



Houston Camera Club

THE RANGEFINDER

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September, 2025

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

Competition Meeting—September 2

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

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

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:: Gwen Kunz

Program—September 16

Studio and Outdoor Lighting Techniques—Mark Katz

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

Mark is a long-time member of our club. He is also a proud member of Professional Photographers of America. He is a professional photographer who specializes in portrait photography in Meyerland. Take a look at Mark's website, MarkKatz.net to see some of his professional work.

Lighting is the key to elevating a well-composed image into something special. When you pick up a camera, you always should always be aware of the lighting. And among all the things that make a good photograph, you should be thinking about how to take advantage of and/or improve the lighting. The right lighting is critical in portrait photography. At this meeting, **Mark Katz**, an expert in lighting, will discuss studio and outdoor lighting for portraiture photography. He will also cover the necessary camera settings for these environments.

Our meeting is in person at Bayland and begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring your questions.

Photographer Saying:

"There are no bad pictures; that's just how your face looks sometimes."

Abraham Lincoln

COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 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. *Positive and Negative Space ***

Judges: Mark Katz, Wenxing Qui, **One Needed**

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

OCTOBER COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by Tuesday, **September 30, 2025**

October Assignment: *Unusual or Historic Architecture*

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

Dues Are Overdue

September 2	Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.
September 16	Program—Mark Katz
September 30	Deadline—October Projected Image Submissions

Upcoming Assignments

These assignment images are to be taken June 1 or later.

October Unusual or Historic Architecture

November Still Life **

December Motion **

** For those assignments that have an **, there is supplemental detail. See the Assignment PDF attachment to the May, 2025, Rangefinder .

Awards Dinner Thank You

As always, planning and hard work went into making the dinner a success. Many members had a part in making the evening successful.

Leslie Niemand and **Rachel Burychka** organized the dinner and all the details. **Gwen Kunz** handled the setup of the room and the table decorations. **Rachel Burychka** coordinated the member sign-ups, and handled the meat order and purchase of supplies. Members brought a variety of delicious food to share. **John Niemand** had a program of the year-end projected images showing for everyone's enjoyment during the social time and dinner.

A number of people were involved in the awards too. **Rachel Burychka** developed individual lists of all images qualified for year-end submission and also determined the high point winners. **Leslie Niemand** collected the year-end print submissions. **Marilyn Holloway** collected the projected images. **John Niemand** selected our outside judge and worked with her to get the print and projected images judged.

John Niemand was master of ceremonies. He presented the numerous awards while keeping everything on schedule. **Bill Dupre** did great work ordering and pre-paring the award ribbons—a big job. **Bill Burychka** showed the winning projected images during the award winners announcements and **Rachel Burychka** and **Leslie Niemand** showed the print winners. **Bill Burychka** also presented the Past-President gavel to **John Niemand**.

Thank you to each of you who worked on the dinner. Your help made things go smoothly. It would be impossible to put on the dinner without each of you.

We missed those of you who could not attend. You missed a fun evening with great food.

George Buffington Award

The George Buffington Award is named for a former camera club member. This award honors the member who, in the opinion of the members present at the dinner, contributed the most to the club in the past year.

This year, club members awarded the 2024—2025 Buffington Award to **Marilyn Holloway**. Thank you for all your hard work.



Marilyn Holloway,
Buffington Winner 2024-2025

Camera Club Dues 2025—2026

July 1 began a new camera club year. It is time to pay the club annual dues.

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

If you are paying by check, please make it payable to the **Houston Camera Club**. You can give your payment to Gwen at a club meeting, or send it to her by mail. Her address is in the HCC yearbook. You may also pay with cash or by Zelle.

If you have not paid your year's membership, you are severely delinquent and may not enter competition until dues have been paid.

August Competition Results

Judged August 5, 2025

Judges: Gwen Kunz, John Niemand, Henry Peterman

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 8 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Safari Tea Party	M. Holloway
2 nd (20 pts)	Neighborhood Sunset PANO	J. Thurman
3 rd (19 pts)	Clowesetum Herman Moffitt	M. McCorquodale
	Whispers On The Water	W. Qiu
(17 pts)	Sunset Painted	D. Thompson
(16 pts)	Going Home For The Night	B. Dupre
	Public Art Near Marfa	T. Rutledge
(15 pts)	Death Valley Walkway	C. Edwards

Nature Category – 6 entries

1 st (24 pts)	Egg Yoke Jellyfish Discussion	M. Holloway
2 nd (23 pts)	Gator Mouthwash	R. Burychka
3 rd (22 pts)	Gosling In Morning Light	W. Qiu
(21 pts)	Coming In For A Landing	J. Thurman
	Monarch On Basket Flower	F. Cabral
(20 pts)	Cup O Sun	D. Kabanuck

Photojournalism Category – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Getting Through The Roof	B. Dupre
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Travel Category – 5 entries

1 st (20 pts)	Cinque Terra	R. Burychka
2 nd (19 pts)	Evening On The Embarcadero	D. Kabanuck
	Shiprock New Mexico	T. Rutledge
3 rd (18 pts)	San Francisco Peaks	F. Cabral
(16 pts)	View Into Patmos	C. Edwards

Creative Category – 2 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Colorful	B. Dupre
2 nd (19 pts)	Flower	M. Holloway

Monochrome Category – 6 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Pale Reflection	F. Cabral
2 nd (19 pts)	Kitty	D. Kabanuck

Monochrome Category Cont.inued

3 rd (18 pts)	At The Barber Shop	T. Rutledge
	Door Of Light	W. Qiu
	Drought	B. Dupre
(15 pts)	Jazz Player	C. Edwards

Assignment Category *Yellow* – 3 entries

Winner	Yellow Truck	D. Kabanuck
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Prints

Pictorial Category – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Moonlight Landscape	R. Sanchez
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Nature Category – 2 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Malabar Tree-nymph	R. Burychka
2 nd (18 pts)	Peeling Bark	G. Kunz

Photojournalism Category – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Portrait Of A Young Lady	G. Kunz
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Travel Category – 1 entry

1 st (19 pts)	Bay	R. Sanchez
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Creative Category – 1 entry

1 st (18 pts)	Cyclist..ICM	R. Sanchez
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Monochrome Category – 1 entry

1 st 21 pts)	Devotee	R. Sanchez
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Unlimited – 2 entries

1 st (24 pts)	Nest Builder	R. Burychka
2 nd (20 pts)	Monkey	R. Sanchez

Assignment Category *Yellow* – 1 entry

Winner	Yellow Bird	R. Sanchez
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Cinque Terre

By: Rachel Burychka



PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Received

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

Judged August, 2025

By: Heard Nature Photographers

GSCCC Color Images

Make Lemonade	Marilyn Holloway	11*
Purple Design	Buz Cabral	11
Dying Leaf	Rachel Burychka	10
Mountain Sunset	Wenxing Qiu	9

* Marilyn won 2nd Alternate for her image. Congratulations.

GSCCC Monochrome Images

Door Of Light	Wenxing Qiu	10
Pale Reflection	Buz Cabral	10
Headed Out	Dan Kabanuck	8
Drought	Bill Dupre	8

GSCCC Nature Images

Egg Yoke Yellyfish Discussion

	Marilyn Holloway	11
Gator Mouthwash	Rachel Burychka	10
Monarch On Basket Flower	Buz Cabral	10
Gosling In Morning Light	Wenxing Qiu	9

GSCCC Photojournalism Images

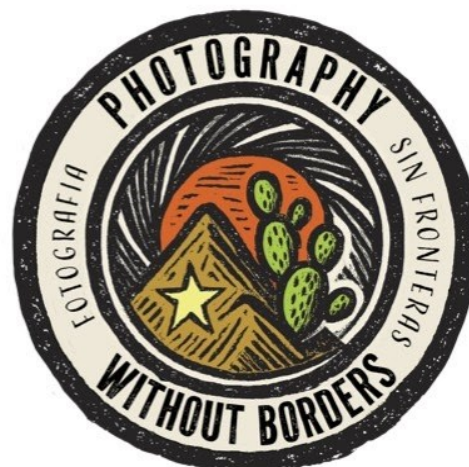
Top Two Eliminated	Marilyn Holloway	12*
Kick Flip	Justin Thurman	10#
Skate Park	Bill Burychka	10
Getting Through The Roof	Bill Dupre	7

* Marilyn won 1st Alternate for her image.

Justin won 2nd Alternate for his image.

Congratulations to you both. Just great.

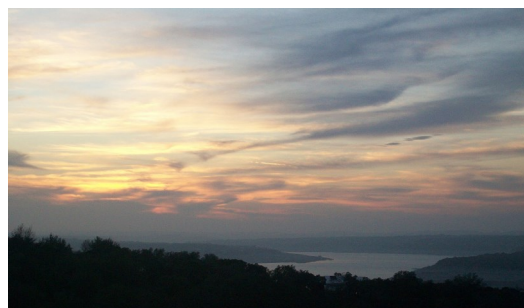
GSCCC Announces 2026 Convention



GSCCC '26 El Paso

May 28-30, 2026

More information will be coming in several months.



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