



Welcoming 2026!

– Brian Loflin

I was really surprised about how fast the year 2025 passed, especially the last half. Before I knew it, the year was gone. That was true of the club year as well.

In December we brought the year to its official close with our Annual Holiday and Awards Banquet at the Waterloo Icehouse. About 20 members and family enjoyed good food, fellowship and reviewed the submitted images for evaluation in 2025.

Annual awards for 2025 were dominated by women club members. Several took home the winnings. The Annual Awards included:

ASC Annual Awards for 2025

Photo of the Year
Jill McLain



General

1st place	Mike Stys
2nd place	Barbara Hunley
3rd place	Jill McLain

Assignment

1st place	Barbara Hunley
2nd place	Therese Beck
3rd place	Jill McLain

Members We Will Miss

Phil Charleton was an officer of the club and board member for over 25 years. He made a lot of contributions to the club along the way, including the extremely concise evaluation of member's images. He was a perfectionist with his photography and computer processing. He was also the "King of Plugins" for Photoshop.

Pete Holland was also a member for many years. And in addition, Pete was a member of the Austin photographic scene for decades as owner of Holland Photo, a professional photo lab. Pete and wife Margie were icons in Austin Photography from their work in Holland Photo. Many professionals of the region knew them at the counter and would send materials to Holland Photo for processing.

John Davis was also a many-year member of the club. He and Alice were always together at club events prior to her passing some years ago. John grew up in Austin and was an award-winning architect and designer. As an architect, John had a masterful eye for design that permeated his photography. His work was evident through the UT Systems campuses and facilities as associate director of facilities planning and construction.

We had several interesting speakers and programs during the year, including Pollinators, State Parks of Texas, Fine Art Photography, Image Creation with AI, and more.

We had a variety of workshops and field trips throughout the year including Lightroom, Photoshop, and Still Life Workshops, and a Scavenger Hunt to Luling, Texas.

The new year is looking very interesting so far. The January meeting -now postponed until Thursday, January 8, will feature evaluation and critique. The Assignment is ***An Iconic Austin Mural***. The image must include the architecture that supports the painting. Color only.

In February John Terwilliger will present a report about his last trip to Havana, Cuba for a photographic workshop. His initial comments stated that though somewhat restricted in travel, the workshop featured rewarding people and street photography. John is an excellent image maker, and his presentation will be captivating.

I know I look forward to the new year photographically. Your club leadership is dedicated to making each year an educational experience where everyone may have fun, enjoy our camaraderie, and grow their photography.



*“Look and think before opening the shutter. The heart and mind are
the true lens of the camera”*

- Yousuf Karsh

Christmas Pictures from Awards Banquet at Waterloo Icehouse Restaurant – December 5, 2025



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Photos by Joe Bryson

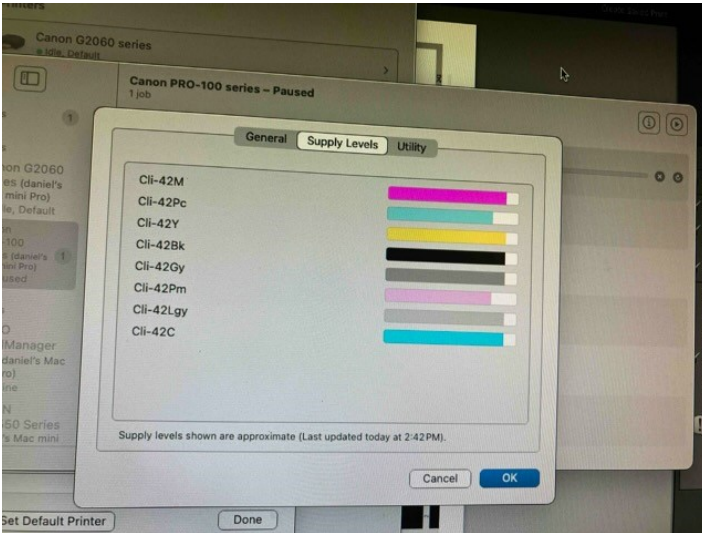
Items for Sale

Club member **Dan Diener** has a package deal for sale that is listed below.

UPGRADING TO NEW MODEL

USED very little. Works perfectly on Mac or PC. 8 color inks.

Includes a full set of cartridges in the printer, plus 2 extra sets of cartridges: one empty, never used & one partially used. Full set of Precision Ink refill inks with enough ink to refill cartridges 3-4 times. Plus 100 sheets of 4x6 glossy paper.



Printer and all accessories—\$100. Dan Diener can be contacted at dwd@bscusa.com



More Items for Sale

Club member **Clarence Ranzau** has one item for sale listed below. The paper cutter is free.



**Asking \$100 for
projector and 15
carousels.**

Contact Clarence Ranzau at
ceranzau@gmail.com



The paper cutter is free!

Assignment Topics for 2026

January 2026



An Iconic Austin Mural – Must include the architecture that supports the painting. Color only.

March 2026

A shadow of Itself – A photograph of a shadow. Must include at least a portion of the object making the shadow. Color or monochrome.

May 2026

Lunar Eclipse – A total lunar eclipse of March 2-3, 2026. Color only.

July 2026

Texas Wildflowers – Any flower, grouping, or landscape. Must be wild. Color only.

September 2026

Fireworks Display – Color only.

November 2026

Tabletop Still Life – Any subject. Composition and lighting are critical. Color only.



“A great photograph is one that fully expresses what one feels, in the deepest sense, about what is being photographed.”

– Ansel Adams –

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Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2025

CALLED TO ORDER BY Brian Loflin at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Loflin at 7:02 pm. Two visitors joined us for the meeting. Brian critiqued photos from our assignment topic of “Insects Flying” as well as those submitted in the general category. Then we viewed photos submitted from our scavenger hunt last month in Luling, Texas. Dennis Ellis brought some photos from his trip to Africa and those were shown.

Next month in lieu of our regular meeting we will have our annual Christmas party at 5 pm on Friday December 5, 2025, at Waterloo Icehouse, 6203 N Capital of Texas Hwy. at the intersection with 2222. Brian will be submitting the photos from the whole year to a judge and cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as Photo of the Year.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:30.

Jill McLain
Secretary



NEXT MEETING DATE!

Thursday, January 8, 2026

7:00pm

Northwest Recreation Center

2913 Northland Dr, Austin, TX 78757

Visitors welcome!



We are on Facebook!

