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

Photo Shootout—Goliad

The annual photo contest between HCC and the San Antonio Camera Club will be held March 26, in and around Goliad, TX. It will include assignments at the reenactment of the Battle of Presidio La Bahia. Sign up with John Niemand.



Detailed rules will be given to participants. Each club will judge its members' images and select the images to represent the club in the shootout competition.

Luncheon arrangements have been made. If you are participating in the shootout and plan to attend the lunch, send an email message to John Niemand as soon as possible. He needs an accurate count for reservations.

This contest is always fun and is a challenge to its participants. A large number of HCC participants will help us keep the trophy we won last year.

Bill Burychka, John Niemand—Field Trip Chairmen

Blind Critique Workshop—March 15

Here is your chance! Many of you have been asking for image critiques. We will discuss the images that are submitted for this workshop. All levels of photographers should participate. Submit several images on which you would like comments. Maybe one that you think is great and several others that have potential and where you'd like help identifying changes that would make them better.

The objective of the workshop is to improve your photography. And, that should result in improved scores on competition night.

Submit your digital images to rossvri@yahoo.com. They should be jpeg and sized for competition. Bring prints to the meeting. Put no identifying information on the images. This is to be a blind critiquing. The attendees will be asked to comment on the images.

Ross McEathron—Workshop Chairman

Refreshments—Needed

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Competition Meeting:—Projected Digital Images and Prints

Starting time: 7:00 p.m.

- **Projected Image Competition**—Enter up to 2 images in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, Creative). Send digital images to Bob Jump by Saturday, February 26 at hcc_digital@att.net
- **Digital Print Competition**—Enter up to 2 prints in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative)
- **Unlimited Prints** —Enter 1 print.
- **Assignment for March**—*Human Hands or Feet*— Enter 1 projected image and/or 1 print.
- **Quarterly Field Trip**—enter 3 projected images and/or 3 prints from:
 - 1) Old Town Spring
 - 2) Cockrell Butterfly Center
 - 3) Rockport

Judges: Urvine Atkinson, John Niemand, Ross McEathron

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway, Evelyn Sandler

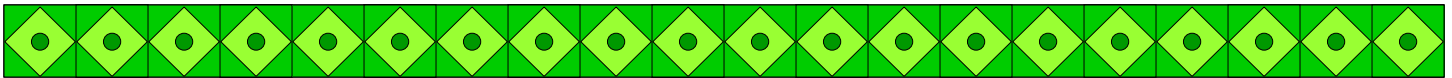
Anyone needing to change, contact **Leslie Niemand** at 281-242-4717

One Man Show: Mark Katz

Refreshments: Marcia Raskin

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

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| March 1 | Competition Meeting |
| March 15 | Workshop—Blind Critique |
| March 26 | Photo Shootout—Goliad |



Upcoming Assignments

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| April | An Ant's Eye View |
| May | Musician Playing an Instrument |
| June | Circles |

Architectural Award Winners

The winners of the Architectural Award have been announced. **Bob Jump** received first place with his image, Washington Cathedral. **Manuel Barrara** won second place with 1100 Louisiana. **Joe Sandler** received third place with Quarter Circle Reflection. **Urvine Atkinson** received an Honorable Mention with Spiral Staircase, Ashley Hall, Charleston.

Congratulations to you all.



Washington Cathedral

By: Bob Jump

Upcoming GSCCC Convention—Oklahoma City in April

The GSCCC Annual Convention will be held in Oklahoma City **April 14 through April 16, 2011.**



This is an opportunity to have fun while you learn. The Oklahoma Camera Club is planning a number of photo shoot opportunities and presentations. **Ken Sklute**, a Canon Explorer of Light, is the featured presenter on Friday night, April 15. You can see some of his photographs at www.KenSklute.com.

At the March competition meeting, I will have a CD made by the Oklahoma Camera Club with images of Oklahoma City. I will also have brochures with additional details on the presenters and their programs and a mail-in registration form for the convention. Or, you can see their web site, oklahomacameraclub.com for additional information. You will need to make reservations at the Holiday Inn separately either through the web site or by contacting Holiday Inn directly.

There is a discount for making convention reservations by March 14. So make your plans now.

Denny D. Moller—GSCCC Representative

Rockport Thank You

Bill Burychka and **John Niemand** earned a special thank you for their coordination of the Rockport field trip, February 19 through 21.

The weather was wonderful—they will really have to tell all of us how they managed that. Everyone who attended had a great time. There were big lens a plenty. The birds were out in force. And the whooping cranes were reasonably close.

This was a wonderful opportunity for bird photography. But, many other subjects were also available.

Thanks to you both.

Club Directory Available

The 2011—2012 year Houston Camera Club directory is available. Please pick up your copy from Gwen Kunz.



February Competition Results

Judged February 1, 2011

Judges: Ross Gore, Julius Klehm, Glenn Sternes

Projected Images

Pictorial – 6 entries

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 st (21 pts) | After the Rain 5712 | J. Sandler |
| 2 nd (20 pts) | Art Rose | R. Towe |
| 3 rd (19pts) | Storm Over Kemah | R. McEathron |

Nature – 10 entries

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| 1 st (22 pts) | Wind Blown Group 0369 | J. Sandler |
| 2 nd (21 pts) | Great Egret 7034 | E. Sandler |
| 3 rd (19.5 pts) | Silverback Male Chimp | G. Sternes |

Photojournalism – 3 entries

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| 1 st (19.5 pts) | Greek Restaurant Signboard | G. Sternes |
| 2 nd (18 pts) | President Ma Ying-Jeou, Taiwan | J. Klehm |
| 3 rd (17pts) | Happy Rodeo | R. Towe |

Travel – 5 entries

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 st (20 pts) | Tetons In A Row | B. Jump |
| 2 nd (19 pts) | Charcoal Kiln | G. Jump |
| | The Venetian | L. Phillips |
| 3 rd (17 pts) | Arches National Park | H. Peterman |
| | Charleston Hotel | U. Atkinson |

Creative – 3 entries

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1 st (19 pts) | Many Colors Umbrella | J. Breaux |
| 2 nd (18 pts) | Kiss | M. Barrera |
| 3 rd (17 pts) | Pattern In Nature | U. Atkinson |

Monochrome – 8 entries

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st (18 pts) | Kemah Staircase | R. McEathron |
| | Leave Me Alone 2635 | E. Sandler |
| | Longtailed Bird | G. Sternes |
| | The Guardian | M. Barrera |
| 2 nd (17 pts) | Church Window | G. Jump |
| | Downtown Houston At Night | B. Jump |
| | Hibiscus & Bud 9681 | J. Sandler |

Projected Images Continued

Monochrome Continued

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| 3 rd (15 pts) | Lonely | L. Phillips |
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Assignment – 9 entries

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| Winner: | Four Faces Craquelure | G. Sternes |
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Prints

Pictorial Prints – 7 entries

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| 1 st (23 pts) | Pee Pie Ezzie | M. Holloway |
| 2 nd (22 pts) | Daisy | C. Danley |
| 3 rd (21 pts) | Water Garden Vases | H. Wolin |

Nature Prints – 8 entries

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1st (22 pts) | Singing Green Jay | R. Burychka |
| 2 nd (21 pts) | Grub Flight | M. Barrera |
| | Baby Bird | J. Klehm |
| | Butterfly | H. Peterman |
| 3 rd (20 pts) | Late Afternoon Snack | J. Sandler |

Photojournalism Prints – 3 entries

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|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1st (19 pts) | Chipping Away | C. Danley |
| 2 nd (17 pts) | Hawaiian Sales Lady | H. Wolin |
| | Ice Carving Contest | M. Holloway |

Travel Prints – 9 entries

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1st (21 pts) | Sand Dunes Patterns | B. Jump |
| 2 nd (19 pts) | Sunset On Salt Patterns | G. Jump |
| | Maui | H. Peterman |
| | Mission San Javier Del Bac | U. Atkinson |
| | Tourists | L. Phullips |
| 3 rd (18 pts) | Caesars Palace, Las Vegas | L. Niemand |
| | Epcot Near Sunset | J. Sandler |
| | On The Road | E. Sandler |

Creative Prints – 3 entries

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| 1 st (18 pts) | Mask | M. Barrera |
| | Water Tower No 2 | T. Rutledge |
| | Headwear Detail | G. Sternes |



February Competition Results

Prints Continued

Monochrome Prints – 13 entries

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st (20 pts) | Black & White Ice Berg | B. Jump |
| | Alligator Rocks | H. Peterman |
| | D C Monument | R. McEathron |
| 2 nd (19.5 pts) | Giraffe Head Sepia | G. Sternes |
| 3 rd (19 pts) | Statue | C. Danley |
| | Prarie Dog In the Spot Light | R. Burychka |
| | Artisan Theater | L. Phillips |

Assignment Prints – 8 entries

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| Winner: | Backlight Flowers | G. Sternes |
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Interclub Competitions



GSCCC Nature

Judged: February, 2011 Judged on basis of 15 points.

Judged By: Corpus Christi Camera Club

Yellow-Crowned Night Heron—Dinner

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| | 14 pts | Rachel Burychka |
| Wind Blown Group | 13 pts | Joe Sandler |
| Owl Portrait 206 | 13 pts | Connie Danley |
| Bird With Clam | 13 pts | Marilyn Holloway |

GSCCC Pictorial

Judged: January, 2011 Judged on basis of 15 points.

Judged By: Greater New Orleans Photographic Society

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| Chicago Lights | 13 pts | Connie Danley |
| Lot of Color | 9 pts | Joe Sandler |
| Monarch Butterfly | 9 pts | Urvine Atkinson |
| Big Eye Frog | 8 pts | Manuel Barrera |

PSA EID

Judged: January, 2011 Judged on basis of 15 points.

Judged By: Terra Australis Digital Imaging Group

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| Simplicity of Rowboats | 9 pts | Gerry Jump |
| Grand Canyon At Dawn | 9 pts | Bob Jump |
| Passion Flower Center | 8 pts | Joe Sandler |
| My Tongue Is Showing | 6 pts | Evelyn Sandler |
| Proud Papa | 9 pts | Bill Dupré |
| Spider | 8 pts | Denny Moller |

PSA ICIC

Judged: February, 2011 Judged on basis of 15 points.

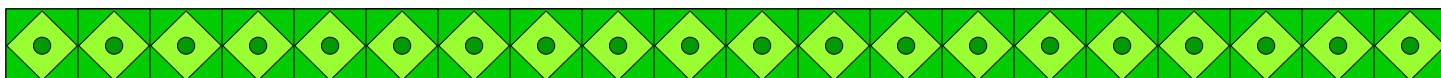
Judged By: Lancaster Camera Club

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| After the Rain | 9 pts | Joe Sandler |
| Many Colors Umbrella | 8 pts | John Breaux |
| Black & White Flower | 12 pts | Bob Jump |
| Fishing For Shrimp | 10 pts | Marilyn Holloway |
| Loving Mother | 10 pts | Bob Jump |
| Stalking Green Heron | 8 pts | Evelyn Sandler |

Congratulations to Bob Jump on receiving an Honorable Mention for his image



Yellow-Crowned Night Heron—Dinner
By: Rachel Burychka



Interclub Competitions Continued

PSA Photojournalism

Judged: January, 2010 Judged on basis of 15 points.

Judged By: Photo Club of Quilmes, Argentina

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| Head First Slide | 8 pts | Glenn Sternes |
| Tempting Fate | 8 pts | Bill Dupré |
| What Are You Looking At | 8 pts | Ross McEathron |
| Goodbye Old Friend | 8 pts | Denny Moller |
| Winning the Race | 8 pts | Glenn Sternes |
| Working the Crowd | 8 pts | Denny Moller |



Rockport And Goose Island



Bill with Big Lens

By: John Niemand



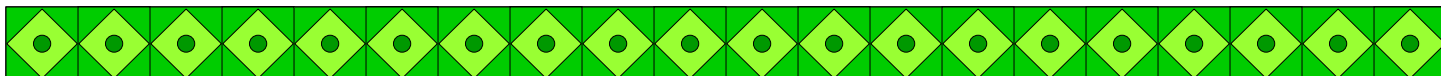
Evelyn

By: John Niemand



Terry

By: John Niemand



Ross

By: John Niemand

Mustang Island State Park Beach



Bob

By Gerry Jump



Waiting for the Whoopers

By: Gerry Jump



John

By: Leslie Niemand

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