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Meets first and third Tuesdays each month at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet at Hillcroft

## Program meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2009

### A Tour Through Western Europe and a Photographic Study of the Post War Influence on European Culture.

Presenter: Sam Li

Sam's presentation will be on his backpacking trip to Europe. His pictures have just come off display after seven months at the UT Houston Medical School/Hermann Hospital. He will add short, relevant commentary on each picture, and this should be very interesting to members and visitors. He will conclude the program with a quick demonstration of the One Color Exclusion Technique in Photoshop CS3.

Sam was born in Fuzhou, China, and moved to the U. S. when he was six years old. He has lived in Texas ever since. He graduated from UT Austin with a bachelor's degree in botany, and is currently attending UT Houston Medical School.

His interest in photography began when a close friend showed him her talent in photography. His first photographic adventure came when traveling through China. Using a borrowed Nikon D70 digital SLR, he traveled throughout southern China by train, ending up in Beijing and Lassa, Tibet. His interest in the Beijing architecture and Tibetan scenics only whetted his appetite. His current camera is a Canon 40D SLR. He became a member of the Houston CC last year.

Glenn Sternes, Program Chairman



*Bloom Bromeliad 2008*

by Joe Sandler

**Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

**Competition Meeting** - both projected digital images and prints  
New starting time: 7 pm

- **Projected image competition** - Enter up to 2 slides in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, Creative).  
Send digital images to William@burychka.com by Saturday, January 31.
- **Digital print competition** - Enter up to 2 prints in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative) .  
Bring prints to meeting
- **Assignment** for February (both groups)  
*Creative*- enter one projected image and/or print.

**February judges:** Manuel Barrera, Matt Daura, Evelyn Sandler

**Competition table:** Bob Jump, Marcia Raskin, Ernie Wales

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

**One Man Show:** Bill Dupre'

## Happy Valentines Day!

### Photo Directories Ready

The 2008-2009 membership photo directories have been printed and are ready to distribute. Come to the next meeting to pick up your copy.

The cover photo was made by **Gwen Kunz**. **Marcia Raskin** designed the cover around the photo. Gwen also assembled the proof copy. The photographer for the new member photos was **Ron Towe**. Thanks to all for their help.

## January Competition Results

Judged January 6, 2009

Judges: Cheryl Cox, Tom Kirila, Gwen Kunz

### Projected images

#### **Pictorial Category** – 11 entries

1st (22 pts)	<i>Horses</i> . . . .	R. Burychka
	<i>Main Street Frisco, TX</i>	D. Pederson
2nd (21 pts)	<i>Bloom Bromeliad</i> . . . .	J. Sandler
3rd (20 pts)	<i>Grand Canyon View</i>	G. Sternes

#### **Nature Category** – 7 entries

1st (23 pts)	<i>Monarch Cats</i> . . . .	S. Goldberg
2nd (22 pts)	<i>Sleepy Polar Bear</i> . . . .	L. Cannings
	<i>White Pelican</i> . . . .	M. Barrera
3rd (21 pts)	<i>Male &amp; Female Orb</i> . . . .	E. Sandler
	<i>Wood Duck</i> . . . .	R. Gore
Others: (20 pts)	<i>Elk in Velvet</i> . . . .	D. Pederson

#### **Photojournalism Category** – 5 entries

1st (20 pts)	<i>Ike's Destruction</i> . . . .	M. Daura
	<i>Ken Flys</i> . . . .	M. Barrera
2nd (17 pts)	<i>Burning Daylight</i> . . . .	J. Martino
	<i>Me and My Shadow</i> . . . .	E. Sandler
3rd (16 pts)	<i>Actors</i> . . . .	R. Towe

#### **Travel Category** – 4 entries

1st (20 pts)	<i>Zion Landmark</i> . . . .	C. Edwards
2nd (18 pts)	<i>Wheeler on Beach</i> . . . .	J. Martino
3rd (16 pts)	<i>Garden Door</i> . . . .	H. Wolin

#### **Creative Category** - 4 entries

1st (18 pts)	<i>Christmas 2008</i> . . . .	S. Li
2nd (17 pts)	<i>Inside the Bubble</i> . . . .	J. Sandler
	<i>Taking Flight</i> . . . .	R. Gore
3rd (14)	<i>San Jose Mission</i> . . . .	C. Coco

#### **Assignment: Costume** – 9 entries

Winner: *Horn Guy* . . . . M. Barrera

Correction to the reported results in the January Range-finder: the image titled "Main Street" submitted in PSA's IED Interclub competition and judged by the Cobb Photographic Society. The maker was Rachel Burychka.

My apologies. Editor

## Prints

#### **Pictorial Prints** – 5 entries

1st (21 pts)	<i>Golden Fleece</i> . . . .	H. Wolin
	<i>Sam Houston</i> . . . .	L. Cannings
2nd (20 pts)	<i>Bromeliad in Bloom</i>	E. Sandler
3rd (18 pts)	<i>Visions of Sugarplums</i> . .	K. Jarratt

#### **Nature Prints** – 6 entries

1st (22 pts)	<i>Cathedral Rock</i> . . . .	B. Jump
	<i>Lonesome White Ibis</i> . . . .	J. Sandler
2nd (20 pts)	<i>Egret in Flight</i> . . . .	M. Barrera
	<i>Yellow Crown Night Heron</i> . . . .	E. Sandler
3rd (18 pts)	<i>Lorikeet</i> . . . .	G. Sternes

#### **Photojournalism Prints** – 4 entries

1st (23 pts)	<i>Batik Family, Indonesia</i> . .	A. Philiba
2nd (19 pts)	<i>Oops</i> . . . .	M. Barrera
	<i>Salvation Coming Our Way</i> . . . .	A. Medina
3rd (16 pts)	<i>Fun Kitties</i> . . . .	R. Towe

#### **Travel Prints** – 6 entries

1st (20 pts)	<i>Yosemite Falls</i> . . . .	B. Jump
2nd (19 pts)	<i>Lone Bike</i> . . . .	H. Wolin
	<i>Stone Portico</i> . . . .	C. Coco
	<i>Cruise Ship in Caribbean</i> . . . .	A. Philiba
	<i>Chicago's Bean</i> . . . .	G. Sternes
3rd (16 pts)	<i>Sunset Over Waikiki</i> . . . .	J. Martino

#### **Creative Prints** – 3 entries

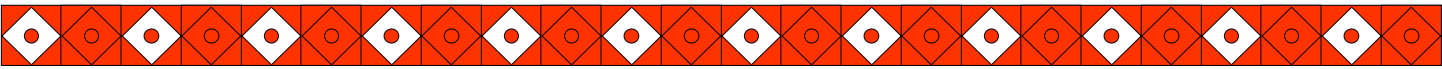
1st (19 pts)	<i>Creative Skate Boarder</i> . .	J. Sandler
2nd (17 pts)	<i>Wear What?</i> . . . .	R. Towe
	<i>Waterfall Lake</i> . . . .	C. Coco

#### **Assignment: Costume** – 7 entries

Winner: *Festive Kitty* . . . . L. Cannings

#### **Unlimited Prints** - 14 entries

1st (23 pts)	<i>Sculptured by Nature</i> . . . .	B. Jump
	<i>Magnified Bilbergia Bloom</i> . . . .	J. Sandler
2nd (22 pts)	<i>Grand Canyon at Dawn</i> . . . .	B. Jump
	<i>Blue Heron in the Wind</i> . . . .	E. Sandler
3rd (21 pts)	<i>Low Rider</i> . . . .	R. Gore
	<i>Sabine Street View</i> . . . .	M. Barrera



### In Memoriam

**Margaret Buffington**, widow of George Buffington, whose name is memorialized in the annual Service Award, passed away January 18 after a short illness. Margaret was named an Honorary Life member of the Houston CC, and attended our two annual social events, the Awards Meeting and the Christmas party. She is survived by a son and a daughter and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

### Field Trip, Friday February 13 - Saturday, February 14, 2009

The February field trip will be held Friday, Feb 13 and Saturday, Feb 14. On Friday we will go to Rockport, arriving there mid afternoon and drive down Fulton Beach Road looking for shore birds and other items of photographic interest, ending up at Laguna Reef Hotel (individual reservations required 1-800-248-1057) for check in. After a brief rest a location for sunset photos will be looked for, and then to a local eatery for dinner.

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*Refraction*

by Louise Cannings

**New Members:** We welcome four new members: **Ken Groue**, who is a self employed Programmer, **Charlotte McNulty**, a Crude Contract Specialist with Chevron, and **Laura Perlaza**, a student. Also **Dwight Green**, who is a retired Pharmacist and a former member who returned to join the digital age.

**January visitors:** **Mark and Nathan Huber** from Richmond, TX, **Becky Finch, Tami Tedder, Gloria Alvarez, Linda Le.**

Saturday morning will be awaiting sunrise on the Bay side of the hotel which in the past has provided wonderful images, then back to the hotel for free breakfast.

Later proceed back down the road heading north, looking for more birds, etc. to photograph (that is for those not taking the boat trip). Check out of the hotel by noon and then head over to Three Rivers (Best Western Hotel 1-361-786-2000) for late afternoon and sunset photos at Choke Canyon State Park.

Sunday morning is for sunrise photos with possible deer in the foreground at the park, then returning to Houston and for those interested in going through Goliad and the Fannin Battleground State Site and the Missions.

When calling for reservations, be sure to mention Houston Camera Club Group for the rate shown in previous e-mails.

More details will be given at the Competition Meeting.

**Joe Sandler**, Field Trip Chairman

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**PSA Conference for 2009**  
**West Yellowstone, Montana**  
**September 20-26**



*Lorikeet*

by **Glenn Sternes**



Getting seated for lunch on Discovery Green field trip  
 Photo by **Ross Gore**



**GSCCC Column**

After overcoming some unexpected difficulties, Greater New Orleans Photographic Society has finally opened up a web site for the 2009 GSCCC Convention. The URL is [www.photogumbo2009.com](http://www.photogumbo2009.com). It is still a work in progress but it already has some interesting information to encourage you to consider making plans to visit New Orleans this spring.

Under the heading of "Registration" the web site has a link to the hotel that has been selected as the headquarters location. Clicking on Registration and following the instructions make securing a reservation for the period of the convention an easy and simple task.

The procedure for registering at the convention is not yet ready but should be posted soon. The names and subjects for the presenters are posted, as are the locations for field trips.

The web site suggests that those who attend the convention this year will have an interesting, educational and enjoyable experience by accepting the hospitality of the members of Greater New Orleans Photographic Society.

**Denny D. Moller**, GSCCC Representative

**Calendar of HCC Meetings**  
 February 3.....Competition meeting  
 February 13-14 .....Field trip  
 February 17..... Program meeting

**Future assigned subjects**  
 March.....Fish  
 April.....Religious item or building  
 May.....Black and white