



Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Ranch

Article / photo by Kathy McCall

Join us on Saturday, September 25th, for an Austin Shutterbug field trip to the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Ranch. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor's Center to the LBJ Park located 14 miles west of Johnson City off Hwy 290 on Park Road 52. There are no fees for the Park or Ranch. The park is situated along the Pedernales River and contains the Sauer Beckmann Living History Center. If we can get a group of 15 we can reserve an interpretive tour. Even without the tour the farm has a couple of picturesque barns, a house, dog trot cabin, windmill, pens with calves, goats and chickens. Nearby



the farm is a large pen with a couple of longhorns and a herd of white tail deer. While I was there the park ranger came to feed the animals at 10:30 and even put feed near the fence where I was standing so I could get closeups.

Get a free driving permit at the Park's visitor center to take a self-guided driving tour of the LBJ Ranch which is located in the park across the river. You'll receive a CD that will guide you through the ranch with information about the buildings you are seeing and some LBJ stories. You can stop at various locations to photograph. The Ranch tour ends at the Texas White House where some of LBJ's cars are on display. A recent addition is a jet LBJ used.

Along Ranch Road 1 which follows along the Pedernales and takes you from the Park to the Ranch, you will see a herd of buffalo and a pretty church. After leaving the LBJ Ranch follow Ranch Road 1 east back to HWY 290 and head to Johnson City where we'll eat lunch at the Silver K cafe at 1:00 pm. If you have time while in Johnson City stop by the A. Smith Gallery on Nugent St. for a photography exhibit entitled "Domicile". Lois and Kathy have photos in the exhibit.

September Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2010

7:00 pm

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

Schedule Change for
October Meeting!

Monday, October 25, 2010



COMPETITION JUDGES

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

September 2010

*Dick Lavine
Sheldon Lloyd
Dan Slutsky*

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.

August 2010 Minutes

President, Lucy Durfee, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Linda Sheppard, Hospitality Chair, introduced visitors. All were welcomed. Lucy asked that anyone interested in joining the club, see her for more information. Dues are half price the rest of this year.

Kathy McCall, Events Coordinator, spoke briefly about the Krause Springs field trip on Aug.25th. She and Lois are open to suggestions for a September field trip. Lois announced that on October 9th & 10th, Photofest will be held in Smithville. There will be several models and lighting set ups for photographers. She suggested googling texasphotofest for more information. Lois also announced that there will be a scavenger hunt in November. Information to follow.

Lucy announced that "A Picture Perfect Evening" will be on exhibit at the Harry Ransom Center September 10th.

Lucy asked for another volunteer to judge the September competition. Dan Slutsky volunteered. The September assignment is "Whimsey."

Pete Holland, VP and Programs, introduced tonight's guest speaker, Dave Wilson. Dave will be speaking to us about HDR (High Dynamic Range) photography. For more information, see Dave's website at www.davewilsonphotography.com. Pete announced that he is open to suggestions for the October program.

Tonight's refreshments were provided by Jack and Ruth Cox, Mary Paige Huey, and David Shiek.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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*Lucy Durfee, Rose Epps, Jane Guerin,
Lois Schubert*

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Calls for Entry

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

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