



# REFLEX NEWS

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## Membership Vote Results

In February email ballots were sent to all the members who were paid up as of February 15.

Those ballots were tabulated and reported at the February 25th meeting. Of the total eligible voters 77% cast ballots.

Therefore we will continue as a club. We will continue to have competitions with some modifications to the present format which are now being worked out by a committee consisting of the new Program chair, the Workshop chair, and Competition chair. The final proposal will be presented at a later date for the members approval.

The vote for continuing the second meeting each month was not clear so we will be working that out as well.

In the interim, some new and temporary procedures will be in effect.

1. Categories: there will be only 3 categories for the competition, Monochrome, Assigned and Open. Participants will be allowed 1 Monochrome entry, 1 Assigned entry and 2 Open entries for a total of 4.

2. Assignment entries must have been taken within the past 12 months from the date the

of the relevant competition.

3. An effort will be made to coordinate the Assigned subjects with educational programs, either a workshop or program, in order to reinforce the information learned in the educational portion.

4. Competition and Program /Workshop schedules will be announced as soon as scheduled. Please watch the Reflex news to stay up to date.

It is looking like an exciting new year for HPC and I hope you will come and check it out.

See you at 7pm March 10 at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, which is one block inside Beltway 8 between Westpark and Richmond. *Carmen Sewell*

**Deadline for digital submission...**  
**All digital entries must be sent**  
**to**  
**Philip Tan**  
**[ptchromer@gmail.com](mailto:ptchromer@gmail.com)**  
**by March 5**  
**Entries received after that will not be**  
**eligible for March competition**  
**FYI... the deadline is always the**  
**Saturday before the**  
**competition meeting.**

## Interclub Competition February 2016

The GSCCC Nature Competition for February was judged by the Shreveport Photographic Society.

Our entries and scores were:  
Eagle Catching Big Fish –  
Helen Weng Pan – 14 – 3rd place  
Dragonflies Mating – Janet Chung – 13  
African Wild Dog, – Joe Smith – 10  
Squeeze Play – Scott Meyer – 9

Congratulations to Helen  
Jane Ashley  
GSCCC Rep

### Assignment March

The Assignment for March as chosen by the group present at the last meeting, is **Zoo Life** and includes Aquaria as well. It does not include humans, however.

Remember we have dropped the Category of Nature so the zoo pictures may include the “hand of man” but the main subject should be the animals .

In the future we plan to have the assigned category linked to either a workshop or a program to reinforce the lessons learned.

The Monochrome (Black& White) remains the same and allows 1 image.

The Open category is just what it says. Your subject choice and allows 2 images.

If you do not send an assigned image you may only enter 2 in Open and 1 in Monochrome for a total of 3. With the assigned you may enter a total of 4.

### **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 3/2/2016**

Rename the image according to the guidelines below.

For example:

An Assignment image by John Brown would appear as

**A\_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.**

## Upcoming Events

The Houston Orchid show is coming **April 2**.  
<http://houstonorchidsociety.org/show.htm>

The Houston Orchid Society has our annual Spring Show and Sale in the main lobby of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, TX 77030. Admittance to the show and sale is free!

The show includes fabulous exhibits created by HOS members, other orchid societies and commercial sales vendors, featuring orchid plants as well as arrangements, corsages, orchid collectibles and educational information. The orchids in the exhibits and the exhibits themselves are officially judged before the show opens. First, second and third place ribbons and trophies are awarded to the best orchids, best-grown orchids and best exhibits. Photographs are allowed.

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### **2016 Convention of the Gulf States Camera Club Council! Beaumont, TX Thursday, May 5th - Saturday, May 7th.**

The Beaumont Camera Club has been hard at work putting together what we hope will be a great convention for 2016. Included below is a link to the new GSCCC website, where there will be a new permanent home for each new year's convention page.

We asked that everyone please begin registering for the convention so that we can get a count on the attendance and ensure everyone gets plenty of TEXAS SIZE hospitality. (food) Please select the 2016 convention tab and see the **Register Here** button at the bottom of the **info and registration** page.

<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/>

### **Wildlife Photography of the Year Comes to Houston**

100 of the best wildlife action photos of the world are now on exhibition in HMNS.

<http://www.houstoniamag.com/articles/2016/1/27/wildlife-photography-of-the-year-houston-hmns>

### **NEW PPSA**

Our own Janet Chung has been awarded a certificate for Proficiency by the Photographic Society of America. To achieve this honor one must have 288 acceptances in International PSA sponsored salons .

Our congratulations Janet.

### **More Volunteers Needed....**

We still need a few more volunteers for some important positions in the club. Please consider volunteering for one of these:

**Membership chairman** ,a most important job for club growth. Greet visitors and potential new members at the door and follow up with email welcomes .

**Field Trip coordinator** . Suggest places to go for interesting photography.

**Assistant to the Inter Club Chairman.** This individual reads the titles and photographers names at the club competitions and keeps a list of scores from the judges.

If you are interested in any of these and have questions please contact me at [csewell3@comcast.net](mailto:csewell3@comcast.net)

**Cookies for March  
Janet Chung**

# February 2016 Competition

Judges: Edwards, Scott Meyer, Joe Smith

Nature Assignment		Patterns/Textures	Nature General			
Bubble Bath		Eric Westling	23	Dogs at Play	Scott Meyer	23
Trees and Shadows		Scott Meyer	23	Gotcha!	F. Joe Schmitt	22
Beautiful Blue Ice		Stephanie Rudd	22	Geyser Patterns	Syed Bulghdadi	22
Park Avenue Landscape		Janet Chung	21	Sticky Subject	Carmen Sewell	21
Barred Owl		Jane Ashley	21	The Wet Look	Eric Westling	21
Geyser Bacteria		Syed Bulghdadi	21	Great Blue and Friend	Joe Smith	21
Zebra's in Kenya		F. Joe Schmitt	20	Two Seagulls Lift Off	Janet Chung	20
Lost Ducky		Julie Cheng	20	Penguins	Helen Weng Pan	17
Pelican		Philip Tan	20	<b>8 images</b>	<b>Avg. 20.9</b>	
Caladium		James Gamble	20			
Eagle Feather		Carmen Sewell	19	<b>Pictorial General</b>		
Tangled Roots		Janet Tan	19	St. Lucia Sunset	F. Joe Schmitt	22
Tree Patterns		Joe Smith	18	Beautiful Morning Scene	Julie Cheng	22
Barrel Cactus		C.T. Edwards	15	Night on the Town	Stephanie Rudd	21
<b>14 images</b>	<b>Avg. 20.1</b>			Castle Steam Phase	Scott Meyer	21
<b>Pictorial Assignment</b>	<b>Illustrative</b>			Splendor in the Grass	James Gamble	20
Street Scene		Helen Weng Pan	24	Flamingos	Helen Weng Pan	19
Rope Pulling		Janet Chung	21	Full Moon Rising	Jane Ashley	18
The Secret		Stephanie Rudd	21	Goliad Cadence	Dodd Eastham	18
Washington Ave. Muralist		Jane Ashley	20	Back Area of Mission	C.T. Edwards	18
Walking Down Carefully		Julie Cheng	20	The Jump Shot	C.T. Edwards	18
Prairie Fire		Carmen Sewell	20	<b>10 images</b>	<b>Avg. 19.7</b>	
Street Painting		Janet Tan	20	<b>Monochrome</b>		
At the Pow-Wow		James Gamble	20	Mission Wall	Philip Tan	21
Laughing Gull Illustration		Joe Smith	20	Drummer	Helen Weng Pan	21
Bison Photo-Op		Syed Bulghdadi	19	My 1 Million Dollar Pic	James Gamble	21
Swimming Pool-Ectomy		Eric Westling	18	Zebra Pattern	Scott Meyer	21
<b>11 images</b>	<b>Avg. 20.3</b>			Seagull in Flight	Janet Chung	20
				Fishing in the Caribbean	F. Joe Schmitt	20
				Shaded Pathway	Syed Bulghdadi	20
				Old Barn	Jane Ashley	19
				Cold Morning	Julie Cheng	19
				Blues Bass	Dodd Eastham	19
				Cornwall Beacon	Carmen Sewell	18
				A Bridge Afar	Eric Westling	18
				Trees at 40 Acre Lake	Joe Smith	17
				<b>13 Images</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	
				<b>19.5</b>		

Entries - 56  
Average - 20.0  
Photographers - 16

## Spring is here!!!

Jane and I saw **Bluebonnets** along I-10 West between Sealy and Columbus last week and again in La Grange.

Photographic Society of America  
**78th Annual Conference**

Join Us in  
**San Antonio**  
TEXAS



**September 10-17, 2016**



Houston Photochrome Club is a member of the Gulf States Camera Club Council and the Photographic Society of America

