

#### Houston Camera Club

# THE RANGEFINDER

Member of PSA & GSCCC

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

## **Competition Meeting—July 2**

#### 7:00p.m. At Bayland

This is the first competition of the new camera club year.

Our competition meeting will be held at Bayland. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude by 9:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you then.

Refreshments:: Bill Burychka

## Workshop — None In July

Bill Burychka, Workshop Chair

## Field Trip —

# None In July, August, September

Field Trips will resume and be scheduled periodically beginning in October.

#### Camera Club Dues 2024—2025

July 1 begins a new camera club year. It is time to pay the club annual dues.

Gwen Kunz, the club Treasurer, is collecting membership dues for the upcoming year. For continuing members, an individual membership is \$30 with \$15 for each additional family member.

If you are paying by check, please make it payable to the **Houston Camera Club**. You can give your payment to Gwen at a club meeting, or send it to her by mail. Her address is in the HCC yearbook. You may also pay with cash or by Zelle.

Members who have not paid by the end of July are delinquent and will not be able to enter competition until dues have been paid.

#### **COMPETITION MEETING**

## Tuesday, July 2, 2024

**Quarterly Field Tri**ps—Enter one projected image and/or one print from each field trip:

- Donkey Rescue and Wolf Sanctuary, McGovern Centennial Gardens
- Projected Image Competition— Enter two images total in categories: Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism. Only one image may be entered in a category.
- **Print Competition**—Enter two images total in categories: Pictorial, Nature, Travel, Photojournalism. Only one image may be entered in a category.
- Creative and Monochrome—Enter one projected image and/or one print in each category.

• Unlimited Prints —Enter one print.

Assignment: Enter one projected image and/or one print. Stairs

Judges: Gwen Kunz, Two Needed

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

## **AUGUST COMPETITION**

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at <a href="mailto:heccorder-by-nc-4">heccorder-by-nc-decided-by-nc-de

Tuesday, **July 30, 2024** 

**August Assignment:** Documentary Photography

## **Calendar—Upcoming Activities**

July 2 Competition Meeting—Bayland 7:00p.m

2024 -2045 Dues are due and payable

EOY 2023-2024 Image Submissions

July 30 Deadline—August Projected Image

Submissions

## **Upcoming Assignments**

Assignments—To Be Taken June 1, 2024 Or Later

August Documentary Photography

September Music

October Children At Play

#### **New Members**

We have three new members this month. **Wenxing Qiu** is an experienced photographer interested in Landscape, Nature and Still Life photography. She is using Canon equipment. Her husband, **Justin Thurman**, has also joined. He is inexperienced in photography. Justin enjoys drone photography and is also interested in travel photography.

Another new member, **Bruce Brown**, is using Nikon equipment and is interested in all aspects of photography. He is particularly passionate about astrophotography. He is a student at the Houston Center for Photography.

Welcome to each of you. We are glad that you joined us.

## **Artifical Intelligence**

Use of artificial intelligence (AI) in photography is growing rapidly, and new AI tools are being developed daily. AI in photography competitions is a complex subject. PSA is considering how AI photographic tools will fit with its rules for competition, but has not finalized its thinking about AI. Within our club, a committee of **Marilyn Holloway, Bill Burychka**, and **John Niemand**, has considered AI and HCC's competition rules. The committee believes that HCC should not rush to change its rules for competieion. HCC's existing rules will continue as they are after July 1, and will be reviewed later in the year.

Some HCC members will want the ability to use AI and to show their AI images at HCC meetings, to see what is possible with AI and to learn from each other. The Critique Only category will be used for this. Starting July 1, AI (and non-AI) images may be entered in this category. Critique Only images are not judged or scored and do not participate in year-end competition. The Critique Only category will be a place each month to show and discuss AI and its new developments.

John Niemand, President

#### **Results Of June Elections**

Elections were held at the Competition Meeting on June 4. The following officers were elected for the 2024-2025 year:

President John Niemand
1st Vice President, Programs Ramiro Sanchez
2nd Vice President, Workshops Bill Burychka

Secretary Rachel Burychka

Treasurer Gwen Kunz

Thank each of you for agreeing to serve. Our club members are grateful to you for everything you do to make our club run smoothly all year.

**Bill Dupre** is the outgoing Secretary. A special thank you, Bill, for your service to the club over many years, and in a number of positions.

#### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people to take over the responsibilities of two important positions in the club, Scorekeeper and Refreshments. If you would consider becoming Refreshments coordinator, please talk to Gwen Kunz or Rachel Burychka to better understand what is involved. If you want to understand what the scorekeeper responsibilities are, talk to Leslie Niemand or Bill Burychka.. Please consider whether you can help the club.

# Field Trips —Suggestions Needed

The club had some great field trips this year. These trips provided opportunities for image making not necessasrily available elsewhere. There are also opportunities for sharing the expertise of and learning from others on these trips.

Field trips will begin again in October. The quiet over the summer is a good time to plan for fall field trips. If you have any suggestions, pleae contact **Terry Rutledge**. His email address is in the Yearbook. If you are willing to lead a field trip, please let him know that too.

## **Photographer Saying:**

"If you can see it, you can shoot it."

Ted Grant

## **Year-End Competition for 2023-2024**

We still have to wrap up the last competition of the 2023-2024 year, the one we have all been working for.

At the **July 2** Competition Meeting, submit your **year-end print selections** to **Leslie Niemand**. You may submit one image from each print category Pictorial, Nature, Photojournalism, Travel, Creative, Monochrome and Unlimited.

Year-end projected images entries are also due July 2 to Marilyn Holloway at <a href="https://example.com/hccprojection@gmail.com">hccprojection@gmail.com</a> You may submit one image from each category Pictorial, Nature, Photojournalism, Travel, Creative, and Monochrome.

The year-end results will be announced and awards presented at the annual awards banquet, **August 20**.

#### Winner—PSA EOY Nature

Images truly don't get better than this. This image was awarded Gold Medal and Best of Show in the PSA Nature Group B End of Year competition. Please congratulate **Marilyn Holloway**. And when you do, be sure to ask her what it took to get this image. It is quite a story.

## **Awards Dinner and Guest Night**

#### **August 20—Bayland Community Center**

The annual awards dinner will wrap up the 2023-2024 club year. Please put this date on your calendar. Come and bring your family and friends.

This is a potluck dinner. A signup sheet will be on the refreshment table at both the July 2 and August 6 competition meetings. Please sign up to bring the side dish of your choice that can serve 6—8 people. If you bring a guest, you should bring an additional side dish for your guest. The club will provide a selection of meat as well as the dinnerware.

If you are unable to be at the competition meeting, email or call **Rachel Burychka**. Her contact information is in the yearbook. We need to know whether you are coming, how many guests you will have, and what you will bring.

If you choose not to bring food to share, you may pay \$15 per person at the door in lieu of food to share.



Grackle's Attempt To Steal

By: Marilyn Holloway

June Competition Results						
Judged June 4, 2024						
Judges: Bill Dupre, Mark Katz, Gene Narahara						
Projected Images						
Pictorial Category – 2 entries						
	Just A Drop	B. Dupre				
2 <sup>nd</sup> (16 pts)	Trailers Waiting	J. Lumb				
Nature Category – 2 entries						
1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	American Snout Butterfl	y F. Cabral				
2 <sup>nd</sup> (16 pts)	Chital Deer	T. Rutledge				
Photojourna	lism Category – 2 entrie	es				
1 <sup>st</sup> (18 pts)	Dancing With The Band	R. Sanchez				
2 <sup>nd</sup> (16 pts)	RR Safety First	J. Lumb				
Travel Category – 3 entries						
1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Pershing Square	F. Cabral				
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Quebec City Street	T. Rutledge				
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Rock & Lichen	B. Dupre				
Creative Category – 5 entries						
1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	WW Leaf Design	F. Cabral				
2 <sup>nd</sup> (18 pts)	Convergence	B. Dupre				
	Unknown RR Machine	J. Lumb				
3 <sup>rd</sup> (17pts)	In The Paddock	T. Rutledge				
	Look Ma! No Fences	R. Sanchez				
Monochrom	e Category – 7 entries					
1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Window Sunset	B. Dupre				
	Sad Gorilla	M. Holloway				
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Pelican Landing	J. Klehm				
The Photographer's Model		lel				
		R. Sanchez				
3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts) Mission San Jose Doorway					
		F. Cabral				
	On Guard	T. Rutledge				
	Unknown RR Machine 2					
<b>Asssignment Category</b> <i>Interior Architecture</i> – 2 entries						
Winner	Palace Of Gold, West Vi					
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T. Rutledge

## June Competition Results Continued

#### **Prints**

**Pictorial Category** – 1 entry

1<sup>st</sup> (20 pts) Cattleya Irene's Circle 'Louisiana'

M. McCorquodale

Nature Category – 2 entries

 $1^{st}$  (21 pts) Storm Is Coming R. Sanchez  $2^{nd}$  (18 pts) Sunset On The Bay W. Qiu

**Photojournalism Category** – 1 entry

1<sup>st</sup> (20 pts) Riding The Wave R. Sanchez

**Travel Category** – 0 entries

**Creative Category** – 0 entries

**Monochrome Category** – 2 entries

 $1^{\rm st}$  (20 pts) Cranes Flying J. Klehm  $2^{\rm nd}$  (19 pts) Make America John Wayne Again R. Sanchez

**Unlimited Category** – 1 entry

1<sup>st</sup> (22 pts) Anhinga Surfaced With Impalled Fish

M. Holloway

**Asssignment Category** *Interior Architecture* – 1 entry

Winner Managua Cathedral J. Klehm



Window Sunset By: Bill Dupre

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## **GSCCC Interclub Competitions**

Judged June, 2024

By: Beaumont Camera Club

#### **GSCCC Color Images**

Agapanthus Refraction	Buz Cabral	11
Egg Balanced On Forks	Marilyn Holloway	10
Storm Arriving	Ramiro Sanchez	9
Poppy Detail	Bill Dupre	8
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#### **GSCCC Monochrome Images**

Sad Gorilla	Marilyn Holloway	11
Flying Together	Julius Klehm	10
Window Sunset	Bill Dupre	10
Amaryllis	Buz Cabral	9

#### **GSCCC Nature Images**

Caught By One Leg	Marilyn Holloway	14'
Hummer	Rachel Burychka	13
Red Dragonfly	Buz Cabral	11
Ospray Flying With Supper		

Osprey Flying With Supper

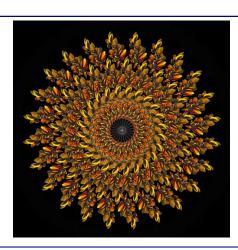
Julius Klehm 9

\* Marilyn was awarded 1st Alternate for her image. Nice

work.

#### **GSCCC** Photojournalism Images

Jiu Jitsu Contest	Marilyn Holloway	12
I Made It	Julius Klehm	11
Best Seat	Buz Cabral	10
Dancing With The Band	Ramiro Sanchez	9



WW Leaf Design By: Buz Cabral



Quebec Street Scene By: Terry Rutledge



A\_León Nicaragua Catedral By: Ramiro Sanchez

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