



Annual Shutterbug Club Holiday and Awards Banquet

Thursday, December 8th

Tres Amigos

Capital of Texas Highway location
1801 South Hwy 360.
Just North of Barton Creek Mall

6:00 PM Happy Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 PM Dinner includes:

Beef or Chicken Fajitas, plus all the trimmings
Chips and Salsa
Dessert (Provided by the Club)
Cola, Tea or Coffee
(Bar charges are NOT included)

Annual Club Awards to follow

Cost of the Banquet is \$20.00 per person.

Please bring your check or exact cash amount to the November 10th meeting.

You can also mail your check to: Paul Munch, 10704 Cooper Hill, Austin, TX 78758

Make check payable to Austin Shutterbug Club. Deadline for mailing is December 2nd.



November Meeting

November Evaluation and Review
will be:

Shoot It Before It Disappears

Thursday, November 10, 2011

7:00 pm

Northwest Recreation Center

2913 Northland Dr.

Austin, TX 78757



*Visitors are
always
welcome!*



Save the Dates



November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	ASC 10 Meeting	11	12
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December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ASC Field Trip • Texas Photo Festival
Sunday, October 9th • Smithville, Texas



Kushal Bose



Kushal Bose



Lois Schubert



Lois Schubert

**Participants of the
Texas PhotoFest
Field Trip share some
of their images.
Thanks to all who
participated!**



Marc Perry



Kathy McCall



Marc Perry



Kathy McCall



Marlene Lebel



Marlene Lebel



Patric Daniels



Patric Daniels



Pete Holland



Pete Holland



Barbara Hunley



Barbara Hunley

Photography Insights

by Brian Loflin

Wildflower HDR made simple

Texas wildflowers have come and gone for this season. This was not a great year like last, but flowers were found if you searched.

One of the more common flowers to be found was the Showy primrose (*Oenothera speciosa*). It is not a spectacular flower, only about 2 inches across.

So now that we have near freezing temperatures around Austin, what do we do? Stay inside and start working some digital darkroom magic.

As this flower is not as spectacular as some, I wanted to make this blossom stand out in my photograph so I decided to produce a simple HDR (High Dynamic Range) image.

In this case the final image was made with only two RAW frames 1.0 F stop apart. The first was exposed on the money and the second, under exposed. The two images were combined in Photomatrix Pro 4.0.2 (64 bit) software. In doing so with images in windy conditions, I checked the box for “reducing ghosting artifacts.” Images were processed with tone mapping in the details enhancer mode using the enhancer “smooth” preset. The resulting combination image has more “pop” than the single frame.

Windy conditions are a severe handicap when shooting wildflowers, especially when attempting to capture several frames for HDR. Wind breaks and high shutter speeds can help. However, making several bracketed images without movement is rarely possible. Therefore, it's nice to know that a combination of only two images will still produce very pleasing results.



Image capture with Nikon D2Xs and 200mm F4 Micro Nikkor lens in natural light.

Membership Juried Photography Exhibit

During the month of June 2012

**At North Hills Gallery
Northwest Hills United Methodist Church**

June 6 through July 2, 2012

Photographers Reception June 10, 2012

There will be a matting and framing workshop prior to the exhibit.

Austin Shutterbug Club Meeting Minutes October 13, 2011

President Brian Loflin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, reminding everyone that we will meet the second Thursday of the month from now on.

Brian introduced and welcomed all visitors.

Tonight's refreshments were provided by Robert Mack, Rosie Casey and John Davis.

Lois Schubert, Events Coordinator, said the Texas Photo Fest in Smithville Sunday, October 9th was attended by 9 hardy members. She apologized for the Pocket Grill being closed, which had been the designated dinner location. Lois also mentioned that before going to Smithville she, Rose and Kathy had stopped outside of Bastrop to take fire devastation photos and that everyone should think about recording this tragic event. There will be no organized ASC field trips for the rest of the year but some interesting photography options are: the Austin PowWow, November 5th 10 am to 10 pm at the Tony Burger Center. The event is free. Photography is limited on the main floor to the press area. Photographers should always ask permission to photograph the performers. It's OK to photograph from the bleachers and outside. Also the East Austin Studio Tour

takes place November 12 through the 20th, which makes for good photo journalism.

Brian announced that he and Shirley had recently received the Carol Abbott Award for Native Plant books for their "Grasses of the Texas Hill country". Congratulations Brian and Shirley!

Brain told the attending members that we need to talk about next year's officers and leaders.

Pete Holland of Programs introduced out guest speaker Kirk Tuck, whom he has known for 30 years. Kirk is a very successful commercial photographer as well as author of several books including one on Minimalist Lighting, the subject of tonight's presentation. Kirk also has a very interesting blog <http://visualsciencelab.blogspot.com/>.

Kirk gave a very informative and entertaining talk with a slide show on his work and techniques. Afterwards he took questions from the audience and showed some of his equipment including his favorite six foot umbrella from Phototek., the Softlighter 2.

After a very short snack break the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Call for Entries and Photography Events

The Icons of Photography No.12 lecture series
An Evening with Henry Horenstein
• Friday, November 18th • 7pm

Blanton Museum Auditorium | University of Texas
• \$5 student/senior/military in advance | \$10 at the door
• \$15 general admission in advance | \$20 at the door
• ACP Members FREE
<http://www.visitacp.org/events/>

A. Smith Gallery "Alterations"
Juried by Jean Caslin
Entry deadline: November 30, 2011
<https://asmithgallery.com/Alterations>

Texas Highways Magazine Want List
Deadline: January 1, 2012

We will feature four drives next year, we have three selected as of now.
• Chalk Mountain: Stephenville-Granbury-Glen Rose-Stephenville
• Brownwood-Cross Plains-Rising Star-Comanche-Brownwood
• Del Rio-Past Devils River State Park up to Sonora Ozona-Juno-Comstock-Del Rio.
See: <http://www.texasphoto.org/NatNewsCompetitions.html>

For more "Call for Entries" see
www.texasphoto.org/NatNewsCompetitions.html,
The website of the Texas Photographic Society

Precision Camera presents the Austin Photo Expo:

Sat., Nov 12th 9am-6pm & Sun., Nov 13th 10am-6pm.
Norris Conference Center 2525 W Anderson Ln # 365 Austin, TX

Central Texas's largest gathering of photographic manufacturers in one place for two days. The expo floor will be showing all the latest cameras, lenses, and accessories. Photographic representatives will be on hand to explain how their products work best for you.

Free seminars, open to the public! Learn tips on how to take better portraits, nature shots, macro, lighting techniques and more. Seminars are on a first come basis. There will be four seminar rooms going both days, with different speakers and subjects going on every hour or so. Check the website: <http://www.austin-photoexpo.com/> for updates to the guest speaker list.

Club Leadership for 2011

President	Brian Loflin	331-2820
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