

The Viewfinder

Sun City Photography Club Newsletter
September 2019



Milky Way, Fort Griffin

Shelia Richards, Photographer of the Month



The next General Meeting will be on
September 4 at Cowan Creek Amenity
Center Social - 1:45, Meeting - 2:15

The Photography Club will be hosting a very special guest speaker, Kevin Gourley. Kevin is a full time professional photographer and Instructor based in Austin. He leads photography workshops in Rocky Mountain National Park every July and September. Kevin will talk about this magnificent national park and he will present a

variety of tips on how to get better nature, landscape, and wildlife photographs. You can apply these tips for any nature photography to create better images! Attendees will receive a special Sun City discount on his 2020 Rocky Mountain Photography Workshops. For some additional information, click on the link below.

<https://www.kgphotoworkshops.com/>

Good News!!

Good news! Sue Puetz has agreed to take on the Photography Club's Viewfinder Newsletter effective October. I'm sure she will do a suburb job. Also, there's more good news..... Marsha Larrabee has agreed to take over e-mail blasts and calendaring functions on the web. In fact, she has already been doing it!

I'll be taking care of the Photo Club's website (except for the calendar). With the additional help, I might actually have some time to do some things with the website that I've been wanting to do for a long time.

I'm sure the transition will be seamless, but if anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us. Here's our contact information:

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Marsha Larrabee, E-mail Blaster & Calendar Admin - marsha_larrabee@me.com

Sue Puetz, Editor - The Viewfinder - sspuetz@gmail.com

Photographer of the Month
September 2019
Shelia Richards



My name is Shelia Heflin Richards, I was born in Houston and Raised in Beaumont, Texas. I am truly a proud Texas girl. I have always been creative and the camera was part of my tools. I was struck with a virus at 52, Guillain-Barre' syndrome. This disease strikes the nervous system. I nearly lost my eye site. My physical therapist used my camera to motivate me. It was the beginning of a beautiful passion. I lost my dad and husband very close together in 2015. That is what brought me to Sun City and my journey for my masters in PPA. I love landscapes and wildlife, especially birds. I have only one child Jonathan and his wife Marie Richards from Phluggerville. It's almost been 4 years since coming to Sun City. I am finally staying here all the time and loving my home here and the open door of beautiful scenery around us. I never taking anything for granted. My eyes see the most amazing sites now, or maybe it's because I appreciate God's creation in a sunset, or bird in flight, or just a reflection on a building or lake. I tell my friends, I'm just a girl with a camera on a journey to her masters and just loving being Shelia...

[CLICK HERE](#) to view my gallery (note - you will need to log into the website first.)

Each month a club member is featured to help all of us get to know each other just a little bit better. View Shelia Richards' three printed photos at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in April. Sixteen of Shelia'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
Teri Adsit
August 1 through August 31**

Theme: As Clouds Go By



Most of the photos in this exhibit, which I'm calling "As Clouds Go By," I took while on vacation trips and my husband Fred's famous "drive abouts." My favorite places to photograph are Colorado and New Mexico in the fall and the Texas Hill Country during the "yellow and red flower" season in the spring after the bluebonnets are done. I love the yellows and oranges of the changing Aspens and hearing the elk trumpeting while I'm taking photos in the high country.

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 the light. I'm open to all types of still-life and outdoor photography, but I don't focus exclusively on any one type. Lately, though, I've been concentrating on trying to get more clouds in my photos to make my outdoor images more dramatic. These recent images in this exhibit are from Angel Fire and Taos, New Mexico, and Ennis, Brenham, Castroville, and Willow Loop, Texas.

I like being a part of the Sun City Photography Club and hope to take even more advantage of its opportunities in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to view my solo collection at the Atrium in August. Hope you enjoy it.

In closing, I'd like to give a special shout out to My People Productions for helping me put this show together.

Special thanks to **Holly Moore** for coordinating this exhibit

* Because there wasn't an August issue of *The Viewfinder*, Teri's Solo exhibit wasn't announced. My sincerest apologies for that. However, please visit her on-line gallery at <https://teri-adsit.pixels.com/>



Dawn at Angel Fire Cabin

*Solo Wall Showcase
Faith Burns
September 1 through September 30*

Theme: A Variety of Things I Love to Photograph!



I joined the Photography Club in December of 2015. I was using a Nikon Coolpix P510. I've taken photos my whole life, but once I joined the Photography Club, I wanted to take better photos and to learn how to use a better camera. My first DSLR camera was a Nikon D7100, and it was marvelous. With mentoring and going to as many SIGs as I could, getting critiqued was hard, but I learned from them and, going on most of the field trips, I progressed over the next 2 years. I traded in the Nikon and bought a Sony A7RII Mirrorless camera with one lens, the FE 3.5/6.3, 24-240.

I love taking photos of just about everything: animals of all kinds, bug/insects, snakes, trees, flowers, clouds, sunsets and sunrises, people, kids, wildlife, buildings, etc. If it looks interesting to me, I take a picture of it and try to make it special. I do process all my photos, some just bit and some with a bit of over-kill processing to make them stand out. I do try to make every photo as sharp as I can or process them in a way so they look more interesting.

When I signed up for the Solo Wall I thought I would hang most of my crystal ball photos, but my photography is much more than that. So I've chosen my favorite photos, which changed every day. There are too many I like, so these are, for the moment, my favorites.

For more of Faith's photography, please visit her website at:

<https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/faith-burns.html>

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Indian Paintbrush Flowers

Photography Club News

Legacy Grille Exhibit OUT OF AFRICA

Our Photography Club and the Visual Arts Club will cohost the exhibit this month.

The five photographers exhibiting have all traveled to various parts of Africa:

They are:

Ruby Pecot, Ursula Pinner, Glenn Rudd, Keith Walkup, Joan Wilson

The Visual Arts Club member exhibiting is:

Sung Cha Brooks

Please come by and see their work. It will be hanging beginning September 28 through October 25, 2019.

Registration for the month of November will begin on October 26 at 10 AM.

Solo Wall Showcase

In 2020 the Solo Showcase ("Solo Wall") will be coordinated by Wes Odell. There will be two Solo Wall Exhibits in July plus six others, all in the Activity Center, some a little longer than one month and some a little shorter due to the commitments to relinquish the area for two VAC exhibits and the Photo Club Competition. For information regarding exhibiting on the Solo Wall during 2020 please contact him at wesodell@gmail.com

Eleventh Annual Print Competition and Exhibition

CALL TO PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Eleventh Annual Print Competition and Exhibition, will take place November 9, 2019 through December 28, 2019 with registration beginning October 1, 2019. This is a judged Print Competition, with ribbon awards going to First, Second, and Third Place in each of nine categories. Honorable Mention ribbons will also be awarded. There will be a "Best in Show" and a "People's Choice" award.

Acceptance of submissions is based on the order of entry. The first 120 entries will be accepted. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by November 2, 2019. Photos will be received from 9 to 11 a.m. on November 9, 2019. Judging and hanging will occur later that day.

Award winners will be announced at the exhibition reception on Sunday, November 17th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Photography Club Craft Fair 2019

If you think you're interested in having a table at the Craft Fair please contact Sherry McRae asap.

email: topspin53@gmail.com or cell: 512-966-5787

This is a serious event you must stay the whole weekend. Our tables will be located in front of the Ballroom. Number of tables are limited so first come first served.

There will be a meeting scheduled to answer all your questions.

Schedule will be:

Friday Nov. 1st. set up displays and your table –between 11-2 pm.

Working Hours from:

FAIR HOURS: Saturday, November 2 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FAIR HOURS: Sunday, November 3 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Member Awards and Recognition



Challenges



"Quiet Canal along Loud Street" by Pat Michielutti placed 3rd in the Loud - Quiet Challenge



"A Tale of One City" by Mitch Michielutti placed 7th In the Street Photography in B&W Only Challenge



"Silver Shoes" by Burton Anes placed 17th in the Shoes Challenge



"My Dancing Shoes" by Mitch Michielutti placed 6th In the Shoes Challenge



"Cold Beer" by Mitch Michielutti placed 3rd In the Drinks Challenge



"Honor Guard" by Mitch Michielutti placed 3rd In the Patriotic Challenge

Member Awards and Recognition, continued



Wes Odell's monochrome photo print of a Civil War era Cavalry Captain at Fort Mason Texas is featured in the Texas Photographic Society's "Members' Gallery."
<http://texasphoto.org/members-gallery>

Wes Odell's photo was selected for the Tx Photographic Society's Members Only Show (MOS #32), the photo name is "A Quiet Morning in an Alpine Village." It is the same image that won a First at a PSA International Prints Competition in 2016, a photo of Hallstadt, Austria.



Dee Sams entered the Victoria Photo Exhibition and from the 6 photos entered, 1 won 3rd place and 3 won Honorable Mentions. Congratulations Dee!



3rd Place - Old Man from Equador



Honorable Mention
Esperanza on Black



Honorable Mention
Red Tailed Hawk with Tongue



Honorable Mention
Totems at Sunrise

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



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



Cowan Creek Amenity 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




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
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Off-Site Exhibits



*Williamson County
Through the Lens*


Presented by the Sun City Photo Club

Exhibit
August 31—September 23, 2019
Café Gallery

Artist Reception
Friday, September 13, 4—6 pm

library.georgetown.org/art
Georgetown Public Library
402 W. 8th Street

ART
AT THE LIBRARY



The Sun City Photography Club will present a photographic exhibit titled “Williamson County Through the Lens” with our artistic perspective on our favorite sights, places, and things that we love to photograph in Williamson County. We will present approximately 28 photos, of some of our “best” work, from many award winning artists. Our photographers come from many walks of life, some with extensive years of experience in photography or photographic related industries. These professional photographers along with our amateur photographers, who have taken photographs most of their lives, have formed a club in Sun City where we are all able to perfect our skills, full time, as the Sun City Photography Club. We want to share our work with the Georgetown community and what better place than the Georgetown Public Library. Our exhibit will be on view from August 31 – September 23, 2019 in the library’s Café Gallery. Our reception will be held on Friday, September 13, 4 – 6 pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2539320579422611/>

Off-Site Exhibits, continued

Judges from the Sun City Photography Club



Jim Copps

Glenn Rudd

Wes Odell

Peggy Reeder

John Leek

Holly Moore

Dean Ginther



We need a coordinator for the Healing Arts Gallery at St. David's Hospital. Photos go up on April 24, 2020 and come down June 26, 2020. Any questions can be directed to Marge Odell, margeodell@gmail.com or Larry Lorimor, larry.lorimor@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

NEW SONY SIG TO KICK OFF OCTOBER 18TH

Attention all SONY camera users, on October 18, 2019 a new monthly SIG begins that will focus on Sony mirrorless cameras and how to best use them. Join Bob Bearden in kicking off this club forum for current and potential Sony users to share their skills, challenges, techniques and most of all images with other Sony users. Our goal is to become better photographers! In addition to presentations by current Sony users, video reviews of Sony cameras and lenses will be featured. Anyone considering a Sony camera purchase in the future could benefit from attending this forum to learn first hand from current users just how satisfied they are with their cameras and to see images produced by an extensive array of Sony cameras. Come join us on Friday October 18 in Game Rooms 1/2 at 9AM and bring your camera!



Photoshop SIG

Coordinator, Allen Utzig

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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)

Special Interest Groups, continued



Nature SIG

Coordinator, Carlos Rio

scnaturephotosig@gmail.com

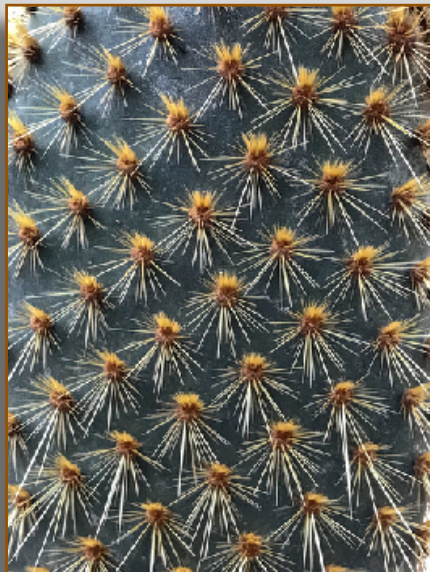
[Click Here for the Nature SIG webpage](#)

There are important changes to the Nature Photo Sig in the coming 2 months.

In October, Allen Utzig will be leading the selection of "Nature" photos for the "PSA Digital Nature Competition". The selection process will be during the Nature Photo Sig Meeting at 1 PM on Friday, October 25th at the usual place, Card Rooms 1 & 2 at the activity Center.

At the September meeting, Allen will give an educational program on how we are going to select the images and on what criteria that will be base. So, be there in September for that important meeting. You will submit your images for the competition directly to him, before the October meeting.....as explained in his September presentation..

We will have our scheduled September "show and tell" of pictures on the theme of "Lines, Curves & Other Patterns in Nature. So send those images to scnaturephotosig@gmail.com or bring them on a thumb disk on Sept 27th, as usual. In October, there will be no "theme" or opportunity to show photos aside from those to be judged for the PSA Nature Competition. Sorry. Save your "No Legs" pics of snakes, worms, and fish for another day!



Carlos Rio
Cactus

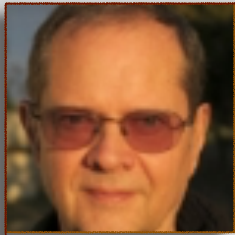


Chris Meyer
Canyonland



Dee Sams
Four Eyed Skimmer
Dragonfly

Special Interest Groups, continued

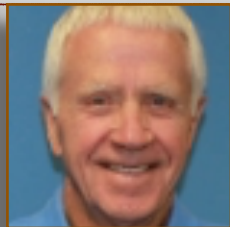


Competition SIG

Coordinator, Rick Siersma
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Competition SIG Webpage

The Competition SIG has been put on hold for the summer; however, Rick is considering a lighting class in its place. If club members would like to contact Rick to let him know what kind of lighting they would like to experiment with that would be great. Rick's e-mail address is above.



PSA Print SIG

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

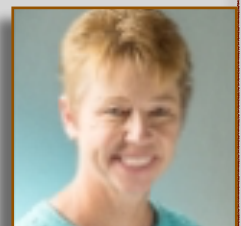
PSA Print SIG Webpage



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. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view photos from this season

Here is a summary of the SCT Photography Club PSA Print SIG for the 2018-19 Season Competition:

| Name | Round | Category | Award | Title |
|------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Sharon Grabowski | 1 | Large Mono | HM | Cooling in Chicago |
| Glenn Rudd | 2 | Large Color | HM | Green Crowned Brilliant |
| Allen Utzig | 2 | Creative Altered Reality | HM | Pioneer Homestead |
| Rick Siersma | 2 | Creative Altered Reality | HM | Kabucki Makeup |
| Walt Grabowski | 3 | Large Mono | 1 | End of the Line |
| Allen Utzig | 3 | Creative Altered Reality | 2 | Texas 56 |
| Wes Odell | 4 | Small Mono | HM | Majestic |



Special Interest Groups - continued...



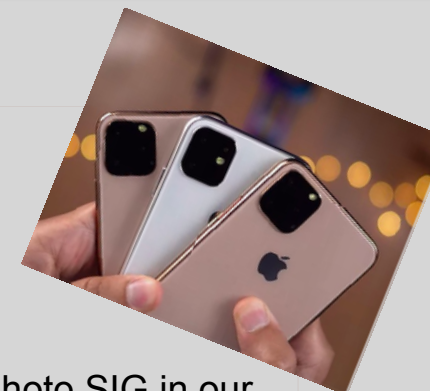
iPhone Photography SIG

Coordinator, Bob Bearden

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iPhone Photography SIG Webpage

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY SIG RESUMES OCTOBER 4



All iPhone camera photographers are invited to join the current membership of the iPhone Photo SIG in our first fall monthly meeting on Friday, October 4th at 9AM in Game rooms 1/2.

Highlighting this month's SIG will be a look at the newly introduced iPhones, their features, prices and most importantly what changes have been made to the cameras and their software features. Sue Puetz will make a presentation on how to use Instagram and we will look into a couple of photo back up options (Apple Photos and Google Photos). Also we will begin our study of an advanced camera app for the iPhone, Camera+2.



Travel Photography SIG

Coordinator, Dr. Howie DiBlasi

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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

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[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.

Discussion Groups



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

Picks from August's Mentor Discussion Group



Fireworks - Bob Edwards



Canyon River Rock Cliffs
Walter Bywaters



Rhodamine Breasted, Golden Crown,
Green Rumped Roller
Roger Murphy



Fun Foto Social

September 27 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 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