



**Houston Camera Club**

Member of PSA & GSCCC

# THE RANGEFINDER

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**Meets first and third Tuesdays each month at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet near Hillcroft**

## Annual Awards Dinner and Guest Night

**Tuesday, August 16**

Our annual awards dinner wraps up the current club year. It will be held on our regular third Tuesday meeting date at Bayland Community Center. Come and bring friends. This is one of the two social events of our club year.

This is a potluck dinner. **Leslie Niemand** will have a signup list at the August 2 competition meeting. Please sign up to bring the side dish of your choice. If you bring a guest, plan on bringing an additional side dish for your guest. If you are unable to be at the competition meeting, email or call **Leslie Niemand**.

The club will provide the meat dishes and utensils. If you choose not to bring food to share, there will be a \$7 charge per person to cover costs.

Times: 4:30 p.m.—Setup

6:00 p.m.—Social Period

6:30 p.m.—Dinner

7:15 p.m.—Program, Awards Presentations

Several people need to help set up the tables at 4:30. We will also need help cleaning up the room after the awards have been presented. Please stay to help at the end of the evening.

We have the use of the auditorium and the kitchen. Oven space is available to keep dishes warm. There is also space for final preparation if you need it.

### Program by Mark Katz

Mark is a wonderful photographer. We have seen his images and admired them. At the Awards Dinner, Mark will present a 45 minute program of special images.

Urvine Atkinson, Program Chair

**Tuesday, August 2, 2011**

**Competition Meeting**—Projected Digital Images and Prints  
Starting time: 7:00 p.m.

- **Projected Image Competition**—Enter up to 2 images in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, Creative). Send digital images to Bob Jump by Saturday, July 30 at [hcc\\_digital@att.net](mailto:hcc_digital@att.net)
- **Digital Print Competition**—Enter up to 2 prints in any of 5 categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative)
- **Monochrome**—Enter 1 image and/or 1 print.
- **Assignment** for August *Interior Stairwell* enter one projected image and/or print.

**Judges:** Connie Danley, John Niemand, Ross Gore

**Competition Table:** Gwen Kunz, Ernie Wales  
Anyone needing to change, contact **Leslie Niemand**

**Mini Show:** Gerry Jump

**Refreshments:** Terry Rutledge

### August Calendar

August 2	Competition Meeting Judge Travel Sequences
August 13	Field Trip—Full Moon Rising, Brazos Bend State Park
August 16	Annual Awards Dinner



## Upcoming Assignments

September	Beverage
October	Neon Lights
November	Fall Colors

## Additional Awards Dinner Information

### George Buffington Award

The *George Buffington Award* is named in honor of a former camera club member who contributed significantly to the club. Club members present at the dinner may vote for their choice of the individual who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. Current year elected officers are not eligible. The member with the most votes will receive the award.

### Competition—High Points

The August 2 competition meeting is your last chance to bring your annual total entries to 20 for Regular competitions and to 5 images for each of the Monochrome competitions. This is for high point awards only.

The projected image and print of the year competitions ended in June and have been judged. July and August entries will be included in next year's eligible entries for image of the year.

## Field Trip — Saturday, August 13

### Full Moon Rising Over Elm Lake—Brazos Bend State Park

On August 13, the moon is full and it rises at 7:54 p.m. We will meet in the Elm Lake parking area at 7 p.m. and walk a short distance to the west side of Elm Lake where we will set up to photograph the moon rise across the water. At that time of day, you may also see alligators, birds, and maybe deer.

Moonrise is very nice at this location. Early in the outing you will begin shooting across part of the lake and through some trees. Birds are flying in to roost. Black Bellied Whistling Ducks, White Ibis, Egrets, and vultures are all candidates for a bird flying across the moon shot. Moonrise landscape photos are possible with shorter lens. But, for the *big moon* shots, you will want your longest lens.

An optional extension is a visit to George Observatory, also in Brazos Bend State Park. **Steve Goldberg** will provide a guided tour of those observatory areas open without a ticket. Steve and Amelia were involved in the selection of the site for this observatory and were Building Managers for nine years. They are experts on the facility.

Since the Perseid Meteor Shower occurs that evening, there will be lots of visitors to the observatory. Photo ops may be limited due to the crowds.

Bill Burychka, John Niemand—Field Trip Chairmen

## Visitors:

We had several visitors in July. Welcome to you all. **Courtney** and **Thantcyn Nyan** are from Missouri City. **Danni Yang** lives in Houston. **Leon Acosta** also lives in Houston.

## Member News:

July was a big month for **Ross McEathron**. He retired from his full time job. And, mid-month, he traveled to Italy with **Carolyn** and other members of their family. They visited Rome, Florence, Venice, and Cinque Terre.

**Bill Dupré** returned from a trip to Greece just in time to travel to Montana to teach a U of H seminar. In early August, he and **Elaine** are off again, this time to Washington, D.C. to visit family for a few days.

In early August, **Alice and Urvine Atkinson** will be traveling to Italy's beautiful lake country.



Spoonbill Splashing

By: Marilyn Holloway

## Election of 2011-2012 Officers

Please take time to thank our outgoing officers from 2010-2011 for the great job they have done. They are:

President	Ross Gore
1st Vice President ( Programs)	Urvine Atkinson
2nd Vice President (Workshops)	Ross McEathron
Secretary	Rachel Burychka
Treasurer	Joe Sandler

Congratulations to our incoming 2011-2012 officers, elected at the July Competition Meeting. Their terms begin in September. They would appreciate any suggestions you have. Please give them your support. They are:

President	Urvine Atkinson
1st Vice President ( Programs)	Ross McEathron
2nd Vice President (Workshops)	Terry Rutledge
Secretary	Rachael Burychka
Treasurer	Joe Sandler

## Mini Show—Competition Meeting

### Photographs Beyond Competition

Gerry Jump is our Mini Show presenter for August. At the August competition, she will give some examples of ways to use photographs besides competition. She will relate a story about a photograph changing a life. She also has a fun photography technique to show us. Plan to stay until the end of the meeting to hear her presentation.

## PSA Convention

The 2011 PSA Convention will be held in Colorado Springs. The dates are September 18-24. Check out [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org) for additional information about the activities and classes or to register.



## July Competition Results

Judged July 5, 2011

Judges: Urvine Atkinson, C.T. Edwards, Gwen Kunz

### Projected Images

#### **Pictorial Category** – 3 entries

1 <sup>st</sup> (19.5 pts)	Red Daylily	C.T. Edwards
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Two Deer Eathing	S. Goldberg
3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts)	Red, White and Blue	J. Klehm

#### **Nature Category** – 6 entries

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Rep 9431	J. Breaux
2 <sup>nd</sup> (22 pts)	Coming In—Ready Or Not	J. Klehm
3 <sup>rd</sup> (21 pts)	3-toed Sloth	B. Dupré
	Elephant Seals	P. Gough
	Mountain Bird	G. Jump

#### **Photojournalism Category** – 4 entries

1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	Rice Pitcher Gonzales At His Best	G. Sternes
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	WOW This is One Big Tree	G. Jump
3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts)	Did He Make It	M. Barrera
	Golden SS Box	R. Towe

#### **Travel Category** – 3 entries

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Bellagio Fountain	C.T. Edwards
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Evzones	B. Dupré
	Green Door Shutter	J. Breaux

#### **Creative Category** – 1 entry

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Star Gazer	M. Barrera
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#### **Assignment:** Mail Boxes — 6 entries

Winner:	Spotted Mailbox	B. Jump
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### Prints

#### **Pictorial Prints** – 3 entries

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Sewing Room	S. Goldberg
2 <sup>nd</sup> (22 pts)	Little Golden Gate Bridge	C. Danley
3rd (19 pts)	Jet Over Mesa Verde	T. Rutledge

## Prints Continued

### **Nature Prints** – 3 entries

1st (24 pts)	Spoonbill Splashing	M. Holloway
2 <sup>nd</sup> (22 pts)	Bee On Yellow Flower	S. Goldberg
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Lily Pond View	H. Wolin

### **Photojournalism Prints** – 2 entries

1 <sup>st</sup> (19 pts)	Replacing Rails, Hitchcock, TX	T. Rutledge
2 <sup>nd</sup> (18 pts)	Gymnastics For A Play	G. Sternes

### **Travel Prints** – 1 entry

1 <sup>st</sup> (19 pts)	Big Sur Coastline	G. Sternes
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### **Creative Prints**—0 entries

### **Unlimited Prints**—2 entries

1st (23 pts)	Crab For Lunch	R. Gore
	Pretty Blue	R. Gore

### **Assignment:** Mail Boxes —9 entries

Winner:	Fish	C. Danley
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Bee On Yellow Flower By: Steve Goldberg

## **Interclub Competitions**



### **GSCCC Nature**

Judged: July, 2011 Judged on basis of 15 points.

Judged By: Amarillo Area Photo Club

Road Runner Running	11 pts	Bob Jump
Horny Frigate Bird	10 pts	Bill Dupré
Moth Larva	10 pts	Joe Sandler
White Pelican With Fish	7585	
	10 pts	Evelyn Sandler



### **PSA EID**

Judged: July, 2011 Judged on basis of 15 points.

Judged By: Elgin Camera Club and DuPage Camera Club

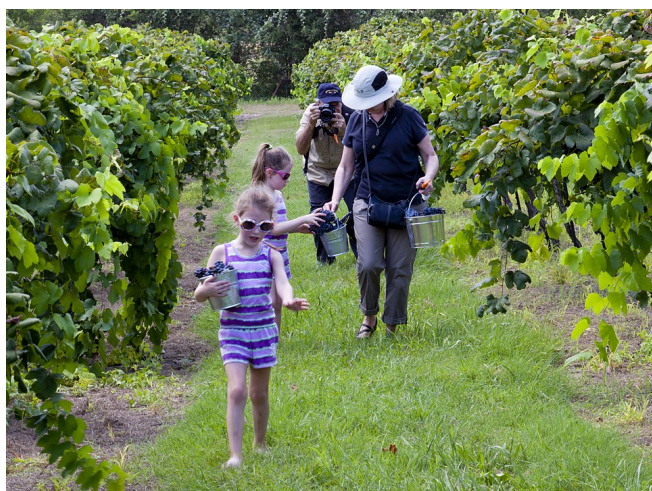
Spoonbill Talking	10 pts	Ross Gore
Tower Reflection	9 pts	John Breaux
Ibis Reflection	9 pts	Joe Sandler
Bird On A Log	9 pts	Bob Jump
Storm Over Kemah	8 pts	Ross McEathron
Night Bloomer	8 pts	Marcia Raskin





Thanks to John Niemand for contributing pictures to the Rangefinder from our field trip to Windy Winery in Brenham.

It was harvest time at Windy Winery. Grapes were ready for picking. When the buckets were full, the grapes were stomped into grape juice. Purple feet and smiles were everywhere.



Bill, Rachel Burychka and grandchildren  
By: John Niemand



Foot Prints On Shirt By: John Niemand



Steve and Amelia Goldberg  
By: John Niemand

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News Deadline: Third Tuesday

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