

The Viewfinder

Sun City Photography Club Newsletter
November 2019



Ken Johnston, Photographer of the Month

Arch Tree



President's Corner

Dr. Howie DiBlasi
2019 Photography Club President

Want to improve your photography skill?
Join a SIG or Take a class.

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 Activities Center, Game Rooms 1 and 2. The members of a SIG will decide when they will meet and how frequently. Check the Club Calendar for dates, times and details. Click on the SIG below for more information.

Ways to be involved the your Photography Club:

Competition SIG
Nature Photography SIG
Photoshop CS CC SIG
PSA Print SIG
PSA Digital SIG
iPhone Photography SIG
Travel / Photography SIG

There are also a wide variety of workshops and classes. Check them out on the calendar and watch for e-mails.

Plus, don't forget our monthly field trips.

November General Meeting

November 6, 2019 - Cowan Creek Amenity Center,
Social 1:45 PM Meeting 2:15 PM

Agenda

Announcements
Field Trip Report
Financial Report

Program --
Special Guest - Randy Dykstra
Photographing Wildlife

Subject of the Month

Fall Splendor and Halloween

Send one or two images that represent this month's theme to scphotoclub@outlook.com no later than Sunday, November 3.

The club will provide coffee, water and cookies.

Photographer of the Month
November 2019
Ken Johnston

I have lived in Texas for the past 40 years and in Sun City for the last three. During my career in System Engineering, I became interested in large format film photography and darkroom. After retirement, my wife Rita and I began traveling and developed a passion for birding. This led to taking photos of birds. After joining the Photo Club in Sun City, I began to expand to photography of all subjects, although nature photography is what I photograph the most.

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



Ruby Beach



At the Flower Market



Columbia Waterfall

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

A special thanks to **Walt Grabowski** for coordinating this exhibit.

Photography Club News

Photography Discussion Group

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

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

Presenters by Monday-of-the-Month:

- 1st: Basic camera functions / Bob Maher rjmaher52@gmail.com
- 2nd: Exploring photography genre / Marsha Larrabee marsha_larrabee@me.com
- 3rd: Smartphone Photography / Jim Newkirk newkirk12@gmail.com
- 4th: Exploring Instagram / Sue Puetz sspuetz@gmail.com IG @suespuetz
- 5th: TBD and may change with the seasons

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

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. 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.

Club Holiday Party

The club holiday party will be held on Wed, December 4 at The Retreat. The meal will be a buffet featuring Smoked Turkey Breast and Honey Baked Ham. It will also include a spring mix salad, assorted dinner rolls, green bean salad, stuffing with cranberry sauce and red skinned mashed potatoes. Beverages will include iced tea, raspberry lemonade and reg and decaf coffee. The cost is \$20 per person. You can buy your ticket to this event through the CA's ticketing site beginning on November 5. Look for the event date to purchase your ticket. Ticket sales will close on November 21 as we must notify the caterer of the final number on that date. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM.

Photo Opportunity Submitted by Jim Wooll

Union Pacific has restored to operation a Big Boy, the largest steam engine ever built. They last ran in 1959. The engine is touring the US and will be in Texas in early November.

You can find the details fo the scheduled at :
<https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>

Solo Wall Showcase

All of the assignments for the 2020 Solo Wall have been made and are listed on the Club website page under Exhibits-Solo Wall. If you are interested in being considered for the 2021 Solo Wall, contact Wes Odell prior to July 2020

wesodell@gmail.com

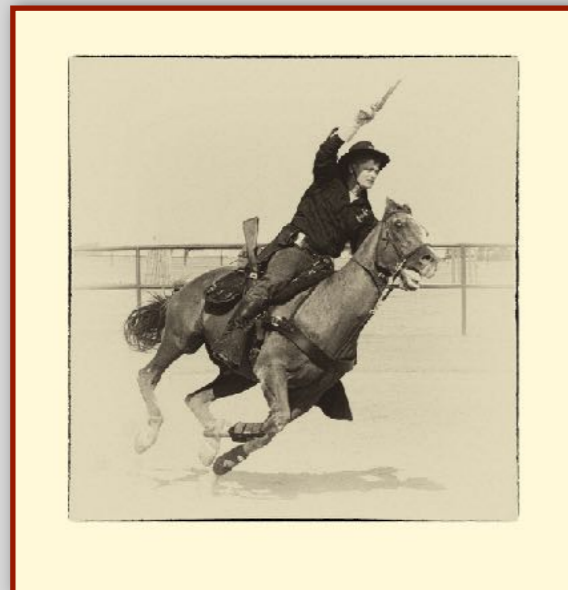
Member Awards and Recognition



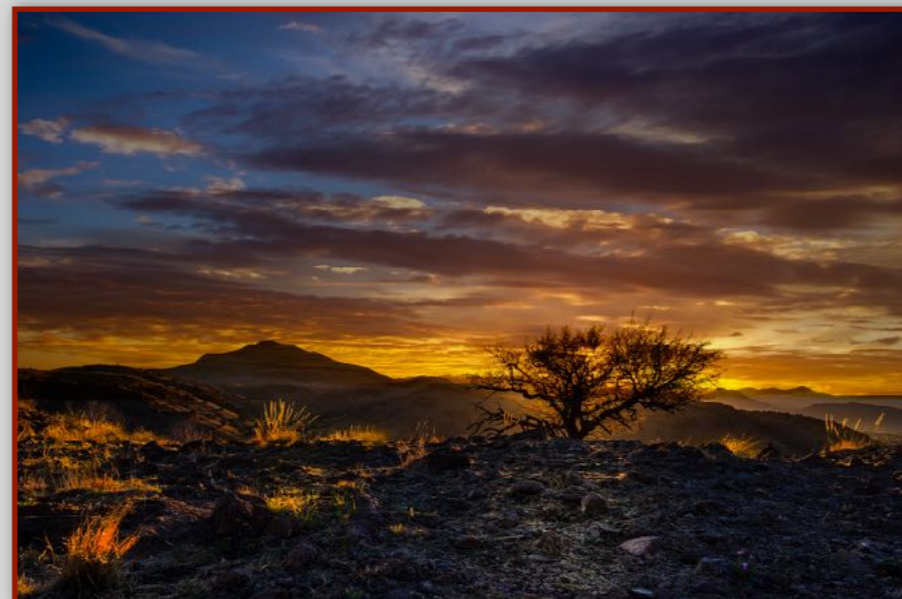
The "Peruvian Boy and His Lamb" photo by Dee Sams won 3rd Place at the State-wide "Art Hop" contest in Sep in Georgetown.



The Delaplaine Gallery in Frederick, Maryland, has chosen Wes Odell's submitted photograph of the 4th Infantry Division's Memorial at Ft Hood (of a soldier at the grave of a comrade) for its November promotional postcard to clients. The exhibit features art by Veterans.



This "Antique Wet Plate Rendition" photo of "The Cavalry Trooper on Attack" by Wes Odell won 2nd Place at the State Fair of Texas (2019) and an HonMention at the State-wide "Art Hop" Contest in Georgetown.



Dean Ginther's "Davis Mountain Sunset" won 1st place in the 2019 Texas State Fair Color Landscape category.



Mitch Michielutti's 'Crosses' placed 4th in the Summit cross challenge



Patty Michielutti's "Cadillac Roadster" took 1st in the Car Challenge

On-Site Exhibits

The Retreat Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 12-15 images each month. The next exhibit date is Nov 23. Register on the club's calendar.

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

Contact Sherry McRae
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Cowan Creek Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 15 images each month. The next exhibit date is Nov 5 at 10:00 at Cowan Creek. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Sally Graham,
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The Activity Center

The Activity Center exhibits will be the Visual Arts Club Competition and the Photo Club Print Competition thru the end of 2019.

Contact Dean Ginther
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Legacy Hills Grille

This venue always welcomes photographs showing themes or categories that convey the joy of being outside, creative photos that highlight your artistic vision, photos that tell a story, and heartwarming photos that show connections to cherish. Tell us a little about your photo in the comment section of your Detail Form, and we will share it. We accept five photos no smaller than 16x20.

The next exhibit date is Nov 2 followed by a new one on Nov 30.

Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Marcela Stegemueller
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PSA Nature Competition



Eighteen club members competed in the Nature Photography Competition SIG for the opportunity to participate in the November PSA inter-club Nature competition. Here are the winning images selected by the members



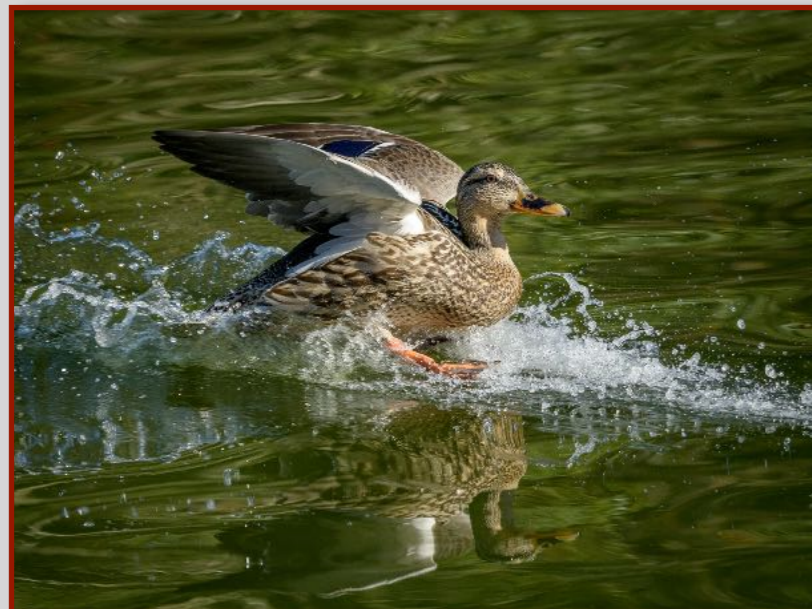
2nd Place: Arriving by Allen Utzig



1st Place: The Hunt by Keith Walkup



3rd Place: Snowy Juvenile by Cheryl Janssen



4th Place: Mallard Landing by Glenn Rudd



5th Place: Eclipse 2017 by Carlos Rio



6th Place: American Bald Eagle by Wes Odell

Special Interest Groups



Competition SIG

Coordinator, Rick Siersma
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Competition SIG Webpage

This month's Competition SIG meeting was very informative for those members that submitted images. Allen Utzig and Dean Ginther provided alternate examples of post processing recommendations. The competition portion was followed by a peer review of images submitted by those in attendance; another example of club members helping other members improve their photography skills. November's meeting has been cancelled; however, December's meeting will take place on December 27. Bring your leftover Christmas cookies.



Dancing Free by Rita Johnston



Blue Reflection by Patty Michielutti



Silver Spokes by Jim Reichel

Special Interest Groups (con't)



Fieldtrip SIG

Coordinator, Jim Sandham jsandham77@gmail.com

On Saturday November 23rd we will go to the **Civil War Reenactment** at the Liendo Plantation near Hempstead using a 40-passenger bus with a bathroom. Tickets for the bus are being offered exclusively to members of the SC Photography Club until October 31st, after which they will be offered to all residents of Sun City. Purchase your tickets right away. You will be able to visit camp sites for both the north and south, see men on horseback, see a military wedding and a fashion show as well as visit the plantation home. The actual reenactment takes place around 3:00 PM with troops charging, cannons and rifle fire. Around 6:00 PM we will head back to Sun City.

Bus tickets are available at the CA office or click on Tickets on the CA web site and scroll down to the Nov 23rd date.

- Bus tickets are \$32
- Bus will leave here at 7:00 AM and return around 6:00 PM
- Admission to the plantation is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors
- Food trucks will be available for drinks & lunch.



Nature SIG

Coordinator, Carlos Rio scnaturephotosig@gmail.com

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

Nature SIG is now sharing its meeting times on the 4th Friday's with the PSA Nature Competition for selection of images for the national digital competition. Allen Utzig will lead that process in the 1PM Friday meetings of October, January, and March. In November the regular Nature SIG will meet in the third (not fourth) Friday Nov. 15 (not the 22nd!) And the theme will be: "Trees, bark, and roots".



Travel Photography SIG

Coordinator, Dr. Howie DiBlasi. 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 (con't)



iPhone Photography SIG

Coordinator, Bob Bearden rebsctx@gmail.com

[iPhone Photography SIG Webpage](#)

All iPhone camera photographers are invited to join the iPhone Photo SIG in our first fall monthly meeting on Friday, October 4th at 9AM in our PC Studio (Game Rooms 1 & 2).

Highlighting this month's SIG will be the newly introduced iPhones, their features, prices and most importantly what changes have been made to the cameras and their software features. We will also look into a couple of photo backup options (Apple Photos and Google Photos) and begin our study of an advanced camera app for the iPhone, Camera+2.



Photoshop SIG

Coordinator, Allen Utzig autzig@outlook.com

[Photoshop CS-CC SIG Webpage](#)

The Photoshop SIG is made up of three different groups:

Training Group: Focus is on Using Photoshop

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

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

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



Sony SIG

Our second session of the Sony Photo SIG will be held on Friday, November 8 at 9 AM in our PC Studio (Game Rooms 1 & 2). This monthly SIG focuses on helping all club members who use Sony mirrorless cameras to understand and use their gear to produce better images.

This month's highlight will be a presentation by Carlos Rios on his growing affection for the Sony RX100VII. We will continue our examination of the intricacies of the Sony RX10 super zoom and view images submitted by the membership on this month's subject, Fall Color and Halloween. And much more!

See you there.

Special Interest Groups (con't)



PSA Print SIG

Coordinators, Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen

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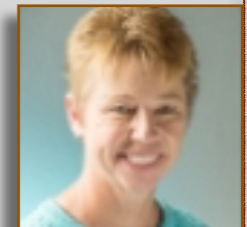
PSA Print SIG Webpage



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



PSA Digital SIG

Coordinator, Mitch Michielutti

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PSA Digital SIG Webpage



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

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

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



Fun Foto Social

October 25 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.

1. 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 Wednesday before that month's Fun Foto Social.

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Sue Puetz, Editor, The Viewfinder - sspuetz@gmail.com IG: [@suespuetz](#)

Submission Guidelines to The Viewfinder

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 via email.

Submissions must be kept to 3 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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