

October Meeting

- **Review of images from September 9th - Fredericksburg Scavenger Hunt**
Attendees get to be the judges!

October Field Trip

Fort Worth

Friday October 6th - Dinner

7 pm Pappasitos at 2704 West Freeway, Fort Worth

Saturday October 7th - Botanical and Japanese Gardens

3220 Botanic Garden BLVD Fort Worth, TX 76107

Garden Center 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Free Admission
tri-pods allowed

Japanese Garden 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Only mono pods allowed

Admission: Adult - \$7.00 Seniors (age 65+) - \$5.00

Parking is free throughout the Garden.

La Quinta 7310 Calmont Ave.

October 6th-8th

Call the Group Desk 1-800-642-4239 by
September 22nd to get the \$99 + tax per night
for a double room

Confirmation code for Shutterbug Photography
Club 6697 GRTYLP 75.

Breakfast on your own both days

Lunch on Saturday - details to be announced

Dinner Saturday Night - details to be announced

Possibly Lunch on Sunday at the zoo at 12:30

Sunday October 8th, 2017 - Zoo

1989 Colonial Parkway · Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Option 1 9:00 Entry:

Guide for an hour

9:30 Release of Gorillas

9:50 Release of Lions

10:00 Zoo opens and admission for the zoo day

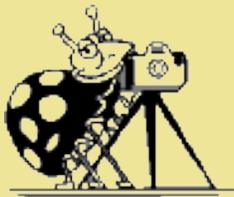
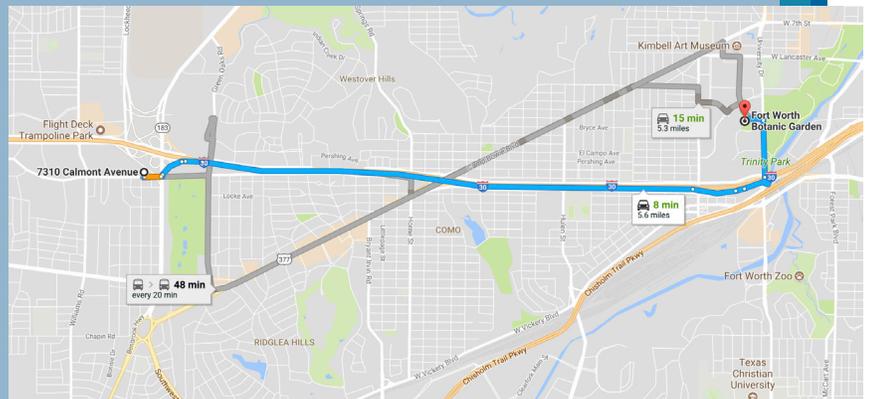
\$25 a person for Option 1 plus entry fee

Bring to the Oct. 5th meeting or send a check for \$25.00
to Stennis Shotts 210 Chandler Way, Kingsland, Tx 78639

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Adults \$14 Seniors (65+) \$10

Parking (per vehicle) \$5



Thursday, October 5, 2017

6:30 pm

Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr. Austin, TX 78757

**Visitors Always
Welcome!**

a message from Brian

My friends and Club Members,

I have a lot of news to share with you as I am certain that many of my friends have heard the rumors already.

As many know, I taught my last three class at UT Austin the last week in August. However, I was not invited to teach in the Fall. Big changes are underway with the consolidation of Continuing Education and Informal Classes, along with the extended campus certification group. It is said that classes falling into the Arts will be limited in the future. So, it is my understanding that 70% of classes have been dropped.

But as one door closes, another opens. . .

I returned September 1 from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and a meeting with the Dean of the School of Animal, Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences, The Chair of the department of Wildlife Sciences, the Director of Caesar Kleburg Wildlife Research Institute, and others, including the Kleburgs- owners of the King Ranch.

So, my meeting was to present the vision, plans and curricula for the program. It was met with very positive reactions and I was asked to get it started. As a result, I have been charged with the exciting process of developing and leading a long-term academic program of Biological and Wildlife Photography. The goal is to make it a Major, and/or Minor program, ultimately offering Bachelor-, Masters-, and Doctorate-level degrees in Biology with a specialty in Biological and Wildlife Photography.. As this unfolds, it will be the only university level program of its kind. The program will reside within the Caesar Kleburg Wildlife Research Institute with TAMU-Kingsville.

This development is made possible by a sizeable donation from a charitable trust of a retired professor from Trinity University in San Antonio. The trustee was introduced to me and asked if I was interested in taking on the project.

(Was "Yes" ever in question?) Little did I know at the time what a wonderful development the program will be.

This will begin as a skeleton program with limited classes, workshops and seminars this semester since the term has already started. But the plans are to get it on the calendar for the Spring Semester of 2018. As a result, I have been commuting periodically to Kingsville. My work there now includes becoming an A&M faculty member, starting and equipping my lab, building a computer teaching lab, outdoor photography blinds and learning centers. The very nice part of the program is that the donation funds included the purchase of more than \$120,000 in new camera and computer equipment and software. Getting 38 boxes from B&H was like a Giant Christmas in September.

My plans do not include moving to Kingsville, rather to hold classes on a few consecutive days per week and commute from Austin. The plans also include the initiation of online lectures as part of the curriculum. My plans also do not include leaving the Austin Shutterbug Club, although, I may be absent part of the time. I am certain that you have found that I have a very capable substitute in Stennis Shotts.

Many, many thanks to all who have helped me in my teaching efforts through the years and in making this adventure work. You have enriched my life greatly.

Brian Loflin
President

Upcoming classes

In the beginning - The Basics

First Class

Date to be announced

10:30 AM until 12:30 PM

at the Austin Yarbrough Public Library Branch, 2200 Hancock Dr., Austin, TX, 78756

This is **the first of two classes** 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 first class will include:

- How to save and store images
- Preparation for taking a photo
- The Rule of Thirds.

The second class (date and location TBA) will stress:

- How to manage light i.e., ISO, Aperture and Shutter Speed.

A reception for the multi-photo club exhibit **"America"** at the East Main Grill (209 East Main Street in Johnson City) **will be held October 21, beginning at 5 pm.**

Those of you who've attended these receptions previously know that complimentary appetizers are not served.

You are on your own to order at the restaurant.

Amanda and Kevin will be having dinner around 6 pm and invite everyone to join them.

Naturescapes 2017 Exhibit

at the Walkers' Gallery at the San Marcos Activity Center (501 E Hopkins Street).

Several Austin Shutterbug Club members' images have been accepted for the Naturescapes 2017 Exhibit.



photo by Kelley Ahr

Congratulations to Kelley Ahr who received Best in Show

and Rose Epps for Award of Excellence



photo by Rose Epps

The images will be on display through October 20. Along with this show, several ASC members who belong to the Hill Country Photography Club will be showing images in the club's "Windows, Doors and Mirrors" exhibit also at the Walkers' Gallery.

September Evaluation: Hands/Hands

Judges: Brian Loflin, Shirley Loflin and Phil Charlton

Assignment Exceptional Images



Opposable Thumb
Dan Tonissen



Plein Air Painting
Kathy McCall



Finger Rings
Michael Martin



Guitarist
Lois Schubert

General Exceptional Images



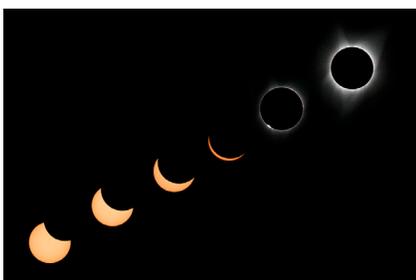
Queen of the Night
Barbara Hunley



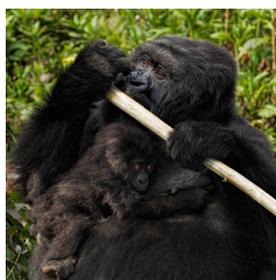
New Orleans Rooftops
Beverly Lyle



Great Kiskadee
Dolph McCranie



Eclipse Series
Dave Maguire



Don't Mess With My Mom
Dan Tonissen



View with a Room
John Davis



Bear-ly Seen
Jill McLain



Sydney Harbor at Sunset
Stennis Shotts



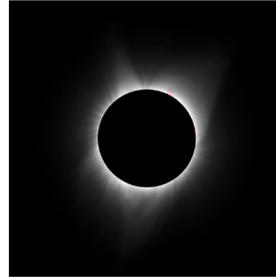
A Red Rose is A Red Rose
Lois Schubert



A Hit
Linda Sheppard



Rockport Pelicans
Michael Martin



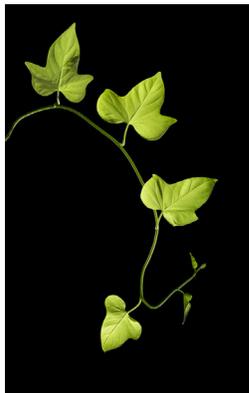
Total Eclipse
Dave Maguire



Just Peachy
Rose Epps



Blue Windows
Bruce Lande



Potato Plant
Linda Avitt



Milky Way at Zabriskie Point
Steven Ng



Dry Falls, North Carolina
Pamela Walker



Feed Me!
Beverly McCranie



Storm A-Brewin'
Beverly Lyle



A Rose by Any Other Name
Dolph McCranie



Chillin'
Paul Munch



Alone
Kelley Ahr



Total Eclipse August 21, 2017
Jeff Lava

save the dates!

2017 Calendar

(Field Trips are for paid ASC Members Only!)

- **October 5 Meeting - Scavenger Hunt Review**
- **October 7 - Fort Worth Botanical Gardens & Dallas Zoo**

- **November 2 Meeting - Evaluation Assignment: Stripes**
- **November 4 - San Antonio**

- **December 5 - Christmas Awards Banquet**
(NOTE: Dec. 5th is a Tuesday--Thursday the 7th was not available.)

2017 Assignments

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

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.

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

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

FOR SALE

Spyder 4 Pro - lightly used
Advanced Monitor Calibration
\$50.00
Kathy McCall - kwmccall@gmail.com

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)



November Field Trip

November 4th

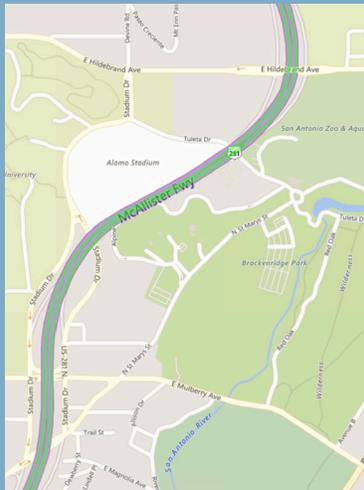
Field Trip to San Antonio Zoo

photo by Stennis Shotts 3903 N St Mary's St, San Antonio, TX 78212

(for paid ASC Members Only!)

- Open from 9-6. Need to get there early for feeding and to beat the crowds -
- Avoid parking hassles by arriving early. The parking lot under the 281 overpass is free. For more parking options see - http://www.sazoo.org/plan_your_visit/parking/

- Meet at the front gate at 9 am
- Entrance Fee: \$13.25 for those 65+ \$14.25 for adults under 65
- Lunch location TBA at about 11:30 am



AUSTIN SHUTTERBUG CLUB

Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Meeting

The September 7, 2017, meeting of the Austin Shutterbug Club was convened by Vice President/Programs and Events Stennis Shotts at 7:05 p.m. at the Northwest Recreation Center.

Stennis thanked Beverly McCranie and Dave Pinckney for providing refreshments for this evening.

He welcomed and introduced guests Shannan Brent, Kay Freund, Darren Joy, Haytham Sumarchi, Tim Sutton, and Tom York.

Treasurer Lois Schubert collected dues.

Stennis discussed upcoming events.

The Scavenger Hunt will be at Fredericksberg this Saturday, September 16. He distributed maps and said to send images to him for review at the October meeting.

Field trip and the schedule to Fort Worth Botanical Garden and the Zoo.

Evaluation and Review was held. Phil Charlton talked about the three categories of evaluation, Excellent, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement, and presented the judges' comments. Judges this month were Brian Loflin, Shirley Loflin and Phil.

Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Nancy Naylor, Secretary

Club Leadership for 2017

President	Brian Loflin	512-331-2820
Vice President/Programs	Stennis Shotts	678-637-8367
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Treasurer	Lois Schubert	512-947-4864
Evaluation Chairman	Fred Peebles	512-441-7913
Evaluation Committee	Linda Sheppard	512-306-1516
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
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
Webmaster	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Electronic Communication	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144
Roster and Name tags	Barbara Hunley	512-250-1144

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.rmsp.com/blog>

Anne McKinnell
<http://annemckinnell.com/blog/>

<http://www.lightstalking.com/photography-freebies/>

<https://www.on1.com/news/>

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2017 Photography Workshops

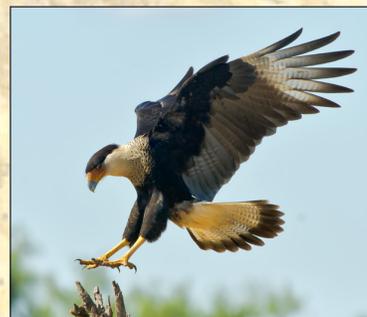
with

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* - Macro Quest**

~~May 19-21~~ • 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 many tiny subjects. This workshop is located at a facility 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.

Macro & Close-up Photography Intensive 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.

Bird Photography in the Texas Rio Grande Valley

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 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.

***NEW* - Night Sky Workshop**

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 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 after breakfast the second. Photography techniques to be taught include photographic stills of the stars and the Milky Way, star trails, time lapse star motion techniques and light painting with all the above. Transportation, meals and lodging not included.



For more information email: bkloflin@austin.rr.com or see: www.thenatureconnection.com/workshopschedule.html



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