



Houston Camera Club

THE RANGEFINDER

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February, 2025

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

Competition Meeting—February 4

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

We will meet at Bayland. Our meeting will go from 7:00 to 9:00 time.

This is an in-person meeting. We look forward to seeing you. But, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Refreshments: Bill Dupre

Field Trip—February 21—23 Rockport

Our overnight night field trip is to Rockport, TX. Rockport has everything you might want for photographic subjects: birds, art, architecture, landscapes, waterscapes, and cityscapes, night photography and history. Oh, and there are good restaurants there too. Last year, and over many other years, HCC has had a February field trip to Rockport. You have seen many images taken there in HCC competitions.

We will be staying at the Sanddollar Motel Resort & RV Park
919 Nort Fulton Beach RD, Rockport, TX
361-729-2381

To make reservations for Friday and Saturday nights, ask for **Mark** and specify **Houston Camera Club**. Optionally, you can add Thursday and/or Sunday nights. If HCC has at least five rooms booked, the rate will be \$89.00 / night for your reservation.

Saturday, many of our members will be on the 9 a.m. Whooping Crane and Coastal Birding Tour. An alternative is the 2 p.m. tour. \$125 per person. Tripods allowed, long lens suggested. Online reservations are recommended and can be made at www.whoopingcranetour.com Their phone number is 877-892-4737 if you need to call.

At the competition meeting next week, see **Bill** or **Rachel Burychka** with any questions you have.

Bill Burychka, Field Trip Leader

COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

- **Projected Image Competition**—Enter two images total in categories: Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism. Only one image may be entered in a category.
- **Print Competition**—Enter two images total in categories: Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism. Only one image may be entered in a category.
- **Creative and Monochrome**—Enter one projected image and/or one print in each category.
- **Unlimited Prints**—Enter one print.

Assignment: Enter one projected image and/or one print. *Abstract*

Judges: Bill Dupre, Mark Katz, Malcolm McCorquodale

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

FEBRUARY COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by Tuesday, **February 25, 2025**

February Assignment: *Morning Dew*

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

February 4	Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 21-23	Field Trip to Rockport, TX
February 25	Deadline—March Projected Image Submissions

Upcoming Assignments

Images must have been taken after June 1, 2024.

March	Morning Dew
April	Pastels
May	Mammals, land or marine

Earl Gilbert Architectural Contest

The Architectural Contest was established to honor the contribution Earl Gilbert made to the club.

Entries are due at our April competition meeting on April 1, no fooling. Please give them to either **Leslie** or **John Niemand**. If you cannot be at the meeting, arrange separately with Leslie to get your image to her.

You may submit one print. Subjects may be anything of an architectural nature. Pictorial print rules apply. Images may be a maximum of 8 1/2" by 11" in size.

2025-2026 Assignments

John Niemand is forming a committee to develop the assignments for the next year. Work begins in February. The new assignments will be announced in the April Rangefinder. If you want to help develop those assignments, contact John now or volunteer at the upcoming February competition meeting.



Alligator Stare

By: David Skweres



GSCCC Convention

The 2025 GSCCC Convention has been announced. It will be held in Beaumont on April 3—5. Details for this year's GSCCC Convention are becoming available at www.beaumontcameraclub.com/convention2025 Check back frequently over the next few weeks.

Reservations for both the convention and for the hotel can be made now. Early registration for the three days is \$75 thru March 4.

Members of HCC have been to a number of GSCCC Conventions. The pricing is reasonable, the events are fun and interesting, the speakers are knowledgeable, and there are lots of friendly people to talk to about photography. What more could you want? You will not be disappointed if you decide to attend.

GSCCC January Judging Thank You

Thank you for those members who conducted the judging for our club. Big thank yous go to **Marilyn Holloway** for coordinating the judging. Bill Burychka hosted the video session. Our judges, **Buz Cabral, John Niemand, and Ramiro Sanchez** did a great job. We were able to judge 134 images in four categories in less than 4 hours. Wow!

Thank you too to the many of you that joined in to see some of these images. We hope you enjoyed the show.

Photographer Saying:

“A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know.”

Diane Arbus

January Competition Results

Judged January 7, 2025

Judges: Wenxing Qiu, Terry Rutledge, Justin Thurman

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 7 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Artist Self Portrait	R. Burychka
	Goodbye 2024	M. Holloway
2 nd (21 pts)	Kinderdijk Wind Mills	R. Sanchez
3 rd (18pts)	Patas Monkey's Stare	H. Peterman
	Hibiscus Flower	T. Rutledge
(17 pts)	Roman Street Market	J. Lumb
(15 pts)	Fall Colors & Pond	C. E.dwards

Nature Category – 6 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Osprey Feeding Chicks	M. Holloway
2 nd (21 pts)	Red-Bellied Wood Pecker	On Lookout
		J. Klehm
	Tiger Swallowtail 2	F. Cabral
3 rd (20 pts)	Nighthawk	R. Burychka
(19 pts)	Bird On Limb	C. Edwards
	Red Belly Wood Pecker	D. Skweres

Photojournalism Category – 0 entries

Travel Category – 5 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Headed Home For The Night In Burma	T. Rutledge
2 nd (20 pts)	Altes Rathaus	R. Sanchez
3 rd (19 pts)	Lottery Tickets & Virgen De Los Dolores ...	J. Lumb
(18 pts)	Highspeed Train To Taipei	J. Klehm
(17 pts)	Biloxi Waterfront	F. Cabral

Creative Category – 4 entries

1 st (24 pts)	Enjoying The Bubbles	M. Holloway
2 nd (22 pts)	Purple Design	F. Cabral
3 rd (21 pts)	Lichen	T. Rutledge
(19 pts)	Creating An Illusion	R. Sanchez

Monochrome Category – 8 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Snowy Hill Top	R. Burychka
2 nd (21 pts)	Big Boy	T. Rutledge
	Docked For The Night	M. Holloway
3 rd (19pts)	Alligator Stare	D. Shweres
	Heron With Crab	J. Klehm
	Stormy Bayou	F. Cabral

January Competition Results Continued

Projected Images—Continued

Monochrome Category —Continued

(18 pts)	Cabin In The Woods Near Town Bluff	J. Lumb
(17 pts)	Bride Street Photoshoot	R. Sanchez

Field Trip Category – 3 entries

Winner	Meat Grinder	T. Rutledge
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Assignment Category *Advertisement* – 3 entries

Winner	Season Opening Anthropolis	R. Sanchez
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Prints

Pictorial Category – 1 entry

1 st (20 pts)	XMAS Presents	R. Sanchez
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Nature Category – 2 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Leaving My Nest	J. Klehm
2 nd (22 pts)	Caught A Big One	M. Holloway

Photojournalism Category – 2 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Running With The Ball	J. Klehm
	Skateboard Pro	M. Holloway

Travel Category – 1 entry

1 st (20 pts)	Imperial Castle, Nuremberg	R. Sanchez
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Creative Category – 3 entries

1 st (24 pts)	25 Days Marked Off	M. Holloway
2 nd (21 pts)	Elmo Staging	R. Sanchez
3 rd (20 pts)	Six Trees At Sunset	T. Rutledge

Monochrome Category – 4 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Beads	T. Rutledge
2 nd (21 pts)	Courier	R. Sanchez
	Church Alter	M. Holloway
3 rd (20 pts)	Yoda Smiling	J. Klehm

Unlimited – 4 entries

1 st (24 pts)	Oil & Water #2	T. Rutledge
2 nd (23 pts)	Reddish Egret Dame	R. Burychka
3 rd (22 pts)	St. Paul Church—Passau,	R. Sanchez
(21 pts)	Grabbing The Berry	J. Klehm

Field Trip Category – 2 entries

Winner	Class Room	R. Sanchez
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Assignment Category *Advertisement* – 1 entry

Winner	Alva Graff	R. Sanchez
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PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Received

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

Houston Camera Club judged this competition.



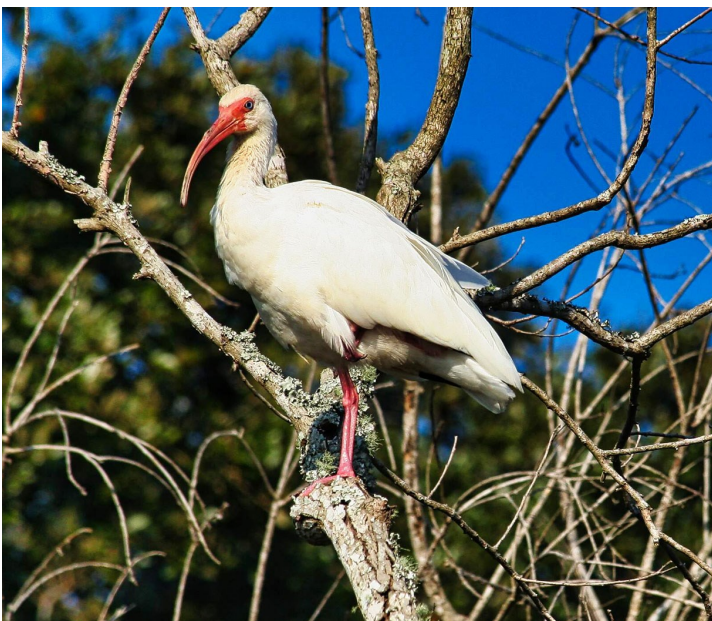
Red-Bellied Wood Pecker On Lookout

By: Julius Klehm



Tiger Swallowtail 2

By: Buz Cabral



Bird On Limb

By: Charles Edwards

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