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January Meeting

The competition and critique meeting will be 7:00 PM January 9 at Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, which is one block inside Beltway 8 between Westpark and Richmond.

Imaging Judging for January

The judging for the competition will be a little different for January.

Read about how it will work in Stephanie's article on page 2. The deadline remains the same and submissions will be the same. Only the judging method will be different. Come and see.

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

**to
Philip Tan
ptchromer@gmail.com
by January 4**

**Entries received after that will not
be eligible for January Competition
FYI... the deadline is always the
Saturday before the
competition meeting.**

Cookies for January

Julie Cheng

From the President...

Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends during the holidays. 2020 should be an exciting year for our Club.

Our annual awards meeting will be Thursday January 23rd. The award winners in each category, as well as Photographer of the Year, will be presented. A slide show of all the submissions will be shown so we can enjoy the wonderful photos created during the year again. Plus, everyone is invited to bring something for all to enjoy.

I want to thank everyone who served the Club in 2019. It takes a lot of work by many to have the competitions, programs, newsletters and field trips that we enjoy. For 2020 it is exciting to have new Program Chairs for Programs, Steve Mayeux and Dat Lien and Field Trips, Janet Chung.

As I've mentioned before, if anyone has suggestions for Programs, Workshops, Field Trips or anything else, please let the officers of Program Chairs know. To good photography and good friends!

Stephanie

January Competition

Our January competition will be different this year. We are honored to have Bill Buchanan judge our photos this month. It should be educational for all to have a distinguished photographer and judge give us his opinion of the grade for each photo. We can compare how we would have rated the image to his and listen to his comments on the photos.

Bill has been awarded the Stanley B. Ashbrook, Jr. Memorial award and the PSA Service Award for his contributions to digital photography and PSA. He has served as Chair of the Electronic Imaging Division and is one of the trained Assessors for the PSA Portfolio Distinctions Program. He was awarded Honorary Member by PSA, Hon PSA, in 2016.

The process for submitting images will be the same and then Bill will receive the images in advance and rate them. During our meeting, the photos will be projected and he will tell us his rating and possible comments.

He may not be able to comment on all photos due to time constraints so will try to limit to the most significant ones. I urge you to get your photos to Philip as soon as possible to allow a quicker turnaround time to Bill.

PSA has the judging service available to PSA chapters. It will be an honor to have Bill do this for our club.

Stephanie

PSA has announced the Keynote speaker for the 2020 Convention in Denver will be Art Wolfe. It will be a multimedia presentation, with projected images, video footage and narration featuring images from his latest book projects, *Wild Elephants: Conservation in the Age of Extinction*, *Human Canvas* and including some images from his current book project, *Wild Lives*.
(See page 7 for details of the convention)

Spotlight on PSA Member Services....

One of the services PSA offers its members is mentoring on an individual basis.

Here is what a mentor tries to do: First, the mentor makes contact with the member who has requested mentoring and makes sure the member has an outline of the mentoring process.

The mentor then requests three images for evaluation, evaluates those images and makes suggestions. The mentor then assigns specific work for submission and evaluates the submitted work, making specific corrections, if necessary. He/ she then encourages the member to create more images and submit them for evaluation.

And finally, assigns new work for submission for as long as the member wishes to continue. (*Excerpted from Dick Sprott's column in the January 2020 issue of PSA Journal*)

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A Word to the Wise Traveler and a case for the Cloud...

Having all of your images, even if backed up multiple times in a single bag is not all that much better than having no backup at all. When traveling always put your images in three different places on the way home. One set may be on the memory cards; one set on a laptop in its bag; and one set on external Hard drives in a checked bag or other bag or with a traveling companion.

See what happened to National Geographic Photographer, Joel Sartore in Bali. (*Thanks to Joe Smith for the tip*)
<https://fstoppers.com/news/national-geographic-photographers-hard-drives-stolen-airport-contain-images-440960>

Inter Club Competition

The **Nov. GSCCC Nature** competition was judged by the Dallas Camera Club.

Out entries and scores were:

Dragonfly Mating – Janet Chung – 14 – 1st Place

Running Bison – Stephen Mayeux – 10

Sparring Partners – Scott Meyer – 10

Glacier Nat'l Park at Dawn – Julie Cheng – 9

Congratulations to Janet.

PSA Projected November 2019

Images were judged by the Forest Grove Camera Club in Oregon.

Our entries and scores were:

Head Forward – Janet Chung – 12 – HM

Ginger – James Gamble – 11

Norther – Carmen Sewell – 9

Millenium Park, Chicago – Julie Cheng – 9

Old Knox County Courthouse – Donnie Walton – 9

Milky Way Cabin – Dat Lien – 6

The **November PSA Nature** competition was judged by the Cape Fear Camera Club.

Our images and scores were:

Lesser Gold Finch, – Stephen Mayeux – 9

TriColored Heron – Joe Smith – 7

Blue Dragonfly – Jane Ashley – 6

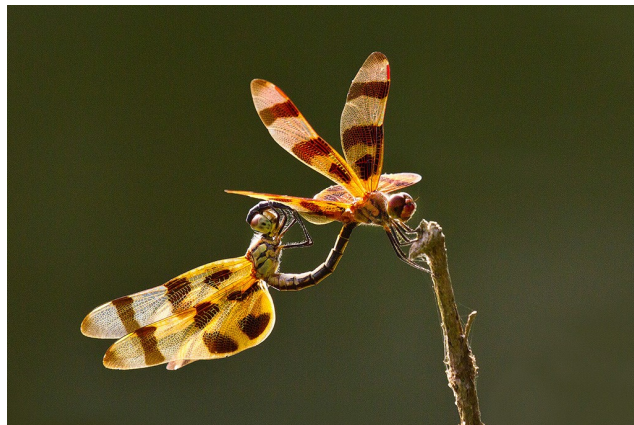
Lovely Texas Wildflowers – Julie Cheng – 6

Mamba – Scott Meyer – 6

Look Out for Prey – Janet Chung – 3

Jane Ashley

Interclub competition chairman



Dragonfly Mating by Janet Chung
First Place



Head Forward by Janet Chung
Honorable Mention



December 2019 Competition

Judges: Janet Chung, Scott Meyer, Carmen Sewell

Assignment: Celebrations

Flower Girls	Janet Chung	21
Rosh Hashana at the Wall	Scott Meyer	21
Tis the Season	Carmen Sewell	21
First Birthday Cake	James Gamble	20
July 4th at the Farm	Jane Ashley	20
Fourth of July Celebration	Julie Cheng	19
St. Mark's	Stephen Mayeux	18
Before the Wedding	Stephanie Rudd	17
Celebrate USA at Night	F. Joe Schmitt	17
Christmas on the Square	Donnie Walton	16

10 images Avg. 19.0

Monochrome

Coming Your Way	F. Joe Schmitt	21
The School Room	Jane Ashley	21
Yellowstone Moon Rise	Stephen Mayeux	21
Abbey Undercroft	Carmen Sewell	20
Dancer	Julie Cheng	20
Military Biker	James Gamble	20
Mr. Mongoose	Philip Tan	20
Putting on a Show	Scott Meyer	20
Downtown Atlanta Old and New	Charles Edwards	18
Shadowed Landing	Richard Lemmon	18
Climbing High	Donnie Walton	17
Via Colori	Janet Chung	17

12 images Avg. 19.4

Open

Mammoth Hot Springs	Stephen Mayeux	24
Crab Crunch	Scott Meyer	23
Orchid Flower	Jane Ashley	23
Pyrrhuloxia	Carmen Sewell	23
Yellowbellied Water Snake	Jane Ashley	23
Autumn Leaves	Julie Cheng	22
Elephant Sunset	F. Joe Schmitt	22
Thunderbirds	Philip Tan	22
A Hard Day	Stephanie Rudd	21
Ellis County Courthouse	Donnie Walton	21
Autumn Colors	Julie Cheng	21
Face Painting	Janet Chung	21
Isabella's Helconian	Carmen Sewell	21
Lioness in Okavanga Delta	F. Joe Schmitt	21
Peek a Boo	Stephanie Rudd	21
Spider Boy	Stephen Mayeux	21
Quiet Morning	R. Lemmon	20
Shedding Time	Scott Meyer	20
Stunt Formation	Janet Chung	20
Thunder in the Morning	James Gamble	20
Old Window Views	R. Lemmon	19
McCulloch County Jail	Donnie Walton	19
Orchids	Charles Edwards	18
Sit A Spell	Philip Tan	18
Fall Leaves	Charles Edwards	17
Morning Blues	James Gamble	17

26 images Avg. 20.7

Sept. 2019

AS-Flying Boot	Chris Narvaez	20
O-Fall Reflections	Chris Narvaez	19
O-Lobster Time	Chris Narvaez	20

Nov. 2019

AS-Wildflower Road	Chris Narvaez	17
M-Lost My Hat	Chris Narvaez	21
O-Hummer at Flower	Chris Narvaez	20

Total entries - 48
Avg. Score - 20.0
Photographers - 13

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:

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 **1400** 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 2019

The Assignment list is:

January	2020	Abstracts
February	2020	Close-ups
March	2020	Transportation
April	2020	People
May	2020	Nature
June	2020	Texture
July	2020	Reflections
August	2020	Indoors
September	2020	Endless Sun (Sun Creates Image)
October	2020	Spring
November	2020	Small Things
December	2020	Patterns

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.

HOUSTON PHOTOCHROME CLUB

Membership/ Renewal 2020

Member Name _____

Spouse: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Email _____

PSA Member: Yes _____ No _____ PSA Honors: _____

Annual dues for 2020:

_____ \$35.00* per Individual *After July 31 \$17.50

Date: _____ Amount _____

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and mail to:

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

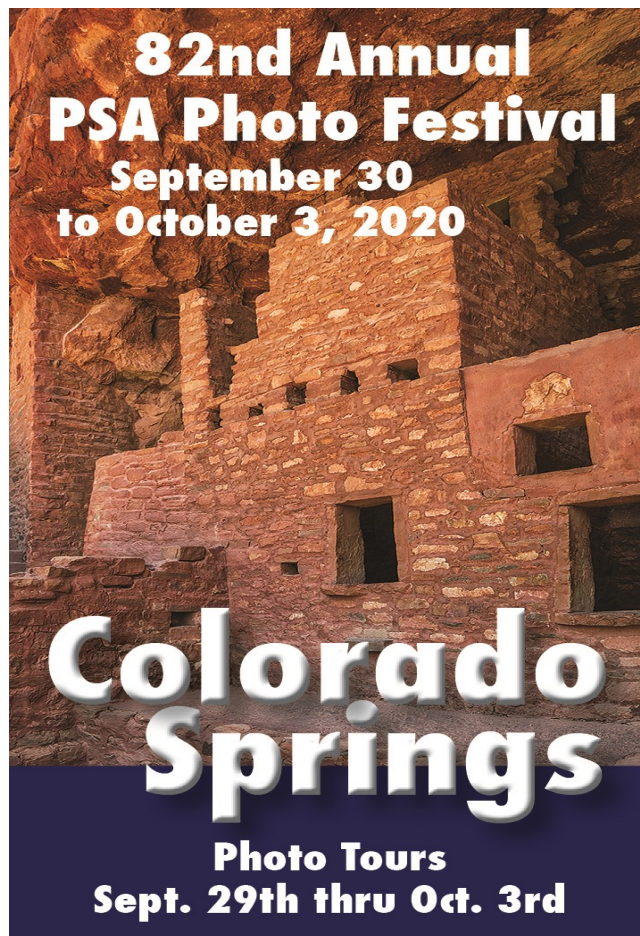
**Dues are currently due and renewal Must be paid no later than
February 1 in order to participate in competition. (Does not apply
to new members joining after the February 2020 date)**

For Office use only: Date Paid _____ Check

_____ Amt _____

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Date: _____ Initials: _____



Save the Date
May 7-9, 2020



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