

# *The Viewfinder*

Sun City Photography Club Newsletter

February 2019



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*Jerry Meinzer, Photographer of the Month*





## *President's Corner*

Dr. Howie DiBlasi  
2019 Photography Club President

As I begin to serve you and the Photography Club, I am excited for the new opportunities and challenges for 2019. Our leadership board is exploring new adventures in the area of workshops and photo opportunities for members.

Over the next 3 months I will be visiting the Photography SIG's and workshops to meet you. I am also visiting other clubs to better understand how we can increase our membership and offer new photographic opportunities for our members.

At our monthly meeting, I will be introducing 5 new areas to offer members an opportunity to share their expertise and experience to our members.

1. What's Up With App – 2 apps you can use on your phone, to expand the power of your Smartphone
2. I Bought This Camera Because... Each month one of our members will share their new camera, its features and why they bought it
3. Take Your Best Shot – Members share the 5 favorite photos- how they took the photo and the story behind it
4. Trip-IT- Photo Story of your vacation or trip-20 photos tell the story
5. Do It – Demonstration of an application, software or video on Photography

See you Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019 as we explore our new adventures.

*Dr. Howie*  
[howie@frontier.net](mailto:howie@frontier.net)

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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

### **2019 Board Members**

Howie DiBlasi, President

Larry Lorimor, VP of Administration

Allen Utzig, VP of Programs & Education

Bob Bearden, Secretary

Keith Walkup, Treasurer

## February 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
Tues 5th	Basic Photography Workshop	1:30 - 3:30
Wed, 6th	Travel SIG	9:00 - 11:00
Wed, 6th	Basic Photography Workshop	9:30 - 12:30
Wed, 6th	General Meeting	1:45 - 4:00
Fri, 8th	Koffee Klatch	10:00
Fri, 8th	Photoshop Training	1:00 - 3:00
Mon, 11th	Mentor Discussion	Noon
Mon, 11th	Photoshop Lab	2:15 - 4:15
Wed, 13th	Photoshop - Altered Reality	10:00
Fri, 15th	Android Phone Photography	9:00 - Noon
Mon, 18th	Mentor Discussion	Noon
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

## General Meeting

February 6, 2019  
Cowan Creek Amenities Center

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

Treats will be provided by Teri Adsit for this month **only**. Club members will resume providing treats next month.

Subject of the Month - **Favorite Images From 2018**

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



*Guest Speaker*  
Kathy Adams Clark

[Visit her website](#)



We are looking for volunteers that can cover the Photography Club booth at CA New Resident Orientations and Chartered Club Fairs that CA hold in the Ballroom. All you'll need to do is tell people about the club and pass out information flyers on club activities.

**If interested, contact Weldon Shelton, [zjet67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zjet67@sbcglobal.net)**

Handy with computers? Want to be on the cutting edge of what's going on in the Photography Club? We are currently looking for an assistant webmaster.

**If interested, contact Cathy O'Connor, [cathy0114@gmail.com](mailto:cathy0114@gmail.com) or Larry Lorimor, [larry.lorimor@gmail.com](mailto:larry.lorimor@gmail.com)**



## Photographer of the Month February 2019 Jerry Meinzer



Arizona Prairie Dog



Smithville Desperado

[Click Here to view Jerry's Gallery](#)

Originally from Ohio, I've lived in Michigan, Illinois, New Jersey and Colorado before arriving in Texas in December 2015. I started taking snapshots back when slide film and flash cubes were all the rage. It wasn't until the 1990s that I got interested in the technical aspects of photography when I got my first SLR and joined the Peaks Peak Camera Club in Colorado Springs.

Unfortunately, when film went out of vogue, I lost some interest in photography. I've had a few digital point and shoot cameras since then before settling on a DSLR.

Since joining the photography club, I have taken advantage of several classes and SIG meetings which has helped me improve my technical knowledge as well as creating better compositions. The many club members I have interacted with have inspired me to become a better photographer.

I tend to gravitate towards landscape and architectural photography, primarily as they don't tend to move much, giving me more time to think thru settings and composition. I am working to improve my photography of animals, people and street scenes.

Following retirement in a few months, I hope to get more involved in the club.

Each month a club member is featured to help all of us get to know each other just a little bit better. View Jerry Meinzer's three printed photos at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in February. Sixteen of Jerry's digital images are posted in a gallery on the club web site along with his biography. His image, *Rider\_ 1095* is featured on the front page of this issue.

A special thanks to Walt Grabowski for coordinating this exhibit.



# *Solo Wall Showcase*

## *February 1 - 28, 2019*

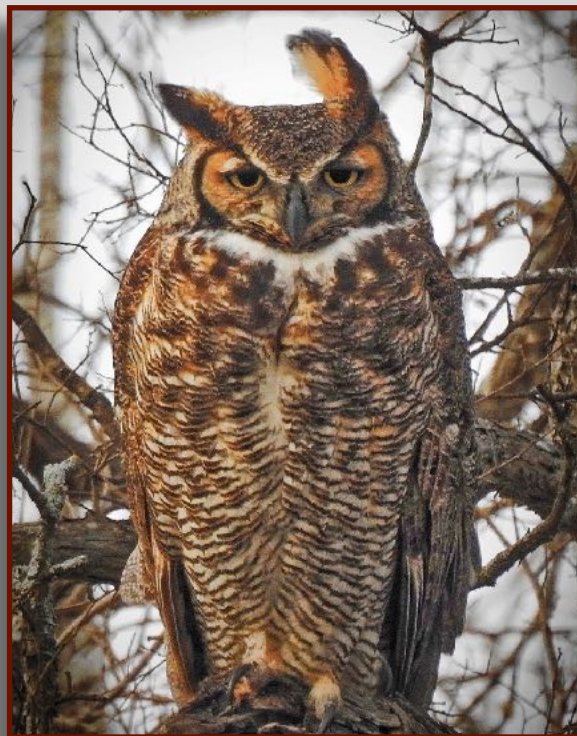
### *Rita Johnston*

Rita Johnston is a native Texan, spending most of her life in major Texas cities. She obtained her B.A. and M.S. in City Planning from The University of Texas at Austin, and worked in that field for 30 years. While her career interests involved projects in cities, she loved traveling to beautiful nature spots.

She and her husband, Ken Johnston, retired in 2007, and bought their first RV. They have since traveled to many national parks and 32 states. In 2009 they added birding as a hobby, and Rita has listed 448 species of birds on eBird.

Rita and Ken moved to Sun City in 2016 and love it! Rita joined the Photography Club in 2017 and is grateful for the people and SIGs. She recently won First Place in the People Category for her "Georgetown Tattoo Girl."

The show was shot with a Nikon Coolpix P900 and a Sony RX10iv. It reflects her love of photographing people, nature, and birds.



Special thanks to Holly Moore for coordinating this exhibit



## Member Awards and Recognition

The Photographic Society (PSA) would like to congratulate the Sun City Texas Photography Club for reaching a PSA Membership Milestone. Your organization will receive a commemorative certificate to recognize PSA membership and commitment. PSA encourages you to have this Milestone Certificate presented by a club or council representative at a camera club, council, or Chapter meeting.

On the certificate your club name will appear as:

Sun City Texas Photography Club  
10 Years (as of 2019)



Congratulations on this PSA Membership Milestone. PSA appreciates your organization's continued membership and looks forward to our joint explorations in the world of Photography for years to come.



[Link to DP Review Challenge Website](#)

Register on DP Review website to join. No fees. There are fun challenges each week. Challenges are photographic mini-competitions with no prize other than glory. Open to all DP Review members and judged by popular vote.



Burton Anes won **Second Place** in the "Canon Challenge" with his photo "**Silver Leaf**"



Mitch Michielutti won **Fourth Place** "**Big Foot Gets a Call**"



Fred Adsit won **Sixth Place** in the "Your City - Cranes" Challenge



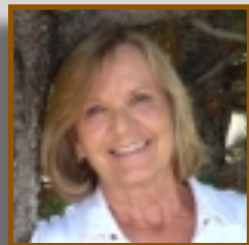
Burton Anes won **Third Place** in the "Something Out of Place Challenge" With his photo, "**Green with Envy**"



## More Member Recognition...



Photographs from Dee Sams, Burton Anes, Faith Burns, Anne Marshall, Chuck Fletcher, and David Werner are in the February edition of Sun Rays



Congratulations to Dee Sams for the front cover of February's issue of Sun Rays.



Congratulations to Burton Anes for his images accompanying the Nature Club's Astronomy SIG Article. Page 87



Dave Werner's photo accompanied the article "Drawn to It" about Dick Johnson and his world of auto design. See article and photo - page 80



Burton also had an image accompanying the article "On the Ball," Bill Benton's love of baseball. See article and photo - page 52

**Congratulations to Dee Darius Sams** for completing her third Photographic Society of America (PSA) course, "Creating Competitive Images". Over the last year she has also completed the "Individualized Photography" and "Image Analysis" courses. She feels these courses have been very helpful in improving her photographic skills.



## 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>

The City Communications Department is planning to use one of **Dave Werner's** poppy photos as the header on the **Reporter** (the newsletter that goes out with utility bills) and will use a second photo to put with their Article announcing his exhibit. *Congratulations Dave!!*



## On-Site Exhibits

### Cowan Creek Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 15 images each month. The hang date for February 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 February is on the 23rd 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 February 1st. Register on the club's calendar.

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

## Fun Foto Social

February's Fun Foto Social is on February 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 with Jim



As most of you know, Weldon Shelton has stepped down from being our Field trip Coordinator. But, have no fear Fieldtrippers, Jim Sandham has stepped up to the plate and is now our new field trip leader.

With Jim's multi-year experience leading field trips for several photography clubs in the Houston area, we are in good hands and look forward to his field trips.

The first field trip of the year will be on **February 23** to the Georgetown Classic Car and Vintage Plane Show at the Georgetown Airport. The cost is FREE!!

This is an outdoor event, with limited access to food vendors.

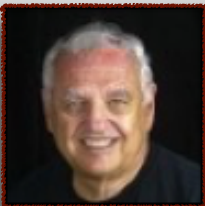
The show is for car nuts and airplane fanatics of all ages. [Click Here for More Information](#)

**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, February 8th, 10am - Activities Center GR 1



## Classes and Discussion Groups



### *Android Photography Smartphone Class*

*Instructor: Dr. Howie DiBlasi*

February 15, 2019 - 9:00 to Noon  
Game Rooms 1 & 2, Activity Center  
Class is limited to 10 Registrations

This is a class suitable for people who have used their smartphones and want to use various apps to take better photos with their phones. Knowledge of the basic and fundamental operation of the Android phone is required.

This class will show you how to use simple Photo apps that will make your life easier.

For more in-depth information, [click here](#) for the class webpage.

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



### *Mentor Discussion Group Coordinator: Jim Newkirk*

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@mail.com](mailto:newkirk12@mail.com)

### *Kathy Adams Clark Workshop*

The Kathy Adams Clark Photography workshops are scheduled for February 5 and 6. Some of those planning to attend have cancelled for various reasons and seats have opened at both sessions. If you have not registered and would like to, please contact me by e-mail and I will try to get you registered. This is a first come first served opportunity, so if you would like to attend, contact me soon at [autzig@outlook.com](mailto:autzig@outlook.com).



## Special Interest Groups



### *Nature SIG*

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

Friday, February 22 - 1:00 pm  
Activity Center, Game Room 1

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

The Nature Photo SIG will be making changes with the goal of helping our members prepare some of their photos for "competitions" within and outside of Sun City. The plan is to have an experienced member of the club available at the end of our meetings and give one-on-one coaching to those interested in obtaining such advice. If you would like more information about our SIG, please email Carlos Río at: [scnaturephotosig@gmail.com](mailto:scnaturephotosig@gmail.com)

### January's Theme: Guys with Wings, Things that Fly



Rick Siersma - Scarlet Macaw



Carlos Rio - Lonesome Frigate



Chris Meyer - Heron at Berry Creek



Dean Ginther - Blue Jay



Jim Sandham



Roger Murphy - Flying Meal



## Special Interest Groups - continued....



### Competition SIG

Coordinator, Rick Siersma

[richard.j.siersma@gmail.com](mailto:richard.j.siersma@gmail.com)

Friday, February 22, 2019 - 10:00

Activities Center, Game Room 1

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 four best photos will be displayed in the Activity Center hallway.



Patty Michielutti - Ford



Mitch Michielutti - Cowpoke



Larry Lipford - High Plains Cold Front



Walt Grabowski - I'll Take Two

## Special Interest Groups - continued...



\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*

### *iPhone Photography SIG*

Coordinated by Bob Bearden

This is a new SIG, the first meeting is on **February 1st** from 9:00 - Noon in the Activity Center, Game Rooms 1 & 2. Future meetings will be held on the 1st Friday of each month, same time, same place.

Our meetings will include:

1. Photos
2. Education
3. Video of the month
4. Photo Editing
5. Alternative Camera or Editing apps

Please visit the iPhone Photography' SIG's webpage [here](#) for more in-depth information.

Contact Bob Bearden, rebsctx@gmail.com



### *Travel Photography SIG*

Coordinated by Dr. Howie DiBlasi  
Monday, February 4 (Date Change)  
9 - 11 am

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

For more information and notes from previous Travel Photography SIG meetings, please visit the Travel Photography webpage [here](#)

Contact Dr. Howie DiBlasi, howie@frontier.net



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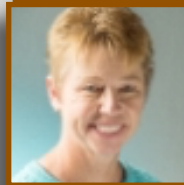
### PSA Digital SIG

Coordinated by Mitch Michielutti, the PSA Digital SIG meets 8 times per year to compete in inter-club competitions. The last competition for Nature and Projected Image was on January 9.

For more information, contact Mitch at [ibmitch@me.com](mailto:ibmitch@me.com)

To see January's Nature and Projected Image Entries, [click here](#)

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



### PSA Print SIG

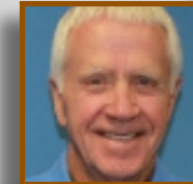
Coordinated by Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen

Competition will be un-matted, un-mounted and un-framed, monochrome and color prints. There are four submittals a year to PSA Print.

Co-chaired by Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen, PSA Print meets the third Wednesday at 8:30 am.

The next SIG meeting is on March 20.

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



### Photoshop SIG

Coordinated by Allen Utzig

The Photoshop SIG will meet on the first Monday of each month at 2:15 in Game rooms 1 & 2. See February 4th on the calendar. The Photoshop Training Group will meet at 1:00 PM on the second Friday of the month, February 8th.

We will hold the Photoshop Lab in Game rooms 1 & 2 of the Texas Drive Amenity Center on the Monday following the training group. See February 11 at 2:15.

The Altered Reality group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. See February 13th at 10. We will meet in Game rooms 1 & 2.

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

## Bits & Pixels

### Travel Workshop / Tours Survey

Kathy Adams Clark is conducting a survey for travel workshop/tours and has asked us to help her by completing a survey. The answers will be anonymous and she will not gather names or e-mail addresses. To participate in her survey, click on this link: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eg1h0hssjr6z0vss/start>



### 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](#)



Sun City Texas Photography Club



Your Name Here

Please contact Susie Peters at the February General Meeting. Susie will be at the sign in desk or contact her at 630-697-8383 [niceneasy104@gmail.com](mailto:niceneasy104@gmail.com). Minimum of three tags needed to order.



## Comic Relief



## A Note from the Editor

Since this is my first edition of the the Photography Club's newsletter, I started by trying out different formats. Finally, I decided not to change much of anything. Besides, Patty won an award for her newsletter - can't do much better than that!! So, as the saying goes, "Imitation is the best form of flattery", so, I settled on the same basic format with just a few subtle changes. I sincerely hope everyone enjoys these newsletters - the ones from the past, and the ones of the future. If anyone has any suggestions on things that could be changed, added, deleted, etc., please let me know.

### Now, for some 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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