



SUMMER FUN

by Lucy Durfee

August is a great time to visit our local swimming holes! This month's field trip to Krause Springs will be a great opportunity to photograph nature and cool off in one of my favorite swimming holes around Austin. Below is a list of other swimming holes near Austin that you may want to visit when the temperatures reach 100 degrees!

Inks Lake State Park "Devil's Hole," - at the northeast corner of the lake where a creek empties into it, is one of the most scenic swimming holes in the state. The creek cascades over stairstep levels to the lake where it empties into a small canyon walled in by pink granite cliffs. Don't overlook the other coves on the lake with more gentle, sloping, granite banks. West of Burnet off TX29, the park has shelters, camping, showers, restrooms, boat rental, a grocery store (seasonal), a boat ramp, and fishing piers. 512/793-2223. Fee.

Krause Springs - A beautiful private park chosen as one of the best swimming holes in Texas by Texas Monthly. It has a spring-fed swimming pool, waterfall, creek swimming area, camping, restrooms, and showers. Take TX71 west to Hollingsworth Center (Spur 191) to Spicewood. Make a right at the four-way stop in Spicewood. Fee. 830/693-4181

Barton Springs Pool In Zilker Park - This gorgeous swimming hole is one of the top 10 tourist attractions in Austin. The spring-fed water is a consistent 68 degrees year-round. Showers, restrooms, a snack bar, playground, picnic tables, and canoe rental are available. Fee.

Campbell's Hole - About a mile upstream from Barton Springs Pool on Barton Creek Greenbelt. Also accessible from Spyglass Road. It's a wonderful location with a deep pool that has water most of the year and small rapids upstream when the creek is running. It used to give visitors the illusion of being lost in the country, but now the cliffs are capped with condos.



Photo by Jane Guerin

August Meeting

Thursday, August 26, 2010

7:00 pm

LCRA Redbud Building
3601 Lake Austin Blvd.
(corner of Redbud and Lake Austin Blvd.)

Visitors are always welcome!



August Program

The speaker for August is Dave Wilson who is a master at digital workflow and HDR photography.

He will be presenting some of his award winning images and discussing HDR processing for best results. He currently has a show up at the Dragonfly Gallery and offers workshops in sharpening photo skills and HDR shooting. His website is:

www.davewilsonphotography.com

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Twin Falls - Two small waterfalls that empty into a small pool. It's a great place to watch people swim. Accessible from the entrance off the access road Loop 1 just south of Loop 360.

Hamilton Pool Preserve - One of the most beautiful public parks in the county. Acquired by Travis County in 1985, the site has been a popular spring-fed swimming hole since the early 1900s. The property was once owned by the brother of the 10th governor of Texas and by the Reimer family. The pool is in a box canyon fed by a 45-foot waterfall with a sandy beach and giant boulders. A nature trail follows.



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Hamilton Creek - about a mile to the Pedernales River. Open 9am-6pm every day, no one admitted into the park after 5:30pm; admission is limited to 100 people. Water quality is carefully monitored and swimming is not allowed if bacteria count from nesting bird droppings is too high. From TX71 West turn left at Hamilton Pool Rd. (FM3238) and go 13 miles to the park. No glass, fishing, cooking, or pets are allowed in the park. It is best to call ahead before making the trip, 264-2740. Fee.

Pedernales Falls State Park - About 30 miles west of Austin off TX290. Pedernales contains white water over a gradual slope and deep, slow-moving pools at the bottom of the "falls." Access to the river from the parking lot is a rugged, steep climb. The park offers camping, showers, restrooms, hookups, and hiking trails. 830/868-7304. Fee.

Blue Hole - This swimming hole, on a heavily wooded creek that empties into the Blanco River, was first built by the Army in 1941 to provide R&R for soldiers from San Antonio. Because of its popularity and costs, the owners now charge a "membership" fee plus an admission fee for day use and overnight camping. Northeast of Wimberley off FM3237 past the church and cemetery. 512/847-9127.

Blue Hole Park - Not to be confused with Blue Hole near Wimberley (see above), this park is on the San Gabriel River a few blocks north of the courthouse square in Georgetown. The north bank of the river is a sheer cliff; the south bank is a new park with picnic tables and port-a-potties. The city has really spruced up this scenic area, changing it from a makeshift hangout to a first-rate community park. The one-way road through the park offers a peek at the conditions and a small unloading zone. Parking is at the lot at Third and Rock Streets. No camping and no glass beverage bottles larger than a quart are allowed in the park. The small dam makes a great waterfall. From the courthouse take Austin Avenue (US81) north, turn left on Third St. just before the South San Gabriel River bridge and take a right on Rock Street.

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Discovering the Language of Photography: The Gernsheim Collection.

September 7, 2010 - January 2, 2011

www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/2010/gernsheim/

July 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Lucy Durfee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rose Epps introduced visitors and all were welcomed.

Lucy announced that club dues are now half price for the rest of the year for new members.

Lois Schubert, Events Coordinator, announced possible upcoming field trips and other photo related events. On July 24th, Scott Kelby's 3rd Annual Photo Walk will take place. A group will be meeting at the Oasis Restaurant on that date from 6-8 p.m. Lois also talked about the possibility of a field trip August 18th or 25th to Krause Springs and Hamilton Pool. In September, Photofest will take place in Smithville, Tx. Also in September, the Hummingbird Festival will be in Rockport, Tx.

Pete Holland, VP and Programs, announced that Dave Wilson will be our guest speaker. Dave will be speaking on HDR. This should be a very interesting and educational program on high dynamic range.

Lucy spoke briefly about the judging training session that Brian Loflin held last week. Twelve members attended. We now have seven new judges. The judging volunteer sheet was passed around the room.

This evening's refreshments were provided by Teresa Devine, Dan Macry and John Davis.

John Davis spoke briefly about Digital Art, a technique that can be applied to your photographs. He said that brilliant colors work best.

The September assignment is "Whimsey." Submit images that show your whimsical side. For more information on this assignment or other upcoming assignments, please visit the website.

The judges for this evening's competition were Rose Epps, Marlene Lebel, and Teri Lum.

Lucy announced that anyone interested in shooting a wedding in October should contact Dan Slutsky.

Karen Poore has camera equipment for sale. She can be emailed at karenpoore@gmail.com. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Calls for Entry

Travelographer of the Year

American Photo & Popular
Photography Magazine
Deadline: August 30, 2010
popphoto.com/travelographer2010

New Mexico Magazine Photo Contest

New Mexico Magazine
Deadline: September 27, 2010
nmmagazine.com

The Nature Conservancy Contest

Digital Photo Competition
Deadline: October 4, 2010
<http://www.nature.org/>

National Park Foundation

Photo Contest started June 1
<http://nationalparks.promo.eprize.com/experiencecontest2010/>

The Smithsonian Magazine Photo Contest

Deadline: December 1, 2010
<http://photocontest.smithsonianmag.com/?contest=v8>

Nature's Best Photography

Open Photo Contest
Works with the *Audubon Magazine*
http://www.naturesbestphotography.com/enter_othercompetitions.php

Competition Assignments

Assignments are determined by the Competition Committee a year in advance so that members have at least a year to complete them.

September 2010 - Whimsey

What does that “whimsey” mean? Well, it’s kinda up to you. Dig out Webster for a definition that you can cover in photography. Be it whimsical (whatever that means), fanciful, quirky, capricious, unusual, odd, humorous, merely amusing, funny, hilarious, jokey, witty, comical, droll, or just tongue-in-cheek, get an image and show us your whimsical side.



November 2010 - Live Music

Austin is the Live Music Capital of the World. You’ve all heard that. Now is your chance to use your photo journalistic talents to do your part to prove it. Your image (or images) should capture a live performance by someone famous, kinda famous, or someone nobody knows (yet). It doesn’t matter. They just need to be in the act of performing at a live venue. Do they absolutely have to be doing this in Austin? No, but it couldn’t hurt.

January 2011 - Trailer Food

Austin has become a Mecca for trailer food vendors. Most everyone knows about the trailers in the parking lot on South Congress. But if you think that’s all there is, look a little harder. They’re everywhere! Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to document in photographs one or more of these establishments and/or the product that they are selling. You might want to try the food, while you’re at it. This could be a very fulFILLing assignment. Knock yourself out!

March 2011 - Texas Spring

Spring in Texas (when we have rain) can be incredible, as we all know. This assignment is intended to get you out and about to capture spring at its best. Naturally, one’s thoughts are drawn to images of wildflowers as far as the eye can see, and that is certainly one scenario, but maybe you can do better. Or not. Just remember, you aren’t limited to only wildflowers.

Club Leadership for 2010

President.....	Lucy Durfee.....	914-7935
Vice President/Programs.....	Pete Holland.....	689-5939
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Competition Co-Chairman.....	Tom Delaney.....	266-6490
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Competition Committee.....	Max Layard.....	322-0239
Events Coordinator.....	Lois Schubert.....	280-7522
Events Coordinator.....	Kathy McCall.....	264-9602
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Refreshments Chairman.....	Charlaine Matthews.....	418-9405
Webmaster.....	Barbara Hunley.....	250-1144
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Roster and Nametags.....	Rose Epps.....	502-0608

COMPETITION JUDGES

The following is a list of judges for the September competition:

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Dick Lavine
Sheldon Lloyd
Open

If you have any questions about being a judge, please contact Lucy Durfee at 914-7935.