

Competition Meeting—October 6

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.

Since our September meeting was held online, the print entries for September will be judged this month separately from the October entries.

Refreshments: Rachel Burychka

Workshop—October 20

Water Drop Photography

7:00 p.m. at Bayland Community Center

Over the years, you have seen timages of water drops in competition. Now, you have an opportunity to try it yourself and make your own images. It will be a fun evening.

Earlier in September, you received an email with a list of things needed for this workshop. If you have not already done so, please get back to **Jim Nielsen**. Jim needs to know that you are coming and also if there are items that you do not have. He is working to provide those missing items for your use at the workshop.

See you there.

Jim Nielsen, Workshop Chair

Field Trip—October 24

Brazos Bend State Park,

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Lunch to follow.

See **page 2** of this Rangefinder for a description of the upcoming field trip.

COMPETITION MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 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.

All print competitions will have September and October prints judged separately.

Assignment: Enter one projected image and/or one print. *Leading Lines*

Judges: Wenxing Qiu, Ramiro Sanchez, **One Needed**

Competition Table: Marilyn Holloway

NOVEMBER COMPETITION

Projected Images: Send digital images to Marilyn Holloway at hccprojection@gmail.com by Tuesday, October 27, 2026

November Assignment: *The Church*

Calendar—Upcoming Activities

October 6	Competition Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 20	Water Drop Photography Workshop
October 24	Brazos Bend State Park
October 27	Submission Deadline—November

Upcoming Assignments

The following assignments may have been taken on May 1, 2026 or later.

November	The Church
December	Panning
January	Naturally Achromatic
February	Two Foot Distance Challenge— Manually

Field Trip—October 24

Brazos Bend State Park

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Lunch to follow.

This field trip will allow us to experience the park's fall colors and winter migratory wildlife. Expected sightings include wading birds (Great and Snowy Egrets, Great Blue and Tricolored Herons, White Ibis, Roseate Spoonbills), early winter waterfowl (Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shovelers, Gadwall, Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks), migrating raptors (Osprey, Northern Harriers, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, Bald Eagles), Belted Kingfishers, Anhingas, and alligators.

Equipment Needed: Camera with telephoto lens, tripod or monopod recommended

Cost \$7.00 per adult entrance fee.

Brazos Bend State Park (21901 Farm to Market Rd 762, Needville, TX 77461)

Meet at the Parking Lot on the left, just beyond the park's entrance gate.

Lunch: Jay Cafe (16634 TX-36, Needville, TX 77461) serving traditional American food with a few vegetarian options.

Refreshments

We enjoy the refreshments served at our meetings. Members are asked to provide those once a year. If you have not brought refreshments for awhile, consider volunteering for a month. The Refreshments Sign Up sheet is on the refreshments table. Currently, there are openings from December through next June.

Thank you for signing up. Please note the month in your calendar. If you need to change, contact our Refreshments Chair, **Rachel Burychka**.

Coming Events and Activities

For your planning:

The entries from the September field trip to Robert C Stuart Park will be included in the first quarter's Field Trip competition scheduled for January, 2027.

The **November competition meeting** will be held on **November 3 online**. November 3 is voting day and Bayland does not have rooms available. You can expect the link to use for signing in to the meeting and directions on how to sign in to be emailed to you several days ahead.

The November Print Competition will be held during the December competition meeting.

December 1—Collecting Toys For Needy Children

Leslie and John Niemand will collect your donated toys. Additional details will be in the November Rangefinder.

December 15—The **Holiday Dinner** is our club's winter social event. Please reserve the evening.

Matt Daura Landscape Competition

Start working on your submission for the Daura Landscape contest.. The competition is with projected images. The subject must be a landscape or seascape. The projected image maximum size is 1920 pixels wide by 1080 pixels high. Each member may submit one image to the contest. There is no restriction on when the image was taken.

Your image can be sent to hccprojection@gmail.com through **November 12**. The title on the email needs to be **HCC Daura Landscape Competition**.

The images will be judged outside the club. The winner will be announced in December at the Holiday Dinner. 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.

Miscellaneous Club News

Correction to September Rangefinder—One of our new members is **Dave Snook**, not Dan Snook.

Photographer Saying:

“The whole point of taking pictures is so that you don't have to explain things with words.”

Elliott Erwitt

September Competition Results

Judged September 1, 2026

Judges: Mark Katz, John Niemand, Terry Rutledge

Projected Images

Pictorial Category – 6 entries

1 st (19 pts)	Carrying A Twig	W. Qiu
	Early Morning Color	R. Burychka
	Three Candles	M. Holloway
2 nd (17 pts)	Forward March	D. Kabanuck
	Golden Hour	D. Kabanuck
3 rd (15 pts)	Hey Driver Go To The Next Place Please	T. Rutledge

Nature Category – 2 entries

1 st (23 pts)	Mother And Baby	R. Burychka
2 nd (17 pts)	Explosion Of Feathers	J. Thurman

Photojournalism Category – 2 entries

1 st (20 pts)	Taming The Cowboy	J. Niemand
2 nd (17 pts)	After The Truck Fire	W. Qiu

Travel Category – 4 entries

1 st (19 pts)	Sunset Over Petaluma	D. Kabanuck
2 nd (17 pts)	Goooooorilla	J. Thurman
	Terilingua	M. Holloway
	The Great Petaluma Mill	D. Kabanuck

Creative Category – 2 entries

1 st (22 pts)	Abandoned	M. Holloway
2 nd (18 pts)	Coming Thru	T. Rutledge

Monochrome Category – 4 entries

1 st (21 pts)	Rick	D. Kabanuck
	Stairs	M. Holloway
2 nd (18 pts)	The Sink	D. Kabanuck
3 rd (17 pts)	Holes	T. Rutledge

Assignment Category *Found Faces—Human or Animal* – 2 entries

Winners	Mushroom Man	M. Holloway
	Witch Of The Woods	T. Rutledge



Stars Shine Bright On Texas Fort By: Jim Nielsen



Swallowtail In Flight

By: Ross McEathron

***HAPPY
HOLLOWEEN***



PSA Interclub Competitions

No Results Reported

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

Judged August, 2026

By: Heard Nature Photographers

GSCCC Color Images

Make Lemonade	Marilyn Holloway	14*
Avatar	Hafeez Mian	13#
Sunset Over Zion	Jim Nielsen	12&
Feeding Hoverfly	Buz Cabral	11

* Marilyn won 1st Place for her image. Fabulous!!

Hzfiez won 1st Honorable Mention for his image.

Jim won 2nd Alternate for his image.

Great job to you all.

GSCCC Monochrome Images

Sweet Sweet Oldies	Marilyn Holloway	13*
Shadowland 2	Terry Rutledge	12
Beneath The Light	Wenxing Qiu	10
Intrigued	Dan Kabanuck	8

* Marilyn won 2nd Honorable Mention for her image.

Good work.

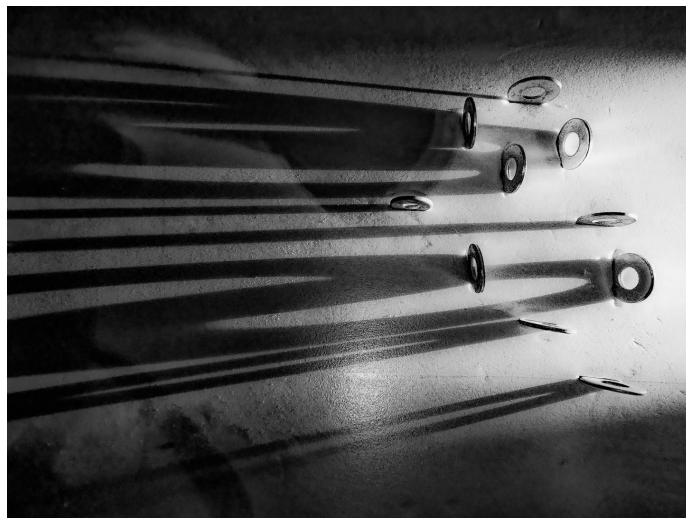
GSCCC Nature Images

Painted Bunting Bath	Rachel Burychka	12*
Chicks Are Waiting	Jim Nielsen	11
Fighting Egret Fledglings	Wenxing Qiu	10
Bobcat's Squirrel Supper	Marilyn Holloway	8

* Rachel won 1st Alternate for her image. Congratulations.

GSCCC Photojournalism Images

Straining For Another Inch	Marilyn Holloway	11
Art Car March	Jim Nielsen	9
Fighting Fire 2	Bill Dupre	9
Battle Of The Minds Time Square	Justin Thurman	9



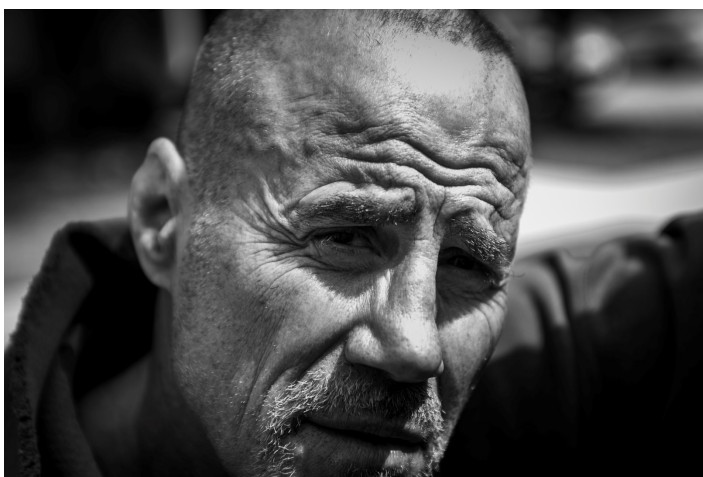
Shadowland 2

By: Terry Rutledge



Fighting Fire

By: Bill Dupre



Rick

By: Dan Kabanuck



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No Results Reported

GSCCC Interclub Competitions

Judged September, 2026

By: Greater New Orleans Camera Club

GSCCC Color Images

Bee On Lily	Rachel Burychka	13*
Three Candles	Marilyn Holloway	10
Maine Lighthouse	Ross McEathron	9
Sombrero	Buz Cabral	6

* Rachel won 2nd Place for her image. Just great!

Also, HCC was 1st in this month's GSCCC Color Images competition. Outstanding.!

GSCCC Monochrome Images

Abstract	Terry Rutledge	12*
Great Horned Owl	Marilyn Holloway	11#
Wickford Harbor	Buz Cabral	9
Atitlan	Bill Dupre	8

* Terry won 1st Honorable Mention for his image.

Marilyn won 2nd Honorable Mention for her award.

Congratulations to you both.

GSCCC Nature Images

Wood Stork & Crab	Marilyn Holloway	11*
Reddish Egret Dinner	Rachel Burychka	11#
Fighting Egret Fledglings	Wenxing Qiu	10
Chicks Are Wanting	Jim Nielsen	10

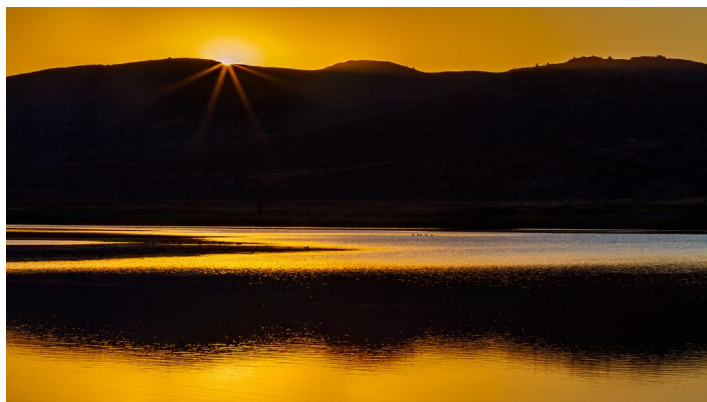
* Marilyn won 2nd Honorable Mention for her image.

Rachel won 1st Alternate for her image.

Congratulations to you both for good work. .

GSCCC Photojournalism Images

The Floaster	Dan Kabanuck	10
Mutton Bustin	Justin Thurman	9
Taming The Cowboy	John Niemand	9
Folkloric Dancer	Wenxing Qiu	8



Early Morning Color

By: Rachel Burychka



Taming The Cowboy

By: John Niemand

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