



Houston Camera Club

THE RANGEFINDER

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August, 2026

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

Competition Meeting— August 4

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

We will meet at Bayland. Our meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00. This is an in-person meeting. We look forward to seeing you.

Refreshments: Dan Kabanuck

Awards Dinner and Guest Night

August 18—Bayland Community Center

The annual awards dinner will wrap up the 2025-2026 club year. Come and bring your family and friends.

This is a potluck dinner. A signup sheet will be on the refreshment table at the August competition meeting. Please sign up to bring the side dish of your choice. If you bring a guest, you should bring an additional side dish for your guest. If you have not signed up and cannot be at the August competition meeting, email or call **Rachel Burychka**. We need to know whether you are coming, how many guests you will have and their names, as well as what you plan to bring. If you choose not to bring food to share, we still need to know you are coming. You may pay \$15.00 per person at the door in lieu of food to share.

We have use of the kitchen. Oven space is available. There is also space for final preparation. Be sure to bring serving utensils for your dishes. Label what you bring with your name.

The club will provide a selection of meat as well as cups, plates, and silverware.

Times:

5:30 p.m. - Setup—several people needed

6:00 p.m. - Social Time

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:15 p.m. - Awards Presentations

Please stay at the end of the meeting to help clean up the room.

COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 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. *In The Shadows*

Judges: Dan Kabanuck, Gwen Kunz, Justin Thurman

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by Tuesday, **August 25, 2026**

September Assignment: *Found Faces*

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

August 4 Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 18 Awards Dinner

August 25 Submission Deadline—September
Projected Images

Upcoming Assignments

The following assignments should be taken on May 1, 2026 or later.

September	Found Faces
October	Leading Lines
November	The Church
December	Panning

Member News

We have a new member who joined last month. **Charles Bornstein** is an experienced photographer. He uses Nikon equipment.

Please welcome him when you see him at a meeting. Charles, we are pleased that you have joined.

Your Help Is Needed

If you are entering competition, this message is for you. Please be conscious of the length of your image titles. In the processing and record keeping for competition images, each image title will be retyped multiple times. Help us out by keeping the title length down.

No Field Trips July—September.

It is a club policy to take a break during the summer months. Our field trips will resume in October.

George Buffington Award 2025—2036

The George Buffington Award winner will be selected at the Awards Dinner. The award is named for a former camera club member who contributed significantly to the club. At the dinner, club members will vote for their choice of the individual who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. The member receiving the most votes will receive the award. It will be presented at the dinner.

The 2025-2026 elected officers, **Leslie Niemand, Ramiro Sanchez, Rachel Burychka, and Gwen Kunz** ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for this year's award.



Badlands Sunrise

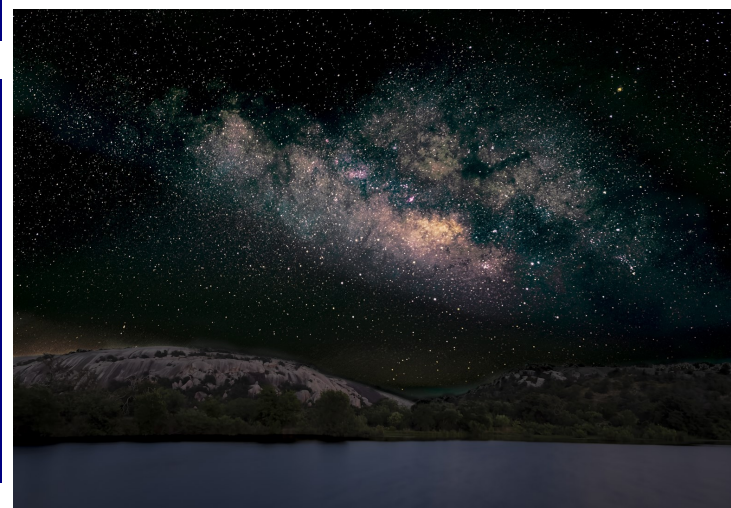
By: Ross McEathron

Dues For 2026—2027 Year

Dues for the upcoming year were due in July. If you have not paid your year's membership yet, you are delinquent and may not enter the August competition.

Dues for the year are \$30.00. For a second member in your household, it would be an additional \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to Houston Camera Club. The club also accepts cash and Zelle.

It is time to check this one off your list and get it done.



Enchanted Milky Way

By: Jim Nielsen

Photographer Saying:

“A photographer is like a cod, which produces a million eggs in order that one may reach maturity.”

George Bernard Shaw

July Competition Results

Judged July 7, 2026

Judges: Ross McEathron, Henry Peterman, Wenxing Qiu

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 8 entries

1 st (20 pts)	Bluebonnets	B. Dupre
	Bubblehead Hybiscus	L. Niemand
2 nd (19 pts)	Enchanted Milky Way	J. Nielsen
3 rd (18 pts)	Gatteway To The West	J. Thurman
	Santa Elena Canyon Sunset	
		R. McEathron
	Wild Flowers	R. Burychka
(17 pts)	Dreamy	D. Kabanuck
(16 pts)	Sunset On Dan Shui Reiver	
		T. Lee

Nature Category – 5 entries

1 st (21 pts)	The Bobcat's Squirrel Supper	M. Holloway
2 nd (20 pts)	Fighting Egret Fledglings	W. Qiu
3 rd (19 pts)	One More Hole	R. Burychka
(17 pts)	White Hawthorn	T. Rutledge
(16 pts)	Turks Cap With Visitor	J. Nielsen

Photojournalism Category – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Folkloric Dancer	W. Qiu
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Travel Category – 5 entries

1 st (20 pts)	Badlands Sunrise	R. McEathron
2 nd (19 pts)	In The Shadow Of Giants	D. Kabanuck
3 rd (18 pts)	Air Born Egg	J. Thurman
	Main Tower of Dan Shui Bridge	
		T. Lee
(17 pts)	By The Waterfall	B. Dupre

Creative Category – 2 entries

1 st (22 pts)	It's Fun To Read	M. Holloway
2 nd (17 pts)	Fireplace With Pot	T. Rutledge

Monochrome Category – 4 entries

1 st (18 pts)	Lakeview Panorama	B. Dupre
	Loving Embrace	D. Kabanuck
2 nd (17 pts)	Birds & Bridge	T. Lee
3 rd (15 pts)	Backlit	T. Rutledge

Assignment Category *Kitchen Macro* – 5 entries

Winner	Cup Of Beans	J. Thurman
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Projected Images Continued

Field Trip Category – 9 entries

Winner	Bee On Lily	R. Burychka
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Prints

Pictorial Category – 0 entries

Nature Category – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Crowned Crane	R. Sanchez
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Photojournalism Category – 1 entry

1 st (20 pts)	Drummer	R. Sanchez
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Travel Category – 0 entries

Creative Category – 2 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Forest	R. Sanchez
2 nd (20 pts)	Flip Flop Bridge	D. Kabanuck

Monochrome Category – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Looking At You	R. Sanchez
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Unlimited – 1 entry

1 st (21 pts)	Lombard Lights	D. Kabanuck
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Assignment Category *Kitchen Macro* - 0 entries

Field Trip Category – 2 entries

Winner	Waterlilly	R. Sanchez
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The Bobcat's Squirrel Supper By: Marilyn Holloway

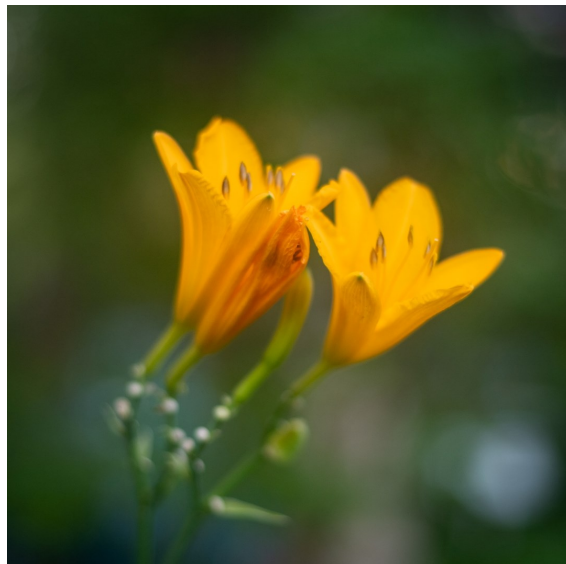


PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Reported

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

No Results Reported



Dreamy

By: Dan Kabanuck



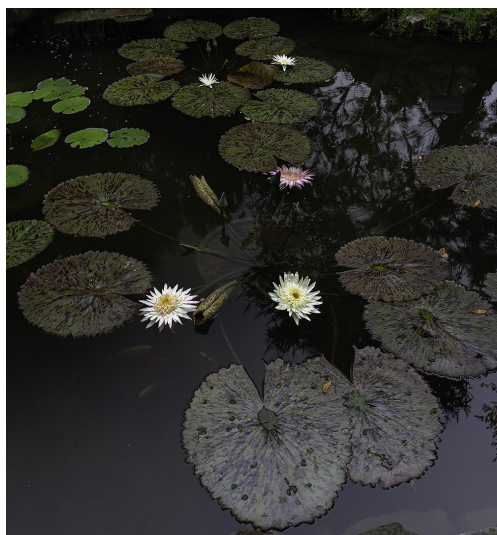
Bluebonnets

By: Bill Dupre



Bubblehead Hybiscus

By: Leslie Niemand



Water Garden

By: John Niemand

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