

## Competition Meeting— May 5

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

We will meet at Bayland. Our meeting will go from 7:00 to 9:00.

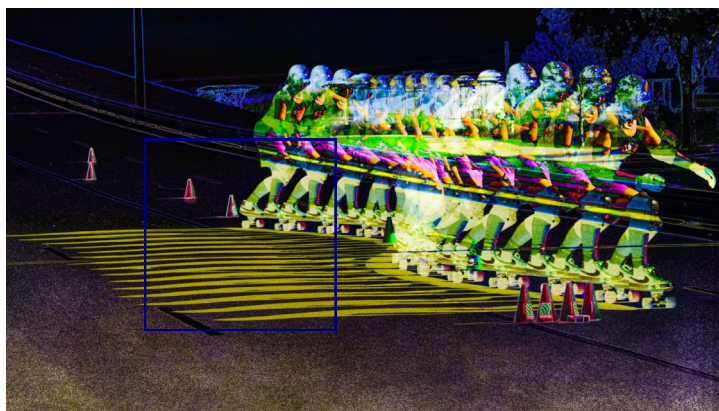
This is an in-person meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Refreshments: Wenxing Qiu

## Program — May 19

### Light Room Latest Update — A Tour

Ramiro Sanchez will present a program on May 19. This will be a video presentation from 6:30 to 8:30. Bring your questions.



Professional Skateboard Slalom Racing  
By: Terry Rutledge

## COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, May 5, 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. *Low Vantage Point* \*\*

**Judges:** John Niemand, Terry Rutledge, Justin Thurman

**Competition Table:** Marilyn Holloway

## JUNE COMPETITION

**Projected Images:** Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at [hccprojection@gmail.com](mailto:hccprojection@gmail.com) by Tuesday, **May 26, 2026**

## Calendar—Upcoming Activities

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| May 5  | Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.             |
| May 19 | Program— Light Room Latest Update— A Tour |
| May 26 | Submission Deadline—June Projected Images |

## Upcoming Assignments

June Food

The following assignments may be taken after May 1:

July Kitchen Macro

August In The Shadows

## Elections In June

Elections for club officers will be held **June 3** during the Competition Meeting. The offices to be filled are:

President — Leslie Niemand

1st Vice President—Programs, Ramiro Sanchez

2nd Vice President—Workshops **Needed**

Secretary, Rachel Burychka

and Treasurer, Gwen Kunz

**Bill Burychka** and **John Niemand** are on the Elections Committee and are developing a slate of officers for the 2026—2027 year.

Bill and John are actively searching for a nominee for 2nd Vice President—Workshops. If you are interested in serving in this position, or any other club job, please contact Leslie, Bill or John.

Our club is run by volunteers. There are many positions that need to be filled that are not elected. Please consider what you can do to help. If you are asked to take on a responsibility, please say yes.

## Assignments for 2026—2027

**Wenxing Qiu, Justin Thurman, Ramiro Sanchez, and Dan Kabanuck**, served on the assignment committee. Thank you all for your great work. We are all going to have fun with these topics.

Images for the 2026—2027 Assignment competitions may be taken beginning **May 1, 2026**.

**July Kitchen Macro**—close-up shot of anything in the kitchen.

**August In The Shadows**—take an image of an interesting shadow, making the shadow the focus of the image. Whatever is casting the image can be there, but shouldn't be the main focal point.

**September Found Faces**—Challenge yourself to find human or animal faces in nature, objects, clouds.

**October Leading Lines**—compositional technique where natural or man-made lines draw the viewer's eye through the frame toward a specific subject.

**November The Church**—Houston has churches everywhere in every shape and size. Capture an image of a church, inside or outside.

**December Panning**—Keep the subject sharp in the image with a motion-blurred background. Conveys speed and dynamism.

**January Naturally Achromatic**—Capture a scene that is physically devoid of color, such as a naturally grayscale environment, a monochromatic painted set, or a composition defined entirely by light and shadow. The final image must be a color photograph. Don't use black and white filters, monochrome camera modes, or post-processing desaturation.

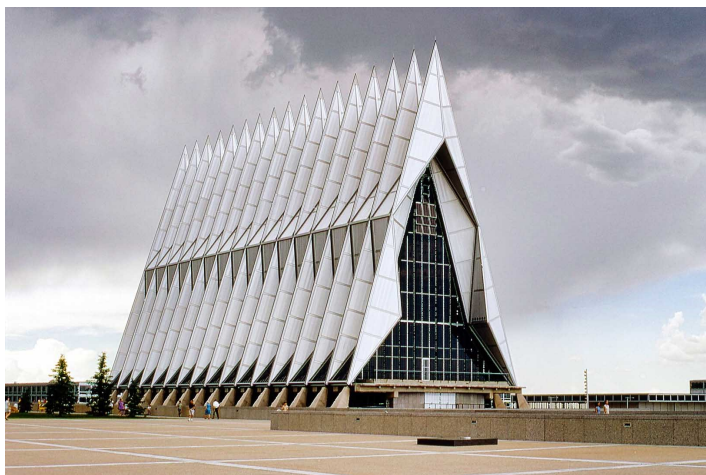
**February Two Foot Distance Challenge—Manually**—Pre-focus your lens for 2 feet. Then shoot to this exact distance. Consider trying this for a week.

**March Layered Photography**—Distinct subjects in the foreground, middle ground and background. Show visual depth.

**April Urban Life**—Street Photography. Life in the city. People, places, or things that represent the city life.

**May Neighborhood Critters**—Capture an image of a critter that runs around your neighborhood. Squirrels, birds, cats, dogs,—whatever you find when you take a walk in your area.

**June Reflections and Shadows**—No direct portraits. The subject must appear via a reflection or a shadow.



A F Chapel

By: Charles Edwards

## Photographer Saying:

“Sometimes I arrive just when God's ready to have someone click the shutter.”

*Ansel Adams*

## April Competition Results

Judged April 7, 2026

Judges: Dan Kabanuck, Gwen Kunz, Jim Nielsen

### **Projected Images**

#### **Pictorial Category – 6 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	The Blue Dasher	R. Burychka
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Sam Houston Rides Into The Sunset	J. Nielsen
3 <sup>rd</sup> (20 pts)	Maine Lighthouse	R. McEathron
	Sunrise At The Wildlife Refuge	T. Rutledge
(18 pts)	AF Chapel	C. Edwards
	Golden Towers	D. Kabanuck

#### **Nature Category – 3 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (24 pts)	Reddish Egret Dinner	R. Burychka
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Exploding In Frustration	J. Thurman
3 <sup>rd</sup> (20 pts)	Coming In For A Hug	W. Oiu

#### **Photojournalism Category – 3 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Mutton Bustin	J. Thurman
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Dragon Dance	W. Qiu
3 <sup>rd</sup> (17 pts)	4th Ward Shotguns	J. Nielsen

#### **Travel Category – 4 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Tunnel View	R. McEathron
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Sonoma Barn At Dusk	D. Kabanuck
3 <sup>rd</sup> (19 pts)	Devil's River	T. Rutledge
(18 pts)	Indianapolis Landmark	C. Edwards

#### **Creative Category – 3 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Professional Skateboard Slalom Racing	T. Rutledge
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Racoon	M. Holloway
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Swirl Of Lighted Trees	R. McEathron

#### **Monochrome Category – 3 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	Alligator Emerging	W. Qiu
	In The Country	D. Kabanuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Going Up	T. Rutledge

#### **Assignment Category *Children At Play* – 2 entries**

Winner	Girl On Carousel	W. Qiu
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#### **Field Trip - January, 2026 — Marach, 2026—2 entries**

Winner	Fishing Black Neck Stilt	R. Burychka
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## **Prints**

#### **Pictorial Category – 1 entry**

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Chihuly Glass Sculpture	G. Kunz
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#### **Nature Category – 2 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	New Life	M. Holloway
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Sunrise	R. Sanchez

#### **Photojournalism Category – 1 entry**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Produce Delivery Man	R. Sanchez
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#### **Travel Category – 0 entries**

#### **Creative Category – 3 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Oops	T. Rutledge
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Buck In A Bubble	M. Holloway
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	ICM Basketball Game	R. Sanchez

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

1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	Lunch Time Brake	R. Sanchez
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#### **Unlimited – 2 entries**

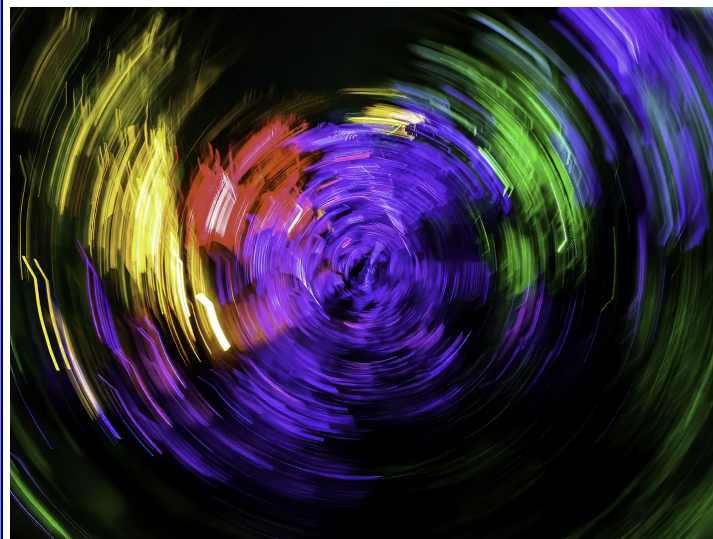
1 <sup>st</sup> (26 pts)	A Whole Lot Of Bull	D. Kabanuck
2 <sup>nd</sup> (23 pts)	Black-Necked Stilt	R. Sanchez

#### **Assignment Category *Children At Play* - 1 entry**

Winner	Playing In Water	M. Holloway
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#### **Field Trip - January, 2026 — Marach, 2026—1 entry**

Winner	Crested Caracara	R. Sanchez
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Swirl Of Lighted Trees

By: Ross McEathron

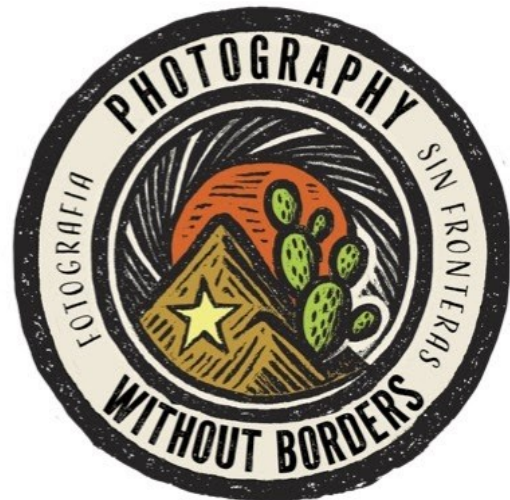


### PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Received

### GSCCC Interclub Competitions

No Results Received



### GSCCC '26 El Paso May 28-30, 2026



Mutton Bustin

By: Justin Thurman

There are additional details on the GSCCC Convention, the speakers, schedules and to register. See <http://tinyurl.com/gscce26>

Then click on the GSCCC Convention tab.

It is time to make up your mind, if you have not already. The convention less than is a month away.



Sam Houston Rides Into The Sunset

By: Jim Nielsen

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