



Snapshots

Sun City Photography Club Newsletter

February 2024

President's Corner

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2024 Photography Club President

February is supposed to be the month of Love, so I ask you. What do you love about photography? Is it the technical side of making an image? Is it the hunt for a great photo? Is it creating a magical moment?

For me, it's the magic that happens. When I go on one of our field trips or vacation or just wander around my backyard, I may take 100 photos. If I find one or two that make me sit back and say, Oh, that's magic for me.

I've been learning Lightroom Classic this past year, and there's some magic in that app, for sure! When I have the time, I can truly get lost in the creative tools and processes.

I have also learned to appreciate printing and framing my photos. I'm amazed how a frame can completely change the entire presentation of the image.

Then, there's the personal exchange about how we got a photo. Sometimes I want to know the technical aspects of the shot, but mostly I want to hear the creative side of the photographer's mind. If you see another club member's photo and you want to know more about how they got that shot, just ask. They will be all too happy to tell you!

The Photo Club has some love and magic of its own this month. Check out the workshops (although one is already closed), field trips and the SIG gatherings. Lots of opportunities for some magic and a little love.

General Meeting February 21st - 2:00 - 4:00

Social Time: 1:30 - 2:00

Georgetown/Florence Room, Cowan Creek

The Photography Club is excited to host **Mike Biggs** as our speaker at the February general meeting. He will be doing presentation on Zoo Photography, with a follow-up trip to the Waco Zoo in March.

Treasurer's Report
As of January 22, 2024

Beginning Balance - 1/1/24			\$7,474.41
Revenue			
	Workshops	\$70.00	
Disbursements			
	Instructor Fee	\$56.00	
	Reimbursements	\$154.31	
Total Disbursements		\$210.31	
Ending Balance - 1/22/24			\$7,334.10

Photography Club Training
February 2024
Activities Center - Game Rooms 1 & 2

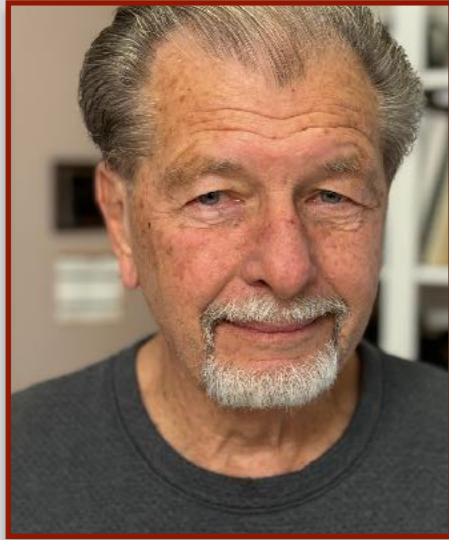
February 12 - 9:30 - 11:30 am : Finishing Touches - Textures, Borders and Frames

February 23 - 9:30 - 11:30 am: Magic iPhone Photography Apps (Class Full)

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 date
- ◆ Click on "Register" for the class
- ◆ Make sure you click on "Save Registration"

Photographer of the Month Charles White



I got my first camera between 8-10 years old—a Brownie—got to shoot a few pictures. Always watched my Dada take pictures on vacations. I wanted to but was not allowed.

Went to Europe for school and got a Minolta Himatic camera and shot a lot of pictures. Did not see them until I got home. Ouch! Not what I thought.

At this point I went to find an SLR. Took classes and shot all kinds of photos with all kinds of cameras. Working in a photo store I had access to all kinds. I like the older cameras. I was drafted and was a machine gunner until my CO found out I was a photographer. Then I shot a lot of film for him wherever and whenever. Never saw the pictures until 1971 when the new brochure came out for the Marines--80% were my photos. Of course, you belong to the government, and so did the pictures. When I got out I went into photography, shooting and selling, until 1990.

I later got back in shooting production and manufacturing pictures for my customers. After my wife died, I looked for a camera to start shooting. I found the Sony 6000 and loved it. Took it to Africa three times on mission and shot over 2600 pictures. Nice thing about digital: you can shoot and delete what you don't want.

This last year, I joined the club and started to exhibit pictures for the first time. In December I sold my first photo that was not a work one. I'm planning to travel and take photos until I drop.



Baby Giraffe



Bridge



Old Truck in the Desert

Let's Go! Upcoming Field Trips



Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 - Doors open at 8PM, music starts at 9PM and ends about 1:45AM!

Hailed as Austin's wildest party, **CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO** is the city's annual Brazilian style Mardi Gras celebration. Begun in the early 1970s to soothe homesick Brazilian U.T. students, Carnival has grown to become one of the best, wildest and craziest party outside of Brazil. With real Samba musicians from Brazil providing non-stop, hard driving Samba music, the real stars of the show are the flamboyant, outlandish, and sometimes risqué costumes. If you are not sure if this is your thing, check out the link [HERE](#) to help you decide:

WHERE: The Speakeasy, 412 Congress Avenue. This is a non-smoking facility.

COST: Tickets at the door will be \$50, OR you can purchase one from either Tony Kawashima or Tracey Smith for \$40. Contact them for more information.

REGISTRATION: PLEASE register on the Photography Club's calendar (click on February 3rd) as soon as possible so Tony will know how many people will be attending. There is no limit to how many may come along.

PARKING and CAR POOLING: There are numerous parking lots downtown near the venue – As we get closer to the event, carpooling may be the best option.

EXTRA INFO: You do not have to wear a costume, but a costume may help you get into the spirit of the event and help you "blend in" a little better. I was told that 30-40 percent of the party-goers come without a costume. The venue says that camera and camcorders are more than welcome. Please be aware of updates from Tony as we get closer to ticket sales day.

For more information contact Tony Kawashima - tonykphoto7@gmail.com

More Photo Opportunities

February 3rd The Austin Photography Society will host a sunrise meetup at Lake Austin from 7AM-9AM. For more details go to: <https://austinphotographsociety.com/?r=m>

February 24 will be Stephanie Nichol's 13th Annual Car & Vintage Plane Show at the Georgetown Airport (Bad Weather Date: March 2nd) from 10:30AM-2:30PM. For more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/309383655392200/>

Buy, Sell & Trade



For Sale: Canon 5D mark III in very good condition. Comes with strap, caps battery & charger plus an 8GB CF and SD card. Valued as being a true workhorse for most types of photography, this would be an excellent 2nd camera for your camera bag! Rated for 150,000 shutter cycles, this camera has 81,925 cycles - still a lot of picture taking left in it! there is some wear on the bottom but that is the only visible sign of use. The real "plus +" is that the camera came back from the Canon service center in Costa Mesa, CA and went

thru its 18-point maintenance service which included a sensor cleaning and making sure everything is in good working order. I have the work order from Canon that you can see. As an extra bonus, I am also including a Tamrac "sling" style bag in excellent condition.

Contact: Tony Kawashima

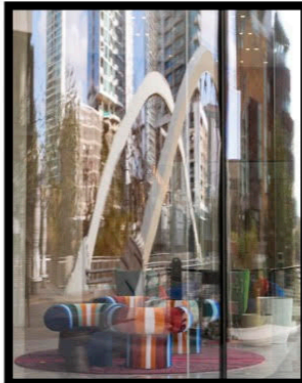
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You Are Invited!

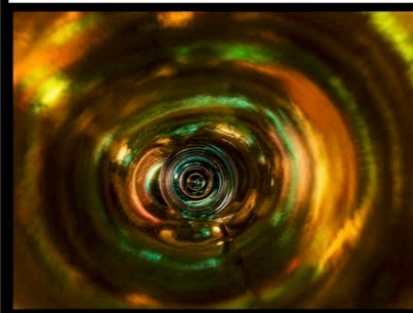
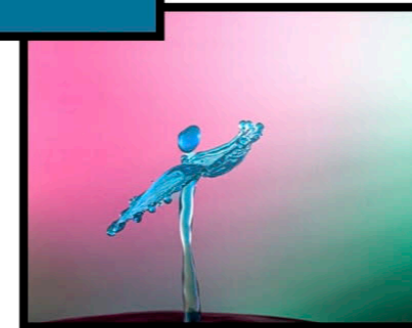
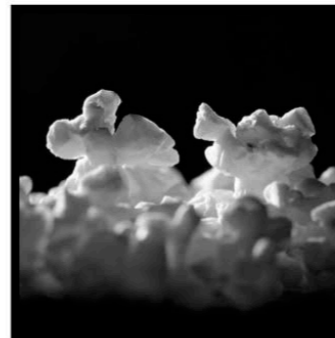
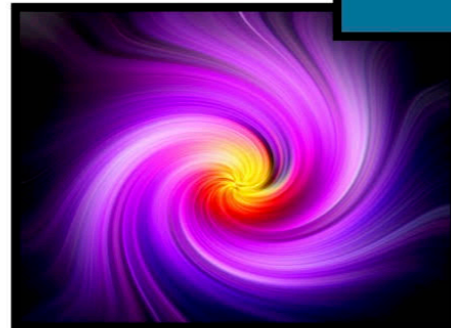
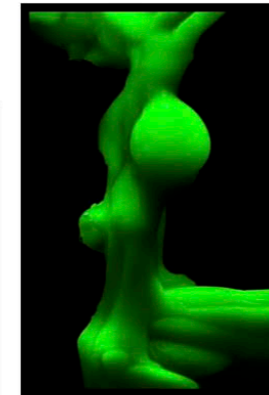
First Friday Reception
February 2,
5 - 7 pm
Refreshments will be
Served



Live Music by
JL Sherer
&
Friends



“Abstractive Photography”
An Exhibit by Local Photographers for the
Month of February
@ the WCAG’s Rock St. Gallery
708 Rock St., Georgetown



Enjoy New Art from the
WCAG’s Member Artists
Throughout the Gallery



Dave Werner's Picture is the car. (top row)
Wes Odell's is the purple, yellow, red swirl. (third row)
Fred Adsit is the flags and tombstones. (lower right corner)

Meet Our Special Interest Groups (SIG's)

NOTE: If you want to make sure you get e-mails from any of the Special Interest Groups,

- Log into the main Sun City webpage, sctexas.org
- Select *My Memberships* on the left Navigation Menu
- Scroll down to Photography Club. There you will see all of the Special Interest Groups available through the club. Simply click in each box of the SIG you are interested in. The selection(s) save automatically.

All SIG meetings, with the exception of PSA Digital and PSA Print, are held in Game Rooms 1 & 2 in the Activities Center. The PSA Print and PSA Digital SIG's meet in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2. Please check the Photography Club's website calendar for exact dates.

For more information about each SIG, simply click on the name. You will be taken to each SIG's respective webpage.

Challenge - Led by Barbara Friedman, this is an online-only, no-meeting SIG for members to improve their photography skills through regularly participating in monthly challenges based on a provided theme. Any photo club member may participate – beginner or advanced, DSLR/Mirrorless or phone. The goal is to have fun practicing and learning.

All submitted photos must be taken during the month that the theme is active, i.e., members may not submit older photos. By restricting the dates in which photos may be taken, we hope to help participants practice their photography more often and to think more creatively about the theme.

iPhone Photography - Led by Bob Bearden. Monthly meetings are on the 1st Friday of the month from 9:30 - 11:30. This SIG offers information regarding topics such as: Key features or capabilities of the iPhone camera; informative videos; photo management & editing plus hardware reviews.

Outdoor Photography - Led by Deb Peak. Monthly meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. The goal of this SIG is to encourage members to capture nature in all of its splendor. All aspects of outdoor photography are accepted; landscapes, wildlife, flowers, plants--whatever you enjoy photographing in the great outdoors.

Photo Discussion Group - Led by Allen Utzig and Jim Newkirk. This SIG provides positive evaluations of members' images and gives suggestions to best improve their photos.

More Special Interest Groups...

Photo Traveller SIG - Led by Marsha Larrabee. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month from 2:30 - 4:00. The goal of this SIG is to allow members to explore the genre of travel photography. Travel Photos, as defined by the Photographic Society of America (PSA), seek to capture the essence of a culture, landscape, cityscape, or custom of a place in a way that enables the viewer to experience the scene virtually through the photograph.

PSA Digital Image SIG - Led by Jim Reichel. This SIG is for members who would like their photos chosen to represent the club in the Photographic Society of America's (PSA) Projected Image Division Interclub Competition. The next meeting is on March 18 at 1:00 pm in the Activities Center, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.

PSA Print – Led by Glenn Rudd and Cheryl Janssen. This is for members who would like their printed photos chosen to represent the club in PSA's Print Division Interclub Competition. The next print selection meeting is on March 20, from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Activities Center, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.

Street Photography - Led by Jerry Meinzer, Jim Newkirk and Randall Best. This SIG is for members who are interested in taking candid photos in public places to tell stories. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

SIG Meetings - Activity Center, Game Rooms 1 & 2 February 2024

February 2 - iPhone Photography
February 12 - Photo Traveler
February 14 - Street Photography
February 19 - Outdoor Photography
February 21 - Photo Discussion Group

Website, Email & Snapshots

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Marsha Larrabee, E-mail Blaster & Calendar Admin - marsha_larrabee@me.com

Submission Guidelines to Snapshots:

Articles must be received **by the 20th** 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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