



REFLEX NEWS

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AUGUST MEETING-

Travel Photography with Sam Gainer

Mark your calendar and don't miss this always enjoyable and enlightening evening with Sam Gainer.

Mr. Gainer will discuss travel photography and feature about 50 slides taken from his coffee table book entitled "*Wide Angle - The World Through My Eyes*".

Sam Gainer began his journey into photography when he was a college student playing professional piano at The Barn in Austin, Texas. What began as a hobby has carried him to over 100 countries and thousands of locations, both renowned and obscure.

A man of diverse talents, he is a magician, furniture builder and photographer who holds both a CPA certificate and a law degree. Senior partner of Gainer, Donnelly & Desroches, a top 3 CPA firm in Houston, in his spare time he creates complex woodwork designs in flooring, furniture and accessories from rare woods and materials. He lives in Houston with his wife, Norma.

See you there at 7pm August 11 at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, which is one block inside Beltway 8 between Westpark and Richmond.

Deadline for digital submission...

All digital entries must be sent to

Philip Tan

ptchromer@gmail.com

by August 20

Entries received after that will not be eligible for August Competition

FYI... the deadline is always the Saturday before the competition meeting.

Please Note:

The monthly competition will be held on Thursday August 25. That changes the due date for the images to **August 20**.

That gives you two extra weeks to get the assignment ready.

Looking Ahead to the September Meeting

Our speaker for the September meeting will be Kathy Adams Clark. That program will be on Thursday September 22.

Mark your calendars for the date.

Cookies for August

Eric Westling

Inter Club Competition

The July GSCCC nature competition was judged by the Heard Nature Photo Club in Dallas. Our entries and scores were:

Picnic in the Snow – Scott Meyer – 13
Egrets in Flight – Julie Cheng – 12
Red Tailed Hawk – Joe Smith – 11
Baby Giraffe – Jane Ashley – 10

Jane Ashley GSCCC Rep & Inter Club Competition Chairman

Nelson's Water Gardens Field Trip

It was a really warm day in July when we trouted out to Nelson's to photograph the lilies and other flora, pots, and decorations.

Lots of winged critters were flitting about as well. I saw a pretty butterfly amongst the flowers and the koi were quit large. They looked pretty swimming around in their shady pool.

There was a nice turn out of photographers and someone in that group is going to win an 11X14 in print. That is if they enter the field trip contest. To find out more see page 5 in this issue of the Reflex News.



Koi

Nelson's Water Gardens

ATTENTION: All Competition Participants

Images **must** be submitted according to club guidelines or your image may not be included in the monthly competition. Please follow the sizing instructions carefully:

A **horizontal image** cannot be longer than **1024 pixels along the horizontal side**;

A **vertical image** cannot be longer than **768 pixels along the vertical side**. (Vertical images cannot be sized 1024 pixels along the vertical side!)

The size of the JPEG image is not to exceed 1MB. (See above for pixel size.)

NEW INFORMATION 4/1/2016

Rename the image according to the guidelines below.

For example:

An Assignment image by John Brown would appear as

AS_Assignment_BrownJ.jpg

(Use "M" for Monochrome and "O" for Open categories.)

DO NOT use first names, nicknames or initials only, for identification.

Also, **the size of the title is limited to 35 characters when naming images**. It is important that the guidelines for naming files be followed when submitting images for the monthly competitions otherwise you run the risk of not being credited with your entries.

Images that are not easily identified will be discarded.

Assignment Categories for the Remainder of 2016

The Assignment list is:

August – Fireworks

Get out on the Fourth of July , fire away and bring us your best shot.

September- Winged creatures

Any creature that flies naturally, butterflies, insects, birds...(No flying horses or airplanes, please)

October – Architecture

This assignment follows the presentation by Richard Payne on photographing architecture in June and gives another chance to use what you have learned.

November – Sunset or Sunrise

Since we no longer separate nature and pictorial as assignment categories, these images may have human elements.

December–Street photography

Street photography is photography that features unmediated chance encounters and random incidents within public places.

Street photography does not necessitate the presence of a street or even the urban environment

January 2017 Landscape/Seascape

Another category that is eligible with human elements in it.

Remember that assignment images must have been shot within 12 months, prior to competition meeting for that assignment .

Because of this restriction, we will now choose the categories a year in advance of the category date ,for your convenience.

(This list will also appear in the Reflex News each month, in case you forget.)

NewList

Assignment Categories For 2017

February 2017 Holiday scenes.

A scene from any recognizable holiday such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial Day, Halloween , etc.

March 2017 People Candid

Unplanned photos of people .
(Street Photography)

April 2017 Abstracts

Abstract photography concentrates on shape, form, color, pattern and texture. The viewer is often unable to see the whole object.

May 2017 Domestic Animals

Pets or Livestock such as but not limited to horses, cattle, sheep, goats etc

June 2017 Springtime

Images that say spring :flowers, baby animals such as lambs baby birds etc

July 2017 Only in Houston

Images that can be taken no other place but Houston.

August 2017 Vehicles

Your choice of travel conveyances.

September 2017 Shadows

Images that show the shadow of subject rather than the subject itself.

October 2017 Panorama

Images with wide vistas.

November 2017 Close-Up Nature

Zoom in on nature subjects to get fine detail.

December 2017 Silhouette

Back lit images.

NELSON WATER GARDEN CONTEST

All photographs entered must have been taken at our club's field trip to Nelson Water Gardens on July 16, 2016.

All photographs entered must be the original work of the entrant. Only digital entries will be accepted. Both vertical and horizontal entries are welcome. Please note that dimensions of the entries are to be 768 px maximum in the vertical dimension and 1024 px maximum in the horizontal dimension. File names must include an image title and the entry's photographer's name. The format of the file name will be similar to that of the club's monthly competition, except that the category abbreviation will not be needed.

Entrants should retain a higher resolution image of each entry in case they are needed for the printing of the winning images.

The deadline for entry will be 11:59 pm, Saturday, August 13, 2016. Entries should be emailed to: Mark Farrior at: nelsonphotos@outlook.com . All entries will be acknowledged.

Each entrant may submit up to two images. Only color images will be accepted.

So this does not become a Photoshop /special effects / digital effects contest, all photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared through the viewfinder. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Disqualification of entries will be at the discretion of the judge(s).

Any subject matter photographed at Nelson Water Gardens is acceptable.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The judging will be done by one or more photographers who are not members of the Houston Photochrome Club.

The identities of the makers of the images will not be disclosed to the judge(s) until the decisions of the judge(s) are final.

By entering the contest, entrants grant permission for Houston Photochrome Club to reproduce, print, or publish any image entered into the contest without compensation, except for the winning prizes noted below. Any entry published on the club's website will receive a credit / copyright symbol line citing its maker.

PRIZES:

1st Prize: 11x14 Print
2nd Prize 9x12 Print
3rd Prize 5x7 Print

July 2016 Competition

Judges: Mark Farrior, James Gamble, Philip Tan

Assignment .-Flowers

Tulip in the Flower Dome	Joe Schmitt	21
Daylily	James Gamble	21
Baby Blue Bonnet	Julie Cheng	20
Tulip	Janet Chung	20
White Poppy	Philip Tan	20
Texas Springtime	Rob Mood	20
Lacey Tulip	Carmen Sewell	20
Backyard Hibiscus	Jane Ashley	19
Purple Flower	Donnie Walton	19
Passionate Purple Eater	Dodd Eastham	19
Lotus	Helen Weng Pan	19
Beaumont Flower	Stephanie Rudd	18
Blue on Blue	Scott Meyer	18
Indian Blanket	Joe Smith	17
Trio of Roses	C.T. Edwards	17
15 entries	Avg. 19.2	

Monochrome

Three Egrets	Helen Weng Pan	22
Wheelchair Marathon Biker	Janet Chung	21
Someone To Lean On	James Gamble	21
Colonel Tristan	Dodd Eastham	21
Houston Air Museum	Philip Tan	21
Rim Lighting Workshop	Jane Ashley	20
The Charles Bridge	Scott Meyer	20
Cold Catch	Rob Mood	20
Stormy Colorado Morning	Joe Smith	20
Bringing Home Water, Myanmar	F. Joe Schmitt	19
Ft. Worth Water Gardens	Carmen Sewell	19
Downtown Church	C. T. Edwards	19
Van Buren Depot	Donnie Walton	18
Stormy Sky	Julie Cheng	17
14 entries	Avg. 19.8	

Open

Fringed Gentians	Julie Cheng	24
A Fireworks Shower	James Gamble	24
Old Soldiers	Carmen Sewell	24
Gulls at Sunset	Joe Smith	23
The King	F. Joe Schmitt	23
Young Cardinal	Philip Tan	23
Antherium	Carmen Sewell	23
Dragonfly	Helen Weng Pan	23
If I Had a Hammer	Dodd Eastham	22
Great Heron Portrait	Julie Cheng	22
Red Dragonfly Love Affection	Janet Chung	22
Water Droplets	Joe Smith	22
Caves of Drach, Spain	F. Joe Schmitt	21
Alaska Blue	Stephanie Rudd	21
Lotus and it's Shadow	Janet Chung	21
Big and Little Ones	Philip Tan	21
Temple Gate	Janet Tan	21
Luckenbach, TX	Donnie Walton	21
Roseate Spoonbill	Helen Weng Pan	21
Plumeria Blooms	Jane Ashley	21
Follow Me to Starbucks	Dodd Eastham	21
Clepsydra Eruption	Scott Meyer	20
Bad Year Whooper	Rob Mood	20
Little Islands	Stephanie	20
Mardi Gras Belles	Rob Mood	20
Easy Glide	James Gamble	20
Displaying Peacock	Jane Ashley	19
Stare Down	Scott Meyer	19
Hindu Temple	Janet Tan	19
Magnolia	C.T. Edwards	18
Westcave Preserve	Donnie Walton	18
Unique Hibiscus	C.T. Edwards	16
32 entries	Avg. 21.0	

Total entries - 61
Average Score - 20.3
Photographers - 16

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