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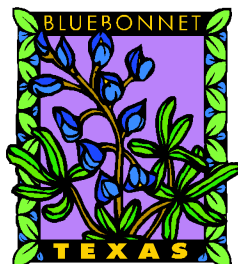
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April 2008

## Field Trip - Saturday, April 12, 2008

### Texas Bluebonnet Festival

Texas is known for many things - in April it is known for its wildflowers, especially Bluebonnets. Our April field trip will be to photograph wildflowers and to visit the official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas, hosted by the town of Chappell Hill in Washington County.



The Festival is open on Saturday, April 12 from 10 am until 6 pm. There is no admission fee, but there is a parking fee of \$5. The parking lot is on FM 1155 near the intersection of Hwy 290 and FM 1155. The Festival features various exhibitors, artists, and craftsmen, as well as live entertainment and tours.

Maps of the Washington County wildflower trails will be available at the April competition meeting.

At noon, plan to meet at the Southern Flyer Diner at the Brenham Municipal Airport for lunch. The Diner boasts homemade cooking, "just like the '50's". With a jukebox and girls in poodle skirts, what more could you want?

**John Niemand**, Field Trip Chairman



*This Eye's on You* by Ross Gore

**April 1, 2007**  
**Competition Meeting** - both slides and digital prints  
 New starting time: 7 pm

- **Slide competition** - Enter up to 3 slides in any of 4 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism).
- **Digital print competition** - Enter up to 3 prints in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative) .
- **Assignment for April** (both groups)  
*Animal portrait* - enter one slide and/or one print.

**Interclub competitions:** Discontinued at meetings, but handled by Chairmen **Don Pederson** and **Kellene Jarratt**

**April judges:** **Mark Katz, Denny Moller, Evelyn Sandler**

**Competition table:** **Cissy Donaldson, C.T. Edwards, Kellene Jarratt, Marcia Raskin**

Anyone needing to change, please contact **Leslie Niemand** at 281-242-4717

**Refreshments:** **Cissy Donaldson**

## Tuesday, April 15, 2008 - Program: Flash Lighting Outdoors, Day or Night Presented by Mark Katz

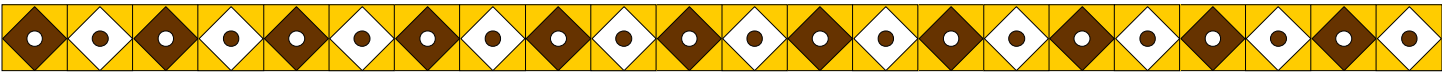
Experienced HCC member **Mark Katz** has agreed to show examples of proper lighting techniques using flash when taking pictures outdoors during daylight or after dark.

Mark is owner of **Mark's One Hour Photo**, and some of his photos have appeared in the local newspapers.

**Glenn Sternes**, Program Chairman

Refreshments: **Virginia Anderson**

**Next month: Enter Unlimited prints**



**March Competition Results**

Judged March 4 2008

Judges: **Don Pederson, Ron Towe, Hal Wolin**

**Slides**

**Pictorial Slides** – 8 entries

- 1st (22.5 pts) *Sea View*..... H. Wolin
- 2nd (21 pts) *Super Howard* ..... J. Sandler
- 3rd (20 pts) *Lightgram 2007* ..... E. Sandler

**Nature Slides** – 4 entries

- 1st (19 pts) *Sun Setting in Florida* ... E. Sandler
- 2nd (18 pts) *Indian Pink* ..... K. Jarratt
- Nutria at Anahuac*..... E. Wales
- Blue Bonnet Macro*..... J. Sandler

**Photojournalism Slides** – 2 entries

- 1st (17 pts) *Art Car Parade*.... U. Atkinson
- 2nd (16 pts) *Civil War Enactment*.. E. Wales

**Travel Slides** – 4 entries

- 1st (19.5 pts) *High & Dry*..... H. Wolin
- 2nd (19 pts) *Walking the Dunes* ..... E. Sandler
- Swiss Lake Steamer*..... U. Atkinson
- 3rd (15 pts) *Jefferson Memorial*..... H. Wolin

**Assignment: Sunrise/Sunset** – 1 entry

Winner: *Fisherman* ..... M. Daura

**Quarterly Field Trip** - 4 entries

1st Place *Tank Truck*..... M. Daura

**Digital Prints**

**Pictorial Prints** – 6 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Urban Cowboy*..... D. Pederson
- Indian Blanket*..... U. Atkinson
- This Eye's on You*..... R. Gore
- 2nd (18 pts) *Fog & Reflection*..... H. Wolin
- 3rd (17 pts) *Inside a Tulip*..... E. Sandler
- My Glass Hummer*..... E. Sandler

**Nature Prints** – 10 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *Ready to Fly*..... J. Sandler
- Martial Eagle* ..... T. Kirila
- 2nd (21 pts) *Yellow Crown Night Heron*..... E. Sandler
- White ibis Posing*..... J. Sandler
- 3rd (20 pts) *Mating Time*..... R. Gore
- Mother & Cubs*..... T. Kirila

**Photojournalism Prints** – 2 entries

- 1st (16.5 pts) *Winter Fun*..... H. Wolin
- 2nd (15 pts) *Texas Independence Race* . M. Barrera

**Travel Prints** – 7 entries

- 1st (23 pts) *House of Glass* .. R. Gore
- 2nd (20 pts) *View Thru Mesa Arch*.. J. Sandler
- 3rd (19.5 pts) *Mexican Wagon*..... H. Wolin
- Night Life*..... R. Towe

**Creative Prints** – 1 entry

1st (18 pts) *Tunnel of Light*.... R. Towe

**Assignment: Sunrise/Sunset** – 5 entries

Winner: *African Sunset*..... T. Kirila

**Quarterly Field Trip** - 9 entries

First Place Winners:

- Old Water Pump*..... E. Sandler (tie)
- Passengers*..... J. Sandler (tie)

**Results of the Earl Gilbert Architectural Contest**

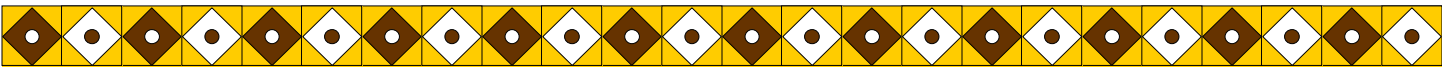
Judged by **Alan Montgomery** of *Woodallen Photography*

**Slides**

- 1st place *Epcot Reflections*..... J. Sandler
- 2nd place *Windows*..... U. Atkinson
- 3rd place *Hartman Bridge*..... E. Sandler

**Prints**

- 1st place *Denver Museum of Art #2*..... U. Atkinson
- 2nd place *St. Augustine Cathedral*..... J. Sandler
- 3rd place *New Mexico Staircase*..... J. Sandler



### Past Results of Interclub Competition

**PSA Nature Digital**, Judged by *Glendora Camera Club*

<i>Move On, I Have This One</i> ...R. Gore	14 pts
<i>Woodpecker in Nest Cavity</i> .....D. Pederson	11 pts
<i>Monarch Closeup</i> .....E. Sandler	9 pts
<i>Desert Lizard</i> .....J. Sandler	9 pts

**GSCCC Projected Images**, Judged by *Austin Shutterbug Club*

<i>Galapagos Iguana</i> .....R. Davis	14 pts	1st HM
<i>Woodpecker in Nest Cavity</i> .....D. Pederson	14 pts	
<i>Sea Star</i> .....M. Raskin	12 pts	
<i>Curved Bill Thrasher</i> .....E. Sandler	12 pts	

**GSCCC Photojournalism slides**, Judged by *Lion's Field CC*

<i>Fire at Will</i>	M. Daura	10 pts
<i>Nearing the Top</i>	J. Sandler	10 pts
<i>Hmmm</i> .....	K. Jarratt	10 pts
<i>Hitting the Dust</i>	G. Sternes	10 pts

### **Scavenger Hunt - Our judging - April 3**

The Houston CC's members' scavenger hunt photos will be judged on Thursday, April 3 at Bayland Center beginning at 7 pm. From among the higher scoring photos, we will pick two of each subject to submit against San Antonio's. Everyone is invited to come watch the judging.

The entries from both clubs will be judged by someone or some club outside our two respective clubs. The highest scoring club will then inherit the traveling plaque until next year. Currently the plaque is resting in our care in the glass case at Bayland Center.

At a date to be determined later, we will meet with San Antonio (probably at Schulenberg) to show the winner and award the plaque.

**Virginia Anderson**, Chairman



**Windows**

**by Urvine Atkinson**

**New Member:** **Jessica Harvey** joined us on our scavenger hunt at Washington on the Brazos and decided to become a member. Of course she is the granddaughter of Virginia Anderson. Welcome Jessica!

**March visitors:** **Jacquelyn Battise, Elmar Sveda, Katie Coones**

**News of Members:** **Glenn Sternes** spent a few days in March in Las Vegas. He didn't say if it was a business meeting or a pleasure trip.

**Ernie Wales**, believe it or not, is now skiing in Colorado. He says he loves it. We say "don't break any bones."

**Marcia Raskin** was on a workshop with Nancy Rotenberg and Jeremy Woodhouse in the San Miguel de Allende area of Mexico recently. The two highlights of the trip, she says, were viewing the pre-Easter religious processions through the city, and the monarch butterfly sanctuaries in Michoacan. Also, she'll be going back to work on April 7, auditing for a public CPS firm.

**Theresa Tusa** has made it into print again. Her photograph of a daylily flower with a grasshopper stowaway was published in the April issue of *Texas Highways* magazine. See page 41.

### **Teas Nursery Photo Contest**

Teas Nursery will again hold a photo contest with flowers and landscapes as the subjects for the contest. Information won't be released until April 2, so we could not include everything you need to know in this newsletter. We'll try to send you all we can by e-mail after they release details.

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Officers: President.....	.....Joe Sandler
1st Vice President.....	.....Glenn Sternes
2nd Vice President.....	.....Ernie Wales
Secretary.....	.....Marcia Raskin
Treasurer.....	.....Virginia Anderson

**PSA Column -**

**70 years and counting**

The Photographic Society of America recognized the Houston Camera Club for its 70 years being a member by sending us an engraved certificate noting the fact. Congratulations to us.



Membership in PSA for the club means we are able to enter inter-club competitions throughout the year with other clubs around the country or the world. Recorded programs are also available to rent. The club also receives a copy of the *PSA Journal*, official publication of the Society. This publication is available at club meetings to peruse or to take home by any member. Look for it.

**Editor**



*Mexican Wagon* by Hal Wolin

**Calendar of April Meetings**

- April 1.....Competition meeting
- April 3.....Scavenger hunt judging
- April 12.....Field trip
- April 15..... Program meeting

**Future assigned subjects**

- May.....Vegetable
- June.....Ant's Eye View
- July.....Arches

**GSCCC Column -  
New format this year**



This year the GSCCC will not be having a convention due to lack of a sponsoring club. This is the first time a convention has not been held at the end of a competition year.

The convention provided a location and opportunity for attendees to observe the year end judging, in addition to attending programs and participating in field trips.. A banquet at the close of the convention was the finale where year end awards were presented to clubs and individuals.

This year, without a convention, the year end judging will be held in Fort Worth, TX at Hope Church. Everyone is invited to attend, but there won't be any programs or planned field trips. Nor will there be a banquet at which the awards are handed out. The date is Saturday, May 3, and the address for Hope Church is 1750 Beach Street.

This year after the judging, winners' plaques and club certificates will be mailed out.

**Denny D. Moller**, GSCCC Representative



**Editor's notes:**

April is the month when you may enter *Travelettes* for a once-a-year competition. Travelettes are limited to 20 images maximum. This category was set up for those who had accumulated a short travel program not long enough to take up a full evening. Any medium is acceptable.

Another category which is a once-a-year competition is the *Sequence* category, limited to 12 images. We've had very little response lately on these contests, so consider any recent travels or events you can put together in a sequence to enter.

