



Giant's Causeway

Bob Maher, Photographer of the Month



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bob Maher
2020 Photography Club President

Well, here we are entering the “Dog Days of Summer.” Temperatures here, for those of you who flee the state during this time, have been over 100, for way too many days in July. Since the CA Board has backed up to what I’m calling Phase 1.5, the temperatures make it easy to self-isolate indoors. However, as I type this we have what will soon be tropical storm Hanna bearing down on the Texas coast. Fortunately for us that just means some much-needed rain and a break in the temperatures.

A big thanks to Allen Utzig for putting on his workshop on “Envisioning Your Final Image” on July 22nd. Allen did an excellent job explaining how he approaches a shot and all the factors that need to be considered to get that one shot just the way you envisioned it. Since he did the workshop via Zoom, we were able to record it and are working on making it available to everyone. I strongly encourage those of you who have volunteered to do workshops for us in the coming months, but are hesitant to do them via Zoom, to reconsider. Allen kept all 37 of us engaged and the questions from the group flowed freely. If you are afraid your presentation will not work via Zoom, or that being on Zoom will somehow hinder you, I encourage you to contact Allen and talk to him about the experience. You can also contact Walt Grabowski about getting access to the recording and watch that to get an idea of how it is done.

August’s meeting will be a bit short as we won’t have a speaker, but I encourage as many of you as possible to attend. Please go to the Club Calendar and register for the Zoom meeting.

See you at the meeting!

Bob Maher



PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH



B o b M a h e r

Hi, I don't know what Walt was thinking when he selected me for POM, but here I am. My wife and I have lived in Sun City for nearly 2 ½ years. Before moving here I spent 20 years in the Navy where I flew S-3A anti-submarine aircraft off of a number of aircraft carriers followed by 27 ½ years with the Boeing Company. Our three children live here in Texas, a daughter in Austin, oldest son and his wife in Kingsville, and our youngest and his wife and our three grandkids in Corpus Christi.

I got started in photography when I was in the Navy where I purchased my first SLR, a Yashica TL Electro X as I recall. Followed by my favorite of this period, a Konica Autoreflex TC. 35mm film of course, this was the early 70's. A lot of pictures of ships and planes and foreign ports.

I got away from photography when I was in college and after. Too much other stuff going on. Now that I'm retired, I've returned to it and enjoy working with my trusty Nikon D750. Still haven't found a favorite genera, but like people and travel in general.



Urquhart Castle on Loch Ness



First Train Ride



Enjoying Scottish Countryside

View Bob's digital images in his [GALLERY](#) on the club's website.

ON-SITE EXHIBITIONS

The Corona Virus lock-down has shut down our on-site photo exhibits. We are optimistic that hangings will resume shortly. Please go to the club calendar and click on the hang dates for the AC, Cowan and Retreat. You will then be able to register to hang your photos. Thank you, Larry Lorimor, Director of Exhibits.

The Retreat Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 12-15 images each month. 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 topspin53@gmail.com



Cowan Creek Amenity Center

This venue exhibits 15 images each month. Register on the club's calendar.

Contact Jim & Mary Campbell maryhkcampbell@gmail.com



The Activity Center

This venue exhibits 16 images January thru August. Register on the club's calendar.

Bing your photo to hang at a 10AM, usually on the 1st day of each scheduled month.

Contact Dean Ginther dean.Ginther@gmail.com



Solo Wall and Recognitions Gallery

The Solo Wall and Recognitions Gallery Exhibits, both of which are in the Activity Center, have at this time been cancelled for June through July due to restrictions by the CA on the access to the Activity Center. August is a "likely," but it depends again on factors beyond our control. Once an "opening to the public date" has been announced, we will create a revised schedule for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021 for these two galleries, giving preference to those whose scheduled dates were affected by the Corona Virus closure.

For more information, please contact Wes Odell or Walt Grabowski.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEWS



EDUCATION & PROGRAMS Rita Johnston V.P. Education and Programs

Hello members. I am excited to announce two speakers scheduled to present to our club on zoom.

Randy Dykstra will be the guest speaker at the General Meeting on September 2! He spoke at our General Meetings two times last year on nature photography. Randy took a trip in May to the Grand Tetons in Wyoming, and his presentation will be on "Bears and Babies: Grand Tetons in the Spring." He posted some preview shots on the SCPC Facebook page in June.

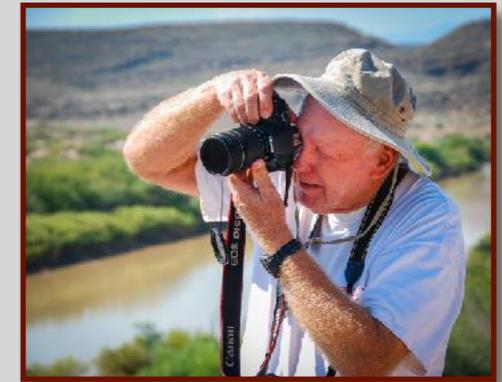
Randy Freeman is a newer club member who will present a workshop on "Photographing Birds in Africa." He might expand the topic to include other wildlife he also photographed while there. Randy plans on tailoring his comments to photographers regarding how he took the photographs, what he learned, and some suggestions you might want to know before going on your own safari. This is planned for October, with date and time TBD.

We are looking into having PSA sponsored webinars, several professional photographers' zoom meetings, and more of our advanced club members present in the months to come. Watch the calendar and blast emails for dates and times.

Most of the SIGs are on summer break, except for the Nature SIG that will meet on zoom in August. If you are interested in leading the Nature or Sony SIG in the fall or 2021, or helping any of the SIG leaders, please contact me at rej1@suddenlink.net.

Rita Johnston

Roger Murphy, 1940-2020



Georgetown Library 2021 Exhibit Announcement

The Sun City Photography Club has been informed that its proposal to exhibit at the Georgetown Library in 2021 has been accepted and approved. The club will be exhibiting at the library from July 21, 2021 thru August 22, 2021. The exhibit will be on the second level in the Hall Gallery and we will be accepting 30 photographs for this exhibit.

The theme for our exhibit is "The Eyes Have It". The photographs we present in this exhibit will either have eyes or an eye as the subject of the photograph, or be a prominent feature of the subject. The following is a quote from our proposal:

In any photograph of a person or animal, if the eyes are present in the picture, they are of utmost importance to the photographer and every effort is made to get the eyes in sharp focus. Our exhibit will display our photographers' artistic presentation on a print medium of people, wildlife and pets where the eyes draw our attention and take us into the entire photograph. This concept allows for a wide range of subjects with the eyes being the unifying theme.

In addition, any inanimate objects having an eye or eyes as a prominent feature would also qualify for this exhibit.

Many of you already have a favorite photo that meets the requirements of this exhibit. For those of you who don't, you have eight months before our April 2021 registration to get out there and find that shot that will have the viewer saying, "Wow, the eyes have it." For more information contact

Will Chapman

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEWS (con't)



Web Administrator – Exciting News

Barbara Friedman

Barbara Friedman, a recent resident and photo club member, will be taking over club website administrator responsibilities from Cathy O'Connor over the next few months. Cathy has served splendidly in this key role for almost four years, and will continue to support the club as backup administrator. Please extend to her your thanks. And please welcome Barbara, applaud her courage and give her your support! Barbara's bio follows.

My husband Ken and I moved to Sun City this past May from Ithaca, NY. We lived in Flower Mound, near Dallas, for 8 years back in the 90's and so we were prepared to trade the cold and snowy winters for the hot hot summers! I will be retiring in September from a career in the IT business – I started out in programming, then moved to web development, educational technology, and management. My interest in photography started on Black Friday in 2010 when I decided to buy a DSLR (the lowest-end Canon available), learn all of its functions, and blog about it. I especially love nature and travel photography – my most recent trips have been to Botswana and South Africa in 2018 and Guilin, China in September, 2019. I'm so impressed by the pictures I've seen on the club website and I look forward to being part of the group!

Opportunity - ViewFinder Editor

The Photo Club is looking for a member to take over as from Sue Puetz as Editor of the club's ViewFinder Newsletter. The ViewFinder is a marquis club publication that presents the great work of our photographers and informs our members of club activities and opportunities. These activities and opportunities include our general meetings, SIG meetings, workshops, exhibits, excursions, social events, etc. ViewFinder complements our comprehensive web site.

ViewFinder is published monthly. Content is provided to the Editor by the extended Photo Club leadership team including the Board of Directors, SIG Leaders, Exhibit Leaders, our Excursion leader, our PSA Representative, our web administrator, and of course, our members.

ViewFinder is distributed as a PDF document via the Photo Club website. Apple Keynote and MS PowerPoint are both appropriate assembly tools, so if you have experience with these packages, or you want to gain it, this role could be ideal for you.

If you want to meet a whole bunch of terrific people, engage with club leadership in a substantive way, and contribute to the mission of the club, ViewFinder Editor may be right for you.

The position would be yours effective September 1.

For more information, contact Walt Grabowski at

Walt Grabowski or 703-439-0127

SIG LEADERS NEEDED FOR 2020-2021

Nature SIG

Sony SIG

Competition SIG: Thanks to Allen Utzig and Jim Newkirk for taking up leadership here.

If you are interested in leading or co-leading one of these SIGs, please contact the present SIG leader for details or Rita Johnston to sign up for it.

We are looking for leaders to start or transition into the lead in the fall.

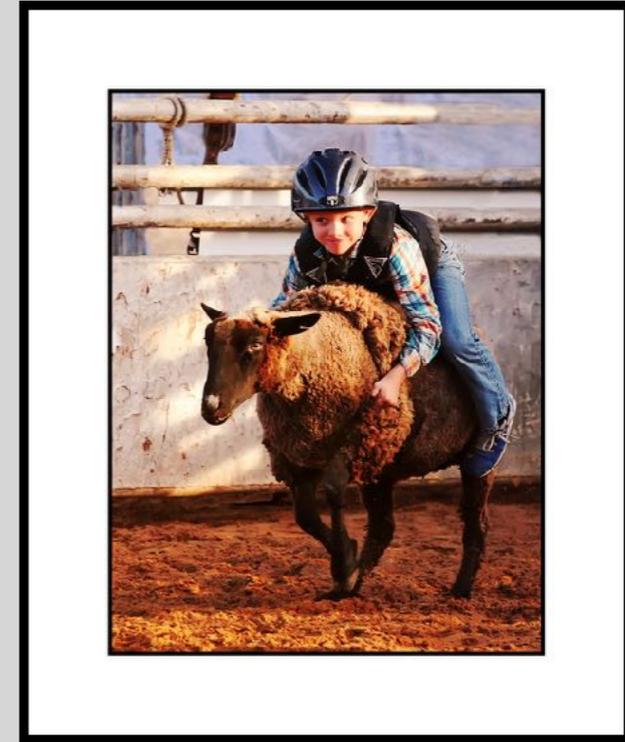
Rita Johnston

Awards & Recognitions

*Selected for the Rust Exhibition
Hill Country Photo Club at San Marcos Activity Center
Sep 12 Reception 5-7p*



Gone Are the People -- The Proud Owner
by Wes Odell



Mutton Bustin' with a Smile by Wes Odell
Accepted into 620 Art Gallery, Round Rock



Once Someone's Ride
by Sue Puetz



Burton Anes' 'Pretty Flower' placed 1st in
DPReview's "Back Screen Beauty" challenge

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

COVID-19 lock-down has affected all Sun City Photography Club scheduling. Until Sun City facilities have been authorized to open and operate, check the Photo Club calendar on our website and watch for updates. Your intended event may be offered via ZOOM.



Competition SIG

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

4th Fri every Month 9am - noon Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[Competition SIG Webpage](#)

[Competition SIG Gallery](#)

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING 4th Fri

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

	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>REVIEW</u>
IMAGES	1	up to 6
IMAGE SIZE	~~~ 2000px on the long side ~~~~	
DEADLINE noon	Previous Fri	Thur Prior
SUBMIT TO	<u>sc.competition.sig@gmail.com</u>	

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)



Travel Photography SIG

Coordinator, Dr. Howie DiBlasi. howie@frontier.net

1st Wed every Month 9am - 11a Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[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 in Activity Center's Game Rooms 1 & 2

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con't)



Nature SIG

Coordinator, Carlos Rio scnaturephotosig@gmail.com

4th Fri every Month 1pm Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

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

Nature Photos SIG continues to meet throughout the Summer. Attendance has been higher than the usual Summer meeting. I wonder why? July's meeting had a theme of "Shadows and Silhouettes".

On the 4th Friday of August there will be no "theme"; we'll show anything you want to bring about nature.

September's theme will be "Moon, Milky Way, Skies, Comets and even Clouds!"...anything in the sky, but try to take some at night! A difficult subject is always good to try!

SUBJECT OF THE MONTH

Aug Nature / your choice

Sep Milky Way, Stars, Moon & Skies

Oct PSA Nature Competition (Digital)

Nov Patterns in Nature

Dec Fall Colors



Prohorn in Wyoming by Rita Johnston



The Poppy and the Bee by B Friedman



Stag in Switzerland by Ursula Pinner

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con't)



iPhone Photography SIG

Coordinator, Bob Bearden rebsctx@gmail.com

2nd Fri Odd months only 10am Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[iPhone Photography SIG Webpage](#)

[iPhone Photography SIG Gallery](#)

SUBJECT OF THE MONTH	
Sep	My Vacation Highlights
Nov	Remembering Halloween

This virtual ZOOM SIG focuses on iPhone cameras and their use. Every other month the SIG's meeting NOTES are posted in advance on the SIG's website. Zoom discussions center on Subject of the Month member image submissions and the videos pre-reviewed by members. Videos cover photographic composition, editing techniques, camera operation and new phone introductions. Most importantly this SIG is an opportunity for you to get to know other iPhone camera users and to share how we use our iPhones to capture our vision of the world around us. Our next Zoom meeting is July 10th at 10am. Register on the Calendar for this meeting. Emails will be sent out closer to the date.



Passion Blooms - 13th Hole on Cowan Creek Golf Course

Sun City Passion Blooms by Jim Copps



Mindi by Jerry Benner



Trevor & Tip by Jane McCabe

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (con't)



PSA Nature SIG

Coordinator, Allen Utzig scnaturephotosig@gmail.com

Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[Nature SIG webpage](#)

The club participates in the Photographic Society of America's (PSA) interclub nature competitions that are held 3 times each year. Watch for announcements in the calendar.

The Nature Competition SIG is a local contest that meets on the last Friday of the month prior to the PSA competition to select images to compete in that competition. Those who wish to compete will submit up to two images to the SIG leader. The club members who attend the SIG meeting will judge the submitted images and the SIG leader will enter the top six in the PSA competition. We may only submit one image per photographer so we will enter images created by six different artists in each competition.



PSA Digital SIG

Coordinator, Mitch Michielutti imitchmeister@gmail.com

Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[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.

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

Activity Center rooms 1 & 2

[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.



NEWS & INSPIRATION



Dee Darius Sams **Photographic Society of America**



Welcome

PSA Welcomes **Jim Reichel** who recently joined.

Contact Dee if you need any assistance in navigating the many resources available to you through your membership.

PSA offers opportunities to challenge and inspire members. With the exception of advanced topics, most opportunities are free to PSA members. Their webinars are recorded and are available to view online if you missed the live presentation. Here is a short list of opportunities:

Webinars

Recently offered

- Getting Creative with Long Exposures
- Adobe Lightroom and The Ultimate Workflow
- Creating a PSA Portfolio

Upcoming

- How To Shoot Street Photography Without Revealing Your Subjects
- Color Workflow for Printing
- Creating Sweeping Panoramas

Study Groups - monthly participation for sharing and critiquing an image among a small group

Nature, Photojournalism, Travel, . . .

Online Courses - self-paced instruction with a typical 6-month deadline for completion

- Photography Instruction
- Portraits in Available Light
- Still Life Photography
- Image Analysis

For more Information

Dee Darius Sams

Club Representative, Photographic Society of America

Instagram/Dee.Darius.Sams

TPS 29: The International Competition

Texas Photographic Society has announced their flagship traveling exhibition, TPS 29: The International Competition, which will be juried by **Elizabeth Avedon**, independent curator and consultant. This call is open-themed and submissions from artists of all levels internationally are welcomed. The show opens in Houston at **The Silos at Sawyer Yards**, then travels to **The Center for Contemporary Arts**, Abilene, Texas.

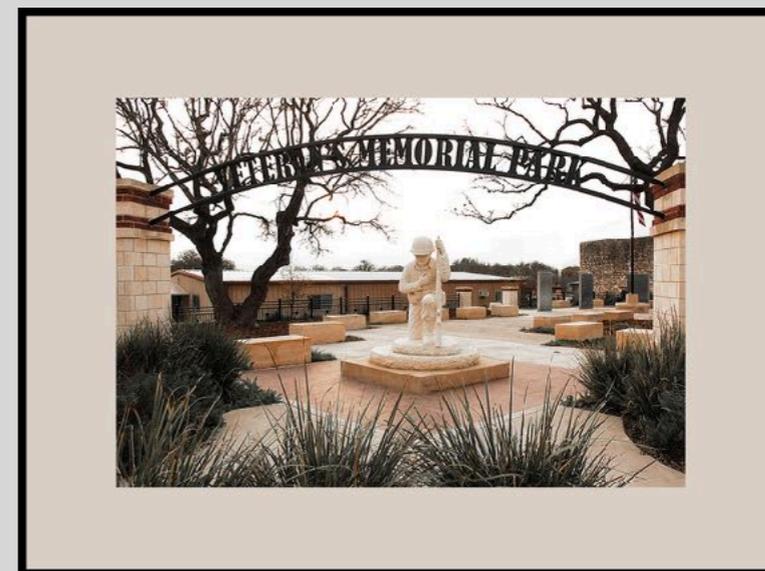
TPS 29 entry

Round Rock Public Library

Wes Odell's art collection of 'People Who Were Contemporaries of the Cavalry' will be exhibited at the Round Rock Public Library Aug 3 -15.

Williamson County Art Guild

The WCAG is working in partnership with the Stubblefield Visitor's Center to display its art to the Liberty Hill Community. Recently on display were some of Wes Odell's military-oriented images.



Liberty Hill Veterans Memorial by Wes Odell



Field Trips

Jim Sandham, Field Trip Director jsandham77@gmail.com

Watch the Photo Club calendar and for email updates as field trips begin scheduling again.



Fun Foto Social

4th Fri of the month from 4:00 - 6:00 in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Activities Center

Coordinator, Jim Sandham jsandham77@gmail.com

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 per the guidelines following PSA PID and Nature Inter-club Competition requirements:

Vertical: 1050px or fewer ▪ Horizontal: 1400px or fewer ▪ JPEG format

Image file should be named **PhotogName.PhotoTitle.jpg** e.g. JaneJones.Big Meadow.jpg

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



Cathy O'Connor
Webmaster
cathy0114@gmail.com
Submissions by the 24th

Submissions for Awards & Recognitions

Image Guidelines

No more than 3 per month

Image must:

- follow format of 1050px or fewer ▪ Wide: 1400px or fewer ▪ JPEG format
- be named **PhotogName.PhotoTitle.jpg** e.g. JaneJones.BlueBird.jpg
- be attached to your email
- be legally reproducible or licensed by the member submitting the photo
- include relevant information, e.g. contest/show entered, award received

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