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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join us at the meeting on **Thursday September 12** at 7:00 PM at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, which is one block inside Beltway 8 between Westpark and Richmond.

The first part of the evening will be the competition and judging of entries. Following a coffee and cookie break we will discuss the images that were entered.

Suggestions by other photographers help to expand knowledge of what makes a good image. If you don't participate you are losing a grand opportunity, so enter your images.

Be sure to get your entries to Philip Tan by Saturday September 7. Instructions and assignments are on page 4 and in your Member handbook (Directory) . *Carmen Sewell*

SEPTEMBER 26th

Nature Photography by Kayak
with Gary Seloff



Photographing birds (and other wildlife) from a kayak allows a degree of intimacy with the subjects that is rarely achieved from land-based positions, as well as a variety of unique and pleasing settings. This presentation will share tips, tales, and imagery from more than 100 kayak trips on the waters around the Armand Bayou Nature Center, near Clear Lake City.

With a master's degree in Art History from the University of Texas, Gary Seloff has enjoyed a somewhat unexpected career at NASA's Johnson Space Center for the past 25 years. Following the Challenger accident, Mr. Seloff was recruited to curate and automate the Center's film collection and eventually moved into Information Technology management. In recent years, photography has become a hobby and passion to maintain a connection with his background in the visual arts. 7:00 pm-Tracy Gee

Deadline for digital submission...

All digital entries must be sent to

[Philip Tan](mailto:pt-chrome@earthlink.net)

pt-chrome@earthlink.net

by September 7 Entries

received after that will not be eligible

for September Competition

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

Winners of the Nelson Water Garden Contest Announced

The Nelson Water Gardens Field Trip Photo Contest received fourteen entries from seven contestants. The entries were judged by former HPC members Joe Sandler and Guy Gray. Joe is a former HPC president, a PSA member, and a current member of the Houston Camera Club. An accomplished photographer, among Joe's favorite subjects are flora, wildlife, birds, and portraits. Guy is a former winner of HPC's year end "High Points Award" for having the highest point total from his image entries during a competition year. In his last year as a member of HPC, he won the club's then-annual "Humor in Photography" contest with his hilarious image of battling seagulls. He has had his photography published in calendars and in *Texas Monthly* magazine.

The jurors stated that all of the entries were excellent images. After much review, discussion and consideration, the jurors decided upon the following winners:

- 1st Place: "Hanging On" by James Gamble
2nd Place: "Lotus with Bee"....by Helen W. Pan
3rd Place: "Bee and Water Lily".... Jane Ashley

Congratulations to these winners! They will each receive a print of their winning entry. Please be sure to congratulate James, Helen and Jane personally at our next meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended the July field trip to Nelson Water Gardens and a big thank you goes to those who entered images in the contest.

Mark Farrior

Cookies for September

Vivian Chen



First Place
Hanging On

by James Gamble



Second Place
Lotus with Bee

by Helen Weng Pan



Third Place
Bee and Water Lily

by Jane Ashley

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

Cockrell Butterfly Center Saturday Sept 14
8:45 am

Admission is \$4 for members, \$8 for adults non members, Seniors (62+) and College Students \$7 .

Meet on the steps of the museum. It's a good idea to purchase your tickets on line before you go. There is a limit of 75 visitors at a time. This will assure that you are allowed in with our group

Bring your medium telephoto/zoom lenses and flash but no tripod. They will allow monopod .

The Cockrell Butterfly Center is inside the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, Texas, 77030, on the northern border of Hermann Park.

Directions:

If coming from the North on 59:

Exit Fannin and turn left on Fannin. Turn left onto Binz or Ewing. Turn right on Caroline. The Museum will be located on the right hand side

If coming from the Southwest on 59:

Exit Main and continue through the stoplight at Main. At the second light, turn right onto Fannin. Turn left onto Southmore, Binz or Ewing. Turn right onto Caroline. The Museum will be located on the right hand side.

Coming from the South on I-45: Take I-45 north. Take exit 46B to merge onto highway US-59 South towards Victoria. Take the Fannin exit. Make a left onto Fannin. Make a left at Binz or Ewing. Make a right at the first stop sign, Caroline. The Houston Museum of Natural Science will be on your right.



Rules Update for Competition

At the July meeting the Board of Directors approved new wording for the first paragraph under Competition Rules to clarify requirements and bring our rules in line with PSA and GSCCC rules. (See page 22 in the 2012 Membership Directory)*

All competition entries must be the work of the entrant and must originate as photographs (images captured by light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. All images modified digitally or included in digitally constructed composites must be the original work of the entrant.

By submitting an image with his or her name on it, the photographer certifies that the work is his or her own and grants permission to use the work for Houston Photochrome Club purposes to include Intra Club competitions , display on the HPC website and inclusion in the Reflex News.

The changes will appear on the website as well. These changes are effective immediately.

Carmen Sewell

*If you have not received your membership directory, please see me at the meeting .

2013 Competition Assignments	
Month 2013	Nature
August	Moving Water
September	Small World Spectacular
October	Clouds
November	Fall Colors
December	Animal portraits
January 2014	Plant life
Month 2013	Pictorial
August	Side Lighting
September	Churches/Missions
October	Symmetry
November	City/Town /Village Scenes
December	Eyes
January 2014	Zoo life

Assignment Definitions

August

Nature- Small World Spectacular
Shots of plants, animals, and miniature
landscapes taken with close-up lenses .

Pictorial- Churches Missions-Both
interior and exterior shots are eligible for
this category.

Looking Ahead to October

Nature—Clouds Make the clouds
the important part of the image
and remember it is nature so no
“hand of man”.

Pictorial—. Symmetry

Try to achieve a composition that is sym-
metrical or graphically illustrates a subject’s
symmetry.

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.)

Rename the image according to the
guidelines below.

For example:

A Nature Assignment of birds by John
Brown would appear as

NA_Bird_BrownJ.jpg

(**NG** for Nature General, **PA** for pictorial
Assigned, **PG** for Pictorial General and **BW**
for monochromes)

DO NOT use first names only, nicknames
or initials 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 identi-
fied will be discarded.**

August 2013 Competition

Judges: C. T. Edwards, Mark Farris, John Whitt

Nature Assignment-Moving Water

Michigan Waterfall	Jane Ashley	23
Waterfall # 137	John Whitt	23
Creekside Fall Colors	Helen Weng Pan	22
Watching the Incoming Tide	Acree Carlisle	21
Waterfall	Don Pederson	21
Colorful Waterwave	Janet Chung	20
Waterfall into Lake Tahoe	Joe Schmitt	19
Hill Country Current	Curtis Smith	19
Wahkeena Falls	Philip Tan	19
Flowing Stream	Jennifer Wen	19
Cache la Poudre	Eric Westling	19
Water Hitting Rocks	Dan Palazzolo	18
The Cascades	Scott Meyer	17
Like Painted Water	Ninfa Palazzolo	17
Sandstone Falls, VA	Carmen Sewell	17

15 entries

19.6 avg.

Pictorial Assignment

Mesa Arch Sunup	Carmen Sewell	22
Wheatfields at Sunrise	Jane Ashley	21
Boats and Lobster Traps	Dan Palazzolo	21
Chihuly Glass	Joe Smith	21
Azriel-Head Shot	James Gamble	20
What is this?	Ninfa Palazzolo	20
Riding	Jerry Pan	20
Love Your Bouffant	Eric Westling	20
Golden Era	Curtis Smith	18

9 entries

20.3 avg.

Black and White

Squirrel	Don Pederson	23
Canyon Vista	Scott Meyer	22
Great Egret Attraction	Helen Weng Pan	22
Greetings	Jerry Pan	22
Bridge Struts	Carmen Sewell	21
Big Wheels	Philip Tan	21
Clapper Rail Chick	Joe Smith	20
Magnificent	Eric Westling	19
La Purisima Mission	Jane Ashley	18
Mono-Zoris	James Gamble	18
Read It Again Grandpa	Joe Schmitt	18
Lil Sweet Pea	John Whitt	17
Line Justice	Curtis Smith	16

13 entries

19.7 avg.

Nature General

Night Heron Feeding	Joe Smith	24
Meal Worm Meal	Scott Meyer	23
Egret Feeding	Jerry Pan	23
Butterfly with Pink Flowers	Janet Chung	22
Monkey Portrait	Don Pederson	22
Green Froglet	Philip Tan	21
Sunrise #145	John Whitt	21
Yellow Butterfly on Leaf	Janet Chung	20
Roseate Spoonbill w/ Young	Helen Weng Pan	20
The Glass Wing Butterfly	Joe Schmitt	20

10 entries

21.6 avg.

Pictorial General

Nelson Waterlily	Don Pederson	24
Torch Fishing	Jennifer Wen	24
Hanging On	James Gamble	23
Sunset on South Lake Tahoe	Joe Schmitt	23
Pencil Row	John Whitt	23
Dusk Over Terlingua	Acree Carlisle	22
Green Lambo	James Gamble	22
Skyline Arch Sunset	Scott Meyer	22
What Lies Beneath the Ocean	Ninfa Palazzolo	22
Grilled 57 Speedster	Curtis Smith	22
Fireworks Flower	Jane Ashley	20
Morning has Broken	Acree Carlisle	20
Torch Ginger and Gecko	Carmen Sewell	20
Reddish Egret Feeding	Joe Smith	20
Water Lily	Philip Tan	20
Freedom Tower-1776 ft.	Eric Westling	20
Fall Leaves	Jerry Pan	19
Turkish Food Cooking	Helen Weng Pan	18
Pottery For Sale	Janet Tan	18
At Dusk	Janet Tan	17
Standing on Stilts	Jennifer Wen	16

21 entries

20.7 avg.

Total entries - 68

Aug. Average - 20.4

HummerBird Celebration

Rockport celebrates the tiny winged ones September. 12-15, 2013 with workshops, bus tours, and lectures presented by world-renowned experts.
361-729-6445

www.rockporthummingbird.com



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