The Viewfinder

Sun Cíty Photography Club Newsletter June 2019



Jim Sandham, Photographer of the Month



President's Corner

Dr. Howie DíBlasi 2019 Photography Club President

Spring Is Done and Summer Has Sprung

Make sure you have June 5, on your calendar for our Photography Club Membership Meeting. Welcome to all of our new members and a reminder to check the Club Calender for scheduled events. We have everthing from Special linterest Groups, to classes on Photoshop, iPhone class, Android Class, Nikon and Canon Photography classes, Mentor Groups, Koffee Klatch, Fun Foto Social, <u>Competition SIG</u>, <u>Nature Photography SIG</u>, <u>Photoshop CS CC SIG</u>, <u>PSA Print SIG</u>, <u>PSA</u> <u>DIgital SIG</u>, <u>iPhone Photography</u>, and the <u>Travel Photo SIG</u>.

If you love to travel and take photos, drop in to the Travel Photo Sig on Wednesday June 5, 2019 at the Activity Center, Game Room 1 & 2. We will travel to Tuscany, Italy and see the best places to visit. Then join us on a visit to an Italian Farm and a 3 hr Italian Dinner...plus photo tips for travel.

See you June 5, at 1:45. Have a SUPER-Fantastic Day

Photo Club Studio Availability

Activity Center, Game Rooms 1 & 2

Monday Noon - 4

Wednesday 8 am to noon

Fridays 9 - 5 pm

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June General Meeting

June 5 - Cowan Creek Amenity Center Social - 1:45, Meeting - 2:15

June's theme is Favorite Places, Favorite Faces. Send one or two of your images to scphotoclub@outlook.com no later than Sunday, June 2nd

This month's program is guest speaker Mary Visser. She is a Professor of Art and Photography at Southwestern University. The subject of her presentation will be about composition and design principles and how to put them into action to make a more dramatic and effective image.



Webmaster Needed

New opportunities in my life have deemed it necessary to resign from my duties as the Photography Club's Webmaster. I'll happily stay on as back-up, and even send out required e-mails, but cannot provide the attention that the Photo Club's website deserves. I'm hoping someone rises up to the task - it is helpful to have a fairly good knowledge of computers but I will train and will be available for questions and assistance.

If you are interested, please contact me at <u>cathy0114@gmail.com</u>. Thank you in advance.

Cathy O'Connor

Photographer of the Month June 2019 Jím Sandham



Val and I moved to Sun City in Aug. 2017, and the Photography Club was the first club I joined. My photographic preferences include travel, outdoor, automobile shows, airplanes, botanical gardens, state parks, and all kinds of field trips. I've found that joining the Nature Photography and Competition SIGs in our club has really helped me improve my skill set and techniques.

I got my first camera as a 4th grader, and I've been taking photos ever since. I must have inherited my interest in photography from my grandfather, who was a commercial photographer, and from my uncle who was a serious amateur photographer.

I've owned point & shoot cameras, bridge cameras, along with full-frame film and digital SLRs. Right now I'm using a Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS40 point & shoot camera for travel. I also use a Sony RX10 Mk IV bridge camera for all of the field trips that I lead for our club. I enjoy running the Fun Foto Social for the club each month, where we can all share photos just for the fun of it! <u>Please click here for my gallery</u> (Note: you may be required to log in first).

Each month a club member is featured to help all of us get to know each other just a little bit better. View Rita Johnston's three printed photos at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in April. Sixteen of Marsha's digital images are posted in a gallery on the club's website, along with her biography.

A special thanks to Walt Grabowski for coordinating this exhibit.

Solo Wall Showcase Vívían Turco June 1 through June 30



Theme - Cívíl War Reenactment

My husband, Joe, and I moved to Sun City from Murrieta, California in 2015. I am a Hoosier, born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana.

My very first job was working in the Public Relations Department of The Indianapolis Star and The Indianapolis News. There were times when we did not have enough photographers on staff for an event that the Newspaper was sponsoring, so we had to take our own pictures and that is when I learned to take photographs. Back then it was film, and we had to process our own photos. Times have changed drastically **and for the better!**

I take all types of photographs, but I really love action shots. If you are a member of the Bocce Club, you will see my photos in their monthly newsletter as I am the club photographer.

I attend as many field trips as I possibly can with the Photography Club. The one I most enjoyed is the Civil War Reenactment, which is the theme of my solo wall.

I am active in my church, Grace Episcopal Church. I am an active member of the 59er's Winer Club in Neighborhood 59, Bocce Club, Computer Club and Photography Club.

I thought I was retired but I am busier now than ever and I wouldn't have it any other way. Thanks Sun City Photography Club.

I hope you enjoy my pictures.



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Special thanks to Holly Moore for coordinating this exhibit

"F Troop" in Action

Member Awards and Recognition



Burton Anes won 7th place for "Curvy Road" in DP Review's Road Challenge



Mitch Michielutti won 5th place for "Amsterdam" in DP Review's Architecture in B&W Challenge





Mitch Michielutti won 12th place for "Bridge on Pond" in DP Review's Sony Challenge



Mitch Michielutti won 9th place for "*Navy Fighter*" in DP Review's On the Ground/Water Challenge

Member Awards and Recognition



Holly Moore, PPSA, received an acceptance in the Texas Photographic Society's Annual Competition and Exhibit, for *Abandoned*. The show was juried by Arthur Meyerson. One thousand images were entered representing 200 entrants. Judge Meyerson chose 50 works from 47 artists. More information can be found on the TPS website: <u>https://www.texasphoto.org</u>

The artwork will be exhibited at the Art League of Baytown, from July 3 - August 31, 2019, with an opening reception on Saturday, July 27 from 4-6PM. The exhibit will travel to the Center for Contemporary Art in Abilene and be on view November 21, 2019 thru January 18, 2020, then to Odessa College and be on view from February 3 - March 5, 2020.



Dean Ginther 22nd out of 5,033 submissions for his photo *"El Matador Beach CA Sunset"* in the Online Photocrowd Nature Contest

On-Site Exhibits

The Retreat Amenity Center

This new venue exhibits 15 images each month. The hang date for June is at 10:00 am on June 12. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Sherry McRae topspin53@gmail.com



Cowan Creek Ameníty Center

This venue exhibits 15 images each month. The next hang date is on the June 4th at 10:00 at Cowan Creek. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Sally Graham, sgraham2385@yahoo.com

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The Activity Center



The Activity Center exhibits 17 images each month. Hang date for this location is June 1st. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Dean Ginther dean.Ginther@gmail.com

Legacy Hills Grille This location exhibits five (5) themed photos in the foyer. The hang date for June is on the 29th at 10:00. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Marcela Stegemueller <u>marcelastegemueller@gmail.com</u>

Off-Site Exhibits





Burton Anes Doll Portraits and Lovely Flowers

> **Exhibit** Apr. 30 - Jun. 2, 2019 Café Gallery

For over sixty years, Burton Anes has been photographing interesting people he encounters in daily life. In this exhibit, Anes turns the portrait lens to vintage dolls. Juxtaposed with these arresting doll portraits are still lives of precisely arranged flowers, which mimic the still life oil paintings Anes has viewed in museums over the years.

ART

AT THE LIBRARY

library.georgetown.org/art

Georgetown Public Library 402 W. 8th Street





"Nature at its Best" exhibit by **Sherry McRae** runs from June 4 through July 1st at the Georgetown Library. This show will be located in the first floor cafe gallery. Sherry's nature photography explores the places, people and creatures she encounters throughout life. There will be a free artist reception on June 12 from 6 to 8 PM.

The Georgetown Photographer's Exhibit

The "Georgetown Photographers" are a group of accomplished Williamson County photographers who share a commitment to volunteering as photographic judges. They have served as judges for the Williamson County Fair, 4-H photographic contests, the Photographic Society of America contests, Sun City Photographic Club Special Interest Groups, and a variety other photographic venues. On July 21st the Georgetown Public Library is opening to the public an exhibition of 60 photographs taken by ten of the "Georgetown Photographers". There will be a public reception on July 28th for the artists from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second floor of the Georgetown Library. The exhibition will end on August 23rd.

Off-Site Exhibits - continued

May 31-July 7, 2019 **NOSOTROS** GEORGETOWN ART CENTER

(GAC) invites you to a month of events celebrating art & culture of South America, Central America, Caribbean, Mexico & Southwest of North America

 Saturday, 6/1: Opening Reception 6-8p @ GAC
Catering: La Plaza Market
Music: Alta Asignación

Sunday, 6/2: LatinX Music in Rock 2-4p @ GAC Guest Lecturer: Luis Zapata

Saturday, 6/8: Latin Dance & Music Downtown Georgetown @ 8th & Main 10:30a: Round Rock Ballet Folklorico 11:15a: Mariachi Jalisco

Saturday, 6/15: Canvas Project 5-7p @ Wolf Ranch Shade Plaza Pop-Up Art Exhibit

Thursday, 6/20: Happiness Hour 5-6:30p @ GAC (Members Only) Wine & Cheese: Stanzeski's Cheese Shop Latin Music: East View High School Quartet

Saturday, 6/29: Blessing of the Art Reception 6-8p @ GAC Desserts: Lonzo's Neo-Picante Cuisine





Wes Odell had a photo accepted into the Nosotros Exhibition at the Georgetown Art Center, entitled *Three Folklorico Dancers*.

The exhibit, runs from May 31 to July 7 at the Georgetown Art Center. The artist reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Be Sure to Visit

St David's Georgetown Hospital Healing Arts Gallery Exhibit

May 3 – July 5, 2019

The Photography Club's exhibit for the St David's Georgetown Hospital Healing Arts Gallery will be hung on May 3rd and remain until July 5th. Marge Odell coordinated this exhibit.

Off-Site Exhibits - continued



Wes Odell has three images that are now hanging at Texas State University via Taylor Art Guild and co-sponsored by Round Rock Arts

Before Radar (Lighthouse at Pigeon Point)



Wes Odell currently has an exhibit entitled *Army's Calvary* - featuring 11 photos of calvary action at Fort Hood's Horse Calvary Detachment. at the Taylor Art Guild, 120 West 2nd St in Taylor until June 15.





"Victim of the Drought"

Wes Odell will be presenting an exhibit entitled *"Trees"* at the Taylor Art Guild beginning mid-June.

Georgetown Public Library Art Exhibit "Williamson County Through the Lens"

August 30 - September 24, 2019

The Photograph Club of Sun City will present a Photographic Exhibit Titled "Williamson County through the Lens" In the Georgetown Public Library Cafe Gallery. Our exhibit will be hung on August 30, 2019 and taken down on September 24, 2019.

The theme of the exhibit is "Williamson County Through the Lens". The exhibit will showcase our artistic through-the-lens view of the sights, places, people, wildlife, and things we love to photograph in Georgetown and Williamson County. This leaves things pretty much open as long as it is a photo taken in Williamson County and is family friendly. **The photo entered must not have been exhibited in the Georgetown Public Library at any time in the past.**

There is available space for 28 photos with a maximum outside frame width and height of 26". To allow as many members as possible to participate in this exhibit, the maximum dimensions must be observed. The minimum glass size is 11"x14" with a minimum picture size of 8"x10", nothing smaller. **Photos will be accepted on a first come, first reserved basis.**

All artwork must have a strong and securely fastened wire for the artwork to hang flat. The artwork must have a label on the upper left corner of the back indicating the artist's name, title, phone number or email, and price or "NFS". We hope to exhibit only one photo per photographer.

Registration will begin on June 24, 2019. The last day to register is August 23, 2019 so please sign up early after registration begins.

The hang date is Friday, August 30, 2019 from 9:00am until 11:00am at the table located near the Red Poppy Coffee Co. counter in the library.

A reception will be held at the Cafe Gallery on Friday, September 13, 2019 - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Any questions, please email Will Chapman at willchapman37@gmail.com or call him at (H) (512) 869-6609 or (C) (512) 731-6562.

Off Site Call for Entries, continued

"Big Tex," The State Fair of Texas, has just released its 2019 "Call for Entries" for Photography in its "Creative Arts Contests" catalog. 1. 40 Categories, each with Ribbon Winners, limit one photo per category. - Separate Categories for Professionals - Separate categories for Color and Black & White - All photos must have been taken after Jan 1, 2018 - Print Sizes: from 5x7 through 11x14 - All prints to be affixed to a 11x14 mat board or foam core (No top mats nor frames, nor glass, nor metal prints, nor date or name on image.) 2. Photos must reflect scenes from Texas. 3. Entry fees per item: \$6 except Seniors which are \$2 each. 4. Submissions: Mail-In due July 19th Entry Forms and Brochure available via CREATIVEARTS@BIGTEX.COM 5.

If you are an artist, there is a separate Fine Arts Contest described in the same Form, etc.

Want Help Preparing Your Photo for Exhibition?

Wes Odell has offered to conduct a class that will help you prepare your image for exhibition in the annual club contest, or other venues like the Cowan Amenities Center, Legacy Grill, the Library and St. David's Hospital. The class will include an image evaluation and review for appropriateness. It will consider printing and matting issues including print sizing, offsets, balanced and unbalanced mats, styles, borders, colors and margins.

Participants in the class will receive one 16" x 20" black "standard" or "radius" profile, "Nelson Brand" frame from the American Frame company, a pre-cut commercial double mat, a back mat, glass, hanging wire and "D-Rings" Miscellaneous supplies such as glass cleaner, micro fiber towels and tapes will also be provided. You will provide the print to be framed.

The class will be conducted in three two-hour sessions and class size will be limited to no more than ten nor fewer than five. To participate, you must be a member of the Sun City Photography Club, know the basics of photo editing, know how to your image printed and be new to photo exhibiting.

Dates, times and cost of the class have not yet been determined.

If you are interested in attending this class, please notify us via e-mail to <u>SCPhotoClub@outlook.com</u> by June 15. Classes will be held in Game Rooms 1 & 2. Please indicate your day preference, Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning or Friday. Details will be provided to those interested members.

Fieldtrips With Jim

Spoetzl Brewery on Sat. June 15th

The brewery, where all Shiner Beer varieties come from, is old fashioned and quaint, not all stainless steel and glass. We can watch how they make the beer, and visit their gift shop full of Shiner merchandise. Then we'll go to **Werner's Restaurant** for lunch, followed by a visit to **Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church**, which is one of the famous **Painted Churches of Texas**. Photo ops indoors and outdoors will abound. I have spoken with people at all of these places, and everything is in order. **I have received permission for us to shoot photos inside the brewery and the church -- no surprises.**

The drive is two hours each way, so **let's leave here at 8:45 AM**, arriving at the brewery close to 11:00 AM, which is the time of their first daily one-hour tour. We'll head down the street to Werner's around noon for lunch. Then we can go to the church sometime between 1:00-2:00. If we finish at the church around 3:30-4:00 and head home, we can be back to Sun City close to 6:00 PM. How's that for an exact schedule?

We are car pooling for this trip. I will drive my own car with room for 3 more people. We will need 1 or 2 other cars, depending on how many people sign up for the trip. I will provide some maps, along with background information about the brewery and the church that you can read during the drive down there

Spoetzl Brewery 603 East Brewery St., Shiner, TX 77984 Ph. 1-361-594-3383 https://www.shiner.com

Werner's Restaurant 317 North Ave. E, Shiner, TX 77984 Ph. 1-361-594-2928 https://wernerssteakhouse.com/menu

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church 306 S. Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984 Ph. 1-361-594-3836 https://sscmshiner.org/

If you intend to join us for this trip, I'm sure that you'll be glad you did! Send me an e-mail if you plan to join us. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jim Sandham - jsandham77@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups



Nature SIG Coordinator, Carlos Rio <u>scnaturephotosig@gmail.com</u> Click Here for the Nature SIG webpage

June's Theme: Water and/or Sand

The photos below are Nature Photo SIG's selection from it's May meeting. The 'theme" was "Flowers & Spring Scenes". We will continue to meet on the *4th Friday at 1 PM* throughout the Summer. The dates and "themes" are: June 28 ("Water &/or Sand"), July 26 ("Cactus, Heat,& Rocks"), August 23 (Skies, Moon, Stars, & Sun"). See the Photo club's Website for more details on the SIG. Hope you come.



Charlie Welsh - Lunch



Rita Johnston - Vermillion Fly



Chris Meyer - At the Lily Pond



Cindy Rio



Marsha Larrabee - Summer Flowers



Roger Murphy - Dandelion Puffball



Sue Gavron - The Poppies and The Bee

Special Interest Groups, continued

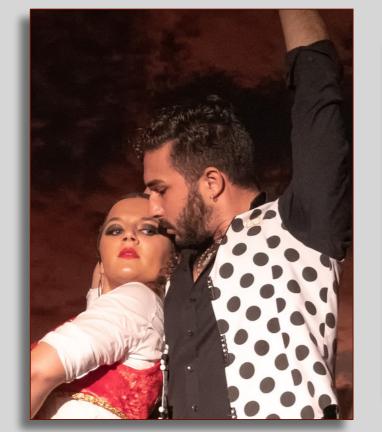


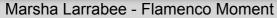
Competition SIG

Coordinator, Rick Siersma richard.j.siersma@gmail.com

Competition SIG Webpage

Club Members are encouraged to attend the SIG's monthly meetings on 4th Friday from 10 am to noon in the Studio (Game rooms 1 & 2 in the Activities Center). Go ahead - take a chance - you will be welcomed and accepted at any level - join us in developing our photographic eye and skills.







Rita Johnston - Texas' beautiful mountains



Randall Best - Hie! Ya! Hie! Ya!

Special Interest Groups - continued...



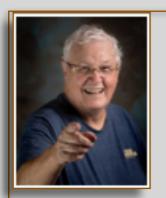
Travel Photography SIG Webpage

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.

Find fun, laughs - and new ways to travel to different venues. Whether you are completely new or experienced, we would love to have you. This is a chance for you to meet fellow likeminded people and find travel friends. Meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month, 9-11 in Activity Center's Game Rooms 1 & 2

Special Interest Groups - continued ...



PSA Digital SIG Coordinator, Mitch Michielutti <u>ibmitch@me.com</u> PSA Digital SIG Webpage



Our PSA Digital Image SIG meets 8 times a year to compete in PSA inter-club competition. We choose the top 6 photos submitted at our meeting in Nature and 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.

Check out the 2018-2019 photos on the PSA Digital's webpage.

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



PSA Print SIG

Coordinators, Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen grudd2@yahoo.com or cherylj2013@att.net PSA Print SIG Webpage



This is both a club and individual competition. For each submittal event, there are awards in each category for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mentions. End of Year certificates and ribbons are also given. This is an International competition with 14 clubs currently participating. Please check the club calendar. SIG meeting attendees are sent email confirmations of these dates.

PSA Print meets the third Wednesday at 8:30 am.



Special Interest Groups - continued ...



Photoshop SIG Coordinator, Allen Utzig <u>autzig@outlook.com</u> Photoshop CS-CC SIG Webpage

The Photoshop SIG is made up of four different groups:

In the Photoshop Training Group, the focus is on Using Photoshop

The second group is a Photoshop lab. Drop in and come with their laptop and an image or images and I (and possibly others) will help you practice

The third group is a true Photoshop SIG where we will talk about how we might use Photoshop to improve our photos

The fourth group relates to "altered reality", that is, compositing two or more images in Photoshop to create a new image.

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)

Discussion Groups



Coffee Klatch

The coffee pot is on!! Join Charlie Byers for coffee and conversation on a wide variety of subjects. If you like, bring photos or videos on a thumb drive to share with the group. Friday, April 12th, 10am - Activities Center GR 1



Discussion Groups, continued



Mentor Discussion Group

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

The *"Mentor Discussion Group"* is a hands-on, topic driven, gathering of members who like to discuss specific photographic topics. It is a friendly, casual, group with multi levels of experience from novice to advanced.

The group is open to all Photo Club members AND any member of the Sun City Community who is thinking of joining...you're welcome to attend two meetings to see if it's helpful before joining the Photo Club.

For more in-depth information and schedule of topics, click here

Contact: Jim Newkirk - newkirk12@gmail.com



Mentor Discussion Group's trip to the Waco Zoo, April 29



Puetz for photo images

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Fun Foto Social

June's Fun Foto Social is on June 28th from 4:00 - 6:00 in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Activities Center.

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.

<u>Please resize your images down to 1200 pixels on the long side</u> (which is more pixels than we need anyway). That way you can attach all of your files to a single e-mail message.

2. <u>Attach your photos to an **E-MAIL MESSAGE** sent directly to my address: <u>jsandham77@gmail.com</u> That will enable me to load them onto my laptop PC well before the meeting.</u>

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

4. Send me <u>no more than ten (10) images</u> each month. Be prepared to "talk to" each of the photos so we can appreciate them better.

5. Send them to me by the end of the Monday before that month's Fun Foto Social.

Contact: Jim Sandham, jsandham77@gmail.com

Comic Relief



Submission Guidelines:

Articles must be received by the 24th of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter

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

Articles must be submitted digitally using e-mail

Submissions must be kept to **4** photos per SIG or event. A link to member photo galleries or albums may be used.

Photographs must be legally reproducible or licensed by the member submitting the photo. Include the Photographer's Name, Photo Title, Contest/Show Entered, Placement Received

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