

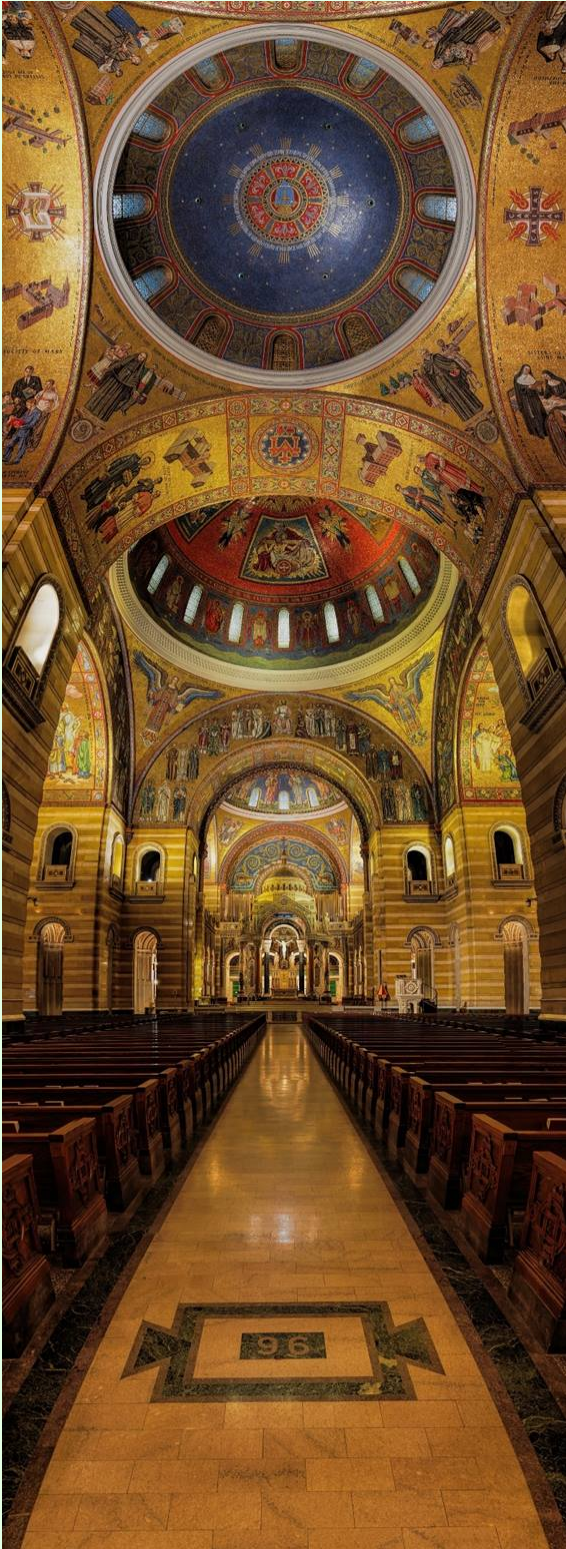


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Best In Show: Cathedral Basilica Of Saint Louis By Wenchi Lee

The image was taken during my visit in January to St. Louis, Missouri. I planned to take a panorama image of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis for the club photo competition. I initially thought of taking it as a landscape view. However, after I stood inside the Cathedral, I changed my mind and decided to take a 180° vertical.

A total of nine images were taken by moving the camera (on a tripod) from an upward to a downward angle. (Note: After I took my images, I was informed that tripods should not be used inside of the Cathedral.) Each image is HDR with setting of f/5.6, 30mm, ISO 200 and 2 sec exposure time using an Olympus OM-D EM-1 Mark II camera and Olympus 12-100mm f/4 lens. It was stitched by PTGui Pro and processed by DxO PhotoLab and TOPAZ in Photoshop. The final print was completed by the BWC Printmaker store with Fuji Pro Metallic photo paper. The metallic photo paper seems to be more suitable for the image content.

Upcoming Club Activities / Photo Ops

Contact: activity@planophotographyclub.com

May 31 – June 2, 2019 – Mowdy Wild Mustang Ranch

June 29, 2019 – Dallas Heritage Village

For details and to sign up for these and other events go to the Members Only web-site:

<https://plano.photoclubservices.com/>, login, then navigate to Organization > Calendar and click on the event.

Guest Speakers

There will be no guest speaker at the May meeting because of the End-of-Year Awards banquet.

Future PPC Programs

June	Jason Weingart	Time lapse photography to chase storms, photograph the night sky, and create stunning landscape photography.
August	Rodney Dixon	Tabletop Photography

End-of-Year Awards Banquet

At the May meeting, the Club will celebrate it's 35th anniversary during the Club's Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held in our regular meeting room. Setup is 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. Please bring an appetizer, vegetable or dessert as well as a short slideshow on a Flash drive. The club will provide meat, drinks and utensils.

At the End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet we will announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each class, which are based on Image Points. Also announced is Photographer of the Year, which is based on Total Points. All 1st and 2nd place winners during the year are entered into an End-of-Year contest. Print and Digital images of the year are selected from these images. Also, the winners of the Special Interest contests will be announced. The winners will be featured in next month's **The Flash**.

Contest Image Size

Beginning with the May Contest, the image size is expanded to a maximum width of 4096 pixels and a maximum height of 2160 pixels. This allows for higher resolution images than the current limits.

Club Meeting Date Changes

Because of church commitments, the July meeting will be held July 25th. The May and June meetings will be held on their regular dates: May 16th and June 20th.



35th Anniversary

It all started with an advertisement in the **Plano Star Courier** inviting anyone with an interest in photography to a meeting at Williams High School. Thus was the beginning of the Plano Photography Club.

The club was organized by Sue Padden of Plano Parks & Recreation and Fred Hartke, photography student, elected the first president. Over the years we have had outstanding leadership.

Club presidents:

1984-1985 Fred Hartke (Founder)
1985-1986 Weldon Fincher
1986-1987 Larry Stehno
1987-1988 Stewart Baker
1988-1989 Marilyn Smith
1989-1990 Carl Adkins
1990-1991 Weldon Fincher
1991-1992 Mike Childers
1992-1993 John Reed
1993-1994 Tom Brown
1994-1995 Cathy Strong
1995-1996 Ken Guthrie
1996-1997 Bill Vansco
1997-1998 Ken Guthrie
1998-1999 Nathan White
1999-2000 Peg Syverson
2000-2001 John & Lois Lehman
2001-2002 Inge Johnsson
& Russell McGuire
2002-2004 David Wille
2004-2005 James Stover
2005-2006 Ed Auger
2006-2007 Dawn Attebery
& Dan Leffel
2007-2008 Bernie Pysz
& Bob Frank
2008-2010 James Stover
2010-2012 Dennis Fritsche
2012-2014 Carol Barlow
2014-2015 Bud Barlow
2016-2017 Richard Vestyck
2018-2020 Cliff McKenzie

Among the many milestones are:

January 1984: First club meeting

March 1984: First **The Flash** published

April 1984: Joined PSA
First Field Trip (One-Hour Photo)
Plano Round-Up Participant

Dec 1984: First Workshop (Print Mounting)

Jun 1985: First Club Dinner

Oct 1987: First Scavenger Shoot

Jan 1988: First Model Shoot

Apr 1988: First Overnight Trip (Fredericksburg)

Aug 1988 Joined GSCCC

July 1990 First Photography Exhibit

Oct 2004 the club celebrated it's 20th anniversary with a dinner with featured speaker Pulitzer Prize winner William Snyder.

Apr 2007 the club hosted the Gulf States Camera Club Council annual convention, organized by Ed Auger.

Over the years the club has hosted many field trips, exhibits and showcases, model shoot, table top shoots, workshops, classes, scavenger shoots, and photo walks. Each month the club holds a competition. In the early years entries were prints and slides. Eventually the club dropped slides and added digital images.

Today the club is a large, vibrant organization with an engaged, diverse membership. It continues to grow and has a grand future.



March Winning Images – Panorama

Masters				Advanced			
Sharlott Hasty	Cold Morning Run	14	1st	Wenchi Lee	Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis	15	1st,BOS
Don Champlin	Corn Snake on black	14	2nd	Nock Wong	The Hungarian Parliament Building	14	2nd
Linda Grigsby	Sydney Skyline at Sunset	13	3rd	Nancy Mack	Prosper Silos	13	3rd
Danette Volkmer	Medieval Dwellings	13	HM	Jim Spencer	Radio Astronomy	13	HM
Intermediate				Entry			
Jason Ware	In the key of red	13	1st	Siu Wong	Charles Bridge of Prague	15	1st
Daniel Dailey	Racing the storm to Ragged Mountain Grand Mesa, CO	13	2nd	Clive Fernando	Splendor	13	2nd
Alan Daniel	White Rock Lake	12	3rd				



Siu Wong



Clive Fernando



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Alan Daniel





Nock Wong



Nancy Mack



Jim Spencer



Sharlott Hasty



Don Champlin

Danette Volkmer



Linda Grigsby



What Is PSA?

The Photographic Society of America, PSA (<https://psa-photo.org/>), is a global organization that provides a host of services promoting photography and its benefits to members. Individual members may participate in competitions, study groups and online education programs designed to advance their photographic knowledge and skills. Competitions are held for clubs, councils, federations and chapters as well. Member image galleries are always available for viewing. Opportunities for image analysis and critique as well as discounts for both hardware and software products are available for all members. In addition to special access to a Member's Only area on this dynamic and informative website, every member receives the high-quality PSA Journal each month.

Every year, PSA holds a conference in a photography friendly location such as Yellowstone NP, San Antonio, TX, or Salt Lake City, UT. This fall, the conference will be held in Spokane, WA (<https://psa-photo.org/conference-2019/>), September 25th to 28th.

PSA is an organization that deserves your consideration if you want to add to your photographic skills and enjoyment. Please take a few minutes to browse their web site and see for yourself, what all there is that you may wish to take advantage of.

Larry Petterborg, PSA Representative

Texas's Best Historical Sites

Our Contest subject for September is Texas Historical Sites. We celebrate the wide-ranging sweep of Texas history. Visit any historical site within the state of Texas and create an image that fills us with pride for our state. Sites could be local, or you could trek to the far corners of the state. Our rules do not allow solely an image of another's art work, so a simple image of a monument is not acceptable. Here are some suggestions:

The Alamo
Acton
African American Museum of Dallas
Bonnie and Clyde Grave Sites
Caddo Mounds
Casa Navarro
Cavanaugh Flight Museum
Confederate Reunion Grounds
Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Museum
Dallas Heritage Village
Dallas Holocaust Museum
Dallas Log Cabin Village
Dealey Plaza

Eisenhower Birthplace
Fair Park
Fannin Battleground
Fort Griffin
Fort Lancaster
Fort McKavett
French Legation
Fulton Mansion
Landmark Inn
Levi Jordan Plantation
Magoffin Home
Mission Dolores
National Museum of the Pacific War
Sabine Pass Battleground
Sam Bell Maxey
Sam Rayburn House
San Antonio Missions National Historic Park
San Felipe de Austin
San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site
The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Stockyards National Historic District
Starr Family Home
Varner-Hogg Plantation



This another in a series of interviews with prominent club members.

Give us some background information.

I was raised on a small farm in Iowa and moved to Texas in 1971 at age 21. I worked 50 years as a Pediatric Radiologic Technologist, CT Technologist, and Radiology management. I was Assistant Director of Radiology at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children when I retired in 2012. In 1986, I married John Lehman while he was working at Lovers Lane Methodist Church and earning his PH. D in Psychology. We have a daughter Jennifer Culver, PH.D. (working at SMU) and three grandchildren: Ric (22), Raven (20), and Catharine (16).

How long have you been a member of Plano Photography Club? Are you a member of other Photo Clubs?

I joined PPC in 1995. As a beginner, I attended many photography workshops including Santa Fe Photo Workshops, Rocky Mountain School of Photography, Collin College SLR classes, Charlie Freeman photo classes, and PPC workshops. As I expanded my photo skills, I became active in PPC positions: 2000-2001 Co-President (along with John), Competition co-chairman, Table Top coach, member of various committees, and an instructor of several photo classes. I am also a member of the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club and North Texas Talent Workshops.

What is in your camera bag?

Currently, I have a Canon 60D and my favorite lens is my Tamron 18-270 mm lens. I hope to switch to a Fuji mirrorless camera in the next year or so.

Describe your photography interests and how often you shoot.

My photography interests are portraits, western-cowboy culture, and volunteer-event photography. After my retirement, I added more non-profit organizations: City of Dallas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps, Garland Habitat for Humanity, Farmers Branch Historical Park, and Dallas Heritage Village. This keeps my photos skills active and I meet the most charming and energetic people. Every week, John and I try to explore small towns near DFW and visit state and national parks. In addition, we hunt for antique stores and flea markets.

What software do you use to post-processing your images?

My software of choice is Photoshop CC 2019. I tried Lightroom, but I preferred the filters in Photoshop. For my volunteer work, most of my images are straight forward and should represent the events. Then I tried to add creative touches such as Black/White and Sepia images for the historic villages.

Describe any photography highlights, awards, honors, etc.

I don't tend to enter many photo contests; however, I have won some awards: 1) Best of Show Richardson Photography Contest 2001, PPC Digital Image of the Year 2013, and PPC Portraits Award 2018.

Any photography advice for our club members?

In 2008, PPC asked me the same question in an interview. My recommendations then are same today

1. Enter as many PPC contests as possible so you can hear the judge's critique and advice.
2. Join PPC members at photo events. You will be pleasantly surprised how much you learn from fellow photo enthusiasts.
3. Take week-long photo classes and immerse yourself in your passion.

Tell us about some of your non-photography interests.

Over the last six years, I have become active in emergency response - disaster teams. It is pleasing to be able to support victims, police, and/or fire departments during disasters, work in shelters for evacuees, or assist at medical events. Two years ago, I decided to take my disaster skills in a new direction and attended Moulage classes. Moulage is the art of applying mock injuries (makeup) on volunteer 'victims' for the purpose of training emergency response teams. I have assisted in moulage for CERT drills and for police department's active shooter exercises. I also enjoy traveling, attending family/school events, theater, and listening to audio books.

For an interesting article about Lois and her husband John, see the following profile in the Plano Star courier: https://starlocalmedia.com/planocourier/planocouple-captures-life-one-shot-at-a-time/article_edd0ff10-4cef-11e9-b9f4-0f32cede3335.html



North Texas Irish Festival

March 8th through 10th club members attended the North Texas Irish Festival. Here are a few of the highlights.



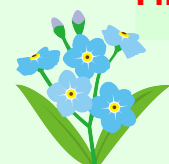
Upcoming Competition Themes

May	Breaking the Rule of Thirds	September	Texas Historical Sites	January (2020)	Down Time	May	TBD
June	Open	October (Print)	Open (B&W or Sepia)	February	Open	June	Open
July	High Key/Low Key	November	Music	March (Print)	TBD	July	TBD
August	Open	December	No Contest	April	No Contest	August	Open

Competition Standings*

Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points	Photographer	Image Points	Place Points	Total Points
<i>Entry</i>				<i>Advanced</i>			
Siu Wona	110	32	142	Mark Bernthal	127	37	164
David Boomstein	91	38	129	Nock Wona	125	31	156
John Eden	104	22	126	Wenchi Lee	122	34	156
Randv Ratzlaff	81	38	119	Nancv Mack	119	26	145
Sam Lucas	63	17	80	Linfen Hwana	108	13	121
Katrina Christopher	33	17	50	Jim Spencer	114	6	120
Pina Shana	32	9	41	Ron Lin	87	25	112
Debbie Nielson	24	10	34	Jerrv Schlesinaer	103	4	107
Clive Fernando	25	9	34	Cathv Lin	84	23	107
Ram Diwakaaran	9	0	9	Seraio Piumatti	69	3	72
Colleen Galles	8	0	8	Randall Dunn	59	7	66
Todd Matthews	8	0	8	Carina Johnsson	43	0	43
				Mina Yana	32	0	32
				Mike Farnhm	11	0	11
<i>Intermediate</i>				<i>Masters</i>			
Alan Daniel	129	40	169	Sharlott Hastv	128	41	169
Richard Otto	114	21	135	Ron Hastv	121	29	150
Daniel Dailev	114	17	131	Linda Griasbv	119	22	141
Jason Ware	105	22	127	Danette Volkmer	125	15	140
Parvin Stiles	113	7	120	Sam Wilson	119	16	135
Earl Snoqa	90	25	115	Don Champlin	104	30	134
Michael Losurdo Jr	92	15	107	Jose Artiles	111	22	133
Jovce Mandum	84	17	101	Dennis Fritsche	119	6	125
Vincent Carroll	76	14	90	Carol Barlow	109	16	125
John Lebeck	74	10	84	Larrv Petterbora	118	0	118
Katherine Moulton	82	1	83	John Lehman	101	8	109
Jeffrev Sarembock	74	1	75	James Stover	101	0	101
Garv Clinton	53	10	63	Valerie Johnson	94	7	101
Larrv Paee	33	6	39	Lois Lehman	90	0	90
Cliff McKenzie	38	0	38				
Retha Moulder	32	1	33				
Marv Jean Blevins	26	0	26				
Debbie Conard	12	0	12				
Jeff Davis	10	0	10				
Bruce Irvine	9	0	9				

* 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: Happy 35th Anniversary

In 1984, the most watched TV shows were The Cosby Show and Night Court. The President was Jimmy Carter with Ronald Reagan to be elected at years end. Top movie box office was Terminator and Ghostbusters (didn't they just remake both?). 1984 a group of people had an idea, form a club, a photography club and what better name than to name it after their, albeit small at the time city, Plano.

35 years ago, our founding club members would have discussed f/stops, aperture settings, shutter speed and ISO...and today...after all the technological changes...we are still discussing the same things. While the foundation of photography has remained the same, would it not be interesting, to explain how to our founders you can select ISO on the fly without changing film? How is that even possible?

2054, 35 years from now, what will they write about us?

Cliff McKenzie

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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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