

Looking for something to photograph? Here are some suggestions. Drop in on any of the 50 plus clubs in Sun City (*tennis, pickle ball, pottery, painting, stained glass, mahjong etc.*) and take some pictures of your friends in action, they won't mind. In addition, look through the Sun Rays magazine for events and outings, any of which will bring great photo opportunities.



Hey.... It's been a month since you got that new camera for Christmas. If your still wondering what that dial is for or, how I can improve my photo's or, how to compose or, when to use a flash or, will my cell phone do that? Well, answers to all those questions are available in one of your camera club classes, where they talk about all those subjects. Look thru the club web site, pick a class, drop by and check it out, you'll find it informative & fun.

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FEBRUARY FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Feb 1-4. **Canton:** FIRST MONDAY TRADE DAYS What started more than a century ago as a flea market has become home to some of the most exciting, cutting-edge home furnishings, antiques and collectibles that can be found anywhere. Over the past 150 years, lots of things have changed in the Original First Monday Park; but the genuine, down-home human relationships between vendors and shoppers are the reason people keep coming back. This is a place where you can slow down, visit and ask questions, talk to collectors and antique dealers and meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Location: off I-20 about 60 miles east of Dallas. Just take exits 523 (Hwy 64) or 526 (FM 859) Admission: free, parking, around \$5 Hours: sun up till sun down.
<https://firstmondaycanton.com/>

Feb 2- 13 **Galveston:** MARDI GRAS in the Historic Strand District. Parades Fri. Pardy Gras Procession, 5pm Sat. Jolly Jester Jaunt, 11am Sun: Fiest Gras Estrella TV parade 1pm Live entertainment at several outdoor places and indoor clubs. Great places to eat, everything from gumbo to steaks. Party all night. Tickets 1st and 2nd weekend 2day package \$18.90 + \$4.06tax + \$1 city fee... Tickets sold on line only. <http://www.mardigrasgalveston.com/>



Feb 2-3 **Brenham:** SPRING BLOSSOMS QUILT SHOW. The Friendship Quilt Guild is made up of people with a passion for quilting. Our judged show will feature both contemporary and traditional quilts as well as quilts for sale, a boutique, vendors, and more. Admission: \$7 Hours: Fri. 10-5pm Sat. 10-4pm Location: Fireman's Training Center, 1101 Hwy 290 W, <https://friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com/>

Feb 3. **Lockhart:** HOT RODS and HATTERS car show of the year, over 1200 hot rods surrounding the Caldwell Co Courthouse. Hundreds of vendors and over two miles of car show. Admission is free. Finding a parking spot may be a problem. Last year there were over 30,000 spectators. One day event. <http://www.motortexas.com/events/detail.aspx?event-id=36>

Feb 3. **Dallas:** MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL "SUPERBOWL WEEKEND" Dallas, Texas will be the newly adopted home 2nd to the biggest Mardi Gras in the world in New Orleans. On Saturday, February 3, 2018, come experience the 1st Annual Dallas Mardi Gras Festival. It will be North Texas Biggest Mardi Gras block party celebrating the New Orleans traditional "Mardi Gras". A part of Downtown Dallas will be transformed into a gigantic street party filled with international revelers, DJs, dancing, live entertainment and an epic tossing of thousands and thousands of Mardi Gras beads, beads and more beads! Location: Continental Bridge Gateway Plaza West aka Ronald Kirk Pedestrian Bridge. 109 Continental Avenue. General Admission: \$10. Hours 3pm - 10pm. <http://dallasblack.com/community/calendar/event/dmgf2018>



Feb 4. **Sun City:** SUPER BOWL LII (52) takes place Sunday in Minneapolis at US Bank Stadium. Tickets run from \$35 to \$12,000. If you don't have one you can watch it on TV for the price of a couple of beers and some popcorn. Kick off time is 6:30 ET.



Feb 7-10. **Laredo:** 6th LOREDO BIRDING FESTIVAL Blessed with a rich and diverse river eco-system, Laredo is home to hundreds of species of local and migratory birds. Our prized birds include: White-collared Seedeater, Scaled Quail, Gray Hawk, Audubon's and Altamira orioles, Green Parakeets, Muscovy Duck, Red-billed Pigeon and Clay-colored Thrush, among many others. Each day, birders will have a chance to select from a variety of full-day scenic trips. Escorted by professional field guides and members of our local Monte Mucho Audubon Society. See web site for hotels, fee's & guest speakers. Location: 1 West End Washington St., Bldg. P-11. <http://www.laredobirdingfestival.org/>

Feb 9-10. **Burnet:** HIGHLAND LAKES QUILT FESTIVAL the 2018 Quilt Show. Quilt displays, Guild Boutique, Silent Auction and Vendors. Location: Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson St. Hours: 9am-4pm Admission: \$7 If you like quilting you'll enjoy this show. <http://hlqguild.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

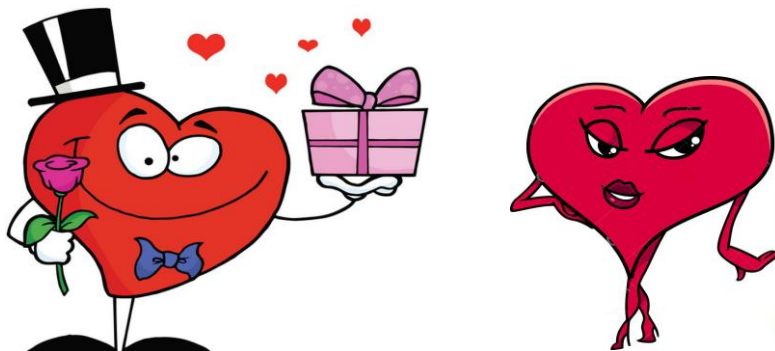
Feb 10. **Ennis:** 12th annual CZECH MUSIC FESTIVAL Come join the polka bands of Ennis, Texas at the annual Ennis Czech Music Festival held every Saturday after Super Bowl Sunday. The festival is a day filled with great music, dancing, food, drinks, and much more. Dance to 5 fabulous polka bands including Czech and Then Some, The Czech Harvesters, The Ennis Czech Boys, The Jodie Mikula Orchestra, and The Moravians. Come hungry because the Sokol kitchen will be serving Czech classics all day long, including Klobase and Sauerkraut. Plus, new this year, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM the Sokol kitchen will be serving a tasty Chicken Fried Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. The festival is also a great family event, including a kid zone for the smallest of attendees. Doors open at 12:00 PM with music from 1:00 to 10:30 PM. Admission is only \$8, and kids aged 12 & under are free! Location: Sokol Hall, 2622 E. Hwy 34. Hours: 1 - 11pm <https://www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com/>

Feb 11. **Laredo:** WBCA STARS & STRIPES AIR SHOW There is nothing like attending an air show, and there is certainly nothing like the WBCA Stars & Stripes Air Show Spectacular Sponsored by Miller Lite. The Laredo International Airport roars to life as airplane aficionados and thrill seekers of all ages enjoy some of the most spectacular and explosive aerial stunts around. If that were not enough, spectators also enjoy incredible ground acts and static displays while sampling delicious festival food from the numerous vendors on site. Location: International Airport Hours: 11-4pm Admission: \$10 <http://www.wbcalaredo.org/event/wbca-stars-and-stripes-air-show-spectacular-sponsored-by-miller-lite/>



Feb 13-16 **Corpus Christi:** BIRDS of SOUTH TEXAS NATURAL HISTORY IDENTIFICATION Studying Waterfowl, shorebirds, & Finches. 3 days of classes morning and afternoon. Visit Hazel Bazemore Park. Fee: \$110. Location: South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. 8545 S. Staples St. www.stxbot.org

Feb 14. **Sun City:** Don't Forget



Feb 16-17. **Austin:** 29th annual CHILLY CHILI & BBQ COOK OFF. Capital City Post No. 8787 Veterans of Foreign Wars 500 VFW Rd. This is a sanctioned cook-off with first, second and third place trophies for brisket, spare ribs and chicken. Other prizes for chili, pinto beans and cooks choice.
<https://www.facebook.com/8787ChillyChili/>

Feb 16-18 **New Braunfels:** NORTH AMERICAN JEWELRY & GIFT SHOW a 3-day Wholesale Event open to both business buyers and the general public. Exhibitors come from all over the US to fill their booths with the latest and greatest products in the jewelry and fashion industry. Save 50%-80% off retail prices. Wholesale Only Hours are exclusive to business owners only on 10-12 on Fridays. All other show hours are open to all shoppers. You will find rows and rows of Beads, Jewelry, Gifts, Fashion, Health, Beauty & Gourmet!
Free Wine, Parking & Admission with a Pre-Registered Ticket. For pre-registered tickets see web site for detail. Hours Fri & Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4. Location: New Braunfels Civic/ Convention Center, 375 South Castell Ave.
<http://www.nashows.com/free-tickets.html>

Feb 17. **Austin:** TEXAS ROLLER GIRLS, Season opener, for the best in Roller Derby sports, women 18 plus ages celebrating 15 years in Austin. The league is an athletic and social organization formed that teaches flat track roller derby in a fun, safe and competitive athletic environment. Accidents on a flat track track could make people on the front row part of the show. General admission tickets: \$13 (\$14.45 w/ service fee) Opening Bout starts 6:00pm Location: The Austin Sports Center - South, 425 Woodward St. <http://www.texasrollergirls.org/>



Feb 17-18 **Rosenberg:** HOUSTON GLASS SHOW The glass event of the year. Dealers from across the nation offering a large selection of the Rarest and Best glass, pottery and china from Depression Era through the 1970's. Plus the best Antique show in Texas. Location: Ft Bend County Fairgrounds. Hwy 59 South from Houston 30 minutes to Hwy 36 - turn left. Admission: \$6 good both days. Hours: Sat 10-5pm Sun 10-4pm Preview sale Feb 16, 6-9pm Admission: \$15. preview ticket also good for Sat and Sun.
<http://maxmillerantiques.com/houston-glass-show/>

17-Feb **Stafford:** GREATER HOUSTON TRAIN SHOW 20,000 square feet of: instructive How-to demonstrations, Model & Photo Contest, Operating Layouts, and Vendors from across the Southwest. Sponsored by San Jacinto Model Railroad Club. Location: Stafford Center, 10505 Cash Road @ Murphy Rd. Hours: 10 - 4:30pm. Admission: \$6 Free parking. See web site for map.
<http://sanjacmodeltrains.org/resources/2018-GHTS-Public-Flyer-MAP.pdf>



Feb 20.



Boerne: THE TEN TENORS Fresh off the success of their 20th Anniversary World Tour, THE TEN TENORS return to Boerne with their new show, Wish You Were Here – a celebration of musical legends lost before their time. Honoring artists from David Bowie to Amy Winehouse to John Lennon, THE TEN TENORS will take you on a feel-good excursion through some of the world's greatest hits: classic rock, current chart toppers, and traditional favorites. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to experience Australia's "vocal wonder from down under" live! Location: Boerne Champion Auditorium, 201 Charger Blvd. Admission; Ticket prices range from \$30 to \$60 depending on seating. Curtain: 7:30 See web site for details on seating and directions. <https://boerneperformingarts.com/artist-info/>

Feb 22 to
Mar.3.

Clifton: Temporary Exhibit LONESOME DOVE. The Lonesome Dove Traveling Photo Exhibit, a collection of images taken from the movie Lonesome Dove. Mon, January 15 at 6pm & Wed, January 17 at 6pm Cliftex Special Screening Reservations Required, Limited Seating \$20 per person, 1/15 -(First half of Lonesome Dove) 1/17 -(Second half of Lonesome Dove) with photographer & screenwriter, Bill Wittliff. Cocktails & Finger Foods will be served. Bosque Museum, 301 South Ave Q. Hours Tues - Saturday 10am to 5pm. <http://www.bosquemuseum.org/lonesome-dove>

Feb 22-24.



Midland: WEST TEXAS GUITAR FESTIVAL In addition to hearing wonderful guitar music by professionals and our own local groups, you are able to attend multiple workshops at our Saturday classes. Location: Performing Arts Center. The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. 1310 North FM 1788. Admission: \$40 registration covers admission for 2 concert plus Saturday classes. <http://www.westtexasguitarfestival.com/>

Feb 24.



Corpus Christi: INTRODUCTION to The WORLD OF BIRD, IDENTIFICATION. Basic introduction designed for beginning birders with little or no experience in birding. Study some of the 450+ known bird species in South Texas. Class 8:45-11:30. Field Trip 1:30-4:30pm Botanical Gardens & Nature Center Trails. Fee \$60 prepaid by Feb 21. Location: South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. www.stxbot.org

Feb 24.

Georgetown: 7th Annual CAR & VINTAGE PLANE SHOW. Spectators Free. Parking, Free Gates Open 10:30-2:30pm Location: Georgetown Airport, 500 Terminal Dr. <http://www.motortexas.com/events/detail.aspx?event-id=1548>

Feb 24-25

Conroe: LONE STAR THROWDOWN The annual custom truck show brings aficionados and spectators alike to see the latest and greatest as well as complete among the best. Some 2000 show vehicles expected with customizing by the best truck customizing shops. Location: Lone Star Expo Center & Montgomery County Fairgrounds. 9255 Airport Rd. Admission: \$20 Show Hours: 8-5pm all 3 days. <http://www.lonestarthrowdown.com/>

Feb 24-25. **Stephenville:** CENTRAL TEXAS BARELL RACING ASOC. (CTBRA) Barrel racing is a truly special event in the rodeo world, and one of the fastest. While cowboys are holding on to bucking broncs and spinning bulls, cowgirls are charging through the gate on their favorite horse in a race against the clock. The faster the rider completes the pattern, the higher up on the leaderboard the pair will land. Races are free for spectators. Location: Loan Star Arena, 3 miles north of Stephenville on Hwy 377 N Address 4696 N. US Hwy 377 See web site for map Race starts 9am <http://lonestararena.com/>



Feb 27-
Mar 18 **Houston:** HOUSTON LIVE STOCK SHOW & RODEO Traditional trail rides, which start in different areas of Texas and end in Houston, precede the Rodeo. After the 11 trail riders parade through downtown on the 23rd the largest livestock exhibition and rodeo in the world begins. The show features championship rodeo action, livestock competitions, concerts, a carnival, pig racing, barbecue and the Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition, shopping, sales and livestock auctions. It also includes great entertainment, this year begins with Garth Brooks. Location: 2 NRG Parkway. See web site for details and tickets and directions. <http://www.rodeohouston.com/Visit-the-Rodeo/Music-Concerts/Concert-Lineup>



In an effort to help promote photography this list of Festivals and Events is distributed to members of the photography club to provide a list of photographic opportunities' they previously may not have been aware of. Depending on your photographic interest, you will find, action, landscape, travel, street photography and other styles in this list.



No matter how you get there don't forget your camera