

Competition Meeting—September 1

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

We will meet at Bayland. Our meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00. This is an in-person meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Refreshments: John Niemand

3rd Tuesday Meeting

There is no meeting scheduled for the third Tuesday of September. And it is way hot to schedule a field trip this month. See you all in October.

High Points Winners—2025—2026



Marilyn Holloway, Ramiro Sanchez

Missing: Dan Kabanuck

COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

- **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. *Found Faces*

Judges: Mark Katz, John Niemand, Terry Rutledge

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

OCTOBER COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 29, 2026

October Assignment: *Leading Lines*

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

September 1 Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 29 Submission Deadline—October Projected Images

Upcoming Assignments

The following assignments should be taken on May 1, 2026 or later.

October	Leading Lines
November	The Church
December	Panning
January	Naturally Achromatic

Awards Dinner Thank You

Planning and hard work went into making the dinner a success.

Rachel Burychka organized the dinner and handled all the details. **Gwen Kunz** provided the table decorations. **Rachel** also coordinated the member sign-up, the meat order and purchased the supplies. **John Niemand** had a program of all the year-end projected image entries showing during the social time and dinner. Members brought a variety of delicious and colorful food to share.

A number of people were involved also in the awards presentation. **Leslie Niemand** collected the year-end print submissions. **Marilyn Holloway** organized the projected images. **John Niemand** selected our outside judge and worked with him to get the print and projected images judged. **Bill Dupre** did great work preparing award ribbons—a big job. **Leslie Niemand, as President**, presented the numerous awards and kept everything on schedule. During the presentation of the awards, **John Niemand** assisted in handing them out. **Bill Burychka** showed the winning projected images as they were presented, and **Rachel Burychka** showed the print winners.

Thank you to each of you who helped with the dinner. With all of us working together, everything went smoothly. It was a fun evening for all.

We missed those of you who could not attend.

Dues For 2026—2027 Year

This is for the few of you who have not paid your dues for the new year. Dues were due in July. You are very delinquent and may not enter competition until the dues are paid.

Dues for the year are \$30.00. Checks should be made payable to Houston Camera Club. The club also accepts cash and Zelle.

Member News

We have two new members who joined last month.

Don Acton has rejoined the club. He is back after a break to go back to school. He is an experienced photographer and is interested in Nature and Travel photography. He is using Canon equipment.

Dan Snook is an experienced photographer using Nikon equipment. He is particularly interested in Portraiture.

Welcome to you both.

We are so glad that you are members of our club.

George Buffington Award 2025—2036

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 Buffington Award to **John Niemand**. Thank you for everything you do for the club.



August Competition Results

Judged August 4, 2026

Judges: Dan Kabanuck, Gwen Kunz, Justin Thurman

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 5 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Stars Shine Bright On Texas Fort	J. Nielsen
2 nd (20 pts)	Swallowtail In Flight	R. McEathron
3 rd (17 pts)	Zoo Lights 4	B. Dupre
(16 pts)	Rushing Water	C. Edwards
(15 pts)	Cruising In Neon Lights	J. Thurman

Nature Category – 2 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Big Breakfast	M. Holloway
	Three Little Pelicans	R. Burychka

Photojournalism Category – 6 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Fighting Fire	B. Dupre
2 nd (19 pts)	Art Car March	J. Nielsen
	Starship Launch	R. McEathron
3 rd (18 pts)	Battle Of The Minds Time Square	J. Thurman
	Late Night Street Food	W. Qiu
(17 pts)	Preparations	J. Niemand

Travel Category – 4 entries

1 st (20 pts)	Grand Central Terminal	W. Oiu
2 nd (19 pts)	Sunset In The Desert	R. Burychka
3 rd (17 pts)	Vegas At Night	C. Edwards
(16 pts)	Caesars Palace Las Vegas	J. Niemand

Creative Category – 2 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Polly In The Flowers	M. Holloway
2 nd (19 pts)	Pahoehoe 3	B. Dupre

Monochrome Category – 4 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Beneath The Light	W. Qiu
2 nd (21pts)	Great Horned Owl	M. Holloway
3 rd (18 pts)	White Lilies	B. Dupre
(17 pts)	Missing The Message	J. Thurman

Assignment Category *In The Shadows* – 3 entries

Winner	Shadowland 2	T. Rutledge
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Prints

Pictorial Category – 2 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Psychedelic Chair	G. Kunz
2 nd (20 pts)	Orchid	M. McCorquodale

Nature Category – 2 entry

1 st (24 pts)	Brooks Falls	D. Snook
2 nd (22 pts)	Stormy	R. Sanchez

Photojournalism Category – 1 entriy

1 st (16 pts)	No Kings	D. Snook
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Travel Category – 1 entry

1 st (22 pts)	Tacos Anyone?	R. Sanchez
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Creative Category – 4 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Free Spirit	D. Snook
2 nd (20 pts)	Fruit Still Life	G. Kunz
3 rd (18 pts)	Forest	R. Sanchez
	Orchid Cataseum	M. McCorquodale

Monochrome Category – 2entries

1 st (23 pts)	Cementery	R. Sanchez
	Dancers	D. Snook

Unlimited – 1 entry

1 st (24 pts)	Sunset At Bodega Head	D. Kabanuck
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Assignment Category *In The Shadows* - 1 entry

Winner	Tamayo Museum	R. Sanchez
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Photographer Saying:

“There is one thing the photo must contain –
the humanity of the moment.”

Robert Frank



PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Reported

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

No Results Reported

2025—2026 Year End Images

Projected Image Winners

Pictorial

1 st	Dragonflies On Lily Pad	Wenxing Qiu
2 nd	Bronzed Cow Bird Portrait	Rachel Burychka
3 rd	Badlands Under The Milkway	Jim Nielsen

Nature

1 st	Yummy Purple Flowers	Marilyn Holloway
2 nd	Reddish Egret Dinner	Rachel Burychka
3 rd	Ready For Landing	Biz Cabral

Photojournalism

1 st	Mutton Bustin	Justin Thurman
2 nd	Top Two Eliminated	Marilyn Holloway
3 rd	Getting Through The Roof	Bill Dupre

Travel

1 st	Greek Fishing Village	Bill Dupre
2 nd	Sword Street	Rachel Burychka
3 rd	Golden Spike National Historic Site	Terry Rutledge

Creative

1 st	Escaping From The Book	Marilyn Holloway
2 nd	Tall Stem	Buz Cabral
3 rd	Avatar	Hafeez Mian

Monochrome

1 st	Fear	Terry Rutledge
2 nd	Pale Reflection	Buz Cabral
3 rd	Taking A Sip	Wenxing Qiu

Print Winners

Pictorial

1 st	Fall At Caddo Lake	Jim Nielsen
2 nd	Courtesan Parade	Ramiro Sanchez
3 rd	Winder Wonderland	Marilyn Holloway

Nature

1 st	Golden Fronted Woodpecker	Rachel Burychka
2 nd	Hiding	Ramiro Sanchez
3 rd	Territorial Fight	Marilyn Holloway

Print Winners Continued

Photojournalism

1 st	Hurdles	Ramiro Sanchez
2 nd	Chappell Hill Scarecrow	Gwen Kunz
3 rd	Married Couple	Jim Nielsen

Travel

1 st	Mission	Marilyn Holloway
2 nd	Sprague Lake Sunrise	Wenxing Qiu
3 rd	Folklorico Dancers In Motion	Justin Thurman

Creative

1 st	Water Whirlpool	Ramiro Sanchez
2 nd	Hangin' Around	Terry Rutledge
3 rd	Unnatural Breeding	Marilyn Holloway

Monochrome

1 st	Chappell Hill Methodist Church	Gwen Kunz
2 nd	Orb	Terry Rutledge
3 rd	Orchid	Marilyn Holloway

Unlimited

1 st	A Whole Lot Of Bull	Dan Kabanuck
2 nd	Jetty	Ramiro Sanchez
3 rd	Just Popped In	Rachel Burychka

High Point Winners

Projected Image Winners

Regular Projected	Marilyn Holloway
Assignment Projected	Marilyn Holloway
Creative Projected	Marilyn Holloway
Monochrome Projected	Marilyn Holloway
	Dan Kabanuck

Print Winners

Regular Prints	Marilyn Holloway
Assignment Prints	Marilyn Holloway
Creative Prints	Marilyn Holloway
Monochrome Prints	Ramiro Sanchez
Unlimited Prints	Dan Kabanuck

2025—2026 Year End Images



Projected Image Winners: Marilyn Holloway, Jim Nielsen, Terry Rutledge, Justin Thurman, Wenxing Qiu, Rachel Burychka
Missing: Buz Cabral, Bill Dupre, Hafeez Mian



Print Winners: Terry Rutledge, Marilyn Holloway, Jim Nielsen, Justin Thurman, Xenxing Qiu, Ramiro Sanchez, Gwen Kunz, Rachel Burychka
Missing: Dan Kabanuck

2025—2026 Year End Member Summary

Total Print Entries	153
Total Projected Entries	308
Total Entries	461
12 members submitted Print Images	
20 members submitted Projected Images	



Sarah Rutledge and Marilyn Holloway Viewing Prints

Member	Print Entries	Projection Entries	Total
Bruce Brown	6		6
Rachel Burychka	10	30	40
William Burychka		2	2
Fernando Cabral		24	24
Bill Dupre		12	12
Charles Edwards		16	16
Marilyn Holloway	31	40	71
Dan Kabanuck	11	41	52
Julius Klehm		2	2
Gwen Kunz	14		14
Malcolm McCorquodale	1	3	4
Ross McEathron		10	10
Hafeez Mian		11	11
Jim Nielsen	8	16	24
John Niemand		1	1
Henry Peterman	1	3	4
Wenxing Qiu	3	30	33
Terry Rutledge	4	39	43
Ramiro Sanchez	61		61
David Skweres		2	2
Dennis Thompson		2	2
Justin Thurman	3	24	27
Grand Total	153	308	461



John Niemand and Bill Burychka Organizing Ribbons



Before the Awards Dinner



Rachel Burychka with a PSA Merit certificate



Wenxing Qiu and Justin Thurman



Ramiro Sanchez and his winning image.

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