

# *The Viewfinder*

Sun City Photography Club Newsletter  
March 2019



*Teri Adsit, Photographer of the Month*





## *President's Corner*

Dr. Howie DiBlasi  
2019 Photography Club President

### **March is "Visit A SIG Month"**

#### **Sooooooo... What is a SIG?**

You probably did not know that March is "Visit A SIG Month". As president of the Photography Club I just signed the proclamation for this event. Not really, but I want to welcome all of our new members and encourage you to get involved in a Special Interest Group. I have listed on the next page the active SIG's and encourage you to visit one that interests you. Don't see one that interests you.... Why not start a new SIG, for your special interest in photography?

A Special Interest Group (aka SIG) is a group of people with a common interest in a segment of photography, photo editing or printing. A SIG can be created if members are interested in forming, organizing and running it. SIGs will come and go as interests change.

SIG meetings will normally be held in the Game Rooms 1 & 2 in the Activities Center. The members of a SIG will decide when they will meet and how frequently.

Check the Club Calendar for dates, times and details. The next few pages lists all of the active SIG's as well as links to their webpages.

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### **Photo Club Studio Availability**

#### **Activity Center, Game Rooms 1 & 2**

Monday Noon - 4

Wednesday 8 am to noon

Fridays 9 - 5 pm

## Special Interest Groups



### Nature SIG

Coordinator, Carlos Rio  
[scnaturephotosig@gmail.com](mailto:scnaturephotosig@gmail.com)  
**Nature SIG webpage**

### March's Theme:

Close ups and macros of  
small animals, plants and  
things in Nature

Meetings are generally scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Activity Center's Card Rooms 1 & 2, known to us as "The Studio". At the beginning of each meeting we hope to have a presentation/lecture related to a theme planned for the following months.

So bring your 3-4 photos on that month's theme, on a thumb-disk, at any pixel resolution (but, at least 1,200 pixels along the long edge of the picture so it projects well). After our discussions, we choose the 6 photos which the group considers the best and put them on the Photo Club's Newsletter and/or Nature Photography SIG website page. We hope to see you there!

### February's Theme: Four-legged Wildlife



Carlos Rio - Snow Leopard on the Prowl



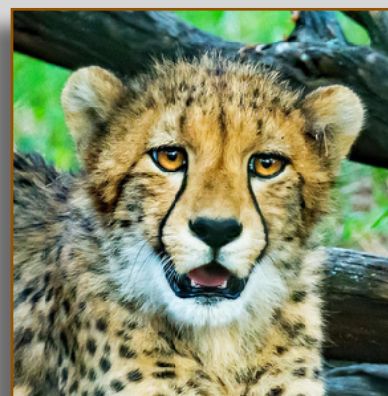
Jim Sandham - Zebra Among Giraffes



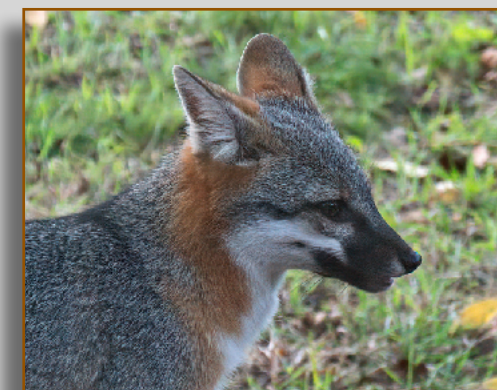
Cindy Wilkerson - Teaching Baby Elephant



Dee Sams. Three Cheetas



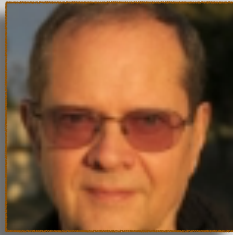
Roger Murphy - Chetah



Dick Barbour. Sun City Fox



## *Special Interest Groups - continued...*



### *Competition SIG*

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



Jim Reichel  
Korean Dogwood



Patty Michielutti  
Into the Garden



Mitch Michielutti  
Oklahoma Bridge



## *Special Interest Groups - continued...*



### *iPhone Photography SIG*

Coordinator, Bob Bearden

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

#### **iPhone Photography SIG Webpage**

This SIG's goal is to share the joy and simplicity of iPhone Photography, to improve our photo skills and enjoy sharing our photos taken with our iPhones.

Our meetings will include:

1. Photos: A review of Subject of the Month photos submitted by the membership. Education: We will review a key feature/capability of your iPhone camera each month.
2. Video of the month: We will watch informative presentations by noted iPhone photo educators to help you improve your skills.
3. Photo Editing: We will review how to use the Apple Photos app that came with your iPhone to improve the look of your images.
4. Alternative Camera or Editing apps: We will spot light popular camera and editing apps that you can use on your iPhone.

Meetings are scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 9am to noon in the Activity Center's Game Rooms 1 & 2.



### *Travel Photography SIG*

Coordinator, Dr. Howie DiBlasi

[howie@frontier.net](mailto:howie@frontier.net)

#### **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*

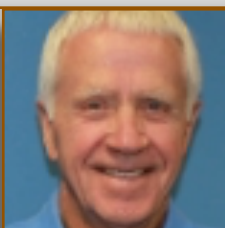
Coordinator, Mitch Michielutti  
[ibmitch@me.com](mailto:ibmitch@me.com)

#### **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 photo on the PSA Digital's webpage.

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



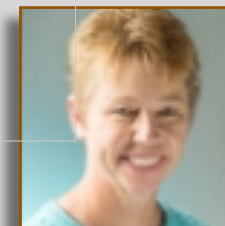
### *PSA Print SIG*

Coordinators, Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen  
[grudd2@yahoo.com](mailto:grudd2@yahoo.com) or [cherylj2013@att.net](mailto: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

[autzig@outlook.com](mailto:autzig@outlook.com)

**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)



## March at a Glance



Date	Event	Time
Fri, 1st	iPhone Photography SIG	9:00 - Noon
Fri, 1st	Activity Center Hang Date	10:00
Fri, 1st	Board Meeting	2:00
Mon, 4th	Mentor Discussion	Noon
Mon, 4th	Photoshop SIG	2:15
Tues, 5th	Cowan Creek Hang Date	10:00
Wed, 6th	Travel SIG	9:00 - 11:00
Wed, 6th	General Meeting	1:45 - 4:00
Fri, 8th	Koffee Klatch	10:00
Mon, 11th	Mentor Discussion	Noon
Mon, 11th	Basic Photoshop	2:15 - 4:15
Wed, 13th	Photoshop - Altered Reality	10:00
Fri, 15th	Photoshop Training Group	1:00
Mon, 18th	Mentor Discussion	Noon
Mon, 18th	Photoshop Lab	2:15
Wed, 20th	PSA Print SIG	8:30
Wed, 20th	PSA Digital Image SIG	10:00
Fri, 22nd	Competition SIG	10:00 - Noon
Fri, 22nd	Nature SIG	1:00 - 4:00
Fri, 22nd	Fun Foto Social	4:00 - 6:00
Mon, 25	Mentor Discussion	Noon
Fri, 29th	Board Meeting	2:00

## General Meeting

March 6, 2019  
Cowan Creek Amenities Center

Social gathering at 1:45. Meeting begins at 2:15.

### Subject of the Month - Texas!

Send Photos to: [SCphotoclub@outlook.com](mailto:SCphotoclub@outlook.com)

### Guest Speaker: Ted Keller

<http://photographybytedkeller.com/about-us.html>



Ted Keller has more than 30 years experience as a freelance nature photographer. His portfolio includes compelling images from: the US mainland, Alaska and Hawaii; Africa; Central America; South America; Australia; New Zealand; and Europe. For over ten years Ted applied his photographic expertise and prior corporate management experience to serve as a shareholder, business officer (corporation President 4 yrs), consultant, and teaching assistant for a major photography workshop corporation. In that capacity he was privileged to be taught by, and to photograph side-by-side with, many of the greatest nature photographers in the world. Today, Ted continues to sell and publish images, provides photographic consulting, and teaches photography classes. He especially enjoys working with beginners as a photography "Personal Trainer."





*Photographer of the Month*  
*March 2019*  
*Teri Adsit*



[Click here to view Teri's gallery](#)

My husband, Fred, and I moved here to Georgetown from Austin in 2004, and I retired shortly thereafter from my career as a semiconductor chip mask designer.

Most of my photos have been taken while on vacation trips, the photo club trips, and Fred's famous "drive abouts." My favorite place to photograph is Colorado in the fall. I love hearing the elk trumpeting while I'm taking photos. I don't consider myself a "serious" photographer, but when I do take pictures, it's all about the art of composition - capturing the detail and color. I'm open to all types of outdoor photography, but I don't concentrate exclusively on one subject.

Recently, we upgraded my Panasonic big camera to a Sony RX10 - don't care for changing lenses. It has a fantastic zoom. Its an easy camera to operate, especially since Burton taught me just to put it in "P" and shoot away, adjusting the EV as needed.

My other hobbies include cooking, wine tasting, and decorating.

I like being part of the Photography Club, and hope to take even more advantage of its opportunities in the future. Thank you for taking the time to view my collection.

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

A special thanks to Walt Grabowski for coordinating this exhibit.

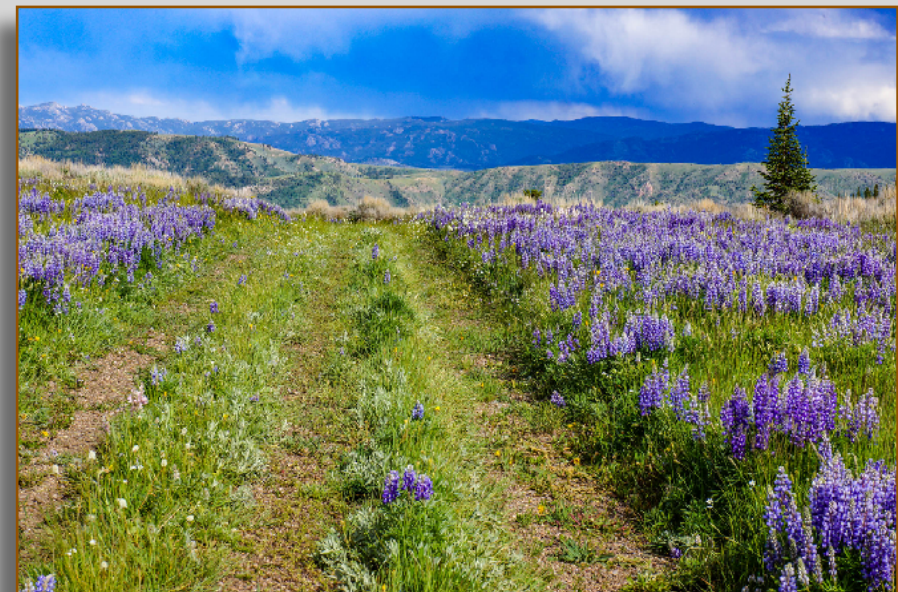


*Solo Wall Showcase  
March 1 through March 31*

*Mary Campbell*

My Solo Wall theme for March is “A Taste of Wyoming.” Wyoming is defined by its mountain ranges on the western side and vast, high-elevation prairies on the east. It is famous for Yellowstone National Park and the Tetons, hundreds of animal species, unusual wildflowers, and very few people. My husband, Jim, and I have lived in Wyoming most of our lives but enjoy being “Winter Texans” in Sun City. We return to Wyoming for the summer, where we spend much of our time traveling on remote mountain trails in our side-by-side 4-wheeler. It is there we have the privilege of viewing stunning vistas as well as wildflowers that can only be discovered at elevations above 9000’.

My journey with photography began in 2014 with a Sony NEX-5 mirrorless camera and a desire to take better pictures of my grandchildren. I had no idea what I was doing or the world that little camera was going to open to me. I am so grateful to the Photography Club for welcoming me, teaching me, and for this opportunity to share just a taste of Wyoming.

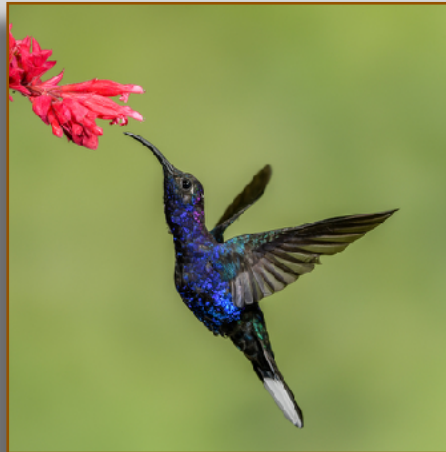


Special thanks to Holly Moore  
for coordinating this exhibit



## Member Awards and Recognition

### PSA Nature Competition - Honorable Mentions



Glenn Rudd  
Violet Sabrewing



Jaan Goad  
You Have My Attention



**viewbug**

Congratulations to Burton Anes, who won "Top Shot" award from Viewbug for his photo of "Happy Banker".



[Link to DP Review Challenge Website](#)

Burton Anes placed 8th place out of 58 entries for his photo entitled "Single Tulip"



## Off-site Exhibits



### **Dave Werner, Solo Exhibit Georgetown Library March 3 at Noon through April 28 at Noon**

The title of the exhibit is "Poppies, Georgetown, Horses & Longhorns: Select Photographs of David Werner" which includes select photos of the Georgetown Square, Local Poppies, Horses and Longhorns from around the Williamson County area. There will be about 26 photos on display in and around the Red Poppy Cafe during the two month period.

The exhibit is listed on the library's art calendar now:

<https://library.georgetown.org/events/dave-werner>



One of **Dave Werner's** poppy photos was used as the header on the March 2019 issue of the **Reporter** (the newsletter that goes out with the utility bills) and an article announcing his exhibit at the Library.

*Congratulations Dave!!*

### **St David's Georgetown Hospital Healing Arts Gallery Exhibit**

**May 3 – July 5, 2019**

Please Consider Exhibiting - Register Today  
**Last day to register is March 31st**

The Photography Club's exhibit for the St David's Georgetown Hospital Healing Arts Gallery will be hung on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and remain until July 5<sup>th</sup>. There is available space for approximately 30 photos depending on frame size. Marge Odell is coordinating this exhibit.

When selecting your artwork to exhibit, please consider that it be both family and hospital friendly. Please exhibit new art that you have not submitted to this gallery in the past. Artwork may be For Sale or Not for Sale.

Any questions please email Marge at [margeodell@gmail.com](mailto:margeodell@gmail.com) or call her at 512-863-8283.



## On-Site Exhibits

### *Cowan Creek Amenity Center*

This venue exhibits 15 images each month. The hang date for March is on the 5th at 10:00 at Cowan Creek. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Sally Graham,  
[sgraham2385@yahoo.com](mailto:sgraham2385@yahoo.com)

### *The Legacy Grille*

This location exhibits five (5) themed photos in the foyer. The hang date for March is on the 30th at 10:00. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Marcela Stegemueller  
[marcelastegemueller@gmail.com](mailto:marcelastegemueller@gmail.com)

### *The Activity Center*

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

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

## Fun Foto Social

March's Fun Foto Social is on March 22 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.

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

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

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

## Fieldtrips, Discussion Groups and Classes



### Fieldtrips with Jim

**Coming up on March 23**, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site - Cost \$9.00. More information will be forthcoming.

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/washington-on-the-brazos>

**Watch your e-mail for Information regarding registration, meet times, carpool information, etc.**

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



### 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, March 8th, 10am - Activities Center GR 1



### 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](mailto:newkirk12@gmail.com)



## March Class



Bob Beardon  
Class Instructor

### Introduction to Canon Digital Photography

The purpose of this class is to orient students to their Canon DSLR (EOS & EOS Rebel) and Canon Compact (Powershot S, SX & G) digital cameras. Class size will be limited to 15 students to help insure that enough one on one time with the instructor will be available to help each student learn how use their cameras. The focus of the class will be to show you the capabilities of your cameras and to show you how the instructor uses his Canon Cameras to photograph varied subjects but emphasizing Travel and Landscape photography.

Class time will be a mixture of instruction and video presentations and Q&A. This is a four month (4 class course) and you should not register to attend unless you can attend at least the first two classes on April 24th and May 22nd. This course may be offered again in the fall, so if you have conflicts in April and May, please plan to take a later offering of this class. Thanks

Class Dates: April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24  
Class Times: 9:00 - 11:30 am

**Registration Opens March 1**



## Bits & Pixels



### Georgetown Texas Photography Festival

David Valdez and the Williamson Museum host the first annual “Georgetown Texas Photography Festival” March 16, 2019 on the Square in beautiful Georgetown, Texas. The event is free and open to the public. Come see some great photography, have a chance to talk to the invited photographers and take some photos.

The Georgetown Texas Photography Festival will highlight invited photographers and showcase the works of photographers interested in showcasing their photography.

For more information, visit the Georgetown Texas Photography Festival Facebook page. [Click Here](#)



Alice Burghart requests members share their images on the **Sun City Photography Club's Facebook** page. All members are welcome to join. [Click Here](#)



Please contact Susie Peters at the March General Meeting. Susie will be at the sign in desk or contact her at 630-697-8383 [niceeasy104@gmail.com](mailto:niceeasy104@gmail.com). Minimum of three tags needed to order.



## Comic Relief



Handy with computers? Want to be on the cutting edge of what's going on in the Photography Club? I am currently looking for an assistant webmaster or to be a back-up for the newsletter.

If interested, contact Cathy O'Connor, [cathy0114@gmail.com](mailto:cathy0114@gmail.com)

Click Here To  
Volunteer

### 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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