Houston Camera Club

THE RANGEFINDER

Member of PSA & GSCCC

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

Projected Image Competition Meeting— Tuesday, September 7

6:30 By Video Conference

The projected image competiton will be held via video conferencing this month. All members will receive an email with the link to the video conference the day before the meeting. The judging begins at 6:30 p.m.

Program—Tuesday, September 21 Jai and Neil Shet—Latest Travels

6:30 By Video Conference

In May 2021, **Jai** and **Neil** traveled through the western United States with their parents. They photographed a wide variety of landscapes during their travels. For their program, the brothers are excited to share their landscape and nature photography while discussing how it was to camp in the wilderness.

Jai and Neil have been passionate about photography since a young age. They have always loved to travel and have visited 48 out of the 50 states. They hope to visit Alaska and Hawaii in the not too distant future.

Field Trip—Saturday, September 11 Kleb Woods Hummingbird Festival

Our first field trip of the calendar year.

9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is free. Meet on the front porch to get pointers from **Marilyn Holloway** and **Julius Klehm** on how to photograph hummingbirds.

See the flyer (separate attachment) for the address, parking instructions, and planned activities. There is no food or drink available at Kleb Woods. Bring your own. Or see the flyer has several suggestions of places to eat lunch.

Marilyn's article on page 3 gives more information on photographing at Kleb Woods. Bring, at a minimum, a telephoto lens, perhaps a 70—200 or 100—400 to use shooting hummingbirds. Also, have another wider angle

COMPETITION MEETING

Projected Images—September Tuesday, September 7, 2021

- **Projected Image Competition** Enter two images in categories: Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism. Only one image may be entered in a category.
- Creative—Enter one projected image.
- Monochrome—Enter one projected image.

Assignment: Songbird (not raptor or shorebird) Enter one projected image.

Judges: Urvine Atkinson, Bill Dupré, Marcia

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Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

OCTOBER COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by

Tuesday, **September 28, 2021 October Assignment:** *Moody*

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

September 7 Projected Image Competition September 14 Quarterly Print Submission

September 21 Program—Shets' Latest Travels

September 28 Deadline—October Projected Image

Submissions

September 30 Deadline—Scavenger Hunt—Images

11-15

Upcoming Assignments

September Songbird (not raptor or shorebird)

October Moody

November Still Life (after the Great Masters)

George Buffington Award

The George Buffington Award is an annual award to recognize outstanding service to the club. It is named for a former camera club member.

Members of the club voted **Bill Burychka** as our 2020—2021 winner. Congratulations to you, Bill. Thank you for all your work for the club. Take good care of that trophy.

Marilyn Holloway, the club's 2019--2020 winner, will receive a permanent plaque.

October In-Person Meeting

The club Executive Committee has decided that the October meetings will be held by video conference due to the current Covid outbreak. The committee will meet monthly to evaluate the situation and hopes to schedule in-person meetings as soon as possible.

Quarterly Print Submission— July / August / September

And Print Pick Up

The quarterly print competition for July, August, and September, 2021, will be held in September. If you are entering the assignment competition, the July assignment was *Silhouette*. August was *In the Garden*. Results will be announced in the October Rangefinder.

Marilyn Holloway will collect print submissions on September 14 from 1:00.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Bayland.

Prints that have not been previously returned will also be available for pick up at the same time. That will include images that are currently on display in the Bayland case.

Photographer Saying:

"The picture that you took with your camera is the imagination you want to create with reality."

Scott Lorenzo

HCC Scavenger Hunt

Images for topics 11—14 must be taken between April 15 and the submission date. The image for topic 15 can have been taken at any time.

The deadline for submitting images 11 through 15 is September 30.

Below are the last five Scavenger Hunt topics:

- 11. Texture: Any scale will work.
- 12. Shadows: Any scale, indoors or out.
- **13.** <u>Leading Lines</u>: Fence rows, door jambs, feature something that leads your eye from one part of your image to another.
- **14.** The Golden Ratio: This could be anything from a still life to an architectural theme (any anything in between!).
- **15. Open:** Your choice! Any subject or theme. Show us your best image!

Images need to be jpegs with a maximum dimensions of 1400 x 1050 pixels. But, there are no limitations on how the images were taken or how they have been processed.

Images also need to be labeled as follows:

Topic number__Image Title__Maker's First Initial then
Last Name

This format is similar to what you are used to for submitting images to competition.

- 1 Clown's Nose LNiemand
- 2 Spring Blooms LNiemand

They should be submitted to hccprojection@gmail.com

If you have questions, contact Leslie Niemand.

Camera Club Dues 2021—2022

July 1 began a new camera club year. Dues were due in July. Anyone who still has outstanding dues at this time is seriously delinquent.

Gwen Kunz, our Treasurer, is collecting membership dues for the upcoming year. For continuing members, an individual membership is \$30 with \$15 for each additional family member.

Please make your check payable to the Houston Camera Club, and send it by mail to Gwen. Her address is in the HCC yearbook.

Members who have not paid will not be able to enter competition.

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Awards Meeting

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes for the Awards Meeting. We need to thank the members involved in organizing our event.

Bill Dupré prepared an individual list of eligible images for each member. Marilyn Holloway received and organized the year-end projected image submissions. Leslie Niemand received the year-end print submissions and then got all the images and the contest information ready for the judge. John Niemand found our judge and got the entries to him. Leslie also organized the information and the images themselves for the video presentation at our awards meeting. And, Bill Burychka held several practice sessions with John Niemand, who was also our presenter, to make sure everything would go smoothly. All the work and preparation showed—the show went off without a hitch.

John Niemand started off the Awards Meeting with a show of the winning images from the PSA 2020 Youth Showcase. He then announced the numerous winners with the assistance of **Bill Burychka** showing the submitted images. **Bill Dupré** will prepare and mail the award ribbons to the winners after the meeting.

Congratulations to all the winners. We loved seeing your best images again. And thank you to everyone who helped make to evening special.



Cardinal By: Julius Klehm

Photographing Hummingbirds at Kleb Woods

Marilyn Holloway

Normally we should keep our distance when shooting wildlife. Hummingbirds are an exception especially at Kleb Woods during migration. Under different circumstances, I use my longest lens. While shooting from the Kleb Woods porch, I use a 70-200mm or 100-400mm lens not fully extended. If you are close to the railing, greater than 200 mm might be too much. I shoot with aperture priority, 1/4000th shutter speed, at a wide aperture for a shallow depth of field and blurry background, and a single focus point. If available, a darker shadowy area in the background works well. I aim to focus on the eye of the hummingbird. Avoid getting man-made objects in the frame.

The dappled light through the trees at Kleb Woods is challenging. My preference for hummingbird photography is brighter light. To compensate, I look for a couple of feeders with brighter light coming through the trees. They use feeders designed for one bird at a time with no perches. We know the hummingbirds will come to those feeders often during migration, so I focus on a bright feeder port and move slightly away from the feeder to catch the birds coming into the feeder port. Keep your focus on the same plane as the feeder port. Since there are no perches, the birds drink a little, fly up and back to drink more.

Until my arm demands a break, I keep the camera focused just off the edge of the feeder ready for the shots when the bird enters the frame. If the camera is in your lap, it's too late to pull it up, get in focus, and shoot that bird. It's easier with a tripod which is difficult with people walking around on the porch. In different locations, I use a tripod. While you are sitting on the porch, watch the birds' behavior so you can anticipate their actions. Understanding a bird's behavior is critical to successful bird photograph (or any wildlife).

Since there are many interesting items to photograph at Kleb Woods, my backpack will include a macro lens and a wide-angle lens. Check out the antique tools plus inside the old Kleb home.

If you are willing to stay until the festival is over, you will be able to shoot from the area that was roped off earlier. There will be some good shots as birds land and take off from the tree limbs.

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Jazz At Night By: Terry Rutledge

Projected Images

August Competition Results

Judged August 3, 2021

Judges: Keith Goggin, Paul Maner, Ross McEathron

Pictorial Category – 9 entries

1 st (24 pts)	Fall Harvest	M. Holloway	
2 nd (22 pts)	Snowmelt	J. Shet	
3 rd (20 pts)	Water Lilly In Purple	B. Dupré	
	Energetic Kid	J. Klehm	
Street Scene With Blondes		S	
		T. Rutledge	
(19 pts)	Basking In Glory	N. Shet	
(18 pts)	Cactus And Flowers	C. Edwards	
(17 pts)	Sunken Gardens	U. Atkinson	
	Tasty Shrubbery	J. Lumb	
Nature Category – 3 entries			
1 st (23 pts)	Pickerelweed Visitor	F. Cabral	
2 nd (21 pts)	Fawn's First Milk	M. Holloway	
3 rd (18 pts)	Shiprock Sunset	T. Rutledge	

Photojournalism Category – 3 entries

Big Foot

Back To Pass

Blackgold #1

J. Klehm

P. Maner

U. Atkinson

1st (20 pts)

2nd (18 pts)

3rd (17 pts)

Travel	Category – 6 entries
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1 st (20 pts)	Grand Central Station	F. Cabral
	Rainbow Mountain	N. Shet
2 nd (18 pts)	Crete Lighthouse	B. Dupré
	Death Valley Blues	J. Shet
	Sand Dunes	C. Edwards
3 rd (17 pts)	Early Morning In Chick	nicastenago
		J. Lumb

Creative Category – 7 entries

1 st (23 pts) 2 nd (20 pts)	Ages Old Mercury Filled	M. Holloway
2 nd (20 pts)	Floating Octopus	B. Dupré
	Flower Zoom	F. Cabral
3 rd (19 pts)	Icy Landscape	N. Shet
(18 pts)	Agricultural Industry	J. Lumb
	Creative	J. Klehm
(17 pts)	Building At Night	T. Rutledge

Monochrome Category – 8 entries

With the Category - 6 chares			
1 st (21 pts)	Jazz At Night	T. Rutledge	
2 nd (20 pts)	Lighthouse	M. Holloway	
3 rd (19 pts)	Cardinal	J. Klehm	
	Inside Passage	B. Dupré	
(18 pts)	18 pts) RFK Speaking At UAW In LA		
		J. Lumb	
	Triangles	F. Cabral	
	William Tower	C. Edwards	
(16 pts)	Blackgold #2	U. Atkinson	
Asssignment Category In The Garden-5 entries			
Winner	Guest In The Garden	M. Holloway	

Icy Landscape By: Neil Shet

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2020—2021 Year End Images

Judged By: Frank Kreipe

Projected Image Winners

Pictorial			
1 st	Grazing Sheep At Sunset	Neil Shet	
2 nd	Blanco Color	Bill Dupré	
3 rd	Seedlet	Buz Cabral	
Natur	e		
1 st	Cardinals In Flight	Terry Rutledge	
2 nd	Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Buz Cabral	
3 rd	Checking For Nectar	Marilyn Holloway	
Photo	journalism		
1 st	Sidewalk Artist	Buz Cabral	
2 nd	Where's The Ball	Julius Klehm	
3 rd	Dirty Car Artist	Bill Dupré	
Trave	I		
1 st	Old San Antonio Mission	Julius Klehm	
2 nd	Storm At Red Rock Crossing	Buz Cabral	
3 rd	Tellar AK Cemetery	John Lumb	
Creati	ive		
1 st	Questioning The Birds	Marilyn Holloway	
2 nd	The Shadow	Neil Shet	
3 rd	Industrial	John Lumb	
Monochrome			
1 st	Traveling In The Dark Forest	Jai Shet	
2 nd	Unzipped	Marilyn Holloway	
3 rd	Agave 3	Bill Dupré	

Print Winners

Pictorial				
Fall Harvest	Marilyn Holloway			
Palm Springs Resort	Gwen Kunz			
Philadelphia Flea Bane	John Lumb			
Nature				
Delicious Snack	Marilyn Holloway			
Hummingbird Attacks Flower	Julius Klehm			
Starling At Lunch	Terry Rutledge			
	Fall Harvest Palm Springs Resort Philadelphia Flea Bane Delicious Snack Hummingbird Attacks Flower Starling At Lunch			

Print Winners Continued

	Photojournalism				
	1 st	Safe At First	Julius Klehm		
	2 nd	Flipping On A Wakeboard	Marilyn Holloway		
	$3^{\rm rd}$	Flamenco Dancer	Gwen Kunz		
	Travel				
	1 st	Big Bend Window	Marilyn Holloway		
	2 nd	Hong Kong Laundry Day	John Lumb		
	$3^{\rm rd}$	Red Roc Overlook	Gwen Kunz		
	Creative				
	1 st	San Angelo Water Lily	Gwen Kunz		
	2 nd	Solarized, Colorized Nude	John Lumb		
	3^{rd}	Lost And Naked	Marilyn Holloway		
	Monochrome				
	1 st	Face Of A King	Marilyn Holloway		
	2 nd	Mad Eagle	Julius Klehm		

Unlimited

3rd

1 st	Dining On Fish	Marilyn Holloway
2 nd	Houston Criterium 3	Terry Rutledge
$3^{\rm rd}$	Me, Mama, Me	Julius Klehm

John Lumb

High Point Winners

Stairways

Regular Projected Marilyn Holloway
Assignment Projected Marilyn Holloway
Creative Projected Marilyn Holloway
Monochrome Projected Jai Shet

Print Winners

Regular Prints	Marilyn Holloway
Assignment Prints	Marilyn Holloway
Creative Prints	Marilyn Holloway
Monochrome Prints	Julius Klehm
Unlimited Prints	Julius Klehm





PSA Interclub Competitions

None Reported

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

July, 2021 Judged on 15 point scale.

Color, Monochrome, Nature judged by Houston Photochrome

GSCCC Color Images

Seedlet 15 pts** Buz Cabral 1st

Mesa Arch Sunrise 12 pts Jai Shet Cholla Catcus Garden 10 pts Neil Shet

Carl Bohm's Hungarian Danc 10 pts Marilyn Holloway

** Buz won a 1st place for his image. Great job!

GSCCC Monochrome

Mother's Love 13 pts** Buz Cabral 3rd

Arching Over Chicago 10 pts Jai Shet

Nica Sunset 9 pts Ramiro Sanchez
Two Springboks 7 pts Terry Rutledge
**Buz won a 3rd place for his image. Congratulations.

GSCCC Nature

Checking For Nature 15 pts** Marilyn Holloway 2nd Hungry Green Heron 14 pts## Julius Klehm 1 HM

Sticking With Mom 11 pts++ Terry Rutledge

Looking For Lunch 10 pts Buz Cabral

** Marilyn received a 2nd place for her image.

Julius received a 1st Honorable Mention for his image.

Congratulatons to you all.

Photojournalism judged by Greater New Orleans Camer Club

GSCCC Photojournalism

Sandy Drift 11 pts Neil Shet

Crash in the Curve 11 pts Marilyn Holloway I Made It 10 pts Julius Klehm Guatemala Worshiper 8 pts Bill Dupré

PSA Photo Festival Rapid City,

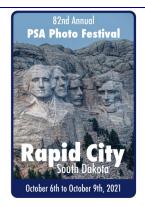
South Dakota

October 6, 2021—

October 9, 2021

For information, go to www.psa-photo.org.

Under 2021 PSA Photo Festival, click on More Info.



In various tabs, you can learn about the Photo Festival tours and activities, see the schedule and speakers, and register for the event.

Registration is now open. There are different ways to register for the photo festival. Check it out.

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

August, 2021 Judged on 15 point scale Judged by Oklahoma Camera Club

GSCCC Color Images

Ages Old Mercury Filled 13 pts** Marilyn Holloway 2 HM

Dealh Valley Blues 10 pts Jai Shet

Misty Fjord 10 pts Bill Dupré

Basket Flower 9 pts Buz Cabral

** Marilyn won a 2nd Honorable Mention for her image. Good job!

GSCCC Monochrome

Jazz At Night11 ptsTerry RutledgeInside Passage11 ptsBill DupréBeach Scene10 ptsBuz CabralGoblin Valley Utah9 ptsJai Shet

GSCCC Nature

Catch Your Own Fish 15 pts** Julius Klehm 1 HM

Exciting Visitor 13 pts Marilyn Holloway

Snow Melt 10 pts Jai Shet Rainbow Mountain 8 pts Neil Shet

** Julius received a 1st Honorable Mention for his image. Good job!

GSCCC Photojournalism

Back To Pass 12 pts Julius Klehm

Intent On Winning 10 pts Marilyn Holloway

After Ike 10 pts Bill Dupré Sandy Drift 9 pts Neil Shet

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