

## Competition Meeting— June 2

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: Gwen Kunz

## Field Trip—June 20

Nelson’s Water Gardens 7:30 a.m.

The June Field Trip will be to Nelson's Water Gardens on June 20th.

They open at 9:00 but are allowing us entry at 7:30AM so we will not interrupt or be interrupted by customers.

This is a lovely place to photograph. Water lilies for sure. But, there are also water falls, interesting plants, and lots of dragonflies and butterflies around.

Bring your camera, a medium lens and a macro too. Tripods are a good idea.

The address is 1502 Katy Fort Bend Rd, Katy, TX 77493.

Plan on going to breakfast after the shoot.

Terry Rutledge, Field Trip Coordinator

## COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 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. *Food*

**Judges:** Bill Dupre, Mark Katz, **One Needed**

**Competition Table:** Marilyn Holloway

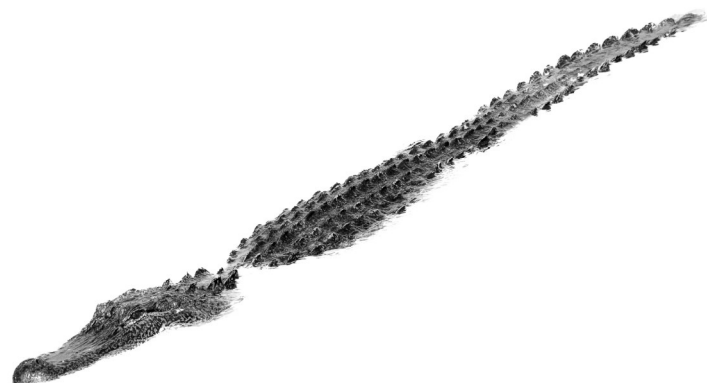
## JULY COMPETITION

**Projected Images:** Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at [hccprojection@gmail.com](mailto:hccprojection@gmail.com) by Tuesday, **June 30, 2026**

**July Assignment:** *Kitchen Macro*

## Calendar—Upcoming Activities

June 2	Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.
June 20	Field Trip Nelson’s Water Gardens, Katy
June 30	Submission Deadline— <b>July</b> Projected Images



Sliding Through

By: Wenxing Qiu

## Upcoming Assignments

The following assignments may be taken after May 1:

July	Kitchen Macro
August	In The Shadows
September	Found Faces

## Elections In June

Elections for club officers for the club year 2026—2027 will be held **June 2** at the Competition Meeting. **Bill Burychka** and **John Niemand** served as the Elections Committee.

The slate of officers proposed are:

President — Leslie Niemand  
1st Vice President—Programs, Ramiro Sanchez  
2nd Vice President—Jim Nielsen  
Secretary, Rachel Burychka  
Treasurer, Gwen Kunz

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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.

**Please attend the Competition Meetin on June 2. To hold the elections, we need a quorum. We need YOU.**

## Dues For 2026—2027 Year Coming Up

Dues for the upcoming year will be due in July. If you want to pay early, see **Gwen Kunz**, our Treasurer, at the June 2 meeting. Dues for the year will be \$30.00. For a second member in your household, it is an additional \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to Houston Camera Club. The club also accepts Zelle.

## Photographer Saying:

“A photograph is a moral decision taken in one eighth of a second.”

**Salman Rushdie**

## Year-End Competition for 2025-2026

After the June, 2026, Competition Meeting, our club secretary, **Rachel Burychka**, will compile year-end results. You will receive an individual email with a list of the images you have submitted during the year.

At the **July 7** 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 7** to **Marilyn Holloway** at [hccprojection@gmail.com](mailto:hccprojection@gmail.com) You may submit one image from each category—Pictorial, Nature, Photojournalism, Travel, Creative, and Monochrome.

There are no year-end competitions for Assignments.

Year-end results will be announced and awards presented at the annual awards banquet, **August 18**.



Grand Canyon North Rim Sunset By: Ross McEathron

## May Competition Results

Judged May 5, 2026

Judges: John Niemand, Terry Rutledge, Justin Thurman

### **Projected Images**

#### **Pictorial Category – 5 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (23 pts)	Sunset Over Zion	J. Nielsen
2 <sup>nd</sup> (21 pts)	Step One Of Meal Prep	T. Rutledge
3 <sup>rd</sup> (20 pts)	Want A Kiss	R. McEathron
(19 pts)	Green Jay Chillin	R. Burychka
(18 pts)	Dimensional Gate	J. Thurman

#### **Nature Category – 7 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (22 pts)	Alligator Arsenal	R. Burychka
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Chicks Are Wanting	J. Nielsen
	Eye On The Prize	D. Kabanuck
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Family Time	W. Qiu
	Mama I Want More Food	J. Thurman
	Yosemite Waterfall	C. Edwards
(15 pts)	Gnats In Flight	C. Edwards

#### **Photojournalism Category – 2 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (18 pts)	At The Parade	D. Kabanuck
	Keepers Of The Press	W. Qiu

#### **Travel Category – 2 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (21 pts)	Grand Canyon North Rim Sunset	R. McEathron
2 <sup>nd</sup> (20 pts)	Lower Manhattan	C. Edwards

#### **Creative Category – 1 entry**

1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	Sphere	T. Rutledge
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#### **Monochrome Category – 4 entries**

1 <sup>st</sup> (20 pts)	Sliding Through	W. Qiu
	Yummy Treat	M. Holloway
2 <sup>nd</sup> (19 pts)	Raining On The Parade	D. Dabanuck
3 <sup>rd</sup> (18 pts)	Black Birds	J. Nielsen

#### **Assignment Category *Low Vantage Point* – 2 entries**

Winners	Patriarchs Looking Down	J. Nielsen
	Spring Weed	T. Rutledge

## **Prints**

#### **Pictorial Category – 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> (19 pts) St. Stephen Basilica Plaza R. Sanchez

#### **Nature Category – 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> (19 pts) Rainy Afternoon R. Sanchez

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

#### **Travel Category – 0 entries**

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

1<sup>st</sup> (21 pts) Mirror Image Of Me M. Holloway

2<sup>nd</sup> (19 pts) Gravity Loosens Its Grip R. Sanchez

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

1<sup>st</sup> (22 pts) Main And Commerce R. Sanchez

#### **Unlimited – 1 entry**

1<sup>st</sup> (22 pts) A Peek Inside D. Kabanuck

#### **Assignment Category *Low Vantage Point* - 2 entries**

Winner Looking Up At Pole Vaulter  
M. Holloway



Sunset Over Zion

By: Jim Nielsen



### PSA Interclub Competitions

Judged May, 2026

#### Color Projected Images

Reddish Egret Dinner	Rachel Burychka	25*
Honey And Fruit	Marilyn Holloway	24
Badlands Under The Milkway		
	Jim Nielsen	21
Tunnel View	Ross McEathron	21
Avatar	Hafeez Mian	20
Spicebush Swallowtail Drinking Nectar		
	Buz Cabral	19

\*Rachel received an Merit Award for her image.. Wow!

#### Monochrome Projected Images

Flaming Star Hydrogen Signal		
	Ross McEathron	20
Sweet Sweet Oldies	Marilyn Holloway	19
Student	Terry Rutledge	17
Found Gillingan	Dan Kabanuck	17
Rainbow	Hafeez Mian	16
Alpenhorn	Buz Cabral	14

#### Nature Projected Images

Tunnel View	Ross McEathron	23*
Reddish Egret Dinner	Rachel Burychka	22#
Dream Lake	Justin Thurman	21
Kingfisher Enjoying Shrimp		
	Marilyn Holloway	20
Gosling In Morning Light	Wenxing Qiu	18
Jumping Spicer At Sunset	Terry Rutledge	16

\* Ross received a Merit Award for his image.

# Rachel received a Metit Award for her image, too.

Congratulations to both of you.

#### Photojournalism Projected Images

No Kings Rally	Bill Dupre	22
Dragon Dance	Wenxing Qiu	20*
The Pack Stretches Out	Jim Nielsen	20

### PSA Interclub Competitors

#### Photojournalism Projected Images Continued

Mutton Busting	Justin Thurman	18
Who Is More Determined	Marilyn Holloway	18
Barrington Farm Reenactor	Terry Rutledge	17

\* Wenxing received an Hororbale Mention for her image. Good work.

### GSCCC Interclub Competitions

Judged May, 2026

By: North Lake Camera Club

#### GSCCC Color Images

Stripes	Jim Nielsen	12*
Dragonfly On Stem	Buz Cabral	10
The Watcher	Rachel Burychka	10
Easter Rabbit	Marilyn Holloway	8

\* Jim received a 2nd Alternaate Award for his image. Nice work.

#### GSCCC Monochrome Images

Nautical Lines	Bill Dupre	12
Sweet, Sweet Oldies	Marilyn Holloway	11
In The Country	Dan Kabanuck	11
Books	Hafeez Mian	10

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