



# Snapshots

*Sun City Photography Club Newsletter*

*August 2023*



*President's Corner - Allen Utzig*

*2023 Photography Club President*

The Club's Board conducted a member survey in February 2022. Your answers indicated a need for classes, groups and events related to beginning photography, using an iPhone and nature and travel photography.

From there, the board formed an Education Committee that developed 20 classes led by vetted instructors and attended by 188 members. Between now and the end of the year, we plan to offer 14 or more classes, seven of which will be brand new.

In addition to education, the club has offered field trips for a variety of photographic genres, added the Street Photography Special Interest Group (SIG) and combined the Nature and Bird SIGs into the Outdoor SIG. Additionally, the club has expanded its member exhibits to include St. Davids Hospital and the Georgetown Library, both of which will have new exhibits in the coming months.

So. Why am I telling you this?

Most of this has been done by your Board of Directors. They've spent untold hours developing the curriculum to help improve your photographic skills and inspire your creative minds at our general meetings. They've given their time and energy for the benefit of all club members, and they could use some help. If you've ever attended a workshop, a field trip, a SIG meeting or even just the monthly meeting, you have benefitted from these hours of effort. So, now I'm asking you to step forward and give a little of your time to help your club continue its mission of helping its members become the photographers they wish to be.

Board positions and committee chairs are not lifetime appointments! And, you may not think so, but you definitely have something to contribute, even if it's just your bright smile or your wicked skills in a specific kind of photography. If you have even the slightest desire to keep your club active and vibrant, please contact me, [allenuzig@outlook.com](mailto:allenuzig@outlook.com), or Carlos Rio, [carlos.rio99@gmail.com](mailto:carlos.rio99@gmail.com). We will be happy to share with you everything you need to know about making the Photo Club the best yet.

## *General Meeting Info*

**August 9, 2023 - 2:00**

Florence/Georgetown Rooms - Cowan Creek

When you travel--whether near or far--you want to capture the essence of the places you visit. There are the shots you see in the brochures, but oftentimes they don't capture the real feeling of the place. Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner **Essdras Suarez** will show us how to get to the heart of what you're seeing. Go to <https://emsphotoadventures.com/> to see more of Essdras' work and subscribe to his newsletter, if you like.

In an interview at his alma mater, University of Central Florida, he told students to "give yourself the assignment you wish someone would give you" and start telling stories, even in your own backyard. Don't miss this riveting program to learn more about creating your stories.

## *Photography Club Training*

*August / September*

*Details are on the Club's Website Calendar*

August 18th - Introduction to On-Camera Flash

August 23rd - Printing Basics

August 28th - Getting Ready to Print

September 8th - Want to Make a Photo Book?

September 11th - Photo Judging Criteria

September 15th - Using the Snapseed App

Barbara Friedman, VP of Education

## *Let's Go..... on Field Trips!!*

### *August 17th - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Living Grace Canine Ranch*

Located just off of Highway 29 in Bertram, the Living Grace Canine Ranch provides the largest dedicated senior dog sanctuary in Texas. The good people at LGCR provide a home-style living environment that promotes physical and emotional wellness. This field trip is a wonderful way for all dog lovers within our club to take some amazing photos of the canine residents living there. Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Number of attendees is being limited to **20** in consideration of the dogs and staff. **Register** through the Club's website calendar to attend. You must also sign a liability waiver before attending. Here's the link: <https://www.livinggracecanineranch.org/visitor-liability-waiver-form>

### *September - Cathedral of Junk*

August 31st - 9:30 am - 11:30 am

See Photo Club's website for more details **[CLICK HERE](#)**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON .....

### *The Competition SIG is evolving into Photo Discussion SIG*

SIG Leaders: Allen Utzig, [allnutzig@outlook.com](mailto:allnutzig@outlook.com) and Jim Newkirk, [newkirk12@gmail.com](mailto:newkirk12@gmail.com)

Link to website: [Photo Discussion SIG](#)

Our surveys have shown that twice as many of our members are interested in photo evaluations and critiques than in competitions. As a result, we are dissolving the Competition SIG and replacing it with a Photo Discussion SIG.

Here's how we envision it will work: Members who want to participate may upload two digital images to Dropbox by the **end of the day on the first day of the month**. (The link to upload the files will be available on the club's website. Click on Special Interest Groups and then Photo Discussion SIG.) A certified PSA judge will provide written evaluations of the photo prior to the SIG meeting. (This is a service provided by the PSA. Judges may be from anywhere in the world.) We will provide everyone who uploads a photo with the judge's comments prior to the SIG meeting which is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month.

At our meetings, we will show the submitted images. All photographers will be invited to comment on the judge's remarks about their photos. Others attending will have the opportunity to comment as well. We want these discussions to be positive with the goal of helping our members make better photos.

This new SIG will begin in September, so upload your photos by September 1 and attend our SIG meeting at 10:00 AM on September 20 in Game rooms 1 & 2.

### *SIG Links & SIG Coordinators*

[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 Nature](#) - on Hold

[PSA Print](#) - Glenn Rudd & Cheryl Janssen

[Street Photography](#) - Jerry Meinzer, Jim Newkirk & Randall Best

[Travel Photography](#) - Howie DiBlasi

### *For Sale*

**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](mailto:jgoadsctx@goadweb.com) or 720-236-8230 for details.

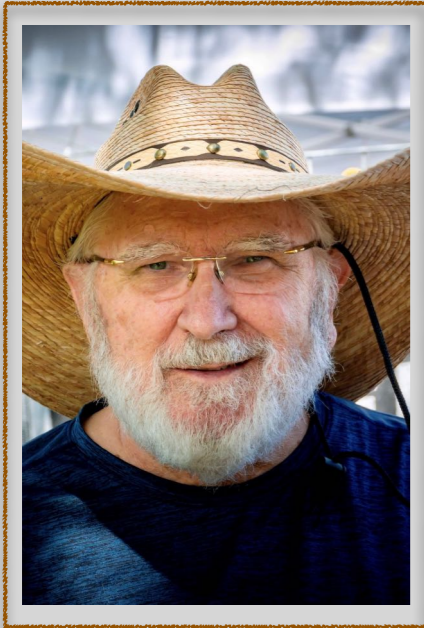
**Nikon Coolpix L830**, \$75. Contact Cathy O'Connor - [cathy0114@gmail.com](mailto:cathy0114@gmail.com)

**Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ28**, \$40. Contact Cathy O'Connor - [cathy0114@gmail.com](mailto:cathy0114@gmail.com)

NOTE: For Sale items will run for 2 consecutive months only.



## Photographer of the Month August 2023 - Jim Newkirk



Exposed since 8 years old to photography in a darkroom of dimly filtered glowing light and flat black trays of magic chemicals.

High school photography at a Seminary in Warrenton, Missouri doing sports and portraits using 120 film...twin lens Rolliflex.

I left the seminary life after the Novitiate in St. Paul, Kansas.

After that time I spent 4 years in the "volunteer" Navy (1965 to 1969) as an E-5 jet engine mechanic and test cell operator for P-3 aircraft in Brunswick, Maine.

I married Gayle who was from Jay, Maine and just completed her RN studies. Then went to the University of Notre Dame and worked in the Photo Department while finishing my undergraduate degree in History.

Started a manufacturing business formulating and making flexographic and rotogravure printing inks in North Hollywood, California. I don't see the connection either.

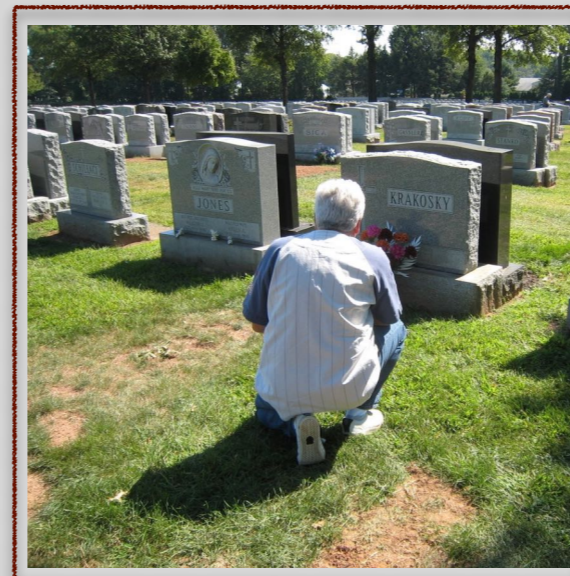
Have a fine family with Gayle and three daughters. Got old. Retired, moved to Georgetown, Texas.

Still doing photography and a member of the Photo Club, Billiard Club, Investment and Corn Hole Clubs...no relationship. Along with encouragement from Allen, experience as past club president, I joined Randall Best and Jerry Meinzer starting the Street Photography SIG. This is the best SIG going. It breaks up exciting, inspiring life with the reality of everyday monotony. What a challenge. Come try it.

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



Billiard Intensity



Mom, It's David



MOMA Critic

Each month a club member is featured to help all of us get to know each other just a little bit better. View Jim's three printed photos at the Cowan Creek Amenity More of Jim's digital images are posted in a gallery on the club's website.



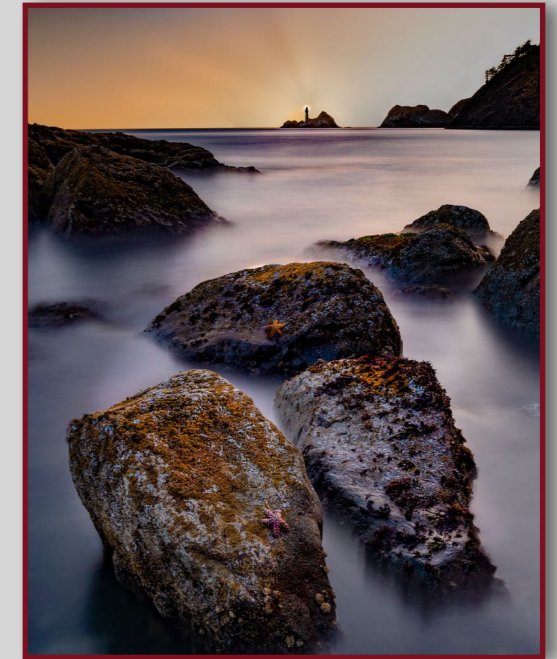
# Member Awards and Recognition



Rita Johnson won Second Place in Wildlife for "Mountain Bluebird at Dusk", City of Richardson's 2023 Photography Contest



Rita Johnston won Second Place for Crescent Bay Sunset, Other than Texas Landscapes & Waterscapes - TX State Fair



Ken Johnston's "Griff's Cove" won first place in the Interclub PSA Print division this year, Round 1 2022-2023



Wes Odell, is one of ten PSA Digital Dialogue Study Group members who have been chosen to display an image in the PSA Member Showcase for the upcoming month. His image will be posted around the middle of July and will remain on display until the middle of August.

The Following Sun City Photo Club Members had photos accepted into the Homewood Collection Exhibit in Frederick, Maryland:

- Jim Copps - Fawn in the Wildflowers
- Dave Werner - Two Sisters
- Patty Michielutti - Lily Pond
- Dee Darius Sams - Curved Bill Trasher
- Marsha Larrabee - Autumn Splendor
- Ruby Pecot - Come Fly With Me



Dee Sam's entry is the featured photo on the poster describing the Texas Tech Exhibit now underway: "People of the World"



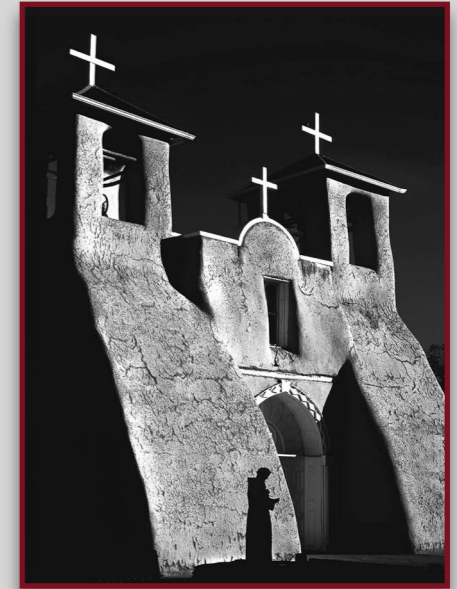
## PSA Print Competition Winners 2022 -2023



Ken Johnston's "Griff's Cove" won first place in the Interclub PSA Print division this year, Round 1 2022-2023 - Large Color



Dee Darius Sams' "Sharing a Worm" won Honorable Mention in the Interclub PSA Print Division this year Round 3 - Large Color



Wes Odell won Second Place for "On the Way to Vespers" in the Photographic Society of America Pictorial Print in Interclub End-of-Year Competition - Large Mono



Marcela Stegemueller won first place in the Interclub PSA Print division this year, Round 1 2022-2023 - Small Color

Round 2 winners: Wes Odell won Honorable Mention for his "On the Way to Vespers" and Glenn Rudd won 3rd place for his "Emerald Toucanet"

Our Club (SIG) finished 3rd overall in the Large Color category. Congratulations to all for your excellent participation.



Glenn Rudd won 4th place for "Emerald Toucanet" in the Photographic Society of America Pictorial Print in Interclub End-of-Year Competition - Small Color

## *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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## *Photography Club Board Members 2023*

Allen Utzig - President

Marsha Larrabee - Vice President, Administration

Tracey Smith - Vice President, Programs

Barbara Friedman - Vice President, Education

Randy Freeman - Treasurer

Jane McCabe - Secretary