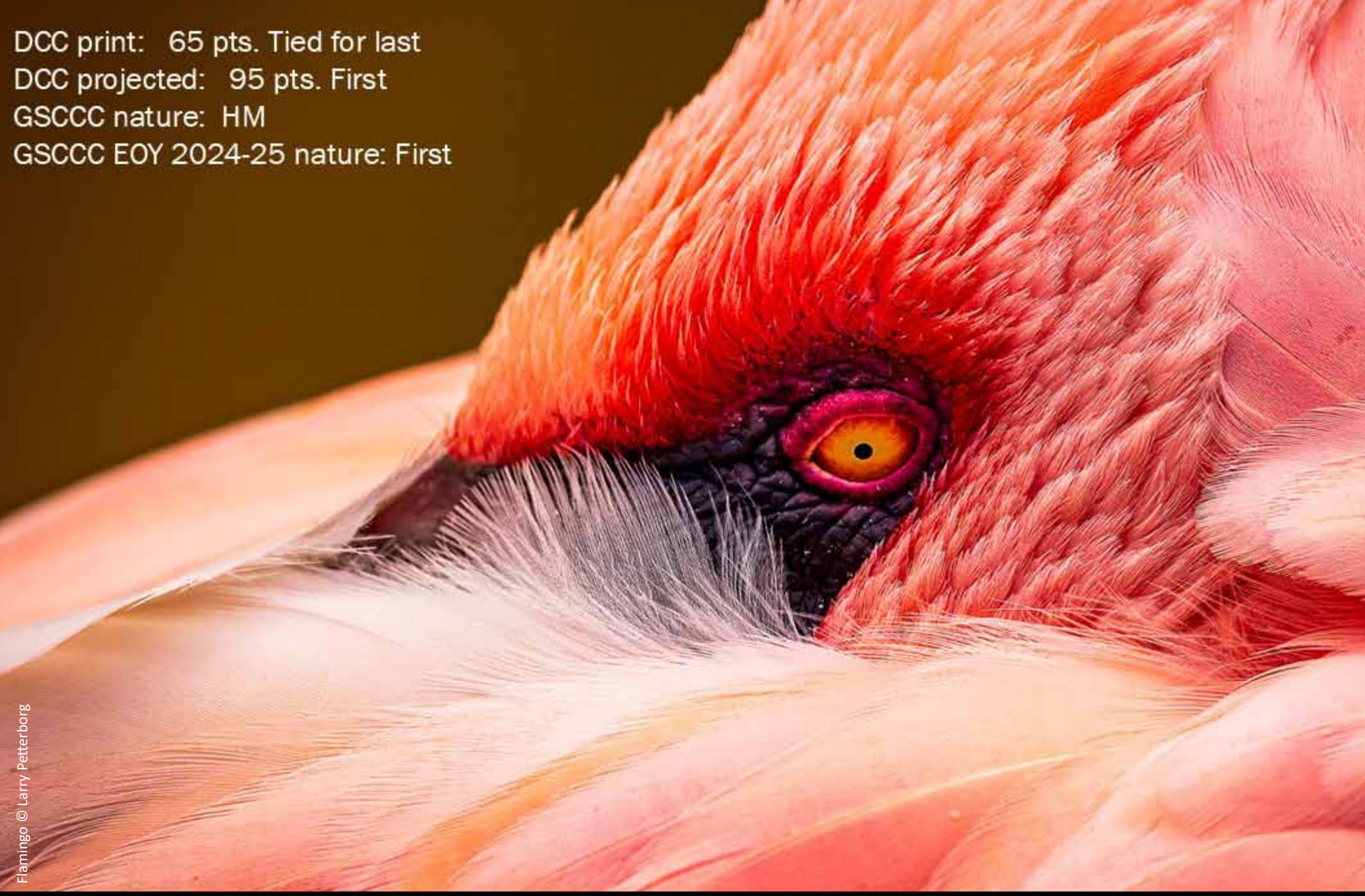

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The Shutterbug

a newsletter of Trinity Arts Photo Club

What Judges Look For

TRINITY ARTS PHOTO CLUB

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COVID Self-Portrait © Larry Petterborg

Yemeni Girl and Father © Larry Petterborg

February Meeting

Date: Monday, February 23, 7:00 pm (CST)
Location: Martin United Methodist Church, 2621 Bedford Rd., Bedford
Program Speaker: Larry Petterborg

Larry Petterborg was born many years ago in Salt Lake City, Utah, developed a love for the great outdoors, and spent a couple of years in the infantry as a guest of the US Army. After completing a master's degree in biology from the University of Utah, he came to San Antonio, to pursue a doctoral degree in Biomedical Sciences. While in grad school, he found and joined the Photographic Society of America and the Woodlawn Camera club where he began entering club contests. Following another graduation, he took a faculty position at the University of Missouri School of Medicine and joined the Mid-Missouri Camera Club. In 1998 he joined the Plano Photography Club ahead of a move to Dallas and Texas Woman's University. Since then, he has become a member of the Heard Nature Photographers Club, the Dallas Camera Club, and the Hagerman Photo Club. Since retiring, he has been spending increasingly more time and money on photography. He can't sing nor dance or paint a canvas, but he is learning his way around a camera and enjoying making meaningful photographs.

www.flickr.com/photos/lpetterborg/

Topic:
What Judges Look For

Camera clubs offer photo competitions to encourage their members to take more pictures, to become better photographers, and to enjoy photography to the fullest. Based on over 40 years of club contest participation, as a competitor, student, and contest judge, **Larry Petterborg** enjoys sharing his experiences with other club photographers with the intension of helping them become more successful and satisfied with being "judged".

Five Tips © Larry Petterborg

Mid-air Collision © Larry Petterborg

Fog © Larry Petterborg

Meet our judges

February

David Downs is a Master Photographer, Photographic Craftsman, Certified Professional Photographer, and a PPA Juror-In-Training with over 14 years of professional experience in landscapes, portraits, and commercial photography. David has judged dozens of print competitions at the club, guild, and state levels, bringing both technical expertise and a deep appreciation for artistic impact. He serves as Skills Director for the Dallas Professional Photographers Association, where he oversees the monthly Image Competition and mentors photographers in developing competitive, merit-worthy work. David presents a very popular PPA Workshop each year focused on improving images specifically for Merit submission.

www.daviddowns.com

March

Ian McVea is a Northern Ireland-born, Texas-based photojournalist, portrait photographer, and photography instructor. He joined the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in 1989 as a staff photographer, later becoming a photo editor, then Director of Photography.

Ian's images have been distributed through Getty Images, the AP, Reuters, and have been published in the Dallas Morning News, the Washington Post, the New York Times, LIFE, Time, Newsweek, US News & World Report, and Sports Illustrated, among many others. His photographs have been displayed in galleries and museums in Texas and the UK.

He is an active member of the Royal Photographic Society, the Texas Photographic Society, NPPA, ASMP, and the Association of Texas Photography Instructors.

2026 Trinity Arts Photo Club Competitions

February – Macro and Close-Ups

Reveal the hidden world of detail that's often unseen but unforgettable. Think "smaller than life, larger than imagination." Depth of field, lighting, and perspective are key to making your close-up composition come alive.

March – Minimalist / Simplicity
Entry Deadline - March 1, 2026

Less is more — create impact through restraint, space, and clarity. Capture the power of simplicity through clean lines, open space, and uncluttered design.

April –Western Heritage in DFW Metroplex*

Celebrate North Texas' enduring Western spirit — from Stockyards to open range.

May – Open

"Open" means no assigned topic. We have free rein to challenge ourselves with the camera and/or with post-processing.

June – Black & White

Strip away color to expose the power of light, shadow, and emotion. Explore the timeless beauty of monochrome photography — from soft gray scale subtleties to stark contrasts.

July – Sports Action

Capture the decisive moment — energy, motion, and emotion in full stride. Strong storytelling and dynamic composition are key: make the viewer feel they're in the action.

Remember to vote for the People's Choice awards for February!

August – Shadows

Play with darkness and light to shape mystery, form, and mood.

September – Open

"Open" means no assigned topic. We have free rein to challenge ourselves with the camera and/or with post-processing.

October – Procrastinator's Delight

Topic will be chosen from a hat at the August meeting. Photos must be taken between drawing and the October 1 competition deadline. No shooting ahead. No looking through archived photos. You have a limited window of time to take this competition topic.

November – Small Town Main Streets in DFW Metroplex*

Capture the character and charm of North Texas' hometown hearts. Whether lively and colorful or quiet and nostalgic, your image should capture the personality and story of a town through its streetscape, architecture, and people.

December – Holiday Party

* DFW metro includes the following counties: Hood, Johnson, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, Wise, Palo Pinto, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall counties.

Beginner

January Contest Winners – Open

© Teresa Hughes

1st Place *She Who Walks Between* Teresa Hughes

"The photo was captured during the Day of the Dead Festival at Sundance Square in Fort Worth on November 1, 2025.

The crazy part of this photo was, at the exact time I was photographing, I found out there was a bomb one building over and they were about to evacuate Sundance Square."

(F/4, 1/25, iso 1100 Z 6 ii 24-70 lens 45mm)

- *Teresa Hughes*

© Anne Dyson

2nd Place
Blending In
Anne Dyson

© Darrell Smith

3rd Place *Fall on the Farm* Darrell Smith

© Shelly Anne Borders

Honorable Mention *Fire and Water* Shelly Anne Borders

© Jeff Irwin

People's Choice
Mirrors of Majesty
Jeff Irwin

January Contest Winners – Open

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3rd Place *Rolling Fog Over Tuscan Hills* DeLania Truly

© Susan Taylor

1st Place *Tulip 1* Susan Taylor

"I love the flower but never plant them...I'd rather have perennials that come back every year. However, I saw a bunch of tulips at my grocery store after Valentine's Day; they were a $1 a bunch and I couldn't resist buying them.

The tulips quickly started to fade from their glory, but even after they opened and then began to drop petal by petal they still had grace and beauty. I snapped photos from different angles etc. and then began to experiment with some apps to get an ethereal look. I used Snapseed and Superimpose to play with layering the images etc.

- *Susan Taylor*

© DeLania Truly

2nd Place *Sweet Kiss of Nectar* DeLania Truly

© Lana Macko

Honorable Mention *Where the Range Meets the Sky* Lana Macko

© Bruce Hutter

People's Choice
Dancer's Delight
Bruce Hutter