



# REFLEX NEWS

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## July Meeting

The competition and critique meeting will be 7:00 PM July 12 at Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, which is one block inside Beltway 8 between Westpark and Richmond.

### From the President...

This month Houston Photochrome Club will be judging Nature images (both projected and prints) for Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC).

Our responsibility to judge one month allows our club to participate in competition within GSCCC for the year.

Please plan to attend and help with the judging. In addition to judges, members are needed to assist with projections, record keeping, etc.

You will also have an opportunity to see a number of top quality images for inspiration. This is always a fun and educational event.

Come and see what others are doing. Tracy Gee Center at 7:00pm.

*Stephanie*

## Field Trip for July

The field trip this month will be to one of the all-time favorite field trip sites of generations of Photochrome members. You guessed it: Nelson Water Gardens.

Rolf and Anita Nelson have once again granted our request to enjoy their commercial venue, which will provide us with plenty of water lilies to shoot.

Of course, bees and dragonflies just may find their way into your viewfinder too. There are other subjects to shoot, such as wind chimes, garden art and pottery. To make things even more interesting, we will have a contest among entries taken on the field trip, with prints of the blue ribbon shot going to the winning photographer and to the Nelsons! See Contest article on page 2.

Bring your tripod, your short to medium teles, and macros. You may also want to bring your flash, just in case.

This excursion will be on Saturday, July 14 at 8:00am (before the public opening time!)

Nelson Water Gardens is located at 1502 Katy - Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493.

Go west on I-10, take exit 742, continue west on the frontage road to the first light at "Katy-Fort Bend Rd". Turn right (north) at this light, and go 1/2 mile - Nelson Water Gardens will be on the right.

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*Mark Farrior*



## NELSON WATER GARDEN FIELD TRIP CONTEST

All photographs entered must have been taken at our club's field trip to Nelson Water Gardens on July 14, 2018 .

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 1050px maximum in the vertical dimension and 1400px maximum in the horizontal dimension. Image size Less than IMB.**

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 18, 2018. Entries should be emailed to: Carmen Sewell at:

[csewell3@comcast.net](mailto:csewell3@comcast.net) .

All entries will be acknowledged.

Each entrant may submit up to two images. Both Color and Monochrome images will be accepted.

PSA nature rules will be used for judging.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared through the viewfinder.

Photos that have been digitally altered be-

yond 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



Lotus taken at Nelsons Water Gardens July 2015

## Where to Watch & Shoot 4th of July Fireworks

### **Eleanor Tinsley Park**

**Wednesday, July 4, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**\$8 online/\$10 door**

Join other Houstonians in this patriotic celebration in downtown Houston. Fireworks will light the sky while country music star, Chris Young, headlines the musical performances, which also include Cupid and the Dance Party Express and The Mavericks. Tickets are \$8 online and \$10 at the door.

### **CityCentre**

**Wednesday, July 4 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

**FREE**

Head to CityCentre for an evening of live country and rock music by the Texas Unlimited Band. No outside food or beverages are allowed but you can pick up some food at one of CityCentre's many restaurants and bring it with you to the show. Make sure to get there early. The event is free but parking is \$10.

### **Cinco Ranch**

**Wednesday, July 4, 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**FREE**

Food, drink and music await you at La Centerra's Fourth of July celebration. With performances by Velvet Touch, Buck Yeager Band and Level One Band beginning at 5 p.m., you can dance away before the fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m. An interactive kids zone will keep the kiddos entertained; just make sure you arrive early to grab a spot.



### **Heritage Park/Katy Mills Mall**

**Wednesday, July 4**

**FREE**

The city of Katy is celebrating Independence Day with tons of free activities for families with kids. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., take the kids to the Katy Fire Station and Heritage Park for fun at the bounce houses, dunking booth, petting zoo and food. Then head back out at 9 p.m. for a fireworks show at Katy Mills Mall.

### **Galveston**

**Wednesday, July 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

**FREE**

Don't miss Galveston's Independence Day extravaganza, which kicks off at 7:30 p.m. with a parade along Seawall Boulevard featuring floats, decorated military vehicles and performers. After the parade at 9:15 p.m., enjoy a 20-minute fireworks show over the Gulf of Mexico near 37th Street and Seawall Boulevard.

### **Fourth of July at Kemah Boardwalk**

**Kemah**

**Wednesday, July 4 at 9:30 p.m.**

**FREE**

Enjoy amusement rides, midway games and good food at Kemah Boardwalk, then enjoy a fireworks show over the Gulf of Mexico starting at 9:30 p.m.

### **Missouri City**

**Wednesday, July 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**FREE**

Free activities, food and a fireworks display will keep you entertained at Missouri City's patriotic tradition at Buffalo Run Park. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m. and stadium seating will be available at Thurgood Marshall High School.

## **ATTENTION:**

### **All Competition Participants**

Images **must** be submitted according to club guidelines or your image may not be included in the monthly competition

### **NEW INFORMATION 6/14/2018**

Please follow the sizing instructions carefully:

**A horizontal image cannot be longer than 1400 pixels along the horizontal side;**

**A vertical image cannot be longer than 1050 pixels along the vertical side.**  
( Vertical images **cannot** be sized **1280 pixels along the vertical side!**)

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

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 2018-2019**

The Assignment list is:

**July 2018 Patriotism**

**August 2018 Winged Creatures** (Natural creatures only; no man made.)

**September 2018 ABC's** (Images with an object shaped like a letter of the alphabet )

**October 2018 Beautiful Bokeh**

**November 2018 What's Cooking?** (Images of prepared meals)

**December 2018 Autumn Colors**

**January 2019 Night view**

**February 2019 Wildflowers**

**March 2019 City scape**

**April 2019 Portraits**

**May 2019 Travel** (outside of Harris County)

**June 2019 Your Favorite Color** ( the color is to be the dominate theme of the image)

**July 2019 Leading line/S curves**

**August 2019 Tell a Story**

**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.**

**NOTE: Images may not be submitted more than once regardless of the category. Color images may not be submitted as monochrome if they have been used in another category and vice versa.**

# June 2018 Competition

**Judges: Julie Cheng, Charles Edwards, Joe Smith**

## Assignment -Music to my Eyes

|                               |                  |    |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----|
| Violinist Expression          | Janet Chung      | 22 |
| Guitar Music                  | F. Joe Schmitt   | 21 |
| Piano and Rose                | James Gamble     | 21 |
| Crazy Keyboard                | Jane Ashley      | 19 |
| Piano Reflections             | Stephanie Rudd   | 19 |
| Music in the Parlor           | Donny Walton     | 18 |
| Musical Instruments and Notes | Julie Cheng      | 18 |
| <b>7 entries</b>              | <b>avg. 19.7</b> |    |

## Monochrome

|                              |                  |    |
|------------------------------|------------------|----|
| Thunderbird 4                | Julie Cheng      | 23 |
| Feed Me                      | Janet Chung      | 22 |
| Lucerne Tower                | Jane Ashley      | 21 |
| Mirror Reflections           | James Gamble     | 21 |
| Thai Dancer                  | Carmen Sewell    | 21 |
| San Francisco City Hall Dome | Philip Tan       | 21 |
| Cattle Egret                 | Joe Smith        | 20 |
| Resting                      | F. Joe Schmitt   | 20 |
| McClennan County Courthouse  | Donny Walton     | 20 |
| Ceiling Reflection           | Janet Tan        | 19 |
| <b>10 entries</b>            | <b>avg. 20.8</b> |    |

## Open

|                                |                  |    |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----|
| Beautiful Milky Way            | Julie Cheng      | 24 |
| Blue Flag Iris                 | Jane Ashley      | 23 |
| Milky Way                      | Philip Tan       | 23 |
| My Favorite Bird               | Julie Cheng      | 23 |
| Red Shouldered Hawk            | Joe Smith        | 23 |
| Red Tailed Hawk                | Joe Smith        | 23 |
| Egret Family in the Morning    | Janet Chung      | 22 |
| Masked Beauty                  | James Gamble     | 22 |
| Milky Way                      | Carmen Sewell    | 22 |
| Cabo San Lucas                 | Charles Edwards  | 21 |
| Houston City Hall              | Philip Tan       | 21 |
| Made My Day Lily               | James Gamble     | 21 |
| Sandhill Cranes in Flight      | Janet Chung      | 21 |
| Texas Thistle                  | F. Joe Schmitt   | 21 |
| Tower Landmark                 | Charles Edwards  | 21 |
| Col. Garrison's Boots          | Donny Walton     | 20 |
| Modern and Old                 | Stephanie Rudd   | 20 |
| Vermont Red Covered Bridge     | Jane Ashley      | 20 |
| Brazos Bend Dragonfly          | F. Joe Schmitt   | 19 |
| Texas Ranger                   | Donny Walton     | 19 |
| <i>Lupinus texensis</i> -White | Carmen Sewell    | 18 |
| <b>21 entries</b>              | <b>avg. 21.3</b> |    |

Total entries- 38

Avg. Score - 20.9

Photographers - 12

***Cookies for July***  
***Tim Bimler***

***Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July***





**Deadline for digital submission...  
All digital entries must be sent  
to**

**Philip Tan  
[ptchromer@gmail.com](mailto:ptchromer@gmail.com)**

**by July 7**

**Entries received after that will not be  
eligible for July Competition**

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



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member of the Gulf States Camera  
Club Council and the  
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