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

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Scavenger Hunt with San Antonio CC., LaGrange, TX

This is a reminder that our annual photo "Shootout" with the San Antonio Camera Club will be held on Saturday, April 18, in La Grange, TX. Maps and a list of the subjects to be photographed will be available at the April competition meeting and on the HCC website.

Thanks to those of you who responded to the e-mail message about the Shootout. At this time we have 10 participants. I look forward to hearing from everyone else before the April competition meeting. Our chances of winning are improved if we have more participants.

Plan to meet in La Grange, at the Fayette County Courthouse, at the corner of Travis Street and Main Street, at 9:30 am on April 18. Lunch is scheduled for 1 pm at Bistro 108 located at 108 South Main Street.

Some of our new members may not know about this competition. In summary -

The Shootout is an annual photography contest between the San Antonio Camera Club and HCC. This year it is San Antonio's turn to select the location and identify 15 to 20 subjects to photograph. All participants photograph the same subjects at any time during the designated day from (midnight to midnight).

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Photo by **Bob Jump**.....*The Building..Museum*
First place winner in Earl Gilbert Architectural Contest



April 7, 2009

Competition Meeting - projected images and digital prints.

Starting time: 7 pm

- **Projected images competition** - Enter no more than 2 images in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, Creative). Must be in separate categories.
Send digital images to william@burchka.com by Saturday, April 4.
- **Digital print competition** - Enter no more than 2 prints in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative)
Bring prints to meeting .
- **Assignment** for April (both groups)
Religious item or building - enter one projected image and/or one print.

April judges: Rachel Burchka, Denny Moller, Ron Towe

Competition table: C.T. Edwards, Ken Groue, Bob Jump

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

Refreshments: Gwen Kunz

One man show: Charles Edwards will present a short show on "Taking Sunsets at Various Camera Settings."

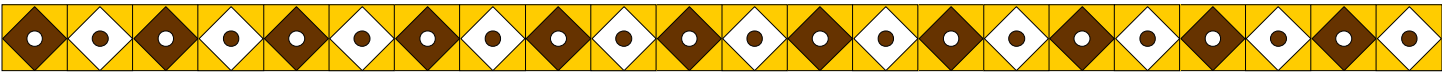


Tuesday, April 21, 2009 Program meeting

Studio Lighting 101 presented by Mark Katz

HCC member **Mark Katz** will present a program on studio lighting for portraiture in his studio at South Braeswood and Hillcroft, address: 5877 S. Braeswood, facing the bayou. Mark will give pointers on good technique,

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March Competition Results

Judged March 3 2009

Judges: **Urvine Atkinson, Ernie Wales, Hal Wolin**

Projected Images

Pictorial – 9 entries

- 1st (23 pts) *Iris After the Rain*..... D. Pederson
- 2nd (21 pts) *Hummer at Feeder*... .. E. Sandler
- 3rd (20 pts) *In Doubt*. J. Breaux

Nature – 7 entries

- 1st (24 pts) *Great Egret* D. Pederson
- 2nd (22 pts) *Pelican Pair*. R. Gore
- 3rd (21 pts) *Flying Pelican* S Goldberg
- Little Snowy* J. Sandler
- Owl* B. Jump

Photojournalism – 5 entries

- 1st (20 pts) *I See You* R. Towe
- 2nd (19 pts) *Skateboard* .. G. Stermes
- 3rd (18 pts) *Jazz Club* C. Edwards

Travel – 4 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Bryce at Sunrise* J. Sandler
- 2nd (19.5 pts) *Temple Stone*..... .. H. Wolin
- 3rd (19 pts) *Brooklyn Gardens* C. Edwards

Creative - 4 entries

- 1st (19 pts) *Accordion Player* G. Stermes
- Golden Sky* J. Breaux
- What Kind of Fish* R. Towe
- 2nd (17 pts) *Zooming* A. Medina

Assignment: Fish – 10 entries

Winner: *A Dive for the Bottom* B. Jump

Quarterly Field Trip - 14 entries

- 1st Place tie *Pair*..... ..R. Gore
- tie *Sparrow* B. Jump

Digital Prints

Pictorial Prints – 10 entries

- 1st (24 pts) *Beauty*..... .. M. Katz

- 2nd (22 pts) *Camouflage* M. Barrera
- Egg Brothers* L. Cannings
- 3rd (21 pts) *Lightgram* E. Sandler
- Pink* R. Gore

Nature Prints – 9 entries

- 1st (24 pts) *Facing the Wind*..... R. Gore
- 2nd (21 pts) *Playing* M. Barrera
- Red, White & Blue* E. Sandler
- Safety* R. Towe
- 3rd (20 pts) *Coconino Nat'l Forest*.....G. Kunz
- Duck or Dog* J. Sandler
- Lunchtime* B. Jump

Photojournalism Prints – 3 entries

- 1st (24 pts) *Rice Basketball Dribbler* G. Stermes
- 2nd (20 pts) *Charro* A. Medina
- She Says "I'm Not Looking"* G. Kunz

Travel Prints – 2 entries

- 1st (20 pts) *Zion N.P. Scenic* .. J. Sandler
- 2nd (19.5 pts) *Mostar Bridge* .. H. Wolin

Creative Prints – 5 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Glassware Design*. . . . K. Jarratt
- 2nd (20 pts) *Beefeater* G. Stermes
- Now I'm a Man* M. Katz
- Real Life Moments* R. Towe
- 3rd (19 pts) *Ice Sculpture* C. Coco

Unlimited Prints - 15 entries

- 1st (25 pts) *Tri Color Heron* J. Sandler
- 2nd (24 pts) *Geese Reflections* E. Sandler
- 3rd (23 pts) *Rockport Pelicans* J. Niemand
- Brown Pelican* J. Niemand
- Fishing* R. Gore

Assignment: Fish – 7 entries

Winner: *Chips*. Louise Cannings

Quarterly Field Trip - 9 entries

First Place Winner: *Ibis Landing*.....Bob Jump

Results of the Earl Gilbert Architectural Contest

Judged by **Richard Payne**, Architectural Photographer.

- 1st place *The Building Museum*.....Bob Jump
 2nd place *Machu Picchu*..... John Niemand
 3rd place *Reichstag Dome*.....Ken Groue

Past Results of Interclub Competition

PSA Nature Division

Judged by St. Louis Camera Club

- American Alligator Eats Cooter*.....13 pts M. Barrera
Praying Polar Bear.....12 pts L. Cannings
Yellow Butterfly Fish.....12 pts G. Sternes
Great Blue Heron & Golden Silk Spider 11 pts R. Burychka
Female Downy Woodpecker.....11 pts D. Pederson
Great White Egret.....10 pts J. Sandler

GSCCC Photojournalism for January 2009

Judged by *Slidell Photography Club*, Louisiana

- Hugging the Rim*.....12 pts HM J. Sandler
Starting Down.....12 pts E. Sandler
I See the Finish Line.....10 pts C. Coco
Fish Grin.....4 pts R. Towe

GSCCC Nature Projected Images for February 2009

Judged by *Lion's Field Camera Club* (San Antonio)

- Egret in Flight*.....13 pts M. Barrera *
Wild Turkey.....12 pts R. Burychka
Red Bellied Woodpecker.....9 pts J. Sandler
Male & Female Orb.....9 pts E. Sandler

* First Alternate - no ribbon



Machu Picchu by **John Niemand**

Second place Architectural contest

New Members: We welcome four new members to the HCC this month: **Philip Kinslow**, an Eminent Domain Specialist who lives in Seabrook. **Miguel** and **Mireya Ottaviano** employed in Environmental Health Safety with Kinder Morgan Company. **Elizabeth Seat**, who is an accountant with OTC Global and lives in Cypress. Welcome to all.

March visitors: **Wayne** and **Farrah Bostow**

News of Members: **Bill Burychka**, in his own words: "A new fitness clothing line ... is about to be marketed under the name of *Dancing with the Stars* champ **Cheryl Burke**. Her line was designed by my daughter, who started *Fit Couture* with her husband **Mike Cerny** several years ago. The clothes are manufactured right here in Houston, Texas. A photo of **Cheryl Burke** appearing in *People Online* magazine is one of about 450 fashion shots that **Rachel** and I shot of Ms. Burke at Lightbox Studio in Los Angeles earlier in March."

We learned that **Tom Kirila** and his wife made a grand tour of Chile last December. He's still editing photos from that trip.

Ross Gore made a tour of the eastern Carolinas and Florida, visiting relatives and friends and taking more than a thousand photos. Ross is still editing his photos too.

Travelettes due

A competition for Travelettes will be held. A Travelette consists of photos numbering no more than 20 (can be less). Please inform **John Niemand**, Chairman, of your intent to submit one. The travelettes are judged outside the club. Any medium is acceptable.

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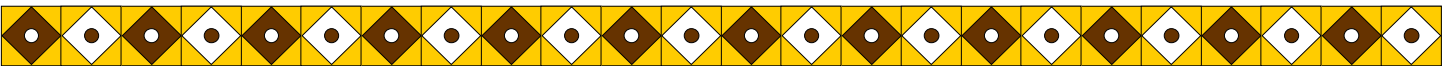
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Officers: President.....Ross Gore
 1st Vice President..... Glenn Sternes
 2nd Vice President.....Thomas Kirila
 Secretary..... Marcia Raskin
 Treasurer.....Joe Sandler



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Within the Shootout there will be a competition for 1) projected digital images and 2) a competition for slides. This year (unlike past competitions) there will be no limit to the number of images that participants may take. Also, any participant may enter the projected digital image competition and the slide competition, or both.

Each club will judge its own images and select the best two projected digital images and the best two slides on each of the subjects. In making the selection, each club will follow the rule that any club member who participates in the Shootout will have at least one image entered in the competition, even if this means that higher scoring images by other participants are eliminated. The selected images from both clubs then will be submitted to a third camera club for judging. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning club.

Check your calendars and set aside April 18 for this fun competition.

John Niemand, Chairman



Reichstag Dome by **Ken Groue** 3rd place Architectural Contest

Calendar of April Meetings

- April 2-4.....GSCCC Convention, New Orleans
- April 7.....Competition meeting
- April 18.....Scavenger hunt
- April 21..... Program meeting

Future assigned subjects

- May.....Black and white
- June.....Metal object
- July.....Photojournalism

GSCCC Column -



The GSCCC nominating committee (the three Directors) have proposed a slate of officers to be elected to replace the current officers when their terms expire on June 30, 2009

The slate that is elected will serve for a term of two years. The people nominated are:

- For President **Eleanore Avery**, APSA of Plano Photography Club
- For First Vice President **Tom Savage**, APSA, PPSA, of Lockheed Martin RA Camera Club
- Secretary/Treasurer **Rose Parker** of Greater New Orleans Photographic Society
- Director **Barbara K. Pyke**, FPSA, PPSA of Dallas Camera Club
- Director **Ed Lamb** of Oklahoma Camera Club
- Director **Don Pederson** of Houston Camera Club & Houston Photochrome Club

Each member club of GSCCC has one vote. Members of HCC will be asked at the April 7, 2009, meeting to determine how our vote will be cast.

The current officers of GSCCC are trying to get a GSCCC club to volunteer to be the host of the GSCCC Annual Convention in 2010. Houston Camera Club and Houston Photochrome Club jointly hosted GSCCC Conventions in 1977, 1988 and 1999. Since ten years has now gone by since the Houston clubs served as hosts, the GSCCC officers hope the Houston clubs will soon decide to make an offer to have GSCCC meet in Houston.

D. Moller, GSCCC Representative

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use of simple and more complex lighting set-ups in the studio. He'll also present information pertaining to model poses, and corrections for eyeglasses, double chins and the numerous things we have to "correct" before attempting PhotoShop.

Members may wish to bring a camera, but sync cords are not necessary as Mark uses the pocket wizard system which clips right into the hot shoe. A portraiture lens would be anywhere from 85 mm to 135 mm, although a zoom lens covering that range would also be fine. You may also wish to bring a tripod so we can easily move from shooter to shooter without further ado.

Remember the session will be held at Mark's studio, which is now called Mark's Photo Studio. Don't go to Bayland Community Center. Tuesday, April 17, at 7 pm. See you there.

Glenn Sternes, Program Chairman