



Bandera Field Trip



by Jane Guerin

About twenty intrepid Shutterbugs travelled to Bandera over the weekend of November 14th and 15th. We photographed all around town, searching for the best scavenger hunt images, and enjoyed good food in the “Cowboy Capital of the World”. We were able to photograph cowboys, livestock and some bikers and their bikes. Some members visited the local parks, museums and St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church with an interior similar to the painted churches. We found interesting old buildings, deer wandering about in one neighborhood (safe from hunters), a back yard with two sheep and a noisy, colorful rooster. The Medina River reflected cypress trees that had turned a pretty shade of reddish brown. We painted with light under the guidance of Lucy Durfee at the ruins of the Silver Spur Dance hall that overlooked the town. All in all, a busy and fun weekend for everyone who came.



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Childhood Exhibit Opens

Childhood: An International Photo Exhibition opens January 14, 2010 with an artist's reception from 6 - 8p, at the Dougherty Art Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road. This exhibition is sponsored by the Texas Photographic Society and features work from 45 artists from around the country. The exhibit is juried by the actress Jamie Lee Curtis. Ms. Curtis is an author of best-selling children's books with net sales of all editions exceeding 4.6 million units. For more information visit texasphoto.org.

CLUB FACTS

The **Austin Shutterbug Club** (ASC) was founded in 1998 as a nonprofit photographic organization. The purpose of ASC shall be to encourage an interest in photography, to provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas, to provide an enjoyable forum for the development of artistic and technical photographic skills and to promote a healthy spirit through educational programs, exhibition and through member competition. **Important meeting change:** beginning with our April 23, 2009 meeting, we will be meeting the 4th Thursday of each month, 7pm to 10pm at the LCRA Redbud Building, 3601 Lake Austin Blvd. (corner of Redbud and Lake Austin Blvd.) For more information, please visit the club's website at austins shutterbug.com.

The Mindful Eye

The Mindful Eye (formally Radiant Vista) will be hosting an Inspirational Photography Weekend March 6 - 7, 2010. The weekend features two full days jam-packed with practical tips, demonstrations, and lots of inspiration. Participants will also be eligible for special equipment discounts and awesome giveaways. Their exciting presentations are designed to appeal to all skill levels of photographers and include a very wide range of photographic topics. Visit www.tmelive.com for more info.

Reminder

For participants in the scavenger hunt: Please submit your scavenger hunt images on a CD or DVD to Kathy McCall or Lois Schubert. The deadline is the January 28th (our next ASC meeting). Include your best image for each of the 16 categories or whatever was completed. You can also mail it to Kathy McCall, 22306 Hazy Hollow Dr. #6, Spicewood, TX 78669.

Name the images with BSH01, BSH02--followed by your name and the date. In other words BSH for Bandera Scavenger Hunt then the number of the item you are entering for, your first initial and last name and the date: BSH01-kmccall1109.jpg, through BSH16-kmccall1109.jpg. Resize according to the guidelines found on the ASC website for resizing images for competition.

We plan to show the images at the March meeting. We would like to have the audience judging like we did with the Round Top Scavenger Hunt.

November Meeting Minutes

President Lucy Durfee called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Visitors were introduced and welcomed. Charlene Matthews announced that the ASC Holiday Banquet will be December 10th at Tres Amigos. The cost per person is \$21.

This evening's refreshments are provided by Mary Paige Huey and Dean Montgomery.

Events Coordinator, Lois Schubert, spoke about the recent field trip to Bandera. There was a nice turn out of about 20 participants. Details about turning in scavenger hunt images will be emailed to members soon.

VP/Programs, Pete Holland, announced that the February program will be a Grand Teton/Yellowstone National Parks presentation by 7 ASC members. For a future program, Lucy suggested Robert Schultz.

Member Linda Sheppard spoke briefly about the "Help Portrait Austin," a nationwide effort to take portraits of low income people. The organization needs volunteers. For more information, contact Linda Sheppard.

Lucy announced that Rocky Mountain School of Photography will be having a workshop here in January. There is a group discount code on the brochures. The workshop will be at the Norris Conference Center January 24th & 25th. There will also be a week long workshop on Lightroom in March.

The framing and matting workshop was held on Thursday November 12th.

Lucy asked for volunteers to help with the club next year. There are two positions open. One is the newsletter position; the other is Competition Chairperson. Phil Charlton explained the duties for the competition position. Co-competition Chairman, Fred Peebles, said that there may be some competition revisions for 2010.

Dean Montgomery passed the judging sign up sheet around the room, asking for volunteers for next year.

Tom Delaney mentioned that the photography of Loren Greenfield will be at the Blanton Museum on Friday, Nov. 20th.

Wayne Hillman mentioned that on Friday & Sat., Nov. 20 & 21, Precision would have vendors in their store. Also, the first 50 people in the store would be awarded door prizes.

This evening's program is competition. Phil briefly explained the competition process. The judges are Phyllis Rummel, Rose Epps, and Dick Levine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Calls for Entry

Carnival

Newspace Center for
Photography

Deadline: December 18, 2009
newspacephoto.org

PDN Photo Annual 2010

PDN Magazine

Deadline: December 21, 2009
pdnphotoannual.com

Best Friends: The Ultimate Animal Photo Contest

PDN and Kodak

Deadline: December 22, 2009
bestfriendsphotocontest.com

2010 Awards Program

Center for Railroad
Photography & Art

Deadline: December 31, 2009
railphoto-art.org

Share the Experience

National Park Foundation

Deadline: December 31, 2009
sharetheexperience.org

Floral

Vermont Photography Workplace

Deadline: January 4, 2010
vtphotoworkplace.com

3rd Annual Plastic Camera Show

RayKo Photo Center

Deadline: January 5, 2010
raykophoto.com

Motion

Center for Fine Art Photography

Deadline: January 12, 2010
c4fap.org

Home Page Contest No.3

Austin Center for Photography

Deadline: To Be Announced
visitacp.org

High Scoring Images from November



Beverly McCranie
Animas Forks



Lucy Durfee
White Easter Lily



Rose Epps
New Sweden Church



Pete Holland
Navajo Horses



Richard Haas
Antiques



Jane Guerin
Autumn Sunburst



Rose Epps
Brooklyn Bridge



Mary Paige Huey
Library Walkway



Bindu Viswanatha
Texas Capitol Dome

Competition Assignments

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

January 2010 - Hidden Texas

Pictures entered in this category should expose the real character or spirit of Texas. Take a fresh look at the familiar - capture a view that's rarely seen, or shoot a well-known subject in an innovative and distinctive way.

March 2010 - Patterns in Nature

Photographing patterns in nature not only yields fascinating subjects, but in the process can reveal the incredible intricacy and beauty of the world around us. The assignment for March is to participate in the appreciation of the patterns found throughout nature and to share with others these wonders that you can discover anywhere and everywhere (even in your own backyard).

May 2010 - Found Still Life

Serendipity has its own rewards,

especially when you go out wandering with eyes wide-open and a camera in hand. Take the pictures that present themselves to you as you make your way on a trip, or just on the way to work. Keep in mind that this is a still life category, not a landscape, not architecture, not anything big. Necessarily. Think arrangement, but not by you. Nature is very good at arrangement. So is chance. So, get out there and find your masterpiece!

July 2010 - America the Beautiful

What more appropriate theme for the month of our country's birth? Images may be patriotic (lots of flags, for instance) or just communicate the beauty and grandeur of this great land. Or, it can be representative of life in this place we call home. If it screams "USA! USA! USA!" it's fair game.

September 2010 - 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.

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 photojournalistic 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.

You may enter two photographs in each competition. These photographs must be digital, and must be submitted by e-mail. Entries must be received by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting.

January Program

The program for January is the first bi-monthly competition of 2010. The assignment for January is "Hidden Texas." You can find out more about the assignment theme, as well as assignments for upcoming months, on this page. Submit your entries according to the rules that are posted on the ASC website. Be sure and join us for this always interesting and fun event.

CLUB LEADERSHIP FOR 2009

President	Lucy Durfee	914-7935
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Secretary	Jane Guerin	261-3572
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Competition Co-Chairman	Phil Charlton	918-8061
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Competition Committee	Max Layard	322-0239
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Events Coordinator	Kathy McCall	264-9602
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COMPETITION JUDGES

The following is a list of scheduled judges for the coming months:

January 2010	February 2010
open	open
open	open
open	open

If you have any questions about being a judge, please contact Dean Montgomery at 837-3015.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Club members are encouraged to submit articles, images, news items, etc. for publication in the newsletter. You will find guidelines for submissions on the ASC website, www.austinshtutterbug.com. Submissions should be e-mailed to sstokan@sbcglobal.net.