



REFLEX NEWS

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PROGRAM for AUGUST

New England Fall Foliage
By Don Kerr

Pack Your Bags

It is time to start making plans if you ever, ever have any intention on visiting New England, to capture fall foliage. The program will include shots from upper New York state, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, spread over three trips.

We will meet on Thursday August 14, at 7:00 PM at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, which is one block inside Beltway 8 between Westpark, and Richmond.

Scott Brooks

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences from all her Photochrome friends to Charleen Baugh and her family who lost there mother on July 22.

Visitors and New Members

We one new member join in June. We are happy to have Donna Boyer as our newest member. Welcome Donna.

We are happy to have two visitors at the July meeting also: Bruce Horn and Brandon West. Welcome to you both.



Houston Photochrome Club 2008 Annual Awards Banquet

***Make your reservations today for our club's
Annual Awards Banquet!***

Not only will you enjoy the great company of your fellow members and great food, you will also see the very best work our photographers have entered into competition during the 2007-2008 competition year.

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m. Cocktails – Cash Bar
Followed by dinner and awards

Location:

Christie's Seafood & Steaks Restaurant
6029 Westheimer Rd.

At the corner of Greenridge &
Westheimer

Between Fountain View and Hillcroft on
Westheimer

Phone:
(713) 978-6563

<http://christies-restaurant.com>

Please see the Menu & Reservation Form in this issue on page 7. Indicate selection and submit form(s) along with payment to our treasurer.

FIELD TRIP

We will be taking a field trip "summer vacation" this month. Regular trips will commence again in September.

Philip Tan

AUGUST WORKSHOP

Layers for People who Don't Use Layers by William Burychka

This is an encore presentation of a session done last year and is being brought back by popular demand and desperation on the part of the Workshop Chair. Its purpose is to persuade those who edit, adjust, repair, or otherwise do things to their digital images, to start doing those things using layers.

Editing with layers preserves your original images without making copies. It allows you to have one image file for both color and monochrome versions. It allows you to go back and change your mind about changes to your photos.

Editing with layers gives you a safety net. I promise our program will be on **basic** layers only. I have listened to a number of programs by other people who also promised basics but then moved beyond the fundamentals before anyone knew what was happening. Not this time. This program is for you, if you don't use layers but do use:

Levels, Curves, Hue & Saturation, Clone Stamp Tool, Healing Brush, Selective Color, Brightness & Contrast, Gradients, and Certain other functions.

All the above can, and in most cases should, be done on separate layers. If you're not doing that, please come to the meeting...and from now on, I can almost guarantee you will.

If you're already using layers for these things, then we won't have much for you. As a service to those who will be new to layers, we are not going to get fancy. That may be at a later meeting but not this time.

I'll be using Photoshop CS2 for demo, but the things I'll do work with earlier and later versions of Photoshop as well as with Photoshop Elements. I'll have a selection of sample images for demonstration, but if you have a photo you'd like to see used in the demo, feel free to bring it on USB flash memory.

Oh, and also please bring a pad and pencil. I'm only a poor self-employed consultant without a big company to provide free photocopies for my personal use.

W.M. Burychka

Last Chance

2008 PSA Conference

The 2008 PSA Conference will be held August 31, 2008 to September 6, 2008 in Portland, Oregon.

To register for the conference, click on

<http://www.psaexhibition.com/2008-psa-1-registration-form.php>

For complete details about the conference, click on

<http://www.psaphoto.org/conferences.asp?menuID=8&DivID=8>



JULY WORKSHOP REPORT

Memorial City Ice Rink



Alex Mondragon and Helen Weng-Pan discuss sports photography methods at the hockey

It was a dark and stormy night (with apologies to Snoopy) but 10 intrepid Photochromers braved the elements to attend the July Workshop. Originally we were to photograph some figure skating tryouts and a hockey game. The figure skaters were cancelled but the hockey game went on as planned and we shot the game up close at ground level.

Because the game moves very fast, we had to figure in advance how we were going to approach the problem, whether to use flash or rev up the ISO, Aperture priority, Shutter speed priority, or Program mode and where the best vantage points were. In the end most of us, I believe wound up experimenting until we found what worked best for us. In was an educational evening but most of all it was flat out FUN.

It gets to be really exciting when that puck hits the wall near you and the players charge down the ice bumping into each other to get at that little black rubber disk.

Thanks to Alex Mondragon for arranging the outing. And thanks too to all those who came out..

Carmen Sewell, Editor



Nelson Water Gardens Field Trip Photo Competition

If you went to the July 2008 field trip to Nelson Water Gardens, you are eligible to enter this competition.

Please email a maximum of three entries per person to Mark Farris at shutter-speed@hotmail.com by August 15. nature and pictorial images (as defined by our club) are both welcomed. Please size (both in pixels and bytes) and name your images in accordance with our club's competition standards. The images will be judged by an independent outside judge. Slide entries may be submitted at the August meeting on August 14, but will be scanned so that the image will be judged. Slides will be returned to their respective makers. Please do not submit images that were not taken on the July 2008 field trip.

The winning image will be printed and be given to Rolf Nelson as a token of our appreciation for allowing our club into their garden shop for our field trip. By entering the competition you are consenting to this use of all images that you submit. The winning photographer(s) will receive something very special for their efforts also.

Mark Farris



Photos by Carmen Sewell

Action on the ice at the July workshop

Nominating Committee Named

The committee responsible for nominating next year's officers has been appointed by the president.

The committee consists of: Richard Worthen, Alex Mondragon, and Philip Tan. A spokesman for the committee will present its nominations to the club at the September general meeting.

ATTENTION SLIDE SHOOTERS

If you wish to enter one or more slides into any given month's competition, please notify Cliff two or three days in advance of the monthly meeting, either by phone or email, so that he will know to bring the equipment to project your slides.

If you do not contact Cliff prior to bringing slide entries to the meeting, it is possible that your slides will not be projected or judged at that month's meeting.

Assignments 2008

Assignments for the 2008 Competition Year. The subjects are listed here:

2008 Pictorial

Aug.....Shoreline
Sept.....Boats / Ships
Oct.....The End
Nov.....Sports
Dec.....Bridges

2008 Nature

Aug.....Moving Water
Sept.....Found on the Beach
Oct.....Sunset / Sunrise
Nov.....Trees / Leaves
Dec.....Two of a Kind

Cookies For August Wendy Geng

COMPETITION ASSIGNMENTS AUGUST 2008

Nature — Moving Water: Some examples include but are not limited to: Rivers, streams, waterfalls, geysers

Pictorial— Shoreline: Capture and enter views of a shoreline, or perhaps shoreline close-ups, or shoreline birds. The possibilities are endless.

Looking ahead to September

Nature — Found on the Beach: Everything you found on the beach that you're photographing should be made by nature. For the most impact, include the subject's natural surroundings. (Be sure to protect your camera from wind-blown sand.)

Pictorial—Boats/ Ships: This category is self explanatory. The assignment should be the primary subject of the composition.

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again. Membership dues are payable now to the Treasurer.

In this issue there is a membership form **on page 6 for you to print.**

The annual dues are:

\$25.00 for individuals,
\$29.00 for a family, and a special rate of \$21.00 for senior citizens (age 65 and over) and students (high school level and below).

\$25.00 for senior families

Mail your form and check to:

**Carmen Sewell
114 Townsend Mill Court,
Houston, TX 77094**

JULY 2008 COMPETITION

Judges: Cindy Cox, Ray Bookwalter, Joe Smith

Nature Assign. – Reflections

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------|
| Lake Powell Reflection | Cliff Segerstrom | 23.0 |
| Wingdip | Eric Westling | 22.0 |
| Yellow Aspen | Jane Ashley | 21.0 |
| Watercolors 0360A | Charleen Baugh | 21.0 |
| Colorado Aspen | Carmen Sewell | 21.0 |
| Ring Neck Reflection | Scott Meyer | 20.0 |
| Mirrored Alligator Head | Joe Smith | 19.5 |
| Caddo Lake Reflection | C.T. Edwards | 19.0 |
| Mt. Reflection | Helen Weng Pan | 19.0 |
| Sierra Reflection 4459 | Di.Segerstrom | 18.0 |
| Reflection | Jerry Pan | 17.0 |
| Quiet Lake | Ron Towe | 17.0 |
| Hungry Frog | D.Matthews | 14.0 |
| 13 entries | 19.3 avg. | |

Pictorial Assign-Fruit

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|-------------------|------------------|------|
| Perfect Berry | Carmen Sewell | 20.0 |
| Ready for Picking | Ninfa Palazzolo | 16.0 |
| Fresh Fruit | Ron Towe | 16.0 |
| Tomato=Fruit | Eric Westling | 16.0 |
| Fall Fruit | Downs Matthews | 15.0 |
| 5 entries | 16.6 avg. | |

Black and White

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|------------------|------------------|------|
| Lone Cypress | Helen Weng Pan | 18.0 |
| Morning Frost | Cliff Segerstrom | 18.0 |
| Backlit Egret | Carmen Sewell | 18.0 |
| Clear Water | Ron Towe | 18.0 |
| Caterpillar | Joe Smith | 16.5 |
| 5 entries | 17.7 avg. | |

Nature General

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|---------------------------|------------------|------|
| Bumble Bee on Cone Flower | Joe Smith | 24.0 |
| Egret Courtship | Scott Meyer | 23.0 |
| Butterfly | Helen Weng Pan | 22.0 |
| Golden West | Cliff Segerstrom | 22.0 |
| Green Heron Gulp | Joe Smith | 21.0 |
| Red-Wing Blackbird | Jane Ashley | 20.0 |
| Pelican Flight | Rachel Burychka | 19.0 |
| Caddo Lake | C. T. Edwards | 18.0 |
| Bird Bath | Carmen Sewell | 18.0 |
| 9 entries | 20.8 avg. | |

Pictorial General

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|--------------------------|------------------|------|
| Sunset | Jerry Pan | 23.0 |
| Snowy Mt. | Jerry Pan | 22.0 |
| Orchid Tree Bloom | Charleen Baugh | 21.0 |
| Flower and Pollen | Rachel Burychka | 21.0 |
| Bloom at Mercer | Wengy Geng | 21.0 |
| Red Day Lily | Cliff Segerstrom | 21.0 |
| Autumn Splendor | Charleen Baugh | 20.0 |
| Happy 4 th | Mark Farrior | 20.0 |
| Tuolomne at Dusk | Scott Meyer | 20.0 |
| Bull Fight | Helen Weng Pan | 20.0 |
| Reflecting | Ron Towe | 20.0 |
| Study in Black and White | Jane Ashley | 19.0 |
| Virginia Lake | D. Segerstrom | 19.0 |
| Sky Art | Eric Westling | 19.0 |
| Yumm, that Was Good | Ninfa Palazzolo | 18.0 |
| Pass Near Conway Summit | D.Segerstrom | 18.0 |
| Aspen Trees | C.T. Edwards | 17.0 |
| Texaco Heritage Plaza | Wendy Geng | 17.0 |
| Seawall Light Reflection | Ninfa Palazzolo | 15.0 |
| 19 entries | 19.5 avg. | |

July '08 entries – 51
July '08 avg. score -

Aug. 08 Assignments
Nature – Moving Water
Pictorial - Shoreline

Deadline for digital submission...

All digital entries must be submitted to Cliff Segerstrom: cseger@sbcglobal.net by Aug 10.
Entries received after that will not be eligible for the August competition.

FYI... the deadline is always the Sunday before the regular monthly meeting.

Houston Photochrome Club

Annual Dues Payment for 2008 – 2009

Dues are payable in July and are to be collected by the Treasurer.

To be eligible for competition, dues must be current. Please complete this form and return it along with your check payable to: Houston Photochrome Club.

Return to: Carmen Sewell
114 Townsend Mill Court
Houston, TX 77094

Name (please print): _____ PSA member: yes ___ no ___
PSA Honors: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____

e-mail Address: _____

Note: If any of the above information changes in the course of the year, please notify the Membership Chairman as soon as possible so that you can be kept informed on club activities.

Annual dues are:

_____ \$25.00 per individual

_____ \$29.00 per family

_____ \$21.00 for senior citizens (65 and over) and students (high school level and below).

_____ \$25.00 per year for Senior families

(Office use only)

Date paid: _____ Check # _____ Amt _____



2008 Houston Photochrome Club Banquet

Menu and Reservation Form

Please complete one reservation form for each attendee as soon as possible & submit, along with payment (payable to “Houston Photochrome Club”) to Carmen Sewell, 114 Townsend Mill Court, Houston, TX 77094 or turn it in at the meeting.

Attendee Name: _____

Special dietary needs / requests: _____

(Please check selection)

- Vegetarian\$16.00 per person**
- House salad *tossed with balsamic vinaigrette*
 - Assorted vegetables with pasta and stuffed grape leaves with rice in olive oil.
 - French rolls
 - White and dark chocolate mousse cake

- Chicken Madeira\$29.00 per person**
- House salad *tossed with balsamic vinaigrette*
 - Char-grilled chicken breast topped with sautéed mushrooms and fresh basil in Madeira wine cream sauce.
 - Garlic mashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, French rolls
 - White and dark chocolate mousse cake

- Snapper Acapulco.....\$38.00 per person**
- House Salad *tossed with balsamic vinaigrette*
 - Grilled snapper filet topped with lump crabmeat, cilantro, Roma tomatoes in a light cream sauce.
 - Garlic mashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, French rolls
 - White and dark chocolate mousse cake

- 12 oz. Ribeye Steak.....\$44.00 per person**
- House Salad *tossed with balsamic vinaigrette*
 - Char-grilled 12 oz ribeye steak, topped with fresh sautéed mushrooms.
 - Garlic mashed potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, French rolls
 - White and dark chocolate mousse cake

Beverages: Iced Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks
Prices include beverages listed above, tax and gratuity.

***** CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE *****



IMAGES WANTED

Attention Photochrome Club members!

Images for inclusion in the Reflex News are needed to fill a new column featuring your favorite shots. It doesn't matter whether you have used them in competition or not. In fact here is your chance to publish those good shots that don't fit in our club compositions.

Start thinking about your collection and more details will be found in the September newsletter.

Carmen Sewell, Editor



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