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## Best In Show: *Allergic To Oranges* By Mark Bernthal

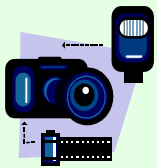
It was all about the oranges. Västerlånggatan (Western Long Street) in Old Town Stockholm, Sweden offers a myriad of fascinating scenes. Perhaps most eye-catching is the display employed by Café Schweizer. How could a window half-filled with oranges go unnoticed? A clever marketing ploy.

The scene read “unique.” The window’s color; weathered, mismatched furniture; a floral bouquet; and the irony of a young lady with her back to it all. I shot the moment before it was ruined by milling pedestrians. Were she “properly” positioned left-of-frame and looking inward, action might have ensued with her tumbling backwards on the sloping sidewalk! But that’s another shot for another day.

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## Upcoming Club Activities

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**April – May, 2018 – Scarborough Renaissance Festival** – Scarborough Renaissance Festival® has agreed to provide one-day complementary passes in exchange for 10 photos. This event is limited to 20 members of the Plano Photography Club. To see available dates and to register for this event go to the Members Only web-site, click on Organization, click on Calendar, and then click on the Scarborough Fair 2018 event. This brings up a page describing the event and at the bottom there is a button for Registration Information, then click on Sign Up. [plano.photoclubservices.com/](http://plano.photoclubservices.com/)

**May 12 , 2018 – Dallas Zoo Photo Safari** – Capture amazing shots of wild and exotic animals in their naturalistic habitats with Dallas Zoo staff photographer Cathy Burkey. With help from zookeepers and guidance and tips from Cathy, you're guaranteed excellent photos of animals foraging for their breakfast, romping and playing, and exhibiting other natural behaviors. You'll meet at 8 AM. for some quick photo tips, then set out to explore some of the Zoo's most interesting and charismatic animals. Groups are limited to 15 participants to ensure individual attention. The session concludes at noon, and participants are welcome to stay at the Zoo for the day. Cost \$65-75. Limited to 15 people and open to the public. You must sign up with Activities. For details see: [www.dallaszoo.com/event/half-day-group-photo-safari-16/](http://www.dallaszoo.com/event/half-day-group-photo-safari-16/)

**May 17, 2018 – PPC End of Year Party** – Setup begins at 6:30 and the party is from 7:15 to 9:00 PM in our regular meeting room at the church. Bring a side dish or dessert to share, and the club will provide bar-b-q and drinks. Bring a USB flash drive with a 3-minute presentation of some of your photos — a trip, a photo study, photo essay, or whatever you enjoy sharing. (Photos should follow our contest guidelines for content.) We will also present the contest awards. Family members are welcome. Sign up at the March or April meeting or Members Only web-site at [plano.photoclubservices.com/](http://plano.photoclubservices.com/).

## GSCCC Convention

Join us April 19-21, 2018 in New Iberia, LA for a great weekend of learning and fun as we explore the photography-rich area of New Iberia. There is something for everyone. Start the weekend off early with a pre-conference one-day Lightroom workshop lead by Doug Hansgate then join us for the end-of-year competition on Thursday evening.

On Friday and Saturday mornings explore the wonderful Lake Martin Rip Van Winkle Gardens, Vermillionville or Longfellow-Evangeline State Park. Fill your days with informative sessions by our team of knowledgeable speakers. Along the way, be sure to check out the vendor booths and set up an appointment to have one-on one image critiques by a PPA judge.

Be sure to experience the Extravaganza on Friday night with models to practice your portraits and dinner followed by a light painting seminar and shoot. Finally, join us for the awards banquet on Saturday night.

Register now at [gulfstatesccc.org](http://gulfstatesccc.org)

## Nominations For Club Officers

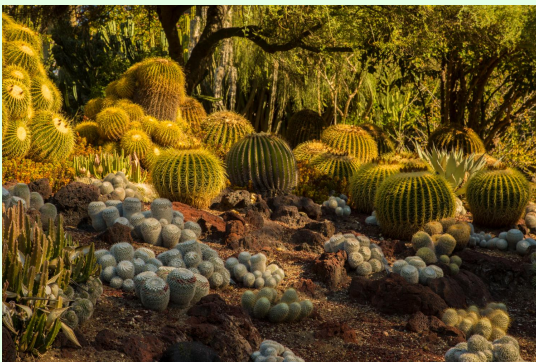
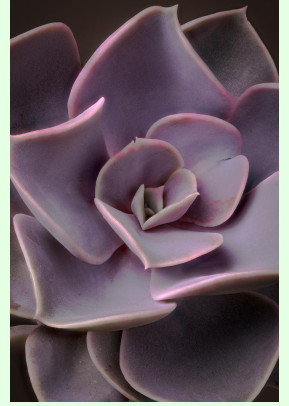
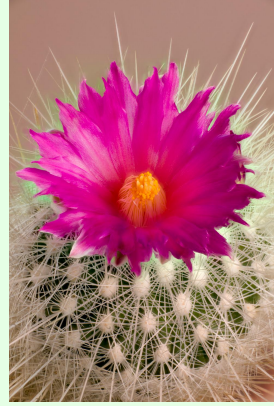
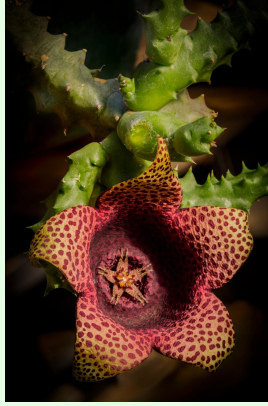
May is the beginning of the club year. At the April meeting members will vote on new officers and volunteers. The following members have been nominated. Anyone else interested in serving please contact Richard, club president.

Position	Officer/Volunteer
President	
1st Vice President/Secretary	
2nd Vice President/Program Chair	
Treasurer	
Activities Co-Chairs	
Activities Committee	
Membership Chair	Greg Jones
Membership Committee	Alan Daniel
Contests and Site Administrator	Jerry Schlesinger
Training Chair	Dennis Fritsche
GSCCC Representative	
PSA Representative	
Newsletter	James Stover
Website/Technology Administrator	Sam Wilson
Slideshow Chair	James Stover
Contest Slideshows	James Stover
Exhibits Chair	



## Guest Speakers – “Macro Photography”- Irwin Lightstone

Irwin Lightstone lives in Dallas with his wife, 1 cat, and several thousand plants, mostly cuddly cacti and succulents. He is an award winning professional photographer who has specialized in plant photography. Also, Irwin is President of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society. View his website at [IrwinLightstone.com](http://IrwinLightstone.com).



# January Winning Images – Open

## Masters

Lois Lehman	Skating On Thin Ice	15	1st
Jose Artiles	Black Hat On A Metal Bench	14	2nd
Valerie Johnson	Johnson City, Tx	14	3rd
Larry Petterborg	Cowboy	13	Hm
James Walsh	Trees In Morning Haze	13	Hm

## Advanced

Cathy Lin	A Miner	15	1st
Carol Barlow	Windswept Ini Patagonia	14	2nd
Randall Dunn	Morning Moonset	14	3rd
Walter Brock	Black Bear Seward Ak	14	Hm

## Intermediate

Mark Bernthal	Allergic To Oranges	15	1st,Bos
Earl Snoga	Penetrating Eyes	14	2nd
Joyce Mangum	Under The Bridge	14	3rd

## Entry

Nock Wong	Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge Nightscape	15	1st
John Eden	Sunrise At Amelia Island	14	2nd
Jeffrey Sarembock	Diver At Sunrise	14	3rd



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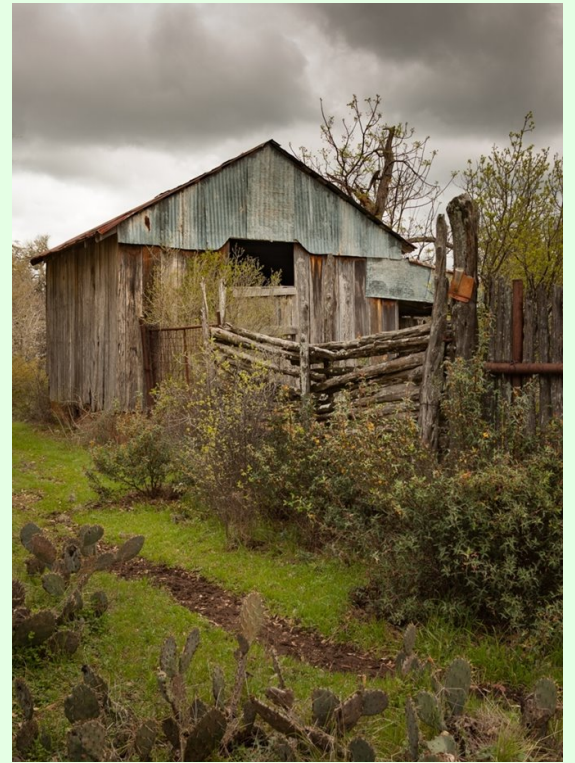


Walter Brock





Lois Lehman



Valerie Johnson



Jose  
Artiles



Larry Petterborg



James Walsh



## Upcoming Competition Themes

April	No Contest	August	Open	December	No Contest	April	No Contest
May	Diagonals	September	Rusted and/or Peeling	January (2019)	On the Street Where You Live	May	
June	Open	October (Print)	Open	February	Open	June	Open
July	Motion	November	Reflections	March (Print)	Panorama	July	

## Competition Standings\*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
<i>Entry</i>				<i>Advanced</i>			
Wong Nock	113	57	170	Lee Wen-chi	112	29	141
Sarembock, Jeff	109	36	145	Mack, Nancy	113	25	138
Moulton, Katherine	94	9	103	Hwang, Linfen	109	22	131
Mathews, Todd	74	22	96	Barlow, Carol	99	29	128
Eden, John	70	20	90	Dunn, Randy	105	20	125
Christopher, Katrina	47	12	59	Brock, Walter	111	8	119
Griffin, Lorretta	49	6	55	Spencer, Jim	98	8	106
Farmer, Denny	47	5	52	Schlesinger, Jerry	97	0	97
Faingold, Anna	33	9	42	Lin, Cathy	76	16	92
Lucas, Sam	39	0	39	Yang, Ming	65	21	86
Wan, Ying-Bee	23	3	26	Lin, Ron	80	1	81
Ratzlaff, Randy	18	0	18	Leshner, Aaron	60	6	66
<i>Intermediate</i>				<i>Masters</i>			
Johnson Carina	116	28	144	Fritsche Dennis	116	19	135
Berthal, Mark	105	35	140	Petterborg, Larry	112	22	134
Hwang, Jack	104	27	131	Hasty, Ron	112	17	129
Snaga, Earl	103	18	121	Hasty, Sharlott	109	17	126
Dailey, Daniel	106	13	119	Lehman, Lois	108	11	119
Daniel, Alan	105	3	108	Wilson, Sam	108	11	119
Manqum, Joyce	92	7	99	Grigsby, Linda	108	7	115
Losurdo, Michael	83	15	98	Volkmer, Danette	108	7	115
Stiles, Parvin	96	0	96	Stover, James	100	15	115
Otto, Richard	80	4	84	Carrick, Jen	105	4	109
Blevins, Mary Jean	65	11	76	Walsh, Jim	106	0	106
Johnston, Leslie	59	13	72	Johnson, Valerie	97	5	102
Moulder, Retha	42	0	42	Hansen, Marie	42	0	42
Carroll, Vincent	33	6	39	Chaplin, Don	37	1	38
Davenport, Janet	31	0	31	Staxen, Peter	18	0	18
Futrell, Sidney	24	3	27				
Conard, Debbie	24	1	25				
Gray, Paul	22	1	23				
Taube, Eric	13	0	13				
Lebeck, John	12	0	12				

**\* Annual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each Class is based on Image Points. Photographer of the Year is based on Total Points.**



## President's Message: The

Well, it's that time of year again for our new board members to be elected. We have a number of critical board positions that are opening up because of current board members stepping down. I have a few people that have expressed interest in some positions, but I still need others to step up. The positions opening up are: President, secretary, treasurer, VP of programs (set up presenters) and activities director. If any club member is interested in any of these positions, please email me at: [ppc@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:ppc@planophotographyclub.com). Thank you very much.

I would like to remind everyone that next month's meeting in May will be the end of the year party instead of our regular club meeting. If you would like to attend the party, there will be sign up sheets at the April meeting as usual, but I would encourage everyone to sign up on the website. You can sign up online by going to our website and signing in. Then go into your account and look for events. Find the end of year party sign-up and add your name to the list.

**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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