



Dee Darius Sams, Photographer of the Month

Fairy Tree





President's Corner  
Bob Maher  
2020 Photography Club President

It's spring time and a photographer's fancy turns to flowers. In addition to all of our normal Special Interest and Discussion Groups going on in March join us for a field trip to Zilker Park on the 11th to see what's blooming.

On the 13th we will be doing a New Members Orientation. If you are a new Photo Club member, a returning member, are trying to figure out where to start and which Special Interest Group (SIG) is right for you, or just need to figure out how to navigate the website or calendar, come join us in the Activities Center, Game Rooms 1&2 at 10:00am.

They say everyone is a photographer until they discover Manual Mode. Come out to the Activity Center, Game Rooms 1&2 on the 13th at 2:15pm when Dean Ginther will be discussing the various exposure modes of modern cameras with emphasis on the why, how, and when of using the manual mode. Bring your camera and camera manual (if needed) to practice. The workshop is free, but please register on the calendar so we know how many chairs we need.

And don't forget that March 8th, the Sunday after the General Meeting, is the start of Daylight Savings Time. So Spring Ahead and enjoy the extra hour of sunshine in the evening. Use it to go out and take some pictures and please share some of them in one of our exhibition venues.

See you at the General Meeting, Wednesday, March 4th.

[rjmaher52@gmail.com](mailto:rjmaher52@gmail.com)

viewfinder

## March General Meeting

March 4, 2020 - Cowan Creek Amenity Center,  
Social 1:45 PM, Meeting 2:15 PM

### Agenda

Welcome guests & members  
Announcements  
Reports & Financials  
Guest Speaker  
Subject of the Month Photos

**Guest Speaker: Jeff Parker -  
Ways to Capture Wildflowers**

**The club will provide coffee, water and cookies.**

### Subject of the Month

**Flowers or Wildflowers Photos**

Send one image to  
[scphotoclub@suddenlink.net](mailto:scphotoclub@suddenlink.net)  
in JPEG format no larger than 1400  
pixels wide or 1050 pixels high at 72  
dpi on this month's subject by noon  
Sunday, March 1.



## PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH

D e e D a r i u s S a m s

I have been a photographer for most of my adult life, starting in 1982 when I created a black/white darkroom in my house. I used that for several years until I got my scuba certification and began taking underwater film photos. After 25 years of diving, my ears could no longer equalize the pressure and I had to give up the sport and underwater photography. I took a few years off from serious photography while I made the move from Colorado to my present home in Sun City, Georgetown Texas. In March 2017, I joined the Sun City Photography Club and renewed my excitement for photography.

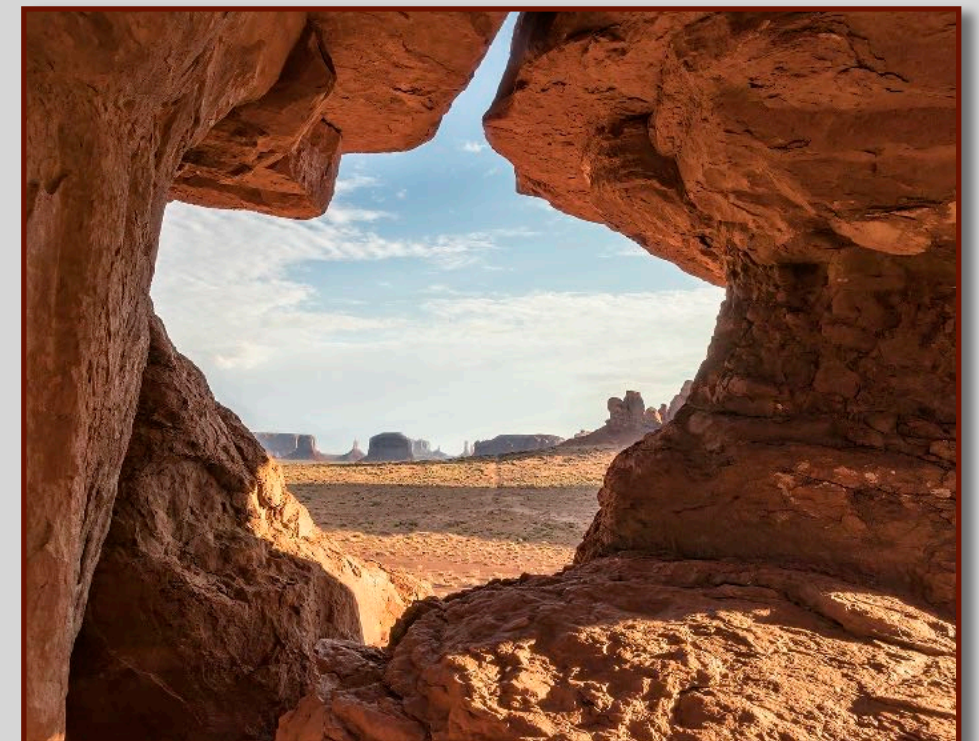
*Dee's Gallery*



Galapagos Giant Tortoise



Peruvian Boy and His Lamb



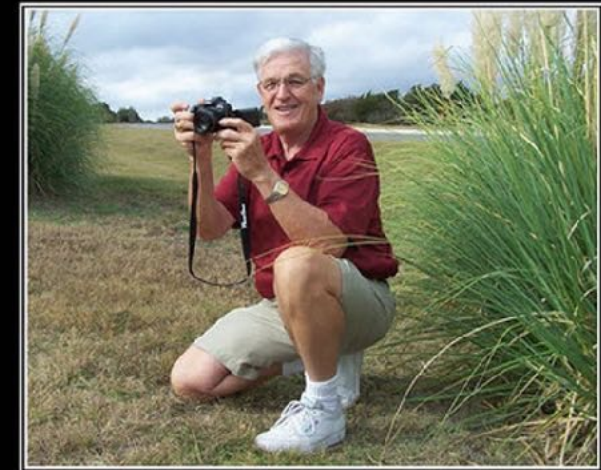
Submarine Rock

View Dee's exhibit at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in March. Her digital images are posted in a gallery on the club's website, along with her biography.



## SOLO WALL SHOWCASE

### Photographer - Jim Copps



Jim and wife Glenda moved to Georgetown in late 2005 from Springfield, Virginia. He joined a Photo Club in 2008 and has primarily focused on nature photos including flowers and wildlife.

He loves to share images with others who may enjoy the things that he is lucky enough to capture through his camera lens.

Jim has photos published by National Geographic, USA Today, KVUE Weather and local publications along with a personal website at [www.jimcopps.com](http://www.jimcopps.com)



*On The Road To Denali*

**Jim Copps Gallery**

Jim Copps March 1 - 25, 2020    Sun City Activity Center

**Jim Copps Solo Wall Gallery**

Glenn Rudd March 25 - April 17, 2020

A special thanks to Wes Odell for coordinating these exhibitions.

**Jim Copps email**



## EDUCATION & PROGRAMS



### **Jeff on Instagram**

### **Guest Speaker Jeff Parker Photo Club General Meeting**

Mar 4, 2:00pm Cowan Creek Amenity Center

### **Jeff on Facebook**

Jeff leads photo tours throughout Central, South and North America. He especially loves creating images in Patagonia, the Brazilian Pantanal, and Texas. Jeff holds workshops on a variety of nature photography topics at his Red Belly Ranch in central Texas. In 2016, Jeff and his wife, nature writer Mary O. Parker, released their book, *Explore Texas: A Nature Travel Guide* (Texas A&M University Press).

Jeff enjoys encouraging others in their photographic pursuits. He regularly speaks to camera clubs, nature centers, and Audubon groups about the power nature photography has to bring deeper awareness to issues of conservation. See more of his work at [ExploreinFocus.com](http://ExploreinFocus.com).

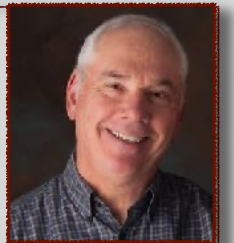


### **Dean's Gallery**

### **Dean Ginther**

### **Shooting In Manual Exposure Mode**

Mar 20, 12:15pm - 3:45pm Activity Center rooms 1 & 2  
No fee. Register on the Photo Club calendar



This workshop will cover the various exposure modes of modern cameras with emphasis on the why, how and when of using the manual mode. Bring your camera and manual to practice during the meeting.

Dean is a member of PSA and has served as a judge in our Sun City PSA Print Competition, Competition SIG and Nature SIG.



### **Glenn Rudd**

### **Black & White Photography**

Apr 22, 10:30am - noon Activity Center rooms 1 & 2  
No fee. Register on the Photo Club calendar

### **Glenn's Gallery**

This workshop is intended for photographers of all levels and skills who are interested in learning more about black and white photography. The content will include a brief introduction to some of the considerations involved in black and white photography. The remainder of the session will examine and discuss a variety of images. A post processing workflow using Lightroom and other software will be demonstrated with several images.

A special thanks to Rita Johnston, VP of Programs and Education, for coordinating these presentations.  
For help registering contact Rita at [scphotoclub@suddenlink.net](mailto:scphotoclub@suddenlink.net)



## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEWS



### **Dee Darius Sams** **Photographic Society of America**



Dee Darius Sams was recently named as our Photo Club's Representative to the Photographic Society of America (PSA). Dee joined PSA in May 2018 and since that time has been a very active member and brings that knowledge and experience to her new position. She has completed five online courses: Photography Instruction, Creating Competitive Images, Image Analysis, Still Life and she also completed in the challenging Portfolio Experience course. In addition to improving her photographic skills through education she also participates in the PSA Recognized Exhibitions and is actively working toward obtaining her Star ratings. Dee also participates in the PSA Study Groups and submits regularly to the Print of the Month in order to receive impartial evaluation of her submitted images.

Her responsibilities are many, but her priority is educating our Photo Club membership on the many opportunities PSA offers to help improve their photographic skills. She recently provided a PSA Orientation to 22 members of the Club. The agenda covered detailed information about the various resources PSA offers its members and also included a comprehensive overview of five of the online courses. Currently three of our Photo Club members – Sue Puetz, Jerry Meinzer and Randall Best – are diligently working their way through the lessons in two different classes. She requests that Photo Club members call on her if they want more information and to let her know if they join PSA, signup for a class and/or receive other PSA awards so that she can provide recognition of those achievements.

Congratulations to Cheryl Janssen for placing 3rd with her "Immersed In Her Craft" in the most recent round of PSA Print Division competition.

[darisams@msn.com](mailto:darisams@msn.com)

### Exhibits Inside Sun City

The two exhibitors for February in the Club's new "Recognitions Exhibit" in the Activities Center's Game Room #1 are Cheryl Janssen and Keith Walkup.

Cheryl also had a Tri-fecta at the 2019 Annual Photo Club Competition winning all three: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards.

The Recognitions Wall is new in 2020 and recognizes the photographers who win awards outside of Sun City and "bring home the bacon" so to speak and enhance the artistic standing of Sun City and its Photo Club. They will each be showing one of these award winners during February.

Winning awards in a national or international competition is not a trivial accomplishment and viewing them is an opportunity to see "some of the best work from Sun City."

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Georgetown Photo Festival

**GEORGETOWN TEXAS PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL 2020** DOWNTOWN ON THE SQUARE

**FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHERS & Locations**

Don Rypka, Dawn Richardson, Randy Dykstra, Kim Hancock, Emily Robinson, Todd Plybon, Anna Kraft, Cristina Schleifer, Students

Mesquite Creek Outfitters 704 S. Austin Ave  
Novita Spa & Rejuvenation Clinic 109 W. 7th St  
Kenz Guitars 705 S. Main St  
Georgetown Visitors Center 103 W. 7th St  
Handcrafts Unlimited 104 W. 8th St  
The Williamson Museum 716 S. Austin Ave  
Anna Kraft Photography 700 S. Austin Ave #201  
The Escape Fine Crafts & Gifts 713 S. Main St  
Georgetown & EV High School at the Courthouse

**March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

Register for Classes at: [www.williamsonmuseum.org](http://www.williamsonmuseum.org)  
\*Pre-Registration Required\*  
\*Limited Space\*

**EVENTS**

**10AM-4PM** Featured Photographers Meet & Greet on the Square  
**10AM-3PM** Photography Classes in the Court House  
Topics: Creative Lighting, Nature, Basic DSLR, Let's Instagram  
Pre-Registration required at [www.williamsonmuseum.org](http://www.williamsonmuseum.org)  
**9AM-2PM** Photo Walks  
Specific Walk times: 9AM-10AM, 11AM-12PM, 1PM-2PM  
Meet up at 710 S. Main St  
Precision Camera and Video will be in attendance.

Sponsored By: CharlesDenver.com Co-Hosts: David Valdez & The Williamson Museum

Keep up with all that is happening on Georgetown Texas Photography Festival Facebook page and on Instagram at gtx\_photofest.

GEORGETOWN TEXAS PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEWS (con't)



Field Trips

Jim Sandham, Field Trip Director [jsandham77@gmail.com](mailto:jsandham77@gmail.com)

**Zilker Botanical Garden**

Wed Mar 11  
9am carpooling from SC lot near tennis courts  
45 min drive  
Lunch at Shady Grove Restaurant

**Inks Lake State Park**

Thur Apr 9  
9am carpooling from SC lot near tennis courts 60 min drive  
Lunch at Aranya Restaurant in Burnet

Photography Discussion Group

Every Monday, Noon - 2:00 pm  
Game Rooms 1 & 2, Activity Center

The Photography Discussion Group is an all inclusive gathering of photographers: novice to advanced, cellphones to pro-cameras. Discussions will be facilitated by a variety of photographers, experienced in the subject for that day.

**Presenters by Monday-of-the-Month:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Basic camera functions / Bob Maher [rjmaher52@gmail.com](mailto:rjmaher52@gmail.com) **Cancelled for March**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Exploring photography genre / Marsha Larrabee [marsha\\_larrabee@me.com](mailto:marsha_larrabee@me.com)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Smartphone Photography / Jim Newkirk [newkirk12@gmail.com](mailto:newkirk12@gmail.com)
- 4<sup>th</sup>: TO BE DETERMINED - Check Photo Club Calendar
- 5<sup>th</sup>: TBD and may change with the seasons

Come grow with us. Contribute to and learn from our discussions. Bring a friend.

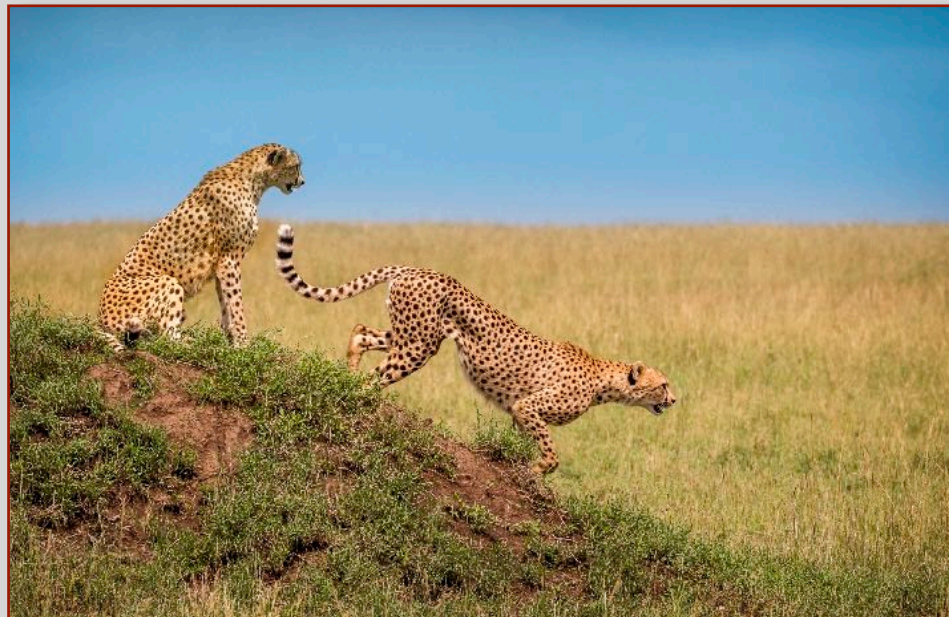


## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Photo Club Recognitions Wall



'Immersed In Her Craft'  
by Cheryl Janssen



'The Hunt' by Keith Walkup

### City of Richardson Photo Contest



Rita Johnston's 'Dancing Free' took 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Amateur Adult Division / People Category



Ken Johnston's 'At The Flower Market'  
Took Best of Show



## ON-SITE EXHIBITIONS

### The Retreat Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 12-15 images each month. The next exhibit date is Mar 16. Register on the club's calendar.

Temporary restrictions: framed images are to be no larger than 16x20. Until the CA gets the slots at the top of the boards redone we can't take the chance of a frame falling off.

Contact Sherry McRae     [topspin53@gmail.com](mailto:topspin53@gmail.com)



### Cowan Creek Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 15 images each month. The next exhibit date is Mar 3. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Larry Lorimor     [larry.lorimor@gmail.com](mailto:larry.lorimor@gmail.com)



### The Activity Center

This venue exhibits 16 images January thru August. Register on the club's calendar.

Bing your photo to hang at a 10AM, usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each scheduled month.

Contact Dean Ginther     [dean.Ginther@gmail.com](mailto:dean.Ginther@gmail.com)



### Solo Wall Showcase

This year, the Photography Club has invited some of its senior members, each of whom is an accomplished photographer, to create a series of monthly "One-Person" exhibits high-lighting many of their recent award-winning photographs.

Seven of the eight who will be exhibiting this year also serve the community as "photography judges" for events like the Williamson County Fair, 4-H Clubs, PTA sponsored events, and various local, state, national, and international contests and "Salons."

The Solo Showcase is on the wall in the Activity Center just outside Game Rooms 1 and 2. The Activity Center is typically open from 8 am to 8 pm.

Upcoming Solo Wall exhibits:

Jim Copps     Mar 1 - 25, 2020

Glenn Rudd     Mar 25 - Apr 17, 2020

[wesodell@gmail.com](mailto:wesodell@gmail.com)

### Mini Gallery

The Photography Club has introduced a new "Mini-Gallery" to give special recognition to those members whose photographs have garnered a significant award "outside" Sun City. A "significant award" is one where a Judge or Jury has made the selections. Not only is this an achievement for the photographer, it enhances the stature of the Sun City Photography Club and Sun City Texas amongst the local, national and international family of Camera and Photography Clubs that are considered "strong competitor clubs." The Sun City Club members have won numerous "outside awards" and this is an attempt to recognize their hard work and excellence, as well as to motivate others to follow.

The Gallery is in Game Room #1 at the Activities Center and open to the public when not otherwise in use.

For more information email [wesodell@gmail.com](mailto:wesodell@gmail.com)

For more information about the Photography Club [Click here](#)



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### Competition SIG

Coordinator, Rick Siersma [richard.j.siersma@gmail.com](mailto:richard.j.siersma@gmail.com)

4<sup>th</sup> Fri every Month 9am - noon Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[Competition SIG Webpage](#)

[Competition SIG Gallery](#)

The advantage of participating in the Competition SIG is that you will receive written comments from three of our club's finest photographers. This SIG is important because it has welcoming, supportive, like-minded members who enjoy sharing positive evaluations through monthly mini-competitions. You will gain confidence and when comfortable, look forward to entering competitive venues of your choosing. Members are welcomed and accepted at any level. You do not need an image to attend this SIG. The three best photos will be displayed in the Activity Center hallway.

For more information please visit the [Competition SIG webpage](#)

#### GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING Feb 28

	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>REVIEW</u>
IMAGES	1	up to 6
IMAGE SIZE	~~~ 2000px on the long side ~~~~	
DEADLINE noon	Fri Feb 21	Thur Feb 27
SUBMIT TO	<a href="mailto:sc.competition.sig@gmail.com"><u>sc.competition.sig@gmail.com</u></a>	

### *Selected for Display*



'Liberty Defiant' by Jerry Meinzer



'Dawn at Chateau Chantilly' by Jaan Goad



'Is It Up Or Down' by Jim Reichel



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con't)



### Nature SIG

Coordinator, Carlos Rio [scnaturephotosig@gmail.com](mailto:scnaturephotosig@gmail.com)

4<sup>th</sup> Fri every Month 1pm Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[Click Here for the Nature SIG webpage](#)

For the February meeting of the SC Nature Photo Sig, we chose a theme we have never had before: Black and White Nature Photographs. Frankly, I was scared that we might not have many submissions. Boy, was I wrong! And were the pictures excellent! Below are the 3 selected by the group as their favorites.

Incidentally, next month will be PSA Nature Digital Competition on 3/27/2020.

Submit those pictures to Allen Utzig one week before the meeting to [scnaturesig@outlook.com](mailto:scnaturesig@outlook.com)



### SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

Mar 27	PSA Nature Competition Digital
Apr 24	From the Ground Up or Photos from Bird Outing to Murphy Lake
May 22	Spring Colors
Jun 26	Animals in the Zoo
Jul 24	Shadows & Silhouettes
Aug 21	Potpourri &/or From the Ground Up
Sep 25	MW
Oct 23	PSA Nature Competition (Digital)
Nov 20	Patterns in Nature
Dec 18	Fall Colors



'Sea Lion' by Dick Barbour



'Matterhorn' by Chris Mayer



'A Dazzle of Zebras' by Marsha Larrabee



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con't)



### iPhone Photography SIG

Coordinator, Bob Bearden [rebsctx@gmail.com](mailto:rebsctx@gmail.com)

1<sup>st</sup> Fri every Month 9am - noon Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[\*\*iPhone Photography SIG Webpage\*\*](#)

[\*\*iPhone Photography SIG Gallery\*\*](#)

#### SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

Mar Patterns

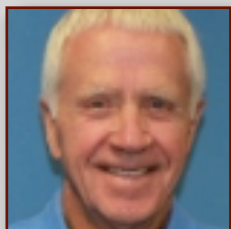
Apr Texas!

May Spring has Sprung

This monthly SIG focuses on helping all club members who use iPhones to understand and use their iPhone cameras to produce better images. Our usual monthly discussions include:

non critical reviews, how-to videos, composition, camera modes and editing

Most importantly this SIG is an opportunity to meet other iPhone camera users in the club and to share how we use our iPhones.

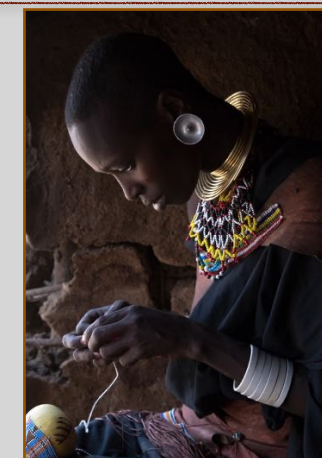


### PSA Print SIG

Coordinators, Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen

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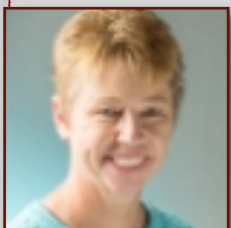
[\*\*PSA Print SIG webpage\*\*](#)



'Immersed In Her Craft'  
Cheryl Janssen

We met January 29 for Round 2 of the PSA Interclub Print Competition (ICPC.) We selected four prints in each of 5 categories for entry in the competition. Congratulations to Cheryl Janssen who received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award in the Large Color category for her print "Immersed in Her Art."

The SIG meets again March 18 for Round 3 selections. You are invited to join us at 8:30 AM in the Photo Club Studio. You may bring one or two prints, un-mounted, in each of five categories: Large Color (16" x 20" max), Large Monochrome, Small Color (8" x 12" max), Small Monochrome, and Creative Altered Reality (either size.)



### Sony Photo SIG

Coordinator, Bob Bearden [rebsctx@gmail.com](mailto:rebsctx@gmail.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Fri every Month 9am - noon Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[\*\*Sony Photo SIG\*\*](#)

[\*\*Sony SIG Gallery\*\*](#)

#### SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

Mar Patterns

Apr Texas!

May Spring has Sprung

This monthly SIG focuses on helping all club members who use Sony mirrorless cameras to understand and use their gear to produce better images. Our usual monthly discussions include: non critical reviews, how-to videos, composition, camera modes & menus, and lenses

Most importantly this SIG is an opportunity to meet other Sony camera users in the club and to share how we use our gear.



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con't)



### Photoshop SIG

Coordinator, Allen Utzig [autzig@outlook.com](mailto:autzig@outlook.com)

**[Photoshop CS-CC SIG Webpage](#)**

The Photoshop SIG is made up of three different groups:

Training Group: Focus is on Using Photoshop

Photoshop lab: Drop in, come with a laptop and an image or images and I (and possibly others) will help you practice

Photoshop SIG: Discussions about how we might use Photoshop to improve our photos

Each Group meets once a month. Please check the Photography Club calendar for the specific dates, times and locations of the meetings. Most of the meetings have been scheduled in our PC Studio (Game Rooms 1 & 2)



### PSA Digital SIG

Coordinator, Mitch Michielutti [imitchmeister@gmail.com](mailto:imitchmeister@gmail.com)

Wed, March 18 10am - noon Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

**[PSA Digital SIG Webpage](#)**



Our PSA Digital Image SIG meets 3 times a year to compete in PSA inter-club competition. We choose the top 6 photos submitted at our meeting in Projected Image Divisions (PID). These are then sent to PSA for judging. Great way to evaluate our photo skills compared to other photography clubs. Join us for a journey to another level of learning and enhance your skills and artistry.

PSA Digital Image SIG Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am.



### Travel Photography SIG

Coordinator, Dr. Howie DiBlasi. [howie@frontier.net](mailto:howie@frontier.net)

1<sup>st</sup> Wed every Month 9am - 11a Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

**[Travel Photography SIG Webpage](#)**

If you are passionate about photography, you love to travel, own a camera and wish to capture stunning pictures, this SIG is for you.

This is a place for people who would like to explore new places and destinations, and take great photos. Meet fellow travel enthusiasts and share your photos from around the world. Discover first-hand recommendations on new destinations and ways to travel. Learn how to take amazing photographs on your next trip. Learn about Scene modes and the other dials and menus on your camera.





## Fun Foto Social

4<sup>th</sup> Fri of the month from 4:00 - 6:00 in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Activities Center

Coordinator, Jim Sandham [jsandham77@gmail.com](mailto:jsandham77@gmail.com)

Please bring enough goodies, snacks, finger food, etc. to share with the rest of the group. As always, remember to bring your own choice of beverage, unless you just like the Activities Center water better.

1. Please resize your images per the guidelines following PSA PID and Nature Inter-club Competition requirements:

Vertical: 1050px or fewer ▪ Horizontal: 1400px or fewer ▪ JPEG format

Image file should be named **PhotogName.PhotoTitle.jpg** e.g. JaneJones.Big Meadow.jpg

2. Attach your photos to an **E-MAIL MESSAGE** sent directly to my address: [jsandham77@gmail.com](mailto:jsandham77@gmail.com) That will enable me to load them onto my laptop PC well before the meeting.

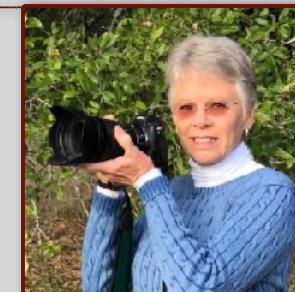
3. DO NOT bring your photos on a FLASH DRIVE. That method is messy and delays the meeting for me and you.

4. Send me no more than ten (10) images each month. Be prepared to "talk to" each of the photos so we can appreciate them better. Send them to me by the end of the Wednesday before that month's Fun Foto Social.



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### Submission Guidelines to The Viewfinder

Articles must be received **by the 24<sup>th</sup>** for next month's newsletter.

Lengthy articles may be edited to fit space. Links will be used for long articles.

Articles must be submitted digitally via email.

Photo submissions must be:

Vertical: 1050px or fewer ▪ Horizontal: 1400px or fewer ▪ JPEG format

Image file should be named **PhotogName.PhotoTitle.jpg** e.g. JaneJones.Big Meadow.jpg

Photographs must be legally reproducible or licensed by the member submitting the photo.

Include relevant information, e.g. contest/show entered, award received.

**NOTE:** Consult the new guidelines for submitting photos to be published on the website and in the newsletter.