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PROGRAM for JANUARY

South Texas Wildlife Refuges By Jane Ashley



Blue Green Jay

Photo by Jane Ashley

Last winter, Jane, along with three other club members, Charleen Baugh, Cindy Cox and Carmen Sewell, "discovered" the wildlife refuges in south Texas. The group made 3 trips to the valley between January 1 and March 30, photographing the many birds, as well as bobcats, snakes, coyotes, deer, armadillos, alligators, squirrels and rabbits.

Jane will describe the various refuges, where they are, what facilities are like, what equipment is needed, time of day for the best photography etc. She plans to show some images that didn't turn out well, as well as some that did and discuss the whys and wherefores of each with the hope that the program will be informative and educational and will encourage others to explore the area.

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

Scott Brooks

Nelson Water Gardens Winning Image Presented



Photo by Wendy Geng

President Mark Farrior presents Rolf Nelson of Nelson Water Gardens the first place winning image in our club's annual Nelson Water Gardens field trip contest.

The winning image, "Bee on Water Lily" was taken by Don Pederson. Images taken by John Breau won second and third place in the competition.

Thanks goes to Field Trip Chairman Philip Tan for printing and framing the photograph. Former club member Joe A. Sandler served as a judge for the competition.

Visitors and New Members

Linda Williams was a visitor at the December meeting and former member, Saul Ramirez, rejoined. We are glad to have you both with us.

JANUARY FIELD TRIP

Saturday January 10, 9 A.M.

For January, we will be going to the Baytown Nature Center for our field trip. Baytown Nature Center is located on 6123 Bayway Drive in Baytown, Texas. It is located on two connected peninsulas, surrounded by three bays in the Houston Ship Channel.

The following is main website:

<http://www.baytownnaturecenter.org/> ;

the facilities description is here:

http://www.baytownnaturecenter.org/bnc_information/features_activities.html ,

and the directions are here:

http://www.baytownnaturecenter.org/bnc_information/location_directions.html

We will meet at 9:00 in the morning at the entrance parking lot. There is a \$3.00 entry fee. There are a lot of water fowls in the center, so make sure to bring your longer lenses.

For those still interested in taking pictures of the **Fred Hartman Bridge** (our September field trip that was rudely cancelled by Ike), I will be at the Bayland Marina at around 6:30 in the morning to get the sunrise shot of the bridge, which is supposed to be around 7:15.

The marina is located about 5 miles away from the Nature Center, so we can continue our shooting at the Nature Center after finishing at the marina. Regardless, I will be at the gate of the Nature Center at 9:00.

Let's pray that the weather will cooperate – hopefully January weather will be more predictable compared to December so far!

Philip Tan

The images in this column were taken by Philip Tan on his "scouting trip" to the Baytown Nature Center



Osprey with Fish



Brown Pelican



Blue Heron

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

Weekend of February 13-14-15

As we have mentioned in the December news-letter, we are planning to go to Rockport for our February field trip.

Contrary to popular belief, the Laguna Reef, the hotel that we used to stay in our past field trips is still open as a hotel:

<http://www.lagunareef.com/reservation.htm>

(thanks to Bill Burychka for the information).

Currently, we are planning to go on Friday February the 13th in the afternoon after work and drive back to Houston on Sunday the 15th. Some members may want to drive down on Saturday, that's fine too.

At this point I would like to get an idea how many members are planning to make the trip. If there is enough interest, I will try to call the hotel to see if we can get a cheaper group rate. We also need to make reservation for the boat tour – The Whooping Crane Tours. Please email me at ptanhoutex@earthlink.net to let me know if you are planning to go.

JANUARY WORKSHOP

Glassware /Table Top Photography.
by Jane Ashley and Carmen Sewell

The January workshop will be “hands on” devoted to glassware and table top photography, the assignment for the pictorial category for February. There will be a discussion of composition, lighting and special effects and set-ups for you to photograph as well as items for you to make your own set-ups. Lights will also be provided. You will need your camera, tripod and mid to close up range lenses.

The workshop will be at the Tracy Gee Center on Thursday January 22 at 7:00pm.

A REMINDER

To all competition participants.:

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.

To refresh your memory the file labels should have the category initials first, image name second and the last name and first initial last. For example:
A Nature Assignment of birds by John Brown would appear as

NA_Bird_BrownJ.jpg

First names only, nicknames or initials will not suffice for identification.

Also, use the shortest **title** possible when naming slides.

Full guidelines are found in both the 2008 and 2009 Membership Directories.



Glassware Sample from previous workshop

Cookies For January

Ninfa Palazzolo

DECEMBER 2008 COMPETITION

Judges: Cindy Cox, Scott Brooks, C.T. Edwards

Nature Assignment – Two of a Kind

Two of a Kind	Downs Matthew	23.0
Cranes at Take-off	Joe Smith	23.0
Janus Cranes	Eric Westling	23.0
Elephant Pair	Scott Meyer	22.0
Two of a Kind	Jane Ashley	21.0
Sandhill Cranes Splashing	Jerry Pan	21.0
What a Pair	C. Segerstrom	21.0
Two of a Kind Twice	Charleen Baugh	19.0
Pair of Elk	D. Segerstrom	19.0
Twins	Don Pederson	18.0
Give	Ron Towe	18.0
Two Wild Flowers	C.T. Edwards	16.5
12 entries	20.4 avg.	

Pictorial Assignment —Bridges

Late Evening Under Hartman	K.D.	22.0
Wood Bridge	Helen Wang Pan	20.0
Sterling Bridge	Carmen Sewell	20.0
Suspended	Eric Westling	20.0
Covered Bridge	Cliff Segerstrom	19.0
Brazos River Bridge	Downs Matthew	18.0
Over the Water	Ron Towe	17.0
Bridge Reflection	C.T. Edwards	16.5
8 entries	19.1 avg.	

Black & White		
St. Malo	Scott Meyer	22.0
The Home Place	Carmen Sewell	20.0
Adare Village	Jane Ashley	19.0
Capitol Reef	C Segerstrom	19.0
Pin Cushion	Ron Towe	18.0
Singer	Helen Wang Pan	16.0
Feeding Cranes	Joe Smith	16.0
7 entries	18.6 avg.	

Nature General

Bosque Preglow	Joe Smith	24.0
Fall Colors / Oxbow Bend	Helen Wang Pan	23.0
Cedar Waxwing 2	Don Pederson	23.0
Green Monster	John Breaux	22.0
Sandhill Cranes Landing	Jerry Pan	22.0
Sunset at Apache	Jerry Pan	22.0
Crane Landing	Joe Smith	22.0
Trees and Fog	Charleen Baugh	20.0
Beaver Dam & Fog	Charleen Baugh	20.0
Fall Color at Yellowstone	Helen Pan	20.0
Fall Color in Texas	Jane Ashley	19.0
How Silently, How Silently	C. Segerstrom	19.0
Long Billed Thrasher	Bat	18.0
Pronghorn	Jane Ashley	17.0
14 entries	20.8 avg	

Pictorial General

LostMaples FallReflection	Cindy Cox	22.5
Winter Brrrr 3638	D. Segerstrom	22.0
Great Blue Profile	Scott Meyer	21.0
That's No Bird	Don Pederson	20.0
Yellow, Orange & Green	Cindy Cox	19.5
The Princess	John Breaux	19.0
Frio River	Carmen Sewell	19.0
More Than 2	Ron Towe	19.0
Mexican Dancers	C.T. Edwards	18.0
Bee on Wild Snapdragon	Carmen Sewell	18.0
Fountain Lights	Eric Westling	18.0
Snow on Branch	D. Segerstrom	18.0
12 entries	19.5 avg.	

Dec. 08 Entries – 53
Dec. 08 Avg. – 19.8

Jan. 09 Assignments
Nature – Butterflies & Moths
Pictorial – Windows & Doors

Deadline for digital submission...

All digital entries must be submitted to [Cliff Segerstrom](mailto:cseger@sbcglobal.net) cseger@sbcglobal.net by Jan 4. Entries received after that will not be eligible for January competition.

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

COMPETITION ASSIGNMENTS January 2009

Nature — — Butterflies & Moths: The submitted image's subject should be one or more butterflies and / or one or more moths. As with all nature category submissions, the hand of man should not be evident. These members of the Lepidoptera order should be the focal point of the submitted image

Pictorial — Windows & Doors: The window(s) and / or door(s) should be the focal point of the submitted image.

Looking ahead to February

Nature —Insects and Spiders: The best way to get the most visual impact with these subjects is to capture these creatures close up and in their natural environment.

Pictorial— Still Life/ Table Top: This should depict mostly inanimate subject matter, typically commonplace objects which may be either natural (food, flowers, shells, etc.) or man-made (drinking glasses, books, vases,) in an artificial setting. The emphasis in these images should be on composition and lighting of the inanimate objects.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY & HANDBOOK IS READY

The 2009 Membership Directory and Handbook is here. Be sure to pick up your copy from Carmen Sewell at the December meeting.

Remember, you must be a paid up member to receive your book so if you still have not renewed for the year now is the time.

COMPETITION ASSIGNMENTS 2009

	Nature	Pictorial
January	Butterflies & Moths*	Windows & Doors
February	Insects & Spiders**	Still Life/Table top
March	Sunrise/Sunset	Side Lighting
April	Leading Lines	Birds
May	Fog/Mist/Dew/Rain	Landscapes
June	Wildflowers	Backyard
July	Cacti	Spot of Red
August	Backlit/ Silhouette	Blurred
September	Patterns & Textures	Lights at Night
October	Seascapes	Sunrise/Sunset
November	Landscapes with Wildlife	People at Work
December	Natural Sculptures	Montage/Manipulation
	* May Include Larval Forms	** No Butterflies allowed

IMAGES WANTED

Your Favorite Shot

Pick a shot you would like to share with the club and email it to me. It need not have been entered into competition, in fact, this is the venue for those good images that don't fit a category. Submit no more than **one image** per month per member, please. Each month up to six images, dependent upon available space, from the submitted images will be selected and published in the newsletter. If your favorite doesn't get published right away and you really would like to see in print (or online) feel free to request that it be considered again the next month. Deadline is the 20th of each month..

Carmen Sewell, Editor

MEMBER SHOWCASE



Each month Reflex News will publish some of our members favorite shots in the Members Showcase.

Requirements for submission are found on page 5 of this issue.

Above: **Main Street, Frisco, TX**
by Don Pederson

Right: **Orangutan**
by Helen Weng-Pan

Below: **Cranes and Moon**
by Jane Ashley



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Editor.



Above: **Flying Sandhill Cranes**
by Jerry Pan



Left: **Whistling Duck**
by Ed Printz

Below: **Hockey Action**
by Carmen Sewell
(Taken on one of our Field trips last year.)



Happy New Year



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