

The August competition meeting is the last opportunity in which you can bring your annual total of entries to 30 if you have already not done so. This is for high points only. Slide and print of the year ended in June. July and August of 2008 entries will be included in next year's eligible entries.



Annual Awards Dinner and Guest Night

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

Our annual awards dinner is the final meeting of our fiscal year. It will be held at Bayland Community Center. We have use of the auditorium and the kitchen. We'll set up tables for dinner; after dinner we'll enjoy the program, followed by the awarding of trophies and ribbons for Slide and Print of the Year, plus awards for high cumulative points.

Times: 6:30 pm - social period
7 pm - dinner
7:45 pm - program* followed by awards presentations

Note: Several people will be needed to arrive a little early to help set up the tables, tablecloths, and utensils, etc.

This is a potluck dinner. Hospitality Chairman **Kellene Jarratt** will pass around a list at the August 5 meeting for members to sign up for certain varieties of food. Call **Kellene** at 713-776-2900 if you are unable to make the August competition meeting.



Chapel in the Rock by Ross Gore



Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Competition Meeting - both slides and digital prints

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 August (both groups)
Insects - enter one slide and/or print.
- **Quarterly field trip competition** - enter up to 3 slides and/or 3 prints from
 - 1) Washington on the Brazos (scavenger hunt)
 - 2) Chappell Hill
 - 3) Houston Zoo
- **Interclub competition** - Discontinued at meetings, but handled by **Chairmen Kellene Jarratt and Don Pederson**

August judges: Manuel Barrera,

John Niemand, Glenn Sternes

Competition table: Rachel Burychka, Marcia Raskin, Evelyn Sandler

Refreshments: Matt Daura

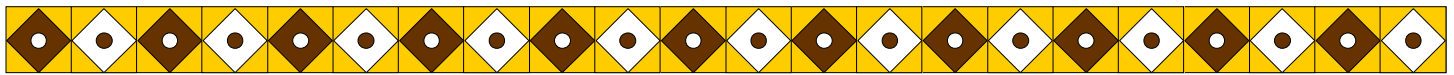


* Program at Awards Meeting

Africa Safari by HCC member **Tom Kirila**

Tom will present his program of images shot while on an African Safari in 2007. His tour went through three countries: Zimbabwe, where he visited Victoria Falls, Botswana where he visited Chobe Khwai, and Singita, a wild life refuge in South Africa.

August field trip - see page 4



July Competition Results



Judged July 1, 2008

Judges: **Bill Burychka, Kellene Jarratt, Tom Kirila**

Slides

Pictorial Category - 3 entries

1st (19 pts)	<i>Threesome</i>	J. Sandler
2nd (17 pts)	<i>Purple Water Lily</i>	G. Sternes
3rd (14 pts)	<i>Field of Bluebonnets</i>	C. Edwards

Nature Category - 1 entry

1st (16 pts)	<i>Joshua Tree</i>	C. Edwards
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Photojournalism Category - 3 entries

1st (19 pts)	<i>In the Dust</i>	G. Sternes
2nd (16 pts)	<i>Remember When</i>	U. Atkinson
3rd (14 pts)	<i>High Wheeler</i>	G. Sternes

Travel Category - 3 entries

1st (19 pts)	<i>Rain Forest Waterfall</i>	J. Sandler
2nd (18 pts)	<i>Desert in Springtime</i>	E. Sandler
3rd (16 pts)	<i>Bay at St. John's</i>	C. Edwards

Assignment: Arches - 2 entries

Winner: *Arches Plus* by Matt Daura

Digital Prints

Pictorial prints - 7 entries

1st (21 pts)	<i>Flamingo Hiding</i>	E. Sandler
2nd (19 pts)	<i>Cone Flower #2</i>	D. Pederson
	<i>I'm Bored</i>	J. Sandler
3rd (17 pts)	<i>Bubbly Flower</i>	G. Sternes

Nature Prints - 8 entries

1st (22.5 pts)	<i>What's Up?</i>	T. Kirila
2nd (21 pts)	<i>Big Flower</i>	R. Towe
3rd (20 pts)	<i>Wolf Spider</i>	E. Wales
	<i>Patas Monkey</i>	G. Sternes
	<i>Egret Standing on Nest..</i>	E. Sandler

Others

(19 pts)	<i>Arabian Oryx Sparring Hummer #2</i>	D. Pederson R. Gore
(15 pts)	<i>El Capital Reflected</i>	T. Kirila

Photojournalism Prints - 2 entries

1st (17 pts)	<i>Let's Eat Crawfish</i>	S. Goldberg
2nd (16 pts)	<i>Our Mayor</i>	U. Atkinson

Travel Prints - 2 entries

1st (19 pts)	<i>Church Doorway</i>	R. Towe
	<i>Old Tombstone</i>	R. Gore

Creative Prints - 2 entries

1st (19 pts)	<i>Reflective Tattoo</i>	R. Towe
	<i>Lightgram 68</i>	E. Wales

Unlimited Prints - 10 entries

1st (25.5 pts)	<i>Look into my Eye....</i>	R. Burychka
2nd (22 pts)	<i>Almost a Smile</i>	J. Sandler
3rd (21 pts)	<i>Mother and Chicks</i>	E. Sandler
	<i>Daylily in Vase...</i>	E. Sandler
	<i>Mother Watching Chicks</i> ..J. Sandler	

Other

(20 pts)	<i>Chapel in the Rock</i>	R. Gore
	<i>Blue Heron #1</i>	R. Gore
	<i>Slow Throw to Berkman..</i>	G. Sternes
(19 pts)	<i>Olympic Trials—Bal. Beam</i>	G. Sternes
(18 pts)	<i>Guanajuato Vista</i>	M. Raskin

Assignment: Arches - 5 entries

Winner: *Pot Arch* by Ron Towe

Results of Interclub Competition

GSCCC Photojournalism Projected Images

Judged by Greater New Orleans Photographic Society

<i>Back by a Whisker</i>	G. Sternes	12 pts	- 3rd Place
<i>Climbing in the Crevice</i>	J. Sandler	8 pts	
<i>Vroom!</i>	K. Jarratt	6 pts	
<i>Into the Wild Blue Yonder</i>	H. Simmons	6 pts	

GSCCC Nature Projected Images

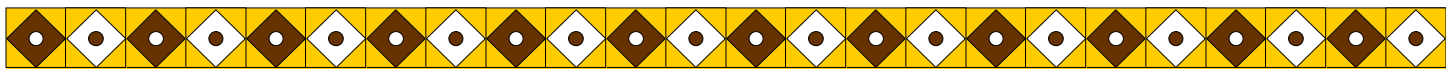
Judged by Amarillo Photographic Society

<i>Stalking</i>	M. Barrera	10 pts
<i>And I Wanted Steak</i>	E. Sandler	10 pts
<i>Egret Conversation</i>	R. Burychka	10 pts
<i>Arriving at Nest</i>	J. Sandler	8 pts

Travelettes to be shown August 5

Our *Travelette* competition, which collected four entries, has been judged, and will be presented at the August 5 competition meeting. The judge was **Nancy Parker** of the St. Louis Camera Club, Missouri. Nancy is a member of the Photographic Society of America, and is well qualified as a judge.

We will show the four *travelettes*, and if we have time read her comments, and also present the trophies to the entrants. The four who entered were **Urvine Atkinson, Bill Dupre', John Niemand,** and **Ron Towe.** Let's see who wins what.



New Member: Welcome to new member **Randy Bacon**, who is a geologist with El Paso Corp. Randy found us on the internet.

July Visitors: **Marie Hollingsworth, Frances Harvey, and Bob Jump.**

2008-2009 Officers Elected

All those nominated for office for the coming year were elected by acclamation. All were elected unanimously.

Ross Gore will be President, **Glenn Sternes** - 1st Vice President, **Tom Kirila** - 2nd Vice President, **Marcia Raskin** - Secretary, and **Joe Sandler** - Treasurer. Congratulations to all! The new year begins in September.



News of members:

Mary Boyce is now living at University Place.

The **Glenn Sternes** family took a few weeks vacation to the Arizona and Colorado area, flying to Phoenix, renting a car and seeing the Grand Canyon and other sites. They then spent a week staying with Yvonne's brother in the Colorado mountains enjoying cool mountain air away from Houston's summer heat.

John Breaux tells us that he just got back from a bus tour with a group touring France.

Bill Dupre visited the new U of H field camp in Montana, and while in the area went to Mt. Rushmore.

Note: The gator pictures are being published in this issue of the Rangefinder because the timing of the Gator Country field trip occurred after the July issue of the Rangefinder had gone to press.



Photos by **Ross Gore**

Next month - competition rules change

Beginning with the September 2 competition meeting, we will no longer have a slide division. Instead, in its place we will have a "projected digital image" division.

Those who have been shooting slides can still shoot slides, but they should be scanned and converted to a digital format to be entered. In this new division either scanned slides or digitally shot images are eligible.

There will still be a print division. You can enter both the projected image division and the print division the same night. But not the same picture.

As voted in the recent vote by members, the number of images entered will be reduced to two (in place of three) in each: projected images and prints for competition meetings, plus an assignment image in both prints and projected images.

The maximum number of images in each regular division will be topped at 20 over the year.



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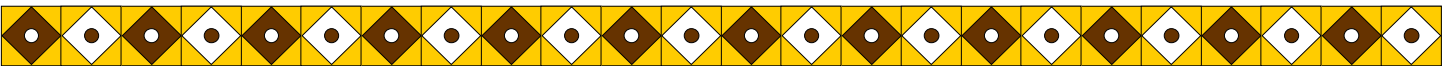
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Officers: President.....Joe Sandler
1st Vice President..... Glenn Sternes
2nd Vice President.....Ernie Wales
Secretary..... Marcia Raskin
Treasurer..... Virginia Anderson



Awards Dinner continued

The club will furnish the main meat dish, and the utensils. Those who can't bring a covered dish may pay \$5 to help cover the cost of the utensils, plates, napkins, cups, and tablecloths.

George Buffington Award. An additional award will be voted on by those members present, for the *George Buffington Award*. This award is named in honor of one of our former members who contributed much to the club. It will be given to the one person who the membership decides has contributed the most to the club in services over the past year. **Elected officers are not eligible.** Last year's recipient was **Bill Burychka**.

Awards will be presented for Slide of the Year and Print of the Year in each of the categories, plus awards for high points in both slides and prints. Assignment awards for prints and for slides will also be presented, with only the highest ten scores for each individual being counted.

Come and bring family and friends. This is one of the two big social events of the club during the year, the other being the Christmas party.

Field trip Saturday, August 16, 2008

Awesome Arachnids, and More

Our August field trip is to the Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center north of Houston. Plan to meet at the Nature Center building at 9:30 to 9:45 am. There is parking near the Nature Center building. We can look at the exhibits at the Nature Center, and then see a special presentation at 10 am designed to acquaint visitors with the many interesting and beneficial spiders of Jones Park and the surrounding area.

The park opens at 8 am and there is no admission fee. Arrive early

if you would like to photograph while the light is best and the day is coolest. The staff at the Nature Center can direct you to the best places.

The Park features a variety of plant and wildlife species, white sand beaches along Spring Creek, swamps and sloughs with century-old cypress trees, and a pristine flood-plain hardwood and pine forest. All features are accessible by over six miles of all-weather, handicap-friendly pedestrian trails and several unpaved primitive trails.

Also, accessible by a 0.3 mile trail from the Nature Center, is the Redbud Hill Homestead, a re-creation of an 1820's-30s Texas colonization era homestead. This features a log cabin, smokehouse, root cellar, chicken coop, kitchen, garden, barn, and outhouse, and blacksmith and woodworking shops. In the same area is a re-created Akokisa Indian village which displays seasonal encampment structures of local tribes that inhabited the forests of southeast Texas during the colonization days.

There is a picnic area (with its own adjacent parking). Pack a lunch to picnic together at 11:30 am.

The Park is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive in Humble. Driving directions follow:

EITHER - Hwy US 59 north to FM 1960. Turn left and drive west on FM 1960 to Kenswick Drive (about 2 miles). Turn right on Kenswick Drive and drive north to the end of the road (which ends at the park)

OR - Hwy I-45 north to FM 1960. Turn right and drive east on FM 1960 to Kenswick Drive (about 8 miles). Turn left on Kenswick Drive and drive north to the end of the road.

John Niemand, Field Trip Chairman



June field trip: Having lunch at Gator Country before the show began. Photo by **Matt Daura**

Calendar of HCC Meetings

- August 5.....Competition meeting
- August 16.....Field Trip
- August 19.....Awards meeting

Future assigned subjects

- September.....Transportation
- October.....Children and pets
- November.....Water scene or movement