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The Shutterbug
a newsletter of Trinity Arts Photo Club

A Million Suns



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August Meeting on Zoom ONLY

Monday, August 22, 7:00 pm (CST)

Program Speaker: David Downs

David Downs has carried a passion for photography as long as he can remember. There weren't always the resources to have a camera nor to purchase and process the film that went in them. Yes, he's that old. Over time he did manage to get a camera or two and although the stated purpose was to capture images of his rambunctious sons, he still managed to sneak a few creative images onto each roll.

Today, in addition to running a successful Financial Planning practice in Plano, David runs two photography businesses. David Downs Photography (www.daviddowns.com) is his platform for producing award winning commercial

Join us via Zoom: [Connect Here](#)

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work, branding campaigns, portraiture and the creative art that motivates his time behind the camera. He's received the Artist of The Year Award for the Art Centre of Plano and has had images on multiple magazines covers.

Benton Downs Photography (www.bentondowns.com) allows David, in collaboration with his business partner Barry Benton, to share his passion and love of photography with others. From classes such as Introduction to Photography, editing classes, creative photography classes and workshops in many locations, Benton Downs works to give every participant the instruction they need, regardless of their expertise.



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Topic: A Million Suns

David Downs is going to talk about how to get the best possible results when you wander away from the bright lights of the city and begin noticing the faint band of “clouds” running overhead. Where should you go? When should you go? How to identify what you’re seeing and perhaps just as important, how can you get the best results, both in camera and through post processing.



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Club News

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IMPORTANT - TAPC Needs YOU!

From the President

As our year comes to a close, we once again have to look forward to filling openings in committees and electing new officers for next year. If you are interested in assuming a leadership position or serving on an officer selection committee, please send me an email to the address below.

The following officer positions are open for 2023:

President

Vice President

Officer at Large 1

Officer at Large 2

In addition, we need to fill the following committee chairs:

Competition

Outings

Newsletter Content (Editor) Graphic Designer for newsletter is filled.

Interested persons can learn about the duties/responsibilities of these positions by reviewing the club bylaws found at:

<https://tapc.photoclubservices.com/Downloads/44ce9998-71ce-42b6-9cc5-ccf221d3cb93?o=y>

Please feel free to contact me at the email below with any questions or to express interest in one of these spots-

David Roberts - President TAPC

davibarton@yahoo.com

August Outing - Decatur

Saturday, August 27rd, 2022 8:30 am

Decatur to photograph the Petrified Wood Gas Station

Decatur is about a 45 minute drive northwest of Colleyville. We will plan on leaving the area about 8:30am. We will photograph the Petrified Wood gas station and tourist complex.

Petrified Wood Station

We can photograph the exterior of the Waggoner Mansion (it is privately owned so we cannot go inside). Remember the Waggoner Ranch was at one time over 1 million acres.

Life in Decatur-The Waggoner Mansion — Decatur Chamber of Commerce

We may explore the Wise County Historical Museum (\$5 entry fee)

Wise County Historical Society and have a tour of the Wise County Courthouse.- **Wise County Courthouse**

We will have lunch in Decatur and get back to the Mid Cities about 2pm.

NOTE: We will only do this outing if the temperature is below 90 degrees!!

September Outing - Fort Worth

Friday, September 30th, 4:30pm

Sunset over Ft Worth from near Northside Drive

We will leave the parking lot at Market Street at 4:30pm. At 5pm we will eat at a good Mexican restaurant near the stockyards (no! Not Joe T Garcia's – possibly Los Vaqueros or Dos Molinos!).

At 6:15, we will move to our viewpoint overlooking Ft Worth and the Trinity River and set up our gear – including tripods. Sunset on Sept 30th is at 7:15pm.

After we have photographed the sunset, we will return to the stockyards area and take some night shots with a theme of neon lighting.

We should get back to the Mid Cities by 9:30pm.

Don't forget to vote for the monthly People's Choice award!

Meet our judges

August

Denise Remfert recently moved to Colorado Springs where there are four seasons and an abundance of landscape and wildlife photo opportunities. Having been a member of Professional Photographers of America for many years, she immediately joined the local guild. There are excellent photographers here and she looks forward to a night sky workshop in July because she can see stars here. Some Trinity Arts members visit Colorado and she hopes to meet up with them this summer. Her photography has included weddings, portraits, sports, groups and events but her favorite is wildlife and nature. She volunteered her services a lot when she was a Texas Master Naturalist.



Denise also volunteered with a group photographing children at the hospital and that was when she began learning to edit in Photoshop. There is no end to the Photoshop learning curve and she is currently learning to paint in PS while working on wildlife portraits. She shoots when the weather is nice and edits when it is not. Photography is in her blood now and she loves it.

<http://www.remfertphoto.com>

September

Growing up in small town America in Western NY produces a strong urge to leave and explore the world, which is something that **Scott Williams** has been doing ever since. Graduating from UTA with a business degree showed him that he wasn't cut out for the usual road that most people travel. So he went in search of a career that fit his lifestyle and personality, photography. Where it went from being a student at Richland college in Dallas and manifested itself into becoming an instructor there.



Since starting on his chosen path, he has traveled around the globe visiting 34 countries along the way. He uses the camera to explore the world around him and to capture a moment in time that has some significance for him. So many times photographers talk about the quality of light, the presentation of a vision or some spiritual interpretation surrounding of their photography and their reason for doing it. Which can all be legitimate and profound, however for him it is much simpler, he has no choice, it is a labor of love with a need as strong as breathing.

<https://www.blind-squirrel.org>

Trinity Arts Photo Club Competitions

August – Panoramas

Panoramas are photos with a wide format. For this contest, your image needs to be at least twice as wide as it is high (2:1 aspect ratio or greater). You can stitch several images together, crop a single photo, or use the panorama function on your phone. However you get there, just make sure it is 2:1 or greater aspect ratio.

September – Open

Entry Deadline: Sept. 1

“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 shoot this competition topic.

November – Minimalist Landscape

Enter a landscape image distinguished by extreme simplicity. Focus solely on the smallest number of objects and compose in a clean, clinical way.

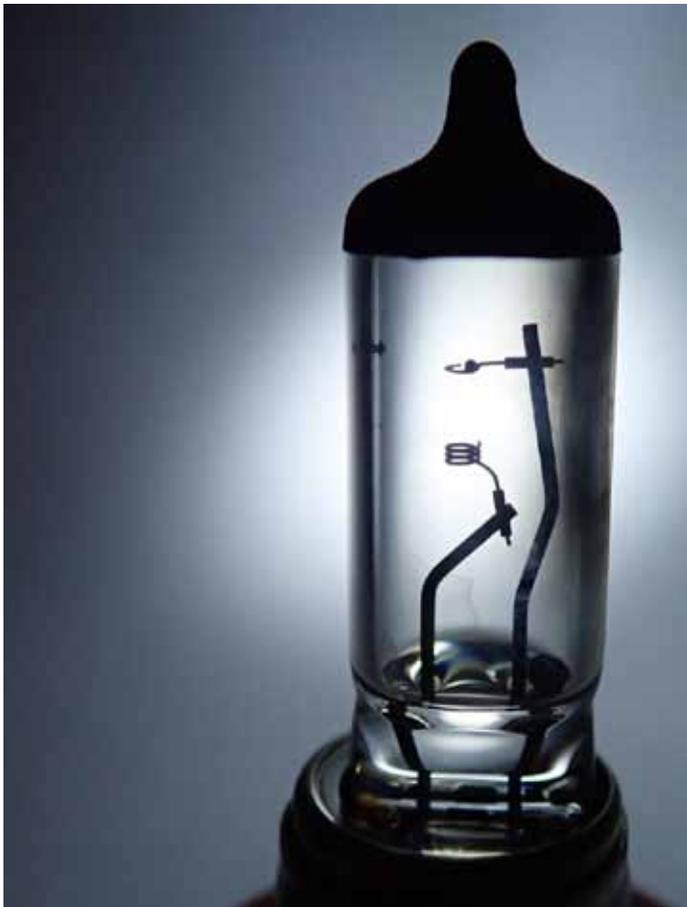
December – Christmas Party

Remember to vote for the People's Choice awards for August!
Voting will close on Wednesday, August 17th.

Beginner

July Contest Winners – Light and Shadow

© Frances Clements



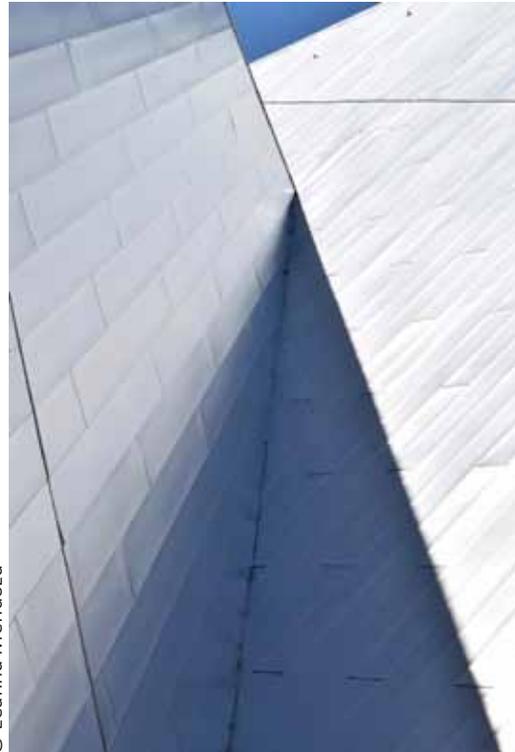
1st Place *Burned Out Headlight* **Frances Clements**

"I took this picture after replacing my burned out headlight. I think I used a flashlight for the back light."

(1/125, f/2.3, ISO 500, Olympus TG-5, 5.5mm)

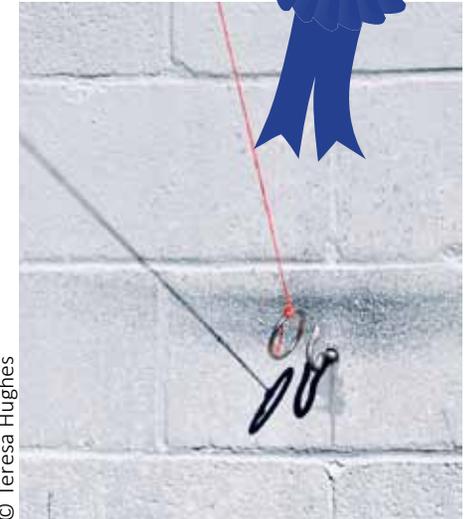
- *Frances Clements*

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2nd Place
Geometric
Leanna Mendoza

© Teresa Hughes



3rd Place & People's Choice
So Close
Teresa Hughes

4th Place *Hawaiian Mountain Sunset* **Monte Zillinger**



© Monte Zillinger

Advanced

July Contest Winners-Light and Shadow

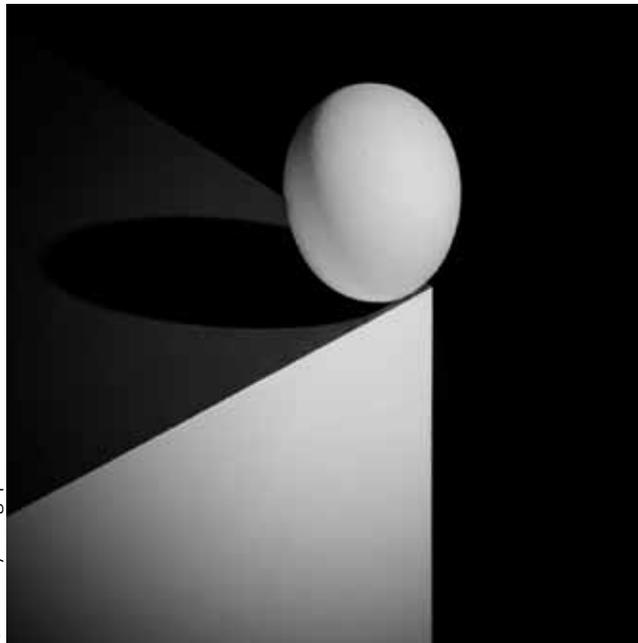


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1st Place
Ajo Arizona Train Station
James Austin

"A section of the Ajo, Arizona Train Station (Depot) in the afternoon. Part of the building is now a visitors bureau. A very clean and interesting building near the town square." (1/200, f/11, ISO 400, Nikon D750, 24mm)

- James Austin



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2nd Place *The Light's Illusion* **Manny Sangapu**



© Lynne Rogers Harris

People's Choice
The Mission
Lynne Rogers Harris



© Laura Richards

3rd Place
Carefully Navigating
Laura Richards



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4th Place *Large Leaves Backlit* **David Roberts**

Outings/Field Trips

July Outing

July 23, 2022

Fossil Rim Wildlife Park in Glen Rose
Dick Dodds, Outings Coordinator

We originally had a private “behind the scenes” tour booked for 8 club members on July 23rd, but due to both extreme heat warnings and air quality advisories due to the fires only 3 miles away from the park, 3 members dropped out. Fortunately, due to the fires, we were able to get refunds for the three members.

Dick Dodds, Dave Roberts and Mark Lenz drove in one car and Chandra Brooks and Sondra Young drove in the other car, both cars arriving at Fossil Rim at about 8:20am. There was a refreshing breeze at the park



headquarters, and we were assigned Jenna as our guide. Another couple joined us as the park had had several cancellations and they consolidated groups.

Jenna was a terrific guide – very personable and knowledgeable and stopped the vehicle wherever anybody wanted to get a particular view of an animal. We frequently left the normal wildlife tour and went down the “authorized personnel only” route to see some of the special enclosures such as the cheetahs, the American red wolf, the Mexican grey wolf and the maned wolf (which resembled a fox), a black rhino and a white rhino. Many of the animals in the public tour area would come to the truck to be handfed and as usual the giraffes and ostriches could be quite demanding for

their food!! The tour ended at noon, and it only got uncomfortably hot about 11:30.

The group drove into town to have a BBQ lunch at the famous Hammond’s restaurant. The two ladies decided to skip the petrified wood abandoned house due to the heat. Mark and Dick spent a few minutes photographing the remaining structure of what was a bootlegger’s gas station – it was so hot by now that Dick’s iPhone shut down!! We were back in the Mid-Cities by 2:30.

