

Houston Camera Club

THE RANGEFINDER

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

Competition Meeting— December 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: Malcolm McCorquodale

Holiday Dinner —Tuesday, Decvember 16

6:30 p.m.

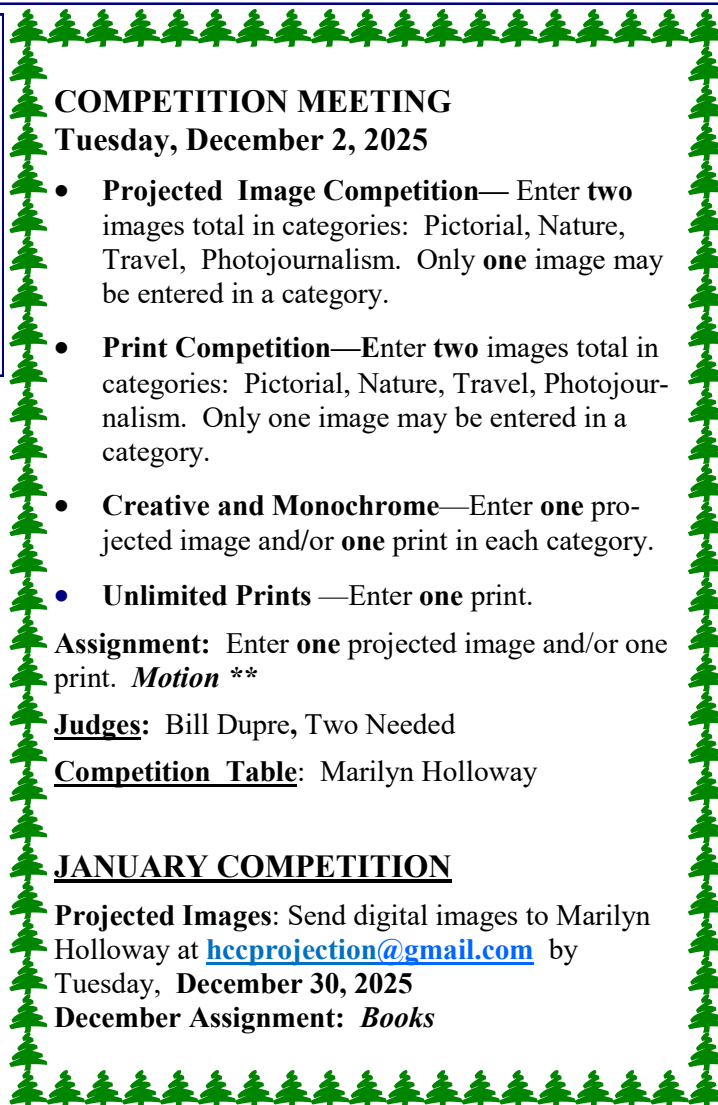
The Holiday Dinner is our club's winter social event, and will be held Tuesday, December 17. This is an evening when we get together and celebrate our friendship with family and friends.

This year's dinner will be held at the **Saltgrass Steak House**, located at 520 Meyerland Plaza, Houston.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with social time and conclude at 9:00 p.m. There is a menu for this event that you will order from. See the website for directions and a description of the kind of food available at the dinner. .

saltgrass.com/location/saltgrass-houston-meyerland-plaza/#main-menu-sgmp

There will be a sign-up sheet at the competition meeting next Tuesday. If you can't sign-up then, contact **Leslie Niemand**. We need to know if you are coming so that we have a place set for you and your guests. We also need the names of your guests.



COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, December 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. *Motion* **

Judges: Bill Dupre, Two Needed

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

JANUARY COMPETITION

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

December Assignment: *Books*

Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

Dmber 2	Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.
December 16	Holiday Dinner, Meyerland Saltgrass
December 30	Submission Deadline—January Projected Images

Upcoming Assignments

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

January	Books
February	Candle, Lantern, or Camp Light
March	High Vantage Point **

** For any assignments that has a **, there is more detail. See the Assignment PDF attachment to the May, 2025, Rangefinder.

December 2—

Collecting Toys For Needy Children

It is a HCC tradition to collect toys for needy children during the holiday season. **John and Leslie Niemand** will be collecting toys brought to the competition meeting on December 2. They will see that the toys are donated in the name of Houston Camera Club.

Please bring a toy for a boy or girl ages 1 to 9 years old. It should be new and unwrapped.

If you have purchased toys for the donation, put them in your car trunk so you don't forget to bring them.

We can't make it happen without your help. Thank you for caring.

Your Ideas Are Needed

We need your ideas on interesting **topics for workshops**. If you have something that you would like to learn more about or a topic that you would like to see expanded so we can learn new skills, please let **Leslie Niemand** know. It only takes a few minutes to send a quick email that will help us all.

Refreshment Volunteers Needed

Take a minute at the next meeting, December 2, to stop by the refreshments table and add your name to the refreshments list. There are several months coming up that are available to choose from.

Photographer Saying:

"Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst."
Henri Cartier-Bresson

December —No Field Trip This Month

Terry Rutledge, our Field Trip Coordinator, led a field trip in November to the 1940 Houston Air Terminal Museum. It was fun and allowed us access to some of the terminal facilities not normally open to visitors. It was a nice day and there were lots of photography opportunities.

Terry, thanks for organizing this.



Bill and Rachel, Adjusting Equipment

By: Terry Rutledge



Proud Hunter

By: Wensing Qiu

November Competition Results

Judged November 4, 2025

Judges: Gwen Kunz, Henry Peterson, Justin Thurman

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 5 entries

1 st (23 pts)	TX Independence Mouument	M. Holloway
2 nd (22 pts)	Burn The Canldle At Both Ends	R,. Burychka
	Sedona Sunrise	J. Nielsen
3 rd (18 pts)	Backlit On The Beach	B. Dupre
	University Building	C. Edwards.

Nature Category – 7 entries

1 st (25 pts)	Swallowtail Fly Catcher & Food	M. Holloway
2 nd (23 pts)	Spicebush Swallowtil Drinking Nectar	F. Cabral
	The Take Off	R. Burychka
3 rd (21 pts)	Red Cardinal In Green Tree	J. Thurman
(20 pts)	The Pollenator	D. Kabanuck
(19 pts)	Sticky Plant By The Road	T. Rutledge
(18 pts)	Lakes & Mountains	C. Edwards

Photojournalism Category – 3 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Appreciating Art	W. Qiu
2 nd (20 pts)	No Kings Rally	B. Dupre
3 rd (17 pts)	Texas Camel Corp At Fort Griffin	T. Rutledge

Travel Category – 5 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Waterton Lake Sunset PANO	J. Nielsen
2 nd (20 pts)	Cadillac Color	F. Cabral
	Mammoth Springs Falls	J. Thurman
3 rd (19 pts)	Moonlight On Bay	D. Kabanuck
(18 pts)	Sea Beyond The Bars	W. Qiu

Creative Category – 4 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Tick Tock	M. Holloway
2 nd (21 pts)	Going Home	R. Burychka
3 rd (20 pts)	Explosion of Stars	F. Cabral
(19 pts)	Waking Towards The Light 3	B Dupre

Projected Images Continued

Monochrome Category – 7 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Abandoned Memories	R. Burychka
	Taking A Sip	W. Qiu
2 nd (21 pts)	Gilby	D. Kabanuck
	Moth & Flower Bud	M. Holloway
3 rd (19 pts)	Backlit Poppies	B. Dupre
	Columbia River OR	R. Cabral
(18 pts)	Small Church	C. Edwards

Assignment Category *Still Life* – 3 entries

Winner	Getting Better With Age	D. Kabanuck
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Prints

Pictorial Category – 3 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Fall At Caddo Lake	J. Nielsen
2 nd (21 pts)	Fire Dancers	R. Sanchez
	Vibrant Flower	M. Holloway

Nature Category – 1 entry

1 st (23 pts)	Feasting On Nectar	M. Holloway
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Photojournalism Category – 2 entries

1 st (18 pts)	Knight's Clash	R. Sanchez
	Married Couple	J. Nielson

Travel Category – 0 entries

Creative Category – 1 entry

1 st (20 pts)	Owl	M. Holloway
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Monochrome Category – 1 entry

1 st (22 pts)	Merlin	R. Sanchez
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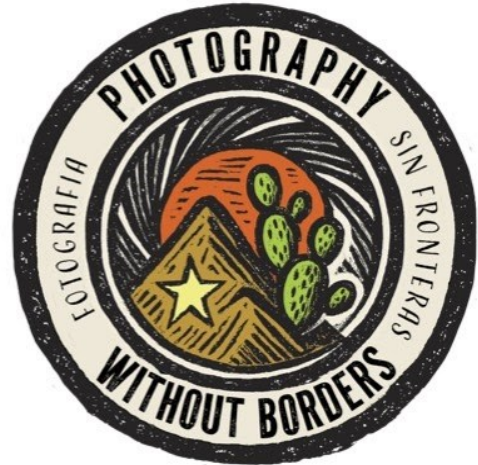
Unlimited – 3 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Bough Under	D. Kabanuck
2 nd (21 pts)	Opal The Fairy	R. Sanchez
	King Bird	R. Burychka

Assignment Category *Still Life* - 2 entries

Winner	Still With Canles	R. Sanchez
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GSCCC Announces 2026 Convention



GSCCC '26 El Paso

May 28-30, 2026

More information will be coming in several months.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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