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February 2010

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

Field Trip to Rockport Texas Saturday, February 20, and Sunday February 21, 2010

Hotel Reservations:

Group reservations for the night of Saturday, February 20, have been arranged at Laguna Reef Condominium Resort at Rockport, 1021 Water Street, Rockport, Texas 78382.

Reservation may be made by HCC members, under the HCC group reservation, by calling 1 (800) 248-1057. Special rate is \$ 80.00 per night. You can also receive this rate if you want to come early and stay the night of Friday, February 19th.

Directions and a map to Laguna Reef can be printed online at <http://www.lagunareef.com/nearby.htm>.

Reservations have been made for dinner on Saturday night, the 20th at 7:00 PM at Charlotte Plummer Sea fare, 202 Fulton Ave. Rockport, Texas.. 78382. Phone 361-729-2995. If you plan to attend the dinner please contact Ross Gore by email or phone 281-936-1462.

Refer to your Rockport Field Trip Notice for more information about the field trip and tour boat times (**optional**) and phone numbers.

Sunday morning we 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.

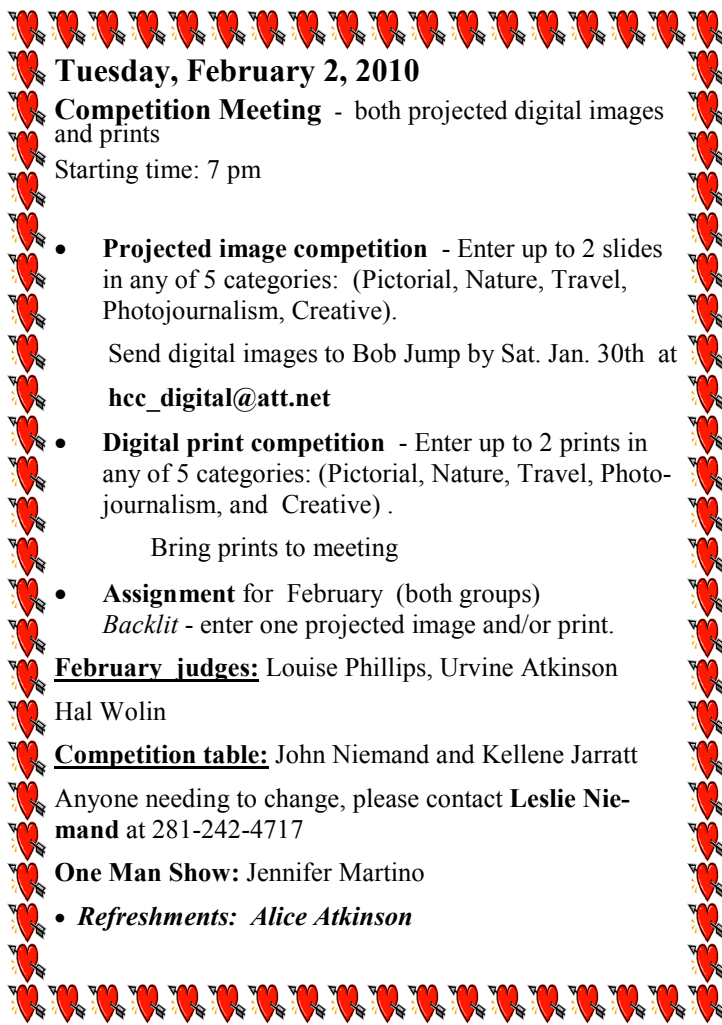
Special thanks to John Niemand for his help with the fieldtrip.

Ross Gore-Field Trips

Program, For Tuesday February 16th, 2010

Therese Tusa will be presenting a program on her recent trip to the Silver Salmon Creek Lodge. In an e-mail she said " I'm sure the HCC will love those Coastal Brown Bears of Silver Salmon!"

Urvine Atkinson- Program Chairman



Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Competition Meeting - both projected digital images and prints

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 Bob Jump by Sat. Jan. 30th at hcc_digital@att.net

- **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)
Backlit - enter one projected image and/or print.

February judges: Louise Phillips, Urvine Atkinson
Hal Wolin

Competition table: John Niemand and Kellene Jarratt
Anyone needing to change, please contact **Leslie Niemand** at 281-242-4717

One Man Show: Jennifer Martino

- **Refreshments:** *Alice Atkinson*

Happy Valentines Day!

Photo Directories Ready in February

The 2009-2010 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 **John Niemand**. **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 5, 2010

Judges: John Breau, Mark Katz, Denny Moller

Projected images

Pictorial Category – 8 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Water Lily* E. Sandler
2nd (20 pts) *Straw Snowman* B. Jump
3rd (19.5 pts) *Rhett* D. Moller

Nature Category – 9 entries

- 1st (20 pts) *MG4236G Gulf Frit* D. Pederson
2nd (19 pts) *Busy Bee* R. Gore
3rd (18) *Dew Drops* M. Barrera
Ibis in Duckweed J. Sandler
Love Birds B. Jump

Photojournalism Category – 5 entries

- 1st (17 pts) *Nose to Nose* R. Gore
Panther Runback G. Sternes
Street Dancers B. Dupre'
2nd (15 pts) *Cool Night Life* R. Towe
3rd (14 pts) *Fireworks* S. Goldberg

Travel Category – 5 entries

- 1st (20 pts) *Oaxaca* B. Dupre'
2nd (19.5 pts) *Build Statue* J. Breau
3rd (19 pts) *Quebec City St.* U. Atkinson

Creative Category - 4 entries

- 1st (18 pts) *The Artist* M. Barrera
2nd (17 pts) *Fireworkss* R. Towe
Green L. Phillips
Model Motion Blur S. Li

Assignment: After dark – 11 entries

Winner: *4th of July* M. Barrera

Field Trip - 11 entries

Winner: *Fungi 5101* J. Sandler

Prints

Pictorial Prints – 6 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *C U Art* L. Phillips
2nd (19 pts) *The Thinker* E. Sandler
3rd (18 pts) *Ollie Bundled Up* G. Sternes

Nature Prints – 8 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *Fighting Birds* S. Li
2nd (20 pts) *Hover Fly With Dew* . . . M. Barrera
3rd (19 pts) *Laying Eggs* J. Sandler
Humming Bird B. Finch
String Lake Reflection B. Jump

Photojournalism Prints – 5 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *Blue Angel Air Show* . . H. Wolin
2nd (20 pts) *Gonna Get the Runner* . . G. Sternes
3rd (19 pts) *Look, I'm Flying* U. Atkinson
Spoon Making Old Fashioned Way . . R. Gore

Travel Prints – 4 entries

- 1st (19 pts) *Rural Canadian Village* . H. Wolin
Old Faithful Geyser B. Jump
2nd (18 pts) *Boston Leaves* S. Li
3rd (16 pts) *Two Tourists* G. Kunz

Creative Prints – 3 entries

- 1st (21 pts) *Red, White & Blue* . . M. Barrera
Fingerpicking Banjo C. Coco
2nd (16 pts) *Berries* L. Phillips

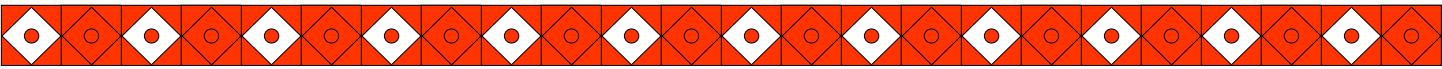
Assignment: After Dark – 7 entries

Winner: *Lights* R. Gore

Unlimited Prints - 18 entries

- 1st (22 pts) *Surf Fishing in Morning* . E. Martinez
Barcelona Yachts S. Li
Yellow Beast M. Barrera
Galveston Sunset R. Gore
2nd (21 pts) *Hanging On* J. Sandler
Monarch Pollinating E. Sandler
Tibetan Waterfall S. Li
3rd (20 pts) *Family Sunset* E. Martinez
Red Shouldered Hawk M. Barrera

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Unlimited Prints continued from page 2...

3rd (20 pts)	<i>Summer Dragon Fly</i>	J. Sandler
	<i>Ollie on Pink Quilt....</i>	G. Sternes
	<i>Crossing the Finish Line</i>	B. Jump
	<i>Pelican in Evening Sun</i>	R. Gore

Field Trip - 12 entries

Winner: *Mushroom #2* R. Gore

Unreported from last month. Individual PSA Nature results

<i>Green Heron Casts a Shadow</i>	12 pts	D. Pederson
<i>Brown Pelican</i>	9 pts	M. Barrera
<i>Egret Pair</i>	9 pts	E. Sandler
<i>Cub</i>	9 pts	J. Breaux
<i>Pair of Ibises</i>	6 pts	B. Jump
<i>Ready to Fly</i>	6 pts	M. Katz

New Members: We welcome three new members: **Tom Skeen** who is self employed as a Freelance Photographer, **Timothy Sledge** who is a Photographer/Website Designer and **Rahul Rao**.



Joe and Evelyn looking for that perfect Butterfly shot



Kellene and Leslie discussing how to take better butterfly photos.



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by Ross Gore

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Ollie on Pink Quilt

by Glenn Sternes

Calendar of HCC Meetings

- February 2.....Competition meeting
- February 19-21Field trip
- February 16..... Program meeting

Future assigned subjects

- March.....Trees
- April.....People at Work
- May.....Motion

**Photographic Society of America
72nd International Conference of Photography**



**Charleston, South Carolina
October 3 - 9, 2010**

GSCCC Column

GSCCC COLUMN FOR THE FEBRUARY 2010 RANGEFINDER

There isn't any additional news about the upcoming GSCCC Annual Convention but repeating in the Rangefinder what news is available may alert those who have not yet read the January GSCCC News.



Corpus Christi Camera Club is getting ready to host the 2010 GSCCC Annual Convention in Corpus Christi April 8-10, 2010. The gathering will be at the Holiday Inn Airport at 5549 Leopard which is just a couple of blocks off of I 37 shortly after entering Corpus Christi by car. The motel is also very close to the airport for any who arrive by air. The cost of rooms will be \$69 per night if you mention that you re attending the convention when you register at 1-361-289-5100. More information about the motel is available at <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/CRPAP>.

More details about the convention will be released a little later but in the meantime GSCCC has said that some changes are being planned for this convention that all are expected to enjoy. Those who plan to attend should consider making motel reservation soon to be sure of getting the special rate offered for GSCCC members.

Denny Moller

GSCCC Representative



President's Commentary



As everyone knows by now we lost a very valued member of our club Friday, January 22nd. Matt worked tirelessly to make sure that our club had everything we needed to make it easier for us to function with competition and other special events. "He never looked for recognition for his efforts". It is with great pride and humility that I am able to finish and put out the last Rangefinder he was working on before his death. He will be missed by his many friends here and the ones he made in the other photo clubs all around the country. You can visit our website for a memorial for Matt.

Matt our prayers are with you.

Ross Gore-President

