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January, 2026

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

Competition Meeting—January 6

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

We will meet at Bayland. Our meeting will go from 7:00 to 9:00. We will be in Rooms 6, 7, and 8.

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: Jim Nielsen



Rainbow

By: Hafeez Mian

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

January 6 Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 27 Submission Deadline—February
Projected Images

COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

- **Quarterly Field Trip Competition**—Enter **one** projected image and/or one print from each of the following field trips:
 - Barrington Living History Farm State Historical Site
 - 1940 Air Terminal Museum
- **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. **Books**

Judges: Dan Kabanuck, Terry Rutledge, **One Needed**

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

FEBRUARY COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

February Assignment: Candle, Lantern, or Camp Light

Happy 2026

Upcoming Assignments

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

February Candle, Lantern, or Camp Light

March High Vantage Point **

April Children At Play

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

Photographer Saying:

"Today everything exists to end in a photograph."

Susan Sontag

Member News

Thejas Rajaram has rejoined the club. We are very happy to have him back with us. Please be sure to say hello when you see him.

Thank You

John Niemand coordinated the Matt Daura Landscape competition and worked with our judge. **Marilyn Holloway** organized the Daura entries for the competition.

A number of people worked on aspects of the Holiday Dinner. **John Niemand** handled the restaurant coordination. **Rachel Burychka** coordinated the member signup. And, both **Gwen Kunz** and **Rachel Burychka** worked on the name tags for the dinner.

Thanks to each of you for your efforts. Both the competition and the dinner were a success.

2025 Daura Winner

Sunset Silhouette

By: Dan Kabanuck



December Competition Results

Judged December 2, 2025

Judges: Bill Dupre, John Niemand, Ramiro Sanchez

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 5 entries

1 st (24 pts)	Badlands Under The Milkyway	J. Nielsen
2 nd (21 pts)	Dragonflies On Lily Pad	W. Qiu
3 rd (20 pts)	Dazzling Dahlia	D. Kabanuck
	Yellow Flower	R. Burychka
(19 pts)	Bangle	H. Mian

Nature Category – 3 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Kingfisher Enjoying Shrimp	M. Holloway
2 nd (19 pts)	Pollen In Puddle	J. Nielsen
3 rd (17 pts)	Great Blue Heron Shrugging	J. Thurman

Photojournalism Category – 2 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Who Is More Determined	M. Holloway
2 nd (18 pts)	Stockyard Roping	J. Thurman

Travel Category – 4 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Abu Dhabi Mosque	H. Mian
2 nd (21 pts)	Cathedral Guadalupe	W. Qiu
3 rd (19 pts)	Franz Josef Glacier	R. Burychka
(18 pts)	Sonoma Mission	D. Kabanuck

Creative Category – 3 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Rainbow	H. Mian
2 nd (18 pts)	The Eyes Have It	R. Burychka
	Twirl Distortion	M. Holloway

Monochrome Category – 3 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Meeting In The Field	M. Holloway
2 nd (20 pts)	Spyder	H. Mian
3 rd (19 pts)	100% Cotton	D. Kabanuck

Assignment Category *Motion* – 1 entry

Winner	Wing Motion	M. Holloway
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Prints

Pictorial Category – 3 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Courtesan Parade	R. Sanchez
	Painted Beauty & Reflection	M. Holloway
2 nd (19 pts)	Sunset Over Wild Goose Island	J. Nielsen

Nature Category – 2 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Fertilization In Progress	M. Holloway
2 nd (19 pts)	Eagle In The Rain	D. Kabanuck

Photojournalism Category – 1 entry

1 st (19 pts)	Lonely Pay Phones	J. Nielsen
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Travel Category – 1 entry

1 st (20 pts)	I Have A Head Ache At Renaissance	R. Sanchez
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Creative Category – 2 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Imagination	R. Sanchez
2 nd (21 pts)	Halloween Owl	M. Holloway

Monochrome Category – 1 entry

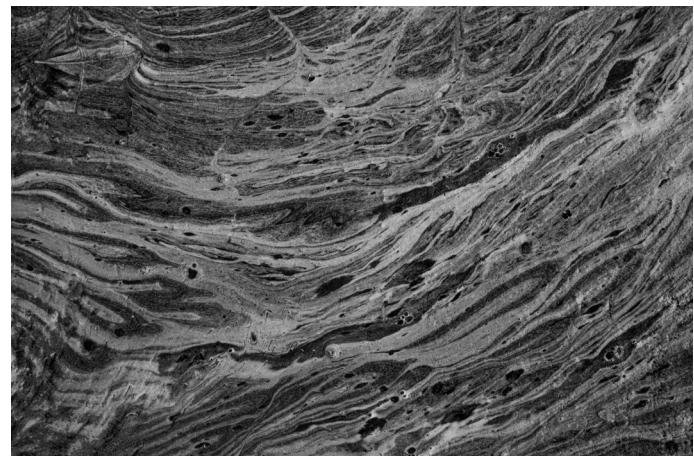
1 st (20 pts)	Queen	R. Sanchez
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Unlimited – 3 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Sonoma Coast At Bodega Head	D. Kabanuck
2 nd (21 pts)	Sunset	R. Sanchez
3 rd (20 pts)	Bathing In The Clouds	R. Burychka

Assignment Category *Motion* - 2 entries

Winner	Big Splash	M. Holloway
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Pollen Puddle

By: Jim Nielsen



PSA Interclub Competitions

Judged November, 2025 Based on 30 point scale.

By: Foster Digital Photography Club, Australia

The results for PSA Color Projected Images was published in the December Rangefinder.

Monochrome Projected Images

Abandoned Memories Rachel Burychka 21*

Dreaming About Traveling Marilyn Holloway 19

Taking A Sip Wensing Qiu 19

Gilby Dan Kabanuck 13

Mushroom Buz Cabral 11

Backlit Poppies William Dupre 11

*Rachel received a Merit Award for her image. Congratulations.

Nature Projected Images

Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher Marilyn Holloway 20

Mother and Baby Rachel Burychka 20

Dream Lake Justin Thurman 18

Gosling In Morning Light Wenxing Qiu 17

The Pollinator Dan Kabanuck 15

Sticky Plant By The Road Terry Rutledge 14

Photojournalism Projected Images

Top Two Eliminated Marilyn Holloway 24*

Kick Flip Justin Thurman 19

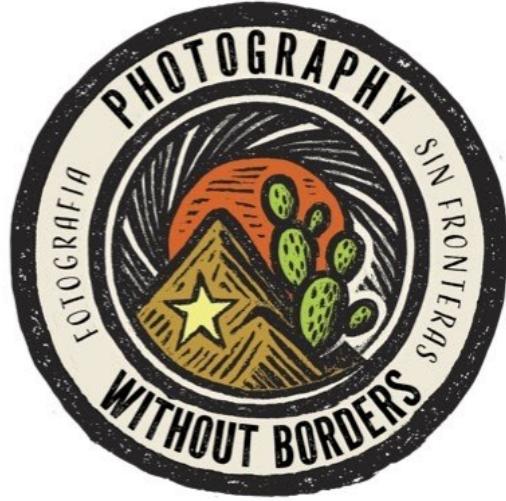
Off The Rail Dan Kananuck 18

Skate Park Rachel Burychka 18

Checkered Flag Terry Rutledge 17

Greek Dancers 1 William Dupre 16

*Marilyn received a Honorable Mention for her image. Congratulations.



GSCCC '26 El Paso

May 28-30, 2026

For additional details on the GSCCC Convention, the speakers, schedules and to register, see

<http://tinyurl.com/gsccc26>

Then click on the GSCCC Convention tab.

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Holiday Dinner Pictures

Thank you to Ramiro Sanchez and Gwen Kunz for taking pictures during the dinner.

