

#### Houston Camera Club

# THE RANGEFINDER

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

## Field Trip—May 19

#### **Glennwood Cemetery**

9:00 A.M 2505 Washington Ave., Houston.

Our May field trip is to picturesque Glennwood Cemetery. It is hidden off Washington Ave near downtown Houston. There are many graves of famous individuals located in this cemetery. You will find beautiful statues, stately trees, interesting gravestones and landscaping to capture with your camera. This is also a great place for working on images that you can use in monochrome competition. There will be additional details in an email closer to the outing.

Here is an additional date to put on your calendar. The Shootout lunch will be held at Franks in Schulenberg on Saturday, June 2 at 11:30. Come to see the winning pictures and learn the club winner. We will also visit painted churches in the area before and after lunch.

Later in the month, we will have an unofficial field trip to Nelson's Water Garden if there is enough interest. Please let me, Gerry, know if you want to be included.

Gerry Jump—Field Trip Chair

#### Workshop — May 15

#### **Sports Photography**

The May workshop will give us a chance to shoot sports within Bayland Park. Usually there are baseball, soccer and tennis events in progress. There may also still be Lacross at the big field behind the Community Center. Glenn Sternes will lead this session.

Glenn recommends a 70 mm lens for closer shots and a 200-300 mm lens for the longer ones. Also, he suggests shooting JPEG instead of Raw to allow for a greater number of consecutive high speed shots. There may also be a sunset to add some drama. Meet in the Community Center.

Terry Rutledge-Workshop Chair

Refreshments—Doug Peck

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Competition Meeting:—Projected Digital Images and Prints

Starting time: 7:00 p.m.

- Projected Image Competition—Enter one image in any of five categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, Creative).
  Send digital images to Bob Jump by Saturday, April 28 at hcc\_digital@att.net
- **Digital Print Competition**—Enter one print in any of five categories: (Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism, and Creative)
- Monochrome—Enter one projected image and/or one print.
- Unlimited Prints —Enter one print.
- Assignment for May—*Downtown At Night* Enter one projected image and/or one print.

Judges: Manuel Barrera, John Niemand, Bill Burychka

<u>Competition Table</u>: Lisa Auerbach, Julius Klehm

<u>Mini Show</u>: Presenters needed. Come prepared and sign up with Ron Towe.

**<u>Refreshments:</u>** Evelyn Sandler

Calendar—Upcoming Activities May 15 Sports Photography Workshop May 19 Glennwood Cemetery Field Trip

June 2 Shootout Lunch– Franks, Shulenberg

## **Upcoming Assignments**

- June Animal or Animals, Person or People Playing In Water
- July Bicycle or Tricycle
- August Fireworks

## A Photography Workshop Experience

#### Marcia Raskin

Traveling to a beautiful location with a photography workshop is a fantastic way to immerse yourself completely in photography for five straight days. In early April, I traveled to Savannah, Georgia, with the photography group, Barefoot Contessa Photo Adventures.

Our days began around sunrise when we carpooled to locations in and around Savannah while the light was at its best. Mid-days were spent together in our hotel meeting room downloading the images from the morning shoot, manipulating and correcting them, and hearing critiques of three or four of the images by each of the eight photographers participating in the workshop. (Four of these photographers were repeat participants of Barefoot workshops.) Our two knowledgeable leaders also held discussions which included instruction in Lightroom. Late afternoons took us once again into the field for more shooting.

Every photo group has a different focus. Margo and Arnie's mantra was "shoot the image that no one else has shot". The critiques were positive, yet honest, and often emphasized only subtle changes that would greatly improve the images. Some of our subjects included fountains in the squares that Savannah is so famous for, wrought iron fences, lovely old statues in the cemetery, shrimp boards, ruins, and a charming waterfront town.

Editor's Note: If you are thinking about participating in a photography workshop, talk to Marcia and other members about their experiences.

#### **Photographer Saying:**

Of course it's all luck.

Henri Cartier-Bresson



Houston

By: Manuel Barrera

Visitors: We had a number of visitors in April. Neal Kelsoe lives in League City. Mark Westerman and John Stipetieh and Edgar Rivera live in Houston. Lewis Hall lives in Galveston. Mai Tran lives in Sugar Land. And Marc Auerback, Lisa's husband, visited. We're glad you came and we hope to see you again.

**New Members: Howard Pollock** visited in March and joined in April. He lives in Houston and is a friend of Henry Peterman's. He uses Canon equipment and likes to take portraits and also snapshots of his grandchildren.

Alex (Alison) Santiago also visited in March and has now joined. She has just moved to Katy from Denver. She likes macro and landscape photography and is using Canon equipment.

Welcome to you both.

**Member News: Gerry and Bob Jump** were traveling again in April. They explored southern Arizona and spent some time in Tucson as part of Bob's National Park project. They also visited friends in Sedona.

**Lisa Auerbach** and her husband, Marc, traveled to New Iberia, LA for the GSCCC Convention. Also attending were **Ross Gore** and **Leslie** and **John Niemand**. They report that convention was very well organized and the events were interesting and the speakers were great.

**Marcia Raskin** traveled in April to participate in a photography workshop. See more about her trip in her article on this page.

**Ross Gore** and **Thejas Rajaram** participated in photography contests and did well. See the article and images on page three.

#### **Contest Winners**

Two of our members have entered outside contests and are winners.

**Ross Gore** entered images in the five categories of the Milam County Nature Festival 2012 Photo Contest in Rockdale, TX. Ross received a first place for the Nature category, a second place for People in Nature category and second place for Plants or Flora category. Congratulations, that is three winners out of five entries. And, after a presentation of awards, the officials running the contest asked Ross if he would return and work with a group of young photographers to teach them something about wildlife photography. This might be even more of an honor than winning the awards.

**Thejas Rajaram** entered the March Focal Press Photography contest. His image, Light of Knowledge, won third place in this contest. You can see more of the Focal Press winners at

http://focalpressphotographycontest/cp,category/winners/

Be sure to congratulate Ross and Thejas when you see them.



By: Ross Gore





By: Thejas Rajaram

By: Ross Gore

April Com	petition Results	
Judged April 3	3, 2012	
Judges: Ross (	Gore, Mark Katz, Gwen k	Kunz
<b>Projected I</b>	mages	
	egory – 1 entry	
1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Dawn At The Beach	T. Rajaram
Nature Categ	<b>gory</b> – 5 entries	
1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Proud Parents 2690	E. Sandler
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Heron 0992	M. Holloway
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Golden Orb Spider And W	/eb
		G. Sternes
	Whooping Crane Hen 033	3
		J. Sandler
(18 pts)	Soft Landing	J. Klehm
Photojourna	lism Category – no entri	es
Travel Categ	<b>ory</b> $-4$ entries	
1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	Double Arch	G. Jump
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	North Window	B. Jump
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Brenham Pony	L. Auerbach
(16 pts)	Red Rock Canyon	C.T. Edwards
<b>Creative</b> Cat	egory – 3 entries	
1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Houston	M. Barrera
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Sunflowers Ala Magrritte	U. Atkinson
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Drinks	T. Rutledge
Monochrome	e – 7 entries	
1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Fritillary	E. Sandler
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Just Watching 1383	J. Sandler
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Anhinga Drying Wings	G. Sternes
	Desert Plant	B. Jump
	Israel	M. Barrera
	Powell Lake	G. Jump
(18 pts)	Walkway To Education	J. Klehm
Assignment:	Animal, Not Bird – 8 er	ntries
Winner:	A Bad Hair Day	B. Jump
Quarterly Fi	eld Trip: - 20 entries	
Winner:	Rice U	M. Barrera

<u>Prints</u>					
Pictorial Prints – 1 entry					
1st (21 pts)	Butterfly At Rest	C.T. Edwards			
Nature Prints – 6 entries					
1st (24 pts)	French Kissing Calliope	M. Holloway			
2 <sup>nd</sup> (22 pts)	Little Blue	J. Klehm			
	Just Watching	E. Sandler			
	In The Thicket 1387	J. Sandler			
3 <sup>rd</sup> (21 pts)	Right Jay	E. Martinez			
	Multicolored Mountain Lo	ori			
		G. Sternes			
Photojournal	ism Prints – No entries				
<b>Travel Prints</b>	– 4 entries				
1st (22 pts)	Canyon Lands	B. Jump			
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Peggy Cove Light House	H. Wolin			
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Frio River	S. Goldberg			
	Dead Horse Reflection	G. Jump			
<b>Creative</b> Prin	ts - 1 entry				
1 <sup>st</sup> (18 pts)	Forest Lane	T. Rutledge			
Monochrome	e – 7 entries				
1st (21 pts)	Flying Together	R. Gore			
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Waterfall in Greenland	H. Wolin			
	Courtyard Oak	J. Klehm			
	Awesome Bridge	B. Jump			
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Cadillac 1932	G. Sternes			
(18 pts)	Wheels	T. Rutledge			
	Stone Face	G. Jump			
Unlimited Prints – 7 entries					
1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	All Decked Out	R. Gore			
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	My Little World	M. Barrera			
3 <sup>rd</sup> (20 pts)	Little Snowy #2	E. Sandler			
	Tranquil Trawlers	J. Klehm			
	The Book	Rachel Burychka			
	The Watchman	B. Jump			
(19 pts)	Mother Monkey and Baby	G. Sternes			
Assignment:	Animal, Not Bird – 9 er	ntries			
Winner:	Trio	T. Rutledge			

## **Prints Continued**

Quarterly Field Trip: - 12 entries

Winner:

Academic Quadrangle B. Jump

# **Interclub Competitions**



## GSCCC No results reported.



## PSA ICIC

Judged April, 2012, on the basis of 15 points.

Emptiness	11 pts	Manuel Barrera
Rice University	11 pts	Manuel Barrera
Food Fight	10 pts	Bob Jump
No Tennis Today	9 pts	Lisa Auerbach
Fishing At Dawn	9 pts	Thejas Rajaram
Lake Sunset	9 pts	Gerry Jump

## **PSA Conference**

This year's conference will be held in San Francisco in September. Additional details have been posted to the conference web site. They include



tours that will be available, classes and workshops that will be held, and the hotel. The conference is open to all.

Check the web site psa-photo.org/conference.

Thanks to Gerry Jump for contributing images from the Houston Arboretum field trip.



Urvine Across the Pond

By: Gerry Jump



Henry Stalking Turtles

By: Gerry Jump

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