



Snapshots

Sun City Photography Club Newsletter

September 2023



President's Corner

Alan Utzig

2023 Photography Club President

Less than 25 years ago, the digital revolution hit the photography world, spelling the end of film. While this revolution changed the media on which photos are captured, it didn't change the gear photographers used. They still lugged around their bags filled with cameras and an array of interchangeable lenses.

Less obvious than the change from film to digital is the change in the kind of cameras now being used. The trend is moving away from DSLRs and into phone cameras. Not only is the casual photographer using a phone as a primary camera; professional photographers are also migrating to phones for all their work.

Recognizing this trend, our club now offers training for phone photography and a Special Interest Group specifically for iPhone. If you are interested in making photos with your phone, check the club calendar for training and Special Interest Groups.

Don't think that because you shoot with a phone you are not a photographer. It means that you are on the cutting edge of the current revolution in photography.

General Meeting Info

The Photography Club is pleased to host John Langmore on Black & White Photography at the General Meeting on September 13th.

John states that there are a number of reasons to photograph in black and white – the elevation of composition, timelessness of the image and the opportunity to print. He is looking forward to discussing the ongoing resonance of black and white photography and its place in telling our own photographic stories.

John is an Austin-based photographer pursuing long-term personal projects. His first book, *Open Range: America's Big-Outfit Cowboy* (Twin Palms Publishers 2018), is the result of more than six years photographing on fourteen of the country's largest ranches. John's second book, *Fault Lines: portraits of East Austin* (Trinity University Press 2019), documents the rapidly disappearing communities of old East Austin.

John is the co-director/producer of the award-winning feature length documentary film, *Cowboys: a documentary portrait*

September's Training

Sept. 8 - Want to Make a Photo Book?

Sept. 11 - Photo Judging Criteria

Sept. 15 - Using Snapseed w/optional lab on Sept. 18

Sept. 15, 18 & 25 - Sports Photography w/field work on Sept. 16 & 23

2023 Photo Competition & Exhibit



It's time to start making plans for entry into the Print Competition and Exhibition show. Drop-off and judging will take place on Saturday, November 11th. An Artists' Reception will held on Sunday, November 12th. Below you will find a link to the complete "Call for Photos". To fully understand the directions, please read the whole document.

Registration for the Competition and Exhibition will not open until **October 2nd**. At that time, the links contained in the document on the website will become "live" and you will be able to register. You will also receive an email to remind you the registration is open.

Now is the time to start culling through your wonderful images and choosing which ones to enter. You have plenty of time to get them prepared. To read the "Official Call for Photos" please click [HERE](#)

New Member Orientation

Friday, September 8, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Game Room 1 & 2, Activities Center

On Friday, September 8th the Photography Club will be holding a New Members' Orientation. Come join members of The Board of Directors and learn what's happening in the club and get your questions answered.

We will discuss the various Special Interest Groups (SIG's), how to navigate the website and calendar, what events and classes are on the horizon and how to register for those events and classes. Please register for the meeting so we know how many to expect. Don't know how to register? Come anyway and you'll learn how for future events.

Let's Go! Upcoming Field Trips

Sept. 14 - Wonderspaces Art Museum, Austin. <https://austin.wonderspaces.com/>
Tickets are \$20 for seniors, \$24 for younger. Go to their website and get tickets for the 9/14, 10AM time Address is: 1205 Sheldon Cove, Suite 2-A, Austin, TX 78753. They also have a full bar on site!

Oct. 6 - Chalk Walk, Round Rock.
<https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/city-departments/arts-and-culture/events/round-rock-arts-fest-and-chalk-walk/>

Oct. 28 - Taylor Car Show, <https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/959/Main-Street-Car-Show>.

For more information, please access the Photography Club's website calendar.

Photographers' Exhibits Around Town

Fred Adsit currently has a month long exhibit called "The Spirit of the Texas Hill Country," at the **Wedding Oak Winery**, 229 S. Pierce St., in Burnet, Texas. It opens on September 2. Here are a couple of examples of his work on exhibit:



Alligatt Road Texas Lone Star Barn



Tiny St. Martin's Church



TK Ranch Flags & Windmill

St. David's Healing Arts Gallery inside of St. David's Hospital in Georgetown has a new exhibit! The exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, August 26th and runs through October 20. Twenty club members have contributed 30 images to the "Georgetown and the Hill Country: the places, people, flora and fauna that make this a unique part of Central Texas".

Texas Tech University of International Affairs is hosting "2023 High and Dry Exhibit". They currently have a call out for entries. Deadline for submission is **October 2**. Works will be on exhibit from December 2023 through January 2024. For more information and an entry form, go to their website: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/international/events/2023/high_and_dry/index.php

Member Awards and Recognition



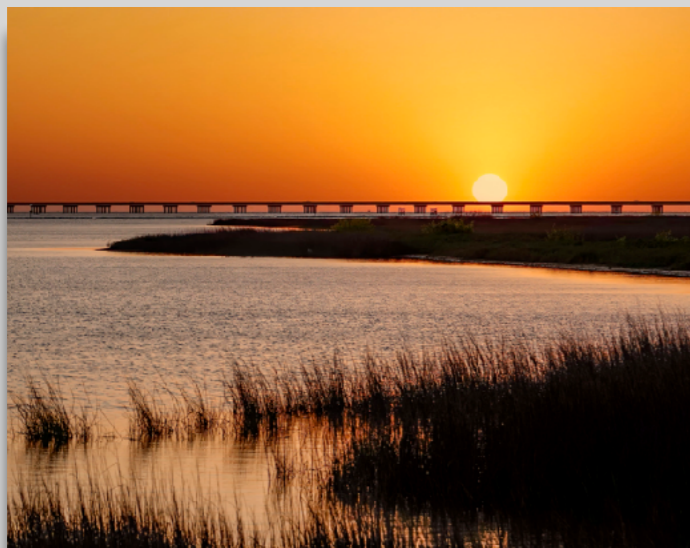
Jane McCabe's dog Rowdy, was one of the pups selected for the 2024 desk calendar, **365 Dogs**



Mitch Michielutti won 3rd place in the "Children" category at the 2023 Texas State Fair.



Wes Odell, "Grand Prize Winner -- Texas Veteran", Project Hope to be included on the Monument at the beach head in Paestum, Italy, commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the landing of the US 36th Division in 1943



Rita Johnston won 1st place, "Skies" category at the 2023 Texas State Fair

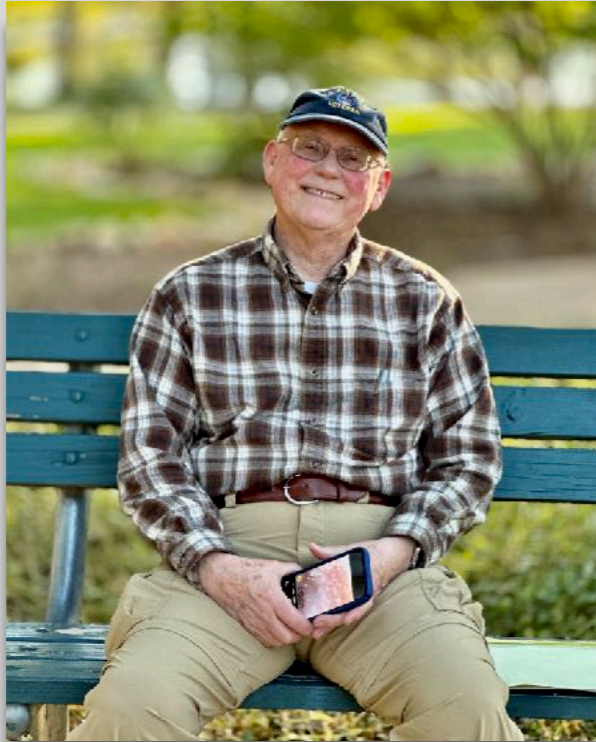


Mitch Michielutti won Honorable Mention in the "Patriotic" category at the 2023 Texas State Fair.



Rita Johnston won Honorable Mention, "Other Than Texas Animals" category at the 2023 Texas State Fair

Photographer of the Month
Bob Bearden



Venice Memories



Fall at Oxbow Bend



Twin Adventures

Each month a club member is featured to help all of us get to know each other just a little bit better. View Bob's three printed photos at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center in September. [Click here](#) to view sixteen of Bob's digital images that are posted in an album on the club's website, along with his biography.

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

iPhone SIG

SIG Leader: Bob Bearden

SIG GOALS:

1. Orient iPhone Photographers to the operation of their iPhone camera system.
2. Improve our overall photographic skills
3. Share our iPhone Photo images with each other
4. Stay up to date with iPhone hardware and software advances.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WHEN: We meet monthly on the 1st Friday from 9:30am to 11:30AM. Check the Club Calendar to confirm meeting dates.

WHERE: We meet in the Activities Center, Game Rooms 1 & 2, or as we call it "the Studio".

NOTES are posted for each meeting on the SIG website after the meeting. The Notes include the links to all the videos viewed at the session. Four years of SIG Notes are available for review.

The SIG website also contains:

- iPhone Camera and Photos App tutorials
- Galleries of past Subject of the Month images
- iPhone Camera Tutorials
- Apple Photos App Tutorials

SIG Links & Leaders

iPhone Photography - Bob Bearden

Outdoor Photography - Debra Peak & Randy Freeman

Photo Discussion - Allen Utzig & Jim Newkirk

Photo Traveler - Marsha Larrabee

PSA Digital - Jim Reichel

PSA Print - Glenn Rudd & Cheryl Janssen

Street Photography - Jerry Meinzer, Jim Newkirk & Randall Best

Travel Photography - Howie DiBlasi

For Sale

"Step Up" and "Step Down" rings useful when purchasing and using lens filters such as a circular polarizer, varying between 39mm and 72mm and a lot in between. Also Remote Shutter Release cables for Canon, small flash units. and two arms to get the flash off to the side. Call to see if I have what you need. Wes Odell 512 863 8283

Polarizer Filter - Wes Odell 512 863 8283.

Color Munkee, a color calibration tool for monitors. Make offer: Wes Odell 512 863 8283

Nikon D850 camera body, Nikkor 24-70 f/2.8E ED VR lens, Nikkor 16-35 f/4G ED N VR lens, **CLICK HERE** for a complete list . \$3,300. Contact Jaan Goad jgoadsctx@goadweb.com or 720-236-8230 for details.

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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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