



## Smithville, TX Photo Festival

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The field trip to the Smithville Photo Festival on October 10th was a great learning experience. Doug Box and Randy Kerr had 13 sets scattered around downtown Smithville featuring everything from Miss Rodeo



Photo by Kathy McCall

Texas to skateboarders in the Skate Park. The FJ Westcott Company provided lighting equipment for the different sets and participants were instructed how to set their camera for the different light situations. The percussion section of the Smithville High School Band endured heat and uniforms to perform which was an added attraction for photo enthusiasts.

For those with a flare for adventure took the train ride through Smithville and were driven by homes that Hollywood had used as settings in some of their more recent movies.

Suzette Allen held an informative one hour Photoshop Class that afternoon in one of the downtown buildings that covered all levels of Photoshop. The class was for novice users as well as those with extensive Photoshop experience.

Austin Shutterbug had about 17 members who participated in the photo festival.



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### **October Meeting**

Monday, October 25, 2010

**7:00 pm**

LCRA Redbud Building

3601 Lake Austin Blvd.

(corner of Redbud and Lake Austin Blvd.)

Schedule Change for  
November Meeting!

**Thursday, November 18, 2010**



### **COMPETITION JUDGES**

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

#### **November 2010**

*Michal Bagley*

*John Davis*

*Dolph McCranie*

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

# Competition Assignments

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

## ***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.

## ***May 2011 - Architectural Detail in Black & White***

All architecture has detail, even the most modern. Your assignment is to take a photograph of an architectural detail (on a building, but you knew that), and render it in black & white. It doesn't have to be a fancy detail, but it can't hurt. Just make sure the detail is, well, detailed. Have fun.

## ***July 2011 - Falling Water***

Waterfalls are one of the favorite subjects of most landscape photographers. Your assignment this month is to capture an image of a waterfall that captures the essence of the movement of the water. Whether you favor the slow shutter speeds that result in water that renders the silky (or cotton-candy) appearance, or the stop-action that results from high shutter speeds, get out in nature and give us your best shot! One more thing; should you be tempted to shoot Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece, the Kaufmann House, go right ahead. The waterfall below the house is fair game. Hint.

## ***September 2011 - Rise and Shine!***

The big problem with sunrises is that they occur so early. But getting up and out there bright and early can be well worthwhile, because sunrises are the fodder of gorgeous photographs—and you won't find your ideal locations swamped with people. So, set the alarm for a really early time and get there before first light.

## ***November 2011 - Shoot It Before It Disappears***

We've all seen things, places, or buildings that looked interesting, and we wanted to photograph them, but for one reason or another, we didn't take the time. The next time you passed that way, maybe it was still there, and you had the time, and you photographed it. Unfortunately, all too often it's gone the next time you pass through. Your assignment for November is to take the time to photograph the things that are on the verge of disappearing due to encroaching development, or natural disaster, or just plain deterioration. This is your chance to immortalize something.

# September 2010 Minutes

President, Lucy Durfee, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Visitors were introduced and welcomed. Treasurer, Marlene Lebel, explained the dues paying process and passed the envelope around the room.

Kathy McCall, Events Coordinator, spoke briefly on the upcoming field trip to LBJ State Park. The group will meet at the Visitor Center at 9 a.m. She also announced that the Texas Photo Festival will be held in Smithville, Texas, on Oct. 9th & 10th. The Oct. 10th activities are free. For more info, go to [www.texasphotofestival.com](http://www.texasphotofestival.com).

Lois Schubert, Events Coordinator, has offered to arrange a docent tour of the Harry Ransom Center, Gershwin Collection, if there is enough interest.

Lucy announced that next month's speakers are Doug Box and Randy Kerr. Doug Box has a portrait studio in Caldwell, Tx., has been published in magazines, written books, photographed weddings, and does natural light photography. His website is [www.dougboxphotography.com](http://www.dougboxphotography.com).

Lucy announced that our October meeting has been changed to Monday, Oct. 25th, due to the LCRA needing the meeting room on our regularly scheduled night.

Tonight's refreshments were provided by Bev & Dolph McCranie and Dan Macry. Charlaine asked for a volunteer to coordinate refreshments temporarily. Bev McCranie volunteered. Charlaine announced that it is likely we will have our Christmas Party at Tres Amigos. Details to be announced later.

Lucy announced that some of the ASC members participated in an exhibit in San Marcos entitled "Naturescapes" and "Storytelling". Lois Schubert received a Merit Award, Jane Guerin received a Merit Award, and Lucy Durfee received a Best in Show award.

Lucy also announced that some of the ASC members currently have images on exhibit at the Chase Bank building downtown at 700 Lavaca St. through the month of October.

The upcoming assignments are posted on the website. The November assignment is "Live Music."

Tonight's competition is "Whimsey." The judges for this month were Dick Levine, Sheldon Leonard and Fred Peebles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## Calls for Entry

**The Mindful Eye  
TMC 2011 Workshops  
TMELive.com**

**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](http://www.naturesbestphotography.com/enter_othercompetitions.php)

## Club Leadership for 2010

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