



Houston Camera Club

Member of PSA & GSCCC

# THE RANGEFINDER

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

## Competition Meeting—February 3

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

We will meet at Bayland. Our meeting will go from 7:00 to 9:00. We will be in Rooms 6, 7, and 8.

This is an in-person meeting. We look forward to seeing you. But, if you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Refreshments: Rachel Burychka

## No Third Tuesday Meeting or Field Trip

We do not have either a program or workshop scheduled for February 17. We also do not have a field trip scheduled. .



Three Brothers

By: Ross McEathron

## COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- **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. *Candle, Lantern, or Camp Light*

**Judges:** Terry Rutledge, Wenxing Qiu, **One Needed**

**Competition Table:** Marilyn Holloway

## MARCH COMPETITION

**Projected Images:** Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at [hccprojection@gmail.com](mailto:hccprojection@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**March Assignment:** *High Vantage Point \*\* Light*

## Calendar—Upcoming Activities

February 3      Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.

February 24      Submission Deadline—March  
Projected Images

**Happy Photographing**

## Upcoming Assignments

These assignment images are to be taken June 1 or later.

March            High Vantage Point \*\*

April            Children At Play

May            Low Vantage Point \*\*

\*\* For any assignments that has a \*\*, there is more detail. See the Assignment PDF attachment to the May, 2025, Rangefinder.

## 2026—2027 Assignments

We need a committee of several members to develop the assignments for next year. Work will begin in February. The new assignments will be announced in the April Rangefinder. If you will help develop the topics, please volunteer — either in an email to Leslie or at the February competition meeting.

## Earl Gilbert Architectural Contest

The Architectural Contest was established to honor the contribution Earl Gilbert made to the club.

Entries will be due on **April 7**.

This year the competition will be with projected images. You may submit one image. The maximum size is 1920 pixels wide by 1080 pixels high. The subject should be of an architectural nature. There is no restriction on when the image was taken.

The image can be sent to [hccprojection@gmail.com](mailto:hccprojection@gmail.com) through **April 7**. The title on the email needs to be HCC Architecture Contest.

The images will be judged outside the club. The winner will have his/her name engraved on a permanent plaque. The winning image will be printed and then displayed in the Bayland case.



Multnomah Falls

By: Buz Cabral



Escaping From The Book

By: Marilyn Holloway



Elvis Has Left The Building

By: Rachel Burychka

## Photographer Saying:

“The Earth is Art, The Photographer is only a Witness”

*Yann Arthus-Bertrand*

## **January Competition Results**

Judged January 6, 2025

Judges: Dan Kabanuck, Jim Nielsen, John Niemand

### **Projected Images**

#### **Pictorial Category – 7 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Chicken And Jug	R. Burychka
	Stripes	J. Nielsen
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Fall Colors	R. McEathron
	Heart To Heart	H. Mian
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Dio De Los Muertos Musician	T. Rutledge
(18 pts)	Shelby	D. Kabanuck
(17 pts)	Indy Old Racer	C. Edwards

#### **Nature Category – 5 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Eastern Indigo Snake	R. Burychka
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Mushrooms With Visitor	J. Nielsen
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Hoverfly	F. Cabral
(18 pts)	Red Tweeter	D. Kabanuck
	Snowy Egret Caught Two Shrimp	M. Holloway

#### **Photojournalism Category – 0 entries**

#### **Travel Category – 3 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Three Brothers	R. McEathron
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Multnomah Falls	F. Cabral
3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts)	Mission Entrance San Antonio	C. Edwards

#### **Creative Category – 4 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Escaping From The Book	M. Holloway
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Christmas Theme	F. Cabral
	Zinnia	T. Rutledge

3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Balanced	H. Mian
1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Taking A Stroll	D. Kabanuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> (18 pts)	Books	H. Mian
	Math Formulas In Antique Book	M. Holloway

#### **Monochrome Category – 4 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Taking A Stroll	D. Kabanuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> (18 pts)	Books	H. Mian
	Math Formulas In Antique Book	M. Holloway

3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts)	Five Bridges In Darmstadt	T. Rutledge
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### **Assignment Category *Books* – 2 entries**

Winner	Books Bring Stories To Life	M. Holloway
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### **Field Trip**

Winner	Elvis Has Left The Building	R. Burychka
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### **Prints**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Winter Wonderland	M. Holloway
2 <sup>nd</sup> (18 pts)	Star Modeling	R. Sanchez
	Christmas At Cheekwood Estate	G. Kunz

#### **Nature Category – 1 entry**

1 <sup>st</sup> (24 pts)	Territorial Fight	M. Holloway
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#### **Photojournalism Category – 2 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Zakk –Live At The Warehouse	D. Kabanuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Happy Holidays To You, Bill	G. Kunz

#### **Travel Category – 0 entries**

#### **Creative Category – 2 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Water Whirlpool	R. Sanchez
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Balancing Act	M. Holloway

#### **Monochrome Category – 1 entry**

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Owner And Pilot	R. Sanchez
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#### **Unlimited – 2 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (24 pts)	Isolation	D. Kabanuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> (23 pts)	1940 Air Terminal	R. Sanchez

#### **Assignment Category *Books* - 2 entries**

Winner	Inspiration	R. Sanchez
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### **Field Trip**

Winner	Tall Cotton	R. Burychka
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## PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Received

## GSCCC Interclub Competitions

Judged January, 2026

By: Louisiana Photographic Society

### GSCCC Color Images

Escaping From The Book	Marilyn Holloway	10
Kinderdijk Wind Mills	Ramiro Sanchez	9
Inverness Sunrise	Dan Kabanuck	8
Pedestal	Buz Cabral	7

### GSCCC Monochrome Images

Abandoned Memories	Rachel Burychka	10
Taking A Stroll	Dan Kabanuck	7
Sunlight Banjo	Henry Peterman	7
Mushroom	Buz Cabral	6

### GSCCC Nature Images

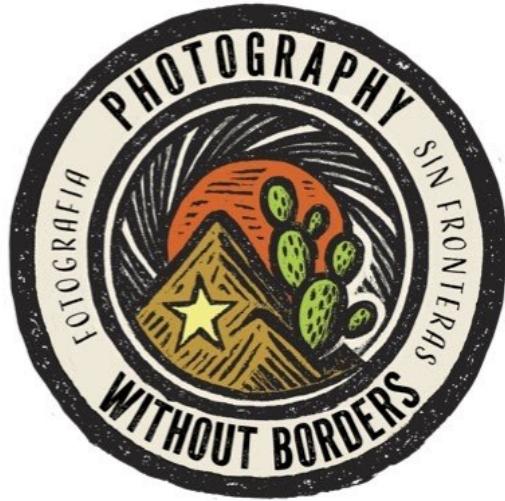
Kingfisher Enjoying Shrimp	Marilyn Holloway	14*
Sedona Sunrise	Jim Nielsen	10
Eastern Indigo Snake	Rachel Burychka	9
Dream Lake	Justin Thurman	9

\* Marilyn won 3rd Place for her image. Congratulations.

### GSCCC Photojournalism Images

Straining For Another Inch	Marilyn Holloway	12*
Skater's Portrait	Ramiro Sanchez	9
Stockyard Roping	Justin Thurman	8
Greek Dancers	Bill Dupre	8

\* Marilyn won 2nd Alternate for her image. Very nice.



**GSCCC '26 El Paso**

**May 28-30, 2026**

For additional details on the GSCCC Convention, the speakers, schedules and to register, see

<http://tinyurl.com/gsccc26>

Then click on the GSCCC Convention tab.

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