

# *Snapshots*

*Sun City Photography Club Newsletter*  
*May 2024*



## *President's Corner*

*Tracey Smith*  
*2024 Photography Club President*

### **Origins of May Day: Beltane**

The Celts of the British Isles believed May 1 to be the most important day of the year when the festival of Beltane was held.

This May Day festival was thought to divide the year in half, between the light and the dark. Symbolic fire was one of the main rituals of the festival, helping to celebrate the return of life and fertility to the world.

When the Romans took over the British Isles, they brought with them their five-day celebration known as Floralia, devoted to the worship of the goddess of flowers, Flora. Taking place between April 20 and May 2, the rituals of this celebration were eventually combined with Beltane.

Source: History.com

### **Your May Day**

If you are/were not on the May 1<sup>st</sup> field trip to the Waco Zoo, how are you celebrating the midpoint between the light and the dark? Will you shoot photos of flowers in your garden? Will you take a day trip on the backroads of Central Texas (the wildflowers are still creating gorgeous bouquets)? Will you simply take a walk or sit on your patio and observe the beautiful flora and fauna as well as the light?

However you spend your day, happy Beltane and Floralia.

*General Meeting May 15th  
2:00 - 4:00 with Social Time: 1:30 - 2:00  
Georgetown/Florence Room, Cowan Creek*

**Guest Speaker - Carol Whitney**



Carol Whitney is our guest speaker for May's General Meeting. Her topic will be on Macros. On her website, [fiftyclicksphoto.com](http://fiftyclicksphoto.com), Carol states, "Macro photography makes me so happy. In my day to day life, I go a million miles an hour. With macro, I have to slow down, calm my energy, and be patient as I wait for the perfect shot."

As an added bonus, Carol will be holding a Macro Workshop right after the general meeting on the patio just outside of the Georgetown/Florence room. No need to sign up - simply stay after the meeting for the workshop.

*Photography Club Training & Events  
May 2024*

May 10 - iPhone Photo Editing with the Photos App

May 13 - iPhone Photography Image Management Using the Photos App

*Photography Club Name Badges*

Need a Photography Club Name Badge?

There will be a name badge sign up sheet at the next general meeting. When signing up, include a check for \$12 made payable to SCTXCA, or pay in cash. The name badges will be available at the following month's general meeting.

## Field Trips

**May 1** - Cameron Park Zoo - This a great opportunity to develop and work on our skills photographing all sorts of animal life from all over the world. Also for those new to the zoo, February's general meeting speaker, Mike Biggs will give a tour with some photo tips! [cameronparkzoo.com](http://cameronparkzoo.com)

**May 16** - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center was founded in 1982 and is considered the signature piece of Mrs. Johnson's environmental legacy. The Center's 284 acres contain gardens, natural areas and an arboretum display with nearly 900 species of native plants from many of the major ecoregions of Texas, making it the most diverse collection of Texas native plants in North America.

<https://www.wildflower.org>

Hill Country Water Gardens & Nursery  
April 18, 2024



Photo By: Tony Kawashima  
At Hill Country Water Gardens



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At Hill Country Water Gardens



Photo By: Cathy O'Connor  
At Hill Country Water Gardens

More photos from the Hill Country Water Gardens Field Trip can be found on the Photography Club's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/375072412514901/media>



## Photographer of the Month Kim Yoder

Although new to Sun City in 2023 and new to the Photography Club in 2024, I'm not new to taking pictures of Family, Friends & Vacations as a way of creating memories.

I inherited my Grandpa's Brownie in the 60's and upgraded to a SLR in the 80's, which I learned to use by listening to the various men in my life, who were always eager to give advice. HA! While I enjoyed the mental exercise of using the SLR, I gladly abandoned it for the joy and ease of digital photography with auto focus, image stabilization and the magical Delete Button!

This past decade I have had the pleasure of taking 7 European trips with My Guy. We travel with dueling Panasonic Lumix cameras. While he focuses on capturing the Big Picture of the place, I enjoy finding the little images, the close-ups, the unique details of a place. ([Link here to view European details](#))

I've never been inside a dark room, or attended a photography class before joining the Sun City Photography Club, so I look forward to participating in all the club has to offer. I'm excited to learn & practice the art of thinking about the photos I take, in order to create better memories and maybe even Art.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view my gallery (note - you will need to log into the website first.)



Amsterdam, Netherlands



Dresden, Germany



Venice, Italy

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

iPhone Photography - May 3rd, 9:30 am  
Photo Traveller - May 13th, 2:30 pm  
Outdoor Photography - May 20th, 2:00 pm  
Photo Discussion Group - May 22nd, 10:00 am

*For Sale*

Great little cameras for grandkids. If interested, please contact Pam Pannell - [43pampan@gmail.com](mailto:43pampan@gmail.com)



## *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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