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September Meeting

Greetings,

As I mentioned in the competition meeting in August, I am suspending the rule that assignment photos must have been made in the last twelve months through March 2021. As we continue to face the pandemic and have limited ability to get out and take photos, it seems only fair to eliminate it for now. We may want to consider if and how to modify that rule when we review by-laws and changes at year end.

I hope everyone is taking time to view some of the photography webinars that seem to be everywhere and find some way to practice photography however they can. I really appreciate the emails that people send with information on sites to visit, gear and general information. It helps keep us connected.

Everyone stay safe. If anyone needs anything, please reach out to your fellow members. We are here to help each other.

Stephanie

**Deadline for digital submission...
All digital entries must be sent
to**

**Carmen Sewell
csewell3@comcast.net
by September 5**

**Entries received after that will not
be eligible for September Competition**

**FYI... the deadline is always the
Saturday before the
competition meeting.**

September Field Trip

A hummingbird photo field trip to Kleb Woods Nature Preserve and Center is planned for Saturday, September 12, from 8 am to 10 am. Kleb Woods canceled this year's hummingbird festival, so it should not be crowded.

It is an outdoor and open environment. There are bird feeders all around the center. Some feeders are under shade. Everyone can keep a safe distance. Members' families are welcome. There are hiking trails if they want to walk around.

Members should bring the fastest camera, longest lens, flash, and tripod. Find a clean background, stay still and shoot away. We will meet at the visitor center.

Kleb Woods is located at 20303 Draper Rd,
Tomball, TX 77377 Janet Chung

September Program

Please join Aaron King of Photog Adventures as he distills two years of Milky Way Photography experience so you can jump start your own Milky Way photography. He has led or been on over 60 such outings.

Photog Adventures is a podcast and YouTube channel dedicated to motivating people to get out and have adventures on their own.

Topics include planning, composition, lighting, settings, gear and post-processing. Join us September 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm for the meeting.

A meeting link to join the meeting on GoToMeeting will be sent a few days prior to the meeting.
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Inter Club Competition

There are 13 regional councils in the Photographic Society of America. We compete in the Gulf State Camera Club Council, sending in our best images each month in Mono, Color and Nature categories. After the end of year competition and convention, each council picks the top images from all the competing clubs and competes against each other in a PSA Council Challenge.

GSCCC came in 1st in Monochrome, 4th in Color and 4th in Nature, for a 3rd place overall win among the 13 competing councils. Houston Photochrome members contributed to this good showing with the following images being chosen by GSCCC for the PSA competition.

Color:

A Beautiful Day Begins – Julie Cheng – 14- HM
Orchid-Stephen Mayeux – 10

Nature:

Dragonfly Mating – Janet Chung – 12
High Island Sunrise – Julie Cheng – 12
Spicebush Swallowtail Butterfly –
Jane Ashley – 11
Bottoms Up – Stephen Mayeux – 10

Monochrome:

In the Beginning – Stephen Mayeux – 12

Congratulations to Julie for her Honorable Mention and to all the photographers whose images were chosen.

Jane



A Beautiful Day Begins GSCCC HM Julie Cheng

Attention Photographers!

Beginning this month there will be 3 possible destinations for your images for competition.

Below is a schedule for the rest of the year:

September Carmen Sewell
csewell3@comcast.net

October Steven Mayeux
smayeux@comcast.net

November Stephanie Rudd
rudd77024@gmail.com

December Stephanie Rudd
rudd77024@gmail.com

Deadline will remain the Saturday before the meeting

Thanks.

Great photography is about depth of feeling, not depth of field. - Peter Adams

ATTENTION:

All Competition Participants

Images **must** be submitted according to club guidelines or your image may not be included in the monthly competition

Please follow the sizing instructions carefully:

A horizontal image cannot be longer than 1400 pixels along the horizontal side;

A vertical image cannot be longer than 1050 pixels along the vertical side.
(Vertical images **cannot** be sized **1400** pixels along the vertical side!)

The size of the JPEG image is not to exceed 1MB.(See above for pixel size.)

Rename the image according to the guidelines below.

For example:

An Assignment image by John Brown would appear as

AS_Assignment_BrownJ.jpg
O_Open Category_N_BrownJ .jpg

(Use “M” for Monochrome and “O” for Open categories.) **If the image fits the Nature category. Add an N after the image title and before your name and the .jpg.**

DO NOT use first names, nicknames or initials only, for identification.

Also, **the size of the title is limited to 35 characters when naming images.** It is important that the guidelines for naming files be followed when submitting images for the monthly competitions otherwise you run the risk of not being credited with your entries.

Images that are not easily identified will be discarded.

Assignment Categories 2020-2021

The Assignment list is:

September	2020	Endless Sun (Sun Creates Image)
October	2020	Spring
November	2020	Small Things
December	2020	Patterns
January	2021	Eyes
February	2021	Person showing Strong Emotion
March	2021	Zoo Setting
April	2021	In my back yard
May	2021	Action Shots
June	2021	Shows Movement
July	2021	Historical Significance
August	2021	Night Photo
September	2021	Weather Phenomenon
October	2021	Song depicted as photo (Song Title in image title)
November	2021	Kids (babies, children playing, goofy expression)
December	2021	Man Made Flight

ATTENTION:

Due to quarantine, the 12 month rule has been suspended for the Assigned category. The suspension will remain in effect until March of 2021.

NOTE: Images may not be submitted more than once regardless of the category. Color images may not be submitted as monochrome if they have been used in another category and vice versa.

Notice: Naming instructions have been updated See Previous Column (06/2020)

August Competition 2020

Judges: Jane Ashley, James Gamble, Philip Tan

Assignment-Indoors

Anderson County Courthouse	Donnie Walton	23
Letter Box Cat	Stephen Mayeux	23
Notre Dame Montreal	Philip Tan	23
A Kind of Peace	Richard Lemmon	23
Inside Air Balloon	Janet Chung	22
Native Bling	Carmen Sewell	22
Riley	Joe Smith	21
Spiral Stairway	Julie Cheng	20
Splash	Dat Lien	20
The School Room	Jane Ashley	20
Wine Tasting in a Cave	F. Joe Schmitt	20
I See You	James Gamble	20
Split Leap	Scott Meyer	18
Ceiling Light Family Room	Charles Edwards	17

14 Images Avg.20.9

Monochrome

Comet Neowise	Stephen Mayeux	24
USA Trousers in Myanmar	F. Joe Schmitt	24
Egret Portrait	Julie Cheng	23
The Outrider	Carmen Sewell	23
Beauty Shot	James Gamble	23
Trek to the Sea	Scott Meyer	22
Look Out	Janet Chung	21
Engineer Pass Pano	Dat Lien	21
Cone Flower	Jane Ashley	20
Remember When	Richard Lemmon	19
And the Wind Blew	Donnie Walton	19
Power Tower	Joe Smith	18
Stone Arch	Philip Tan	18

13 images Avg. 21.2

Open

Drop One	Julie Cheng	25
Leopard Prowl	Scott Meyer	25
Rain Drops	Joe Smith	25
Starry Night	Dat Lien	25
Bald Eagle in Flight	Julie Cheng	24
Grasshopper on Lotus	Janet Chung	24
Landing Gear Down	James Gamble	24
Bird Bath	Carmen Sewell	23
Blooming Iris	F. Joe Schmitt	23
Butterfly Egg	Joe Smith	22
DeWitt County Courthouse	Donnie Walton	22
Even Gargoyles Need a Hug	Jane Ashley	21
Floresville Pleasanton	Philip Tan	21
Maverick Co. Courthouse	Donnie Walton	21
Mockingbird Harassing CaraCara	Jane Ashley	21
Purple Passion Flower	Carmen Sewell	21
Harris Hawk	Philip Tan	20
Martha's Vineyard	F. Joe Schmitt	20
Red Dragonfly	Janet Chung	20
Up the Old Staircase	Richard Lemon	20
Morning in the Valley	Richard Lemon	20
It's a New World	Stephanie Rudd	19
Moose at Twilight	Scott Meyer	19
Lilies	Charles Edwards	18
Baby Turtle	Stephanie Rudd	18
Lake with Water Falls	Charles Edwards	18
Coming to Feed	James Gamble	17

27 images Avg. 21.3

Total entries - 54

Average Score – 21.2

Photographers - 15

Assignment Criteria Changes

Due to quarantine and lack of ability to get outside to normal photography places, we are suspending the requirement that Assignment photos must be taken within the last twelve months. The suspension will be in effect for the remainder of 2020.

Membership Directory Now on the Website

The 2020 membership directory has been updated and is now available on the website in the password protected Members section.



Houston Photochrome Club is a member of the Photographic Society of America and the Gulf States Camera Club Council

