

# Snapshots

*Sun City Photography Club Newsletter*  
*April 2024*



## *President's Corner*

*Tracey Smith*  
*2024 Photography Club President*

It's wonderful to have a great team to make things happen. When I introduced the "posse" in January, we had great ideas, for sure. Man, have they come to fruition! There is so much happening in the Photo Club this Spring, it's hard to decide what to do.

**Education**—If you are new to post-processing your photos, you'll want to check out Marsha Larrabee's classes on organizing and editing your photos in Lightroom and Lightroom Classic.

For you iPhone users, learn the basics of using your camera in Bob and Evelyn Bearden's 3-day class, Discovering iPhone Photography. It's well worth your time and they include some fun field trips to practice what you learn. There are more iPhone workshops coming in May, and Barbara Friedman is working on more classes as we speak.

**Field Trips**—Tony Kawashima is on fire with his outings this spring! Starting with a "safari" to the Hill Country to find Texas wildflowers, then sharing the historic Total Solar Eclipse, then capturing more flowers at the Hill Country Water Garden & Nursery. And, that's just April!

**Programs**—Kim Repede has curated some wonderful speakers so far, right? Well, fasten your seat belts, folks, for Rudy Gonzalez. Rudy is a Pulitzer Prize winner and student of various cultures. His photos elicit emotion and appreciation for the subjects he shoots.

Also, don't miss the **Exhibit & Sale** on Sunday, April 7, from 1:00-4:00pm in Cowan Creek. Mark Nissen and Rita Johnston have created a wonderful setting for this new show. Several members will have their best works on display and might even autograph one for you. Load up the family and friends and come see this!

**SIGs**—Have you checked out our Special Interest Groups? They are excellent options for learning more about photography. They've been very quiet about it, but our PSA Print and Digital SIGs have submitted member photos for regional competitions and we've scored extremely well. I'm going to give Jim Reichel some pom-poms!

My deepest thanks to all the volunteers who keep this club humming. You all are the best!

If you are new to the club—welcome—and I hope to see you at (more than) one of these events soon!



*General Meeting April 24th  
2:00 - 4:00 with Social Time: 1:30 - 2:00  
Georgetown/Florence Room, Cowan Creek*

The Photography Club is pleased to host Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist, Rodolfo (Rudy) Gonzalez as our guest speaker. He will undoubtedly give a terrific presentation. Kim Repede conducted an interview with him - please click on the link below to read it.

[Kim Repede's Interview with Rudy Gonzalez](#)

*Photography Club Training & Events  
April 2024*

**April 12 & 19, 1:00 - 3:00 pm:** Organizing Your Photos with Lightroom Catalog  
**April 15, 17 & 19, 9:00 - 12:00 pm:** Discovering iPhone Photography  
(plus 2 field sessions)  
**April 22 & 29, 10:00 - 12:00 pm:** Introduction to Lightroom Post-Processing

To sign up for a class offered by the Photography Club, follow these steps:

- Sign in to the Sun City website
- Go to the Photography Club's website
- Select Calendar and navigate to the appropriate class date
- Click on "Register" for the class
- Make sure you click on "Save Registration"

*Let's Go!!! Field Trips*

**April 4, 2:00 - 6:00 pm** - Bluebonnet Safari  
**April 8, 1:00 pm** - Eclipse  
**April 18, 8:20 - 11:30 am** - Hill Country Water  
Garden & Nursery

To register for a field trip, follow these steps:

- Sign in to the Sun City website
- Go to the Photography Club's website
- Select Calendar and navigate to the appropriate field trip date
- Click on "Register" for the field trip
- Make sure you click on "Save Registration"

## *Focus on Our Field Trip to the Austin School of Fashion Design*

We kicked off our 2024 field trips with a visit to the Austin School of Fashion Design (ASFD). It was the first ever two-part field trip and the first to explore the world of fashion. Students from grade school to high school learn to design, make patterns, cut, sew, assemble, and then model their creations in a fashion show in front of friends, family, and a panel of judges.

The goal for this field trip was to show the process and create a storyline through our photographs that had a beginning, middle and ending. Another goal was to give the “real world” experience of photographing an event (the fashion show) in which things do not always work out and learning to improvise and problem-solve on the spot.

We first visited the school on a Saturday and observed the students busy with their creations. In one case, the designer was just sketching her idea that was going to be shown in less than a month! The others were working on the details of their outfits: inserting boning, hemming, fitting and collaborating about the process.

These are skills these children will be able to use throughout their lives, whether they go on to become fashion designers or not. The school’s owner Ilonka, told us at least one of her students was likely bound for a career in fashion design.



Then came the day of the fashion show. It was late January, but it was sunny and mild in the afternoon. The venue, typically used for weddings, was arranged with an outer circle and an inner circle of chairs, creating a runway for the models in between.

The girls and one boy had professional hair and makeup done prior to the show and several rehearsals to practice the timing and stops set up along the runway path. At some point, lighting was supposed to be set up around the runway, but this detail got lost in the chaos.

Just about sunset, the show began and there was plenty of existing light to shoot the first few rounds of models. At a short break, we noticed the diminishing light and began switching to our flash devices and increasing our ISO. While this wasn’t an ideal shooting environment, the barrage of flashing cameras created a paparazzi effect that gave the show an added fun element. Oh, and that talented student who may have a career in fashion design? She won first place!

## Photographer of the Month April 2024 - Stephen Lay



I'm a two vice—photography and travel—kind of guy with a big bucket list. Everything interests me, but I particularly enjoy seeing and photographing rural life, history, people, and food. (Even a casual look at me will verify my interest in food.)

Originally a Damn Yankee (I grew up in Illinois), I've been a Sun City resident and photography club member for almost three years. Between my Midwestern childhood and Sun City, I've lived/worked in Alaska, Missouri, Washington (state), Montana, Minnesota, Ohio, The Bahamas, Thailand, and Africa.

Professionally, I've worked on newspapers, owned and managed a radio station, taught high school, been a dean of students, university public relations officer, college professor, and chief operating officer for a small book publishing company.

Recently I switched to the Olympus OM-1 system after three decades shooting Canon. The transition creates new challenges, but as you know, there are numerous YouTube lessons and tutorials available. I also welcome any suggestions or insights from anyone who knows the system. (Please take that as a hint to share with me.)

My photographic adventures have taken me to all seven continents, but I find subjects for my photography everywhere including my front yard. Frequently I take off for a day or weekend with no specific destination to hunt for something interesting and hopefully some unexpected local dining. Fellow\_photographers are always welcome to join me. (That's another hint.)

[Click Here](#) for photos from my most recent trip to India. I am planning to return next February to chase tigers again. I will also spend time photographing local communities. (Anyone interested in chasing tigers?)



## My Wall Exhibit - Cowan Creek

During the Month of April, the “My Wall” exhibit at Cowan Creek will feature images from Marsha Larrabee. She has been fortunate to enough to have traveled the world and has visited iconic places, as well as some lesser known places. It is often the people she’s encountered that have had a lasting impression. Please visit the My Wall exhibit and enjoy a short trip around the world with Marsha.



Classic Venice



Waiting for a Fare



Khajuraho, India

**Sun City Photography Club**  
**Exhibit & Sale**  
April 7, 2024  
1:00 - 4:00pm  
Cowan Creek Amenity Center  
1433 Cool Springs Way



Framed fine art photography  
matted and unmatted prints and more  
on display and ready to find a special place  
in your home and office

Open to the Public



## Exhibit Hang Dates

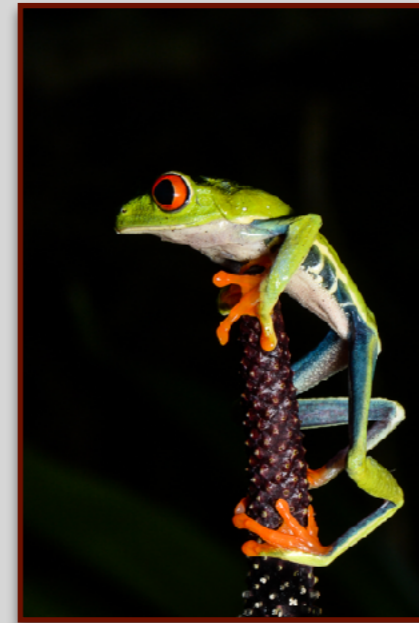
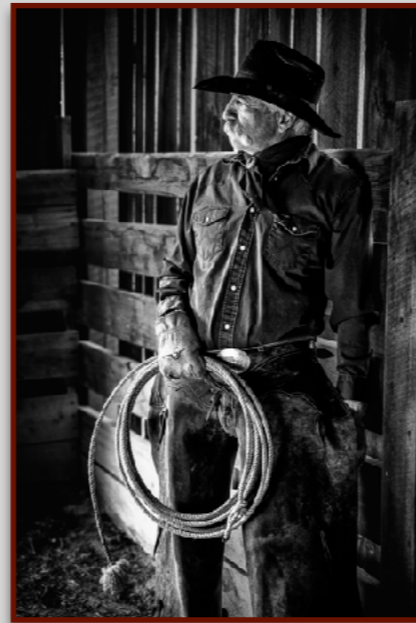
April 1 - Northpoint  
April 15 - Retreat  
April 25 - Activities Center

Guidelines for exhibiting photos and  
instructions on how to resister to exhibit in any  
of the Sun City venues, please [Click Here](#).

## *Kudos To ....*

Georgetown photographers Wes Odell and Glenn Rudd won awards from a field of 200 print entries in an international competition conducted by the Photographic Society of America (PSA.)

Wes won an Honorable Mention for his photograph "Barn Owl Headshot." Glenn's photographs included a 2nd place for "Joe Garcia" and a first place for "Summit Sentinel."



## *Giveaway!!*

### *Frames, frames and more frames!*



Chalie Byers, a former photo club member has moved and has lots of frames and other materials to donate to the club.

Please contact Rosemary Guthridge -  
[rosybus@yahoo.com](mailto:rosybus@yahoo.com)

Note: She will be out of town from April 1 - 15.

## *SPOTLIGHT ON .....*

### *iPhone Photography Special Interest Group*

#### The Evolution of Photography

Twenty five years ago, the digital photo revolution signaled the end of film cameras. The rise of digital SLRs filled the vacuum until 2007 when the iPhone made its appearance and exploded interest in and adoption of mobile smartphones and their cameras. When I kicked off the iPhone Photo SIG in January 2019, I used to say that the iPhone would be the future of photography. Now in 2024, photography world wide for the masses and for experienced serious shooters alike involves a smartphone. As we travel across the nation and the world we now see that smartphone cameras are “photography” today.

You are invited to discover the power of your iPhone camera system in the iPhone Photo SIG. Our focus is introducing those new to iPhone photography to the fundamentals of using their iPhones to capture stunning images and to grow their skills as photographers. Come join the iPhone Photo SIG, which meets monthly on the first Friday in the Activities Center, Game rooms 1 and 2.

~ Bob Bearden, iPhone Photography SIG Leader

### *SIG Links*

Click on the SIG Name below to access  
the SIG's webpage

Challenge  
iPhone Photography  
Outdoor Photography  
Photo Discussion Group  
Photo Traveller  
PSA Digital Image  
PSA Print  
Street Photography

### *SIG & Discussion Group Meetings Activity Center, Game Rooms 1 & 2 April 2024*

April 5, 9:30 - 11:30 am - iPhone Photography  
April 10, 9:30 - 11:30 am - Street Photography  
April 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm - Outdoor Photography  
April 17, 10:00 - 12:00 pm - Photo Discussion Group  
April 24, 9:00 - 10:30 am - Framed Print Discussion Group

NOTE: Photo Traveler SIG will be back on May 13

## *Website, Email & Snapshots*

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### **Submission Guidelines to Snapshots:**

Articles must be received **by the 20<sup>th</sup>** of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Lengthy articles may be edited to fit space. Links will be used for long articles.

Articles must be submitted digitally via email.

Photographs must be legally reproducible or licensed by the member submitting the photo. Include the Photographer's name, photo title, contest/show entered, placement received.

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