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

## Workshop for Tuesday May 19, 2009

### Photographing Glassware

Our May workshop session will delve into the various techniques of photographing glass objects (cut-glass, stemware, vases, etc). It is difficult to photograph glassware to reveal its shape, form and texture using normal lighting without creating highlights.

Indirect lighting will be used by lighting different colored backgrounds and sides to bring out the best of the subjects. Please bring any items that you think will make a nice photograph, such as cut glass with a lot of prisms. You will need your camera, tripod, cable release and a medium telephoto or macro lens for this event. Setups, with backgrounds and lighting will be provided.

Tom Kirila, Workshop Chairman

## Saturday, May 23 Field Trip to Nelson's Water Gardens

This trip to Nelson's Water Gardens will be a great chance to add to your portfolio with some beautiful flowers, water plants, as well as some items that are not in the water. There is easy access to the water lilies, flowering plants in addition to dragonflies and other  
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*Delicate Arch*

by Evelyn Sandler

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**Competition Meeting** - both projected digital images and prints

Starting time: 7 pm

- **Projected images competition** - Enter up to 2 images in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, Creative).
- **Print competition** - Enter up to 2 prints in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative).
- **Unlimited prints** - enter up to 2 prints of any size or shape
- **Assignment** for May (both groups) *Black & white* - enter one projected image and/or one print.

**May judges:** Charles Edwards, Ross Gore, Kellene Jarratt

**Competition table:** Don Pederson, Evelyn Sandler, Ernie Wales

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

**One Man Show:** John Niemand

**Refreshments:** Rachel Burychka

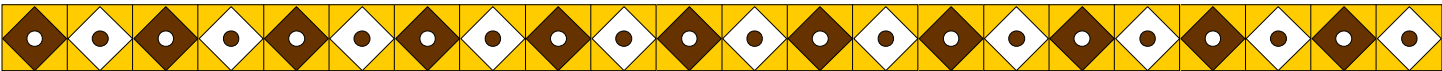
## Storm postpones scavenger hunt with San Antonio CC to May 2

The scavenger hunt with the San Antonio CC has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 2.

We will meet in LaGrange at the Fayette County Courthouse, located at the corner of Travis Street and Main Street, at 9:30 am. At that time I will confirm your assigned number (for identifying your images), and I will have copies of a map for those who do not have one.

Please see the April 2009 Rangefinder and the HCC website for more information.

John Niemand, Chairman



# April Competition Results



Judged April 7, 2009

Judges: Rachel Burychka, Denny Moller, Ron Towe

## Projected images

### Pictorial Category - 12 entries

- 1st (20 pts) *Abandoned Homestead.....* D. Pederson
- Crab Lunch .....* J. Breaux
- Rock Climbing.....* J. Sandler
- St. Augustine Oaks.....* R. Gore
- 2nd (19.5 pts) *Parking Lot Romance.....* R. Burychka
- 3rd (19 pts) *Bonnets and Fence.....* M. Daura

### Nature Category - 7 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *Snake.....* J. Breaux
- Mushroom Spider .....* S. Goldberg
- 2nd (19.5 pts) *Little Blue Heron Stalker..* R. Burychka
- 3rd (17 pts) *The rest tied for 3rd place*

### Photojournalism Category - 3 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Race to First.....* G. Sternes
- 2nd (19.5 pts) *Where'd He Go?.....* W. Burychka
- 3rd (17 pts) *Ice Fisherman.....* D. Pederson

### Travel Category - 5 entries

- 1st (19 pts) *Charles Bridge.....* K. Groue
- St. Augustine Lighthouse....* R. Gore
- Watson Lake Sunrise.....* R. McEathron
- 2nd (18 pts) *Monument Valley.....* E. Sandler
- 3rd (15 pts) *Russian Church.....* H. Wolin

### Creative Category - 3 entries

- 1st (18 pts) *In the Clouds.....* R. Towe
- 2nd (16 pts) *Morning Reflections.....* K. Groue
- 3rd (15 pts) *Body Paint.....* J. Sandler

### Assignment: Religious Item or Building - 11 entries

Winner: *Love Shining Down* by R. McEathron

## Prints

### Pictorial prints - 5 entries

- 1st (19pts) *Hodgson Water Mill, AR* J. Sandler
- 2nd (18 pts) *Pretty in Blue ....* M. Barrera
- 3rd (16.5 pts) *Stain Glass.....* R. Towe er

### Nature Prints - 7 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *Green Mean Machine....* M. Barrera
- Male Mandrill .....* G. Sternes
- 2nd (21 pts) *Snake .....* K. Groue

*Face Off.....* R. Gore

3rd (20 pts)

*Great Egret 0908.....* E. Sandler

### Photojournalism Prints - 5 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Compass Bk Implosion* T. Kirila
- 2nd (19 pts) *Trying to Hang Ten..* R. Gore
- 3rd (18 pts) *Car Crash* A. Medina

### Travel Prints - 3 entries

- 1st (20 pts) *Delicate Arch.....* E. Sandler
- 2nd (19 pts) *Joshua Tree NP.....* J. Sandler
- 3rd ( 17 pts) *Sea Coast, So. America....* H. Wolin

### Creative Prints - 2 entries

- 1st (19 pts) *Earth .....* A. Medina
- 2nd (18 pts) *Guarding the Garden of Eden* R. Towe

### Assignment: Religious Item - 7 entries

Winner: *Is This the Little Girl I Carried* by M. Katz

## PSA Photojournalism for March 2009

Judged by *Circle of Confusion*, Santa Fe Springs, CA

- Me and My Shadow* E. Sandler 12 points
- Ken Flies* M. Barrera 10 points
- Actors* R. Towe 10 points
- Ike's Destruction* M. Daura 9 points
- Burning Daylight* J. Martino 8 points
- Where the Boys Are* D. Moller 4 points

## PSA EID Competition for March 2009

Judged by *Bainbridge Island Photo Club*

- Rufus Crowned Sparrow* R. Burychka 9 pts
- Dragonfly* E. Sandler 8 pts
- Big Bend Sunset* J. Sandler 7 pts
- Direct Hit* E. Wales 5 pts
- Gun Over Chattanooga* R. Gore 5 pts
- Dawn's Early Light* D. Pederson 4 pts

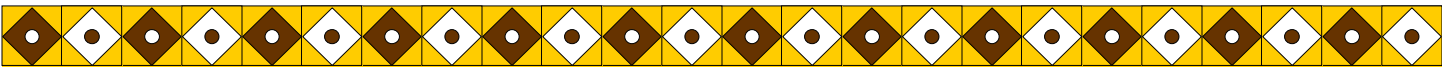
## PSA Projected Image Competition for April 2009

Judged by *Contra Costa Camera Club*, Walnut Creek, CA

- Maestro \** K. Jarratt 13 pts
- Canoeing in Lake Moraine \** K. Jarratt 13 pts
- Mission Courtyard* C. Edwards 12 pts
- Sunrise Point* S. Allison 12 pts
- Lily #2* E. Sandler 10 pts
- Lightgram 2007* E. Sandler 9 pts

\* Kellene Jarratt's two photos received 13 points and an Award of Merit

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**PSA IED Results**

**Judged by St. Louis Camera Club**

<i>Me and My Shadow</i>	E. Sandler	11 pts
<i>Waterdrops I</i>	M. Raskin	11 pts
<i>Curious Giraffe</i>	D. Pederson	10 pts
<i>Meagan</i>	M. Barrera	10 pts
<i>From Lincoln to Washington</i>	B. Jump	10 pts
<i>Bloom Bromeliad</i>	J. Sandler	10 pts

**Travelette Sequence Competition for Projected Digital Images**

Travelette sequences will be collected in May for the annual competition. The rules for this competition are described in Sections VIII-A and IX-A 2 of the Outline for Competition, which is available on the HCC website. Please review the rules as you prepare your travelette sequence.

A travelette sequence consists of not more than 20 projected digital images and a written narrative of not more than 300 words with a reading time of not more than 3 minutes. The written narrative is required. Musical accompaniment to the sequence is allowed, but its presence or absence will not be considered by the judge in scoring the sequence.

Please bring your travelette in May on a CD or on a flash-drive, together with a paper copy of your written narrative.

**John Niemand**, Sequence Competition Chairman

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insects.

**Rolf Nelson**, the owner, has been kind enough to allow us entrance at 7:30 am which is over an hour before their usual opening time so we should have some good morning light for our photography.

Nelson's is located in Katy, TX off I-10 at 1502 Katy-Ft. Bend County Road.

To get to Nelson's go west on I-10. Take exit #742, Katy-Fort Bend County Road. Go to the first traffic light (Katy-Fort Bend County Road) and turn right. Nelson's is located approximately 1/2 mile down on the right. More details will be available at the May 4 meeting.

You can also get more information on their website: [www.nelsonwatergardens.com](http://www.nelsonwatergardens.com)

**Joe Sandler**, Field Trip Chairman.



**April Visitors: Jeffrey Djaya, Bella Embuscado**

**News of Members:** Alice and Urvine Atkinson just returned from two weeks in the Miami, Florida area. They stayed in Ft. Lauderdale the first week and in Boca Raton the second week. They visited the Dade County Fair, Everglades National Park, some museums, and dined at the famous Breakers Hotel and the recently renovated Fontainebleu Hotel. They were really impressed with these two five star hotels.

Six members of the HCC attended the GSCCC Convention in New Orleans: **Ross Gore, Denny Moller, Charles Edwards, Leslie & John Niemand** and **Matt Daura**. HCC President **Ross Gore** brought home a second place plaque to **Evelyn Sandler** for her closeup of a flamingo at rest.



*Trying to Hang Ten*

by **Ross Gore**

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## GSCCC Column

Getting to go to a GSCCC Convention after an interval of two years was an event to look forward to with great interest when I started out for New Orleans on the morning of April 2, 2009. The anticipation quickly turned to distress when I got into a tremendous traffic jam on the east side of Houston and found that all eastbound lanes of I-10 had been closed since about midnight and were expected to stay closed until early afternoon. After more than an hour fighting the traffic jam, the police directed us to go back on the westbound service road until we could turn to go north on US 90 and then to Beaumont before rejoining I-10. The rest of the trip was made without difficulty.

Our hosts welcomed us and provided us with a bag containing information about the convention and lists of nearby eating places. The hotel served a free light meal on Thursday evening, so eating supper before the year end competitions was easily accomplished. Lots of good images were observed during the judging.

Programs began on Friday with two being given during each assigned time. Two sets of programs were offered on Friday morning, on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday morning. One set of programs was offered on Saturday afternoon. Field trips were also scheduled for some of the programs times. I chose to stay at the hotel and attend programs while others chose the field trips over some of the programs. Selecting which program to attend got difficult when two interesting programs were being presented at the same time; however choices were eventually made. In lieu of a second set of programs on Saturday afternoon, "Mardi Gras Indians" were made available for photo shooting.

The awards banquet kept us entertained on Saturday evening. A delicious buffet was offered with a choice of pork chops or crawfish etouffee, or both if you were bold. Salad, vegetables and dessert also came with the meal. The convention ended at the completion of the banquet and the awarding of the year's end high points certificates and individual image plaques. After Sunday morning breakfast and packing, the return trip brought us back home with a good feeling of having learned more about



photography and of visits with friends and acquaintances in the other GSCCC clubs. Now it appears we will have to wait another two years before GSCCC gathers again, this time in Oklahoma City.

**Denny D. Moller**, GSCCC Representative

### Editor's note:

Those who went to New Orleans part way the day before experienced two hours of torrential rain and tornado warnings on I-10 between Lafayette and New Orleans. Soon after checking in the bad weather disappeared and we had glorious days throughout the convention.

**Matt Daura**

### Changes for your membership directory:

**Leslie Niemand** has a new e-mail address, as follows  
lniemand@windstream.net.

**Bob Jump's** correct telephone number is 713-668-1286.

**New Member:** Welcome to Mr. **Duane Hendricks** who found us on the internet. Duane is a retired corporate attorney.

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### May Calendar of HCC Meetings

- May 5.....Competition meeting
- May 19.....Workshop meeting
- May 23.....Field Trip

### Future assigned subjects

- June.....Metal object
- July.....Photojournalism
- August.....Travel outside Houston

**Don't forget**

**Mother's Day**

**May 10, 2009**