting: 8/2 Phil - HDR and Pete - Black and White
- Field Trip 8/4 Water Gardens - Cedar Park

September

- Meeting: 9/6 Evaluation & Review
- Field Trip: 9/8 Scavenger Hunt - will announce location in advance

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

2018 — exhibit opportunities

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

Exhibit at Thai Fresh Restaurant - September 2018

More information to follow

Call for Entries

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

Call for Entries: "portraits"

Main Gallery

Juror | Alyssa Coppelman

Entries Due | February 12, 2018

Exhibition dates | March 30 to May 13, 2018

Reception | March 31 and April 28, 2018 both from 4 to 8pm

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

ASC members will enjoy the web site:

Stephen Wilkes TED Talk.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afev0ZjAhUA>

Wilkes has developed a process he calls Day-To-Night images. He spends about 15 hours taking 1,500 photos of a location from sun up until sun down. He then combines the images into one large panorama. The results are remarkable.

His web site is: stephenwilkes.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
Austin Shutterbug Club Members

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

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)

FOR SALE

Sigma 50-500mm f/4.5-6.3 APO DG OS
lens for Canon with optical stabilizer.

\$750.00

Excellent condition, original case and box.

Many good bird shots with this lens,
but wanted a longer one.

Rose Epps rmepps@sbcglobal.net

Internet Continuing Education and Information

<https://photographytv.com/take-better-pictures/>

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/>

AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB

Minutes of the January 4, 2018 Meeting

The January 4, 2018 meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was convened by President Brian Loflin at 7:00 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Brian welcomed former member Phillis Rummel and introduced guests Dick Curtis, Karen Duncan, David Flynn, Nicole Freeman, Greg Karnaze, Reuben Martin, Dee Roberts, Matt Stafford and Miriam Helfgott.

Brian recognized ASC club leaders for 2018 as well as four members and guests from Austin Radiological Association. He thanked Shannan Brent and Kim and Stennis Shotts for providing refreshments for the evening.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected dues.

At this time, Brian presented the following motions from the Leadership Committee to amend ASC bylaws.

Motion #1. It is proposed to eliminate the half-price prorated membership dues for the period that would begin after July of the Club Year. It is proposed to keep the dues amount unchanged. The motion passed.

Motion #2. It has been proposed to allow any single member to bring an adult non-member as a guest to club outings and field trips. However, the non-member guest may not occupy a limited photographic position in place of a paid member. Any non-member must also pay any required fees. This change does not apply to club training and workshops. For those who would like, a Family Membership is always available.

Discussion followed and several questions were clarified: A single membership may be changed to family membership anytime during the year. There is no club insurance, each person is responsible for his/herself. A guest must be 16 years or more to be considered "adult." Non-members who shoot may not enter their photos. Guests must pay required fees, as for a boat. The motion passed.

Vice President/Programs and Events Stennis Shotts discussed plans for the 2018 year.

- New Orleans - Stennis reviewed arrangements for the trip and plans to shoot at the cemetery, plantations, and downtown.
- He discussed the Fossil Rim trip that is coming up on February 3-4. Reservations are due right away.

Evaluation and Review was held during tonight's meeting. Judges this month were Brian Loflin, Shirley Loflin and Phil Charlton. Purpose of Evaluation is to coach members in order to encourage better photography and to give a measure of how each is doing. Numerical scoring system of 3-10 was instigated and questions arose as to why the change to numerical evaluation. We were informed of the need to segregate pictures for end-of-year awards.

Tonight's meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Nancy Naylor, Secretary

2018 Assignments

March - Landscape Panorama

Color or Monochrome

May - Patterns in Nature: color or monochrome

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.

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 Chairman	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 Chairman	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

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 • bkloflin@austin.rr.com

www.thenatureconnection.com



Pyrrhuloxia



Green jay



Sharp-shinned hawk



Golden-fronted woodpecker



Harris hawk