



# The FLASH!

June 2017

Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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## Best In Show: *Japanese Garden* By Linda Grigsby

I took this photograph December 2016 mid-morning on a cloudy day at the Fort Worth Japanese Garden.

I used a Canon EOS 5D Mark III with a 16 - 35mm lens set at 35mm. The other settings were ISO - 200, F8, and 1/100. I first processed the photo in Lightroom and then did further edits in ON1 photo effects. In Photoshop I added a poster edge filter, a vignette, and a black border. I was fortunate that it was a cloudy day and that the fall colors were still in abundance.

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## Upcoming Club Activities

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**July 8, 2017 9:00 – 11:30 AM – Deep Ellum Scavenger Hunt** – We will be meeting in Deep Ellum and each photographer will be given a list of items to photograph. We will finish up around 11:30 am and meet for lunch. Due to the positive response to the November scavenger hunt, we are repeating this activity but, in a different location. There is parking in the area as well as a DART station. Exact meeting locations will be announced later.

**April 15-July 31, 2017 – Dallas Arboretum: ZimSculpt Exhibition** – The largest collection of Zimbabwean sculptures ever assembled for a US tour, over 100, are displayed throughout the Gardens. In addition to enjoying the sculptures, we will be challenged to capture these works of art with a photographer's perspective. Please send 5-7 of your photos by July 14<sup>th</sup> to [clubphotos@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:clubphotos@planophotographyclub.com) for the July club slide show.

**November 17-19, 2017 – Fall Color Photography Trip to Beaver Bend State Park, Oklahoma** – The PPC is planning a weekend trip to one of Oklahoma's most popular state parks, Beavers Bend State Park, which offers miles of hiking trails and creeks. It is difficult to predict when the fall colors will be at their best, but we are planning to go the weekend following their fall festival to avoid the crowds. A block of rooms has been reserved for our group and we have been asked to let the lodge know by June 8. There are several other hotels/cabins/state park lodge available as well. This lodge is approximately 5 miles from the state park. If you are unable to commit by June 8, continue to consider this event as there is other lodging and the Hochatown County Lodge is not requiring a prepayment but, they do have a 72 hour cancellation policy for a full refund.

6613 US 259, Broken Bow, OK 74728

580-494-6099

Rate: \$99 +\$9.16 tax, standard room, 2 queen beds

Make reservation by: June 8

## Doug Hansgate Workshop In Lafayette

Doug Hansgate, one of our speakers from the Beaumont GSCCC convention, is offering a two day workshop on Lightroom. It will go into considerable depth and is reasonably priced. Through a well-integrated and time-saving approach to image management and workflow, Lightroom saves time and money and is an integral part of any photographer's skillset. This workshop will teach you how to be creative and use the powers of Lightroom to enhance and develop your images into pieces of art. You will learn how to bring emotion to an image through the use of color and light. Learn to take a bland image and create the vision that your mind's eye saw.

You will learn advanced editing techniques and define a systematic approach to file management that is one of the most important aspects to a successful business or enjoyable hobby. This course will progress you rapidly and logically to an advanced Lightroom user. Bring a laptop computer with Lightroom so you can work along on each project. (Class size limited to 30 students.)

Workshop includes a FREE package of Lightroom brush and preset plugins (\$79 value) and a complete Lightroom training class FREE, with over 50 individual classes featuring tips and tricks taught by Doug himself. (\$149 value).

**ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:** Doug Hansgate has been shooting for over 35 years and has been an avid Photoshop user long before digital photography became popular. An internationally acclaimed photographer and instructor, Doug regularly travels and teaches around the country.

Register online at [www.hansgate.com](http://www.hansgate.com) or 716-860-7194

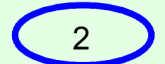
## Guest Speakers – "Thunderbirds" – Patrick Nugent

Patrick Nugent will share his experiences working as a photojournalist with the United States Air Force, particularly his deployment with the Thunderbirds from January 1982 through July 1984. This was the first Thunderbirds team to fly the F-16 Falcon.

Senior Master Sergeant (Ret.) Patrick Nugent joined the Air Force wanting to become a jet engine mechanic, but he quickly found out that Air Force needs come first and he was sent to school to become a parachute rigger. Having a passion for photography, Nugent was able to cross-train to a new career field, enjoying assignments in Nebraska and Colorado before getting assigned to the Air Force's "Thunderbirds." That assignment led to a competitive selection as a photojournalist and resulted in advanced training at Syracuse University.

While stationed in Germany, Nugent covered the Rhein-Main Air Base bombing and the return of hostages Father Martin Jenco and David Jacobson, as well as those kidnapped from the Italian cruise ship "Achille Lauro." Nugent also covered Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, PROVIDE HOPE and the Panama invasion. He supervised the "Prototype" Electronic Imaging Center during the early and groundbreaking days that introduced digital photography to the Department of Defense.

Nugent retired in 1992 after 23 years of service and continues to participate in military photography workshops and the Military Photographer of the Year program. After retirement from military service, Nugent worked in marketing for both Kodak and Nikon. He is now fully retired and pursues his interests in Aviation, Landscape, Genealogy and personal photographic projects that involve past military assignments and organizations.



## PCC Activity Plans

The following activities are in the planning stage. As planning progresses we will provide more information:

June 17 or 24: Koi Pond Tour  
 August: Table Top  
 September 16: Painted Churches in Schulenburg  
 4 hour drive / overnight [Schulenburgchamber.org](http://Schulenburgchamber.org)  
 October: Photo Walk  
 November: Beaver's Bend State Park  
 December 2 or 9: Christmas Party  
 January: TBD  
 February 17-19: Autorama at Dallas Market Hall \$18  
[autorama.com](http://autorama.com)  
 March: Dallas Skyline/Klyde Warren Park  
 April: A Tasteful Place-Dallas Arboretum's  
 New Edible Garden  
 May: Sports Event: Possibly Frisco  
 Roughriders

## Photographer Of The Year

Wenchi Lee was named PPC Photographer Of The Year. During the 2016-2017 contest year Wenchi had five 1<sup>st</sup> places, including one Best of Show, two 2<sup>nd</sup> places, and one Honorable Mention.



## PCC End-Of-Year Contest Winners

The club's annual End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet was held June 3 at West Plano Presbyterian Church. Annual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards are based on Image Points. Photographer of the Year is based on Total Points. Congratulations to all the winners!

Entry	1st:	Wenchi Lee
	2nd:	Carina Johnsson
	3rd:	Alan Daniel
Intermediate:	1st:	Nancy Mack
	2nd:	Walter Brock
	3rd:	Aaron Leshner
Advanced:	1st:	Jim Walsh
	2nd:	Valerie Johnson
	3rd:	Ron Lin
Masters:	1st:	Linda Grigsby
	2nd:	Larry Petterborg
	3rd:	Dennis Fritsche

Photographer of the Year: Wenchi Lee

Digital Image of the Year:	1st:	Carol Barlow
	2nd:	Linda Grigsby
	3rd:	Valerie Johnson

Print of the Year:	1st:	Alan Daniel
	2nd:	Danette Volkmer
	3rd:	Lois Lehman

Alan Daniel  
Wagon Wheel



It Takes Two... (See page 5)  
 Repetitions in Glass  
 Stepping Off

Wagon Wheel (See above)  
 Abandoned and Forgotten  
 New Student, Historic school

## April Winning Images – Open

### Masters

Linda Grigsby	Japanese Garden	15	1st, BoS
Larry Petterborg	Lesser Long-nosed Bat	13	2nd
Sharlott Hasty	Marshall Point Lighthouse- Forest Gump Turnaround	13	3rd
Peter Staxen	Ready for Take-off	12	HM
Dennis Fritsche	Sunrise in Death Valley	11	HM

### Advanced

Carol Barlow	It Takes Two...	14	1st
Ron Lin	Blue Magpie	13	2nd
James Walsh	Down the valley...through the clouds	12	3rd
Jerry Schlesinger	Stone bridge in Infra Red	11	HM
Jim Spencer	Storm	11	HM

### Intermediate

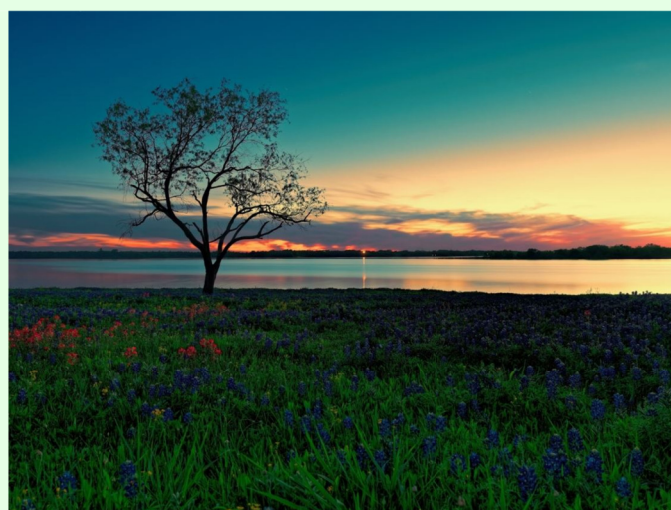
Walter Brock	Arkansas Fall	14	1st
Cathy Lin	Feeding time	12	2nd
Mary Jean Blevins	WorldWarII Flying Ace	11	3rd
Sidney Futrell	FLOATING GLOBES	11	HM
Joyce Mangum	Abandoned Coffee Warehouse	11	HM

### Entry

Nock Wong	Roseate Spoonbill	14	1st
Wenchi Lee	Sunset at Bluebonnet Trail	13	2nd
Carina Johnsson	Guanajuato	11	3rd
Jeffrey Sarembock	Wildflower notes	9	HM



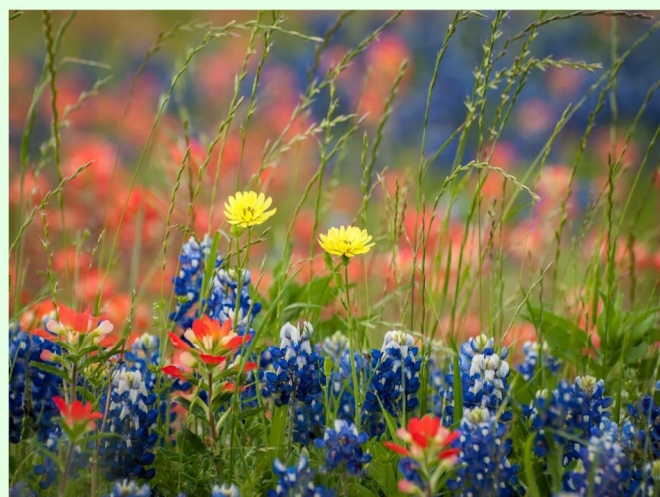
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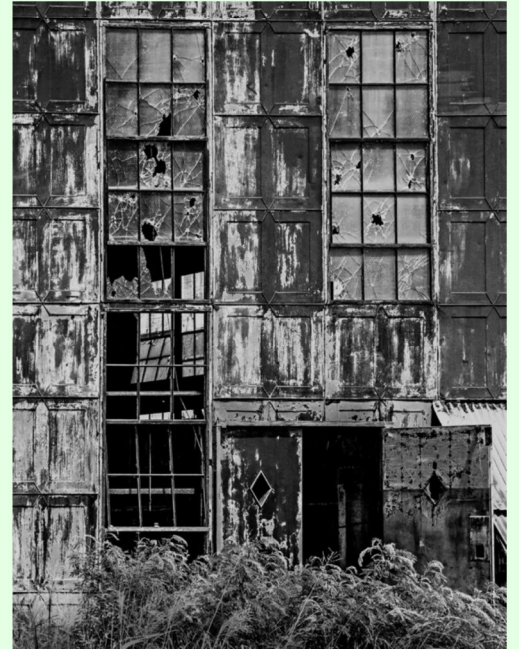
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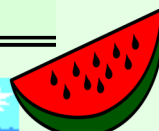
## Upcoming Competition Themes

July	Perspective	November	Cemeteries	March (Print)	On The Road	July	Motion
August	Open	December	No Contest	April	No Contest	August	Open
September	Geometric	January (2018)	Special effects	May	Diagonals	September	Rusted and/or Peeling
October (Print)	Open	February	Open	June	Open	October (Print)	Open

## Competition Standings\*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
<i>Entry</i>				<i>Advanced</i>			
Lee, Wenchi	131	64	195	Walsh, Jim	132	54	186
Johnsson, Carina	128	42	170	Johnson, Valerie	124	39	163
Daniel, Alan	114	33	147	Lin, Ron	115	37	152
Sarembock, Jeff	110	16	126	Barlow, Carol	121	29	150
Farmer, Denny	107	16	123	Yang, Ming	109	27	136
Ratzlaff, Randy	95	21	116	Spencer, Jim	113	23	136
Griffin, Lorretta	95	1	96	Hwang, Linfen	112	10	122
Moulton, Katherine	91	4	95	Schlesinger, Jerry	105	4	109
Wan, George	56	0	56				
Duggu, Krishna	38	6	44				
Wan, Ying-Bee	41	3	44	<i>Intermediate</i>			
Shang, Ping	36	4	40	Mack, Nancy	126	44	170
Wong, Nock	14	10	24	Brock, Walter	122	33	155
Barlow, Bruce	10	0	10	Leshner, Aaron	120	31	151
Cruise, Shannon	10	0	10	Lin, Cathy	110	36	146
Bennett, Martha	9	0	9	Stiles, Parvin	123	11	134
				Mangum, Joyce	112	15	127
				Davenport, Janet	113	8	121
<i>Masters</i>				Johnston, Leslie	104	12	116
Griqsbj, Linda	137	54	191	Hwang, Jack	106	7	113
Petterborg, Larry	130	28	158	Dailey, Daniel	98	1	99
Fritsche, Dennis	126	19	145	McKeen, David	89	9	98
Artiles, Jose	117	18	135	Jaco, Sherry	87	0	87
Hasty, Ron	117	13	130	Carroll, Vincent	80	1	81
Lehman, John	112	14	126	Losurdo, Michael	79	0	79
Volkmer, Danette	111	12	123	Blevins, Mary Jean	69	4	73
Carrick, Jen	106	12	118	Conard, Debbie	58	10	68
Staxen, Peter	109	8	117	Zumbar, Bryan	56	0	56
Hasty, Sharlott	113	4	117	Moulder, Retha	47	0	47
Champlin, Don	85	28	113	Haynes, James	35	10	45
Wilson, Sam	107	4	111	Hytken, Louise	44	0	44
Hansen, Marie	109	2	111	Otto, Richard	36	3	39
Lehman, Lois	104	6	110	Rogers, Mark	36	0	36
Stover, James	97	0	97	Huntley, Guy	32	0	32
Edward, James	68	12	80	Warren, Lulu	30	0	30
Barlow, Bud	68	0	68	Bernthal, Mark	23	0	23
				McCallister, Thomas	18	0	18
				Futrell, Sidney	11	1	12
				Gray, Paul	11	0	11
				Gardner, Paul	9	0	9
				DeRouen, Robin	7	0	7

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## President's Message: Sad News

We are saddened by the news that Marlan, the husband of Marea Downey, passed away on May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day. He was memorialized at a private, family-only graveside service on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Marlan was a distinguished scientist and engineer who worked at Shell Oil for 30 years in research and operations, serving as president of Shell Oil Company's international division, Pecten. He became the president of ARCO International and was past president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), a former Sarkeys Energy Center Chief Scientist, and a past Bartell Geoscience Professor at the University of Oklahoma. Downey was also an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and trustee of SMU's Institute for the Study of Earth and Man.

Marea is a distinguished member of our club and has contributed frequently through presentations, classes, lessons, and mentoring. In 2015-2016, she was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Masters Class and won Digital Image of the Year. The hearts and prayers of the club go out to Marea and the family.

Richard Vestyck

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### About The Club

The club meets the third Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at West Plano Presbyterian Church 2709 Custer Road, Plano TX. Training sessions start at 6:00 PM and the main meeting starts at 7:15 PM. Visitors are welcome! Officers meet at 7 PM on the first Thursday of each month (except December) at our regular meeting location. Open to all members.

The club is a member of: *Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) & Photographic Society of America (PSA)*



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