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**The Shutterbug**  
a newsletter of Trinity Arts Photo Club

“You Be the Judge”



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## October Meeting in Person ONLY

**Date:** Monday, October 23, 7:00 pm (CST)

**Location:** Generations Park, 2801 Forest Ridge Dr., Bedford

**Program Speaker:** Jeff Grimm

**Jeff Grimm** was a photography teacher for the better part of 35 years at Trinity High School in Euless, his alma mater. To him it was a “calling” that he enjoyed more and more as the years passed. He also taught classes in English, History, computers, journalism, yearbook, Vocational Education and Psychology, but the last 15 years were entirely Photography. His students won the state photography championship five times, despite a zero dollar budget, and almost 7,000 individual and school awards, including several

top-10 Best of College awards beating most of the nation’s best college and university photo programs. During his time at Trinity he and his students did summer road trips to the American West twelve times.

He regularly judges camera club and photography contests in Texas and around the country. Jeff received Star of Texas awards for outstanding contributions to photo education from the Association of Texas Photography Instructors.



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# Topic: "You Be the Judge"

What makes a winning photo for competition? Being a photography teacher for over 30 years, **Jeff Grimm** should know, because his students entered many competitions and they were very successful. The presentation, "You Be the Judge", will be an interactive discussion with club members regarding how photos are judged. He will present groups of images to view and then the club members will vote for what they like best. Leading lines, colors, numbers, and the like will be discussed. Using these methods will help you take better photos that will win competitions.



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# Meet our judges

## October

**Roger Watts** holds degrees in psychology, philosophy, and business. He became a contract photographer in 1981. While working in that capacity, his assignments included breaking news and features stories, White House coverage, and long term photo-documentary assignments.



He is the founder and owner of Innovations LLC Photography, a stock and photo-documentary news agency, that provides photographic services for a range of non-profit and commercial businesses that use his work for marketing and collateral publications.

For more information, go to his website at:  
<https://www.rogerpwatts.com>

## November

**Franklin Countryman** is an experienced educator with a demonstrated history of working in both secondary and higher education. Skilled in Analog and Digital Photography, Art History, Darkroom and Alternative Photographic Processes, and the Adobe Creative Suite. Dedicated Texas-certified education professional with a master's focused in Fine Arts/Photography from University of Arkansas with over 10 years' experience in education and as an artist working in photography.



In his spare time Franklin enjoys spending time with his wife and dogs running a 501c that fosters and adopts beagles and going to live music concerts and festivals. Adventure is out there!

# Club News

## Outings

Look for information in your emails and the club's Facebook page regarding club photo outings this Fall, as any upcoming outings will be planned on short notice.

There was an outing in September to the Colleyville Nature Center. Unfortunately, there were not a lot of birds to see, but the people who participated still had a good time. The biggest excitement were the dragonflies that were flying around the ponds.



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# Trinity Arts Photo Club Competitions

## October 2023 – Procrastinator's Delight

The topic selected is "The Color RED." 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 2023 – Scenes from Fall**  
**Entry Deadline: November 1, 2023**

Enter a photo showing your best capture that

says "Fall!" Portraits of trick or treaters, landscapes with crisp fall colors – any image that makes us think Autumn qualifies for this contest.

**December 2023 – Holiday Party**

**Remember to vote for the People's Choice for October!**

# Beginner

## September Contest Winners – Open

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**1st Place**

*Berry Proud Cedar Waxwing*  
Steve Mills

"I was observing a group of Waxwings busy flitting around a brushy area and patiently waited for one to come out in the open. I had no idea they were feasting on berries until I saw the picture. It was one of those 'right place at the right time' experiences. The most significant challenge of post processing was balancing the exposure, as the sunlight was harsh at that time of day. It required some masking of different layers to help mute some of the washed out areas. It was one of my first efforts at this technique."

- Steve Mills

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**3rd Place** *Reflection on the River Tay*  
Mike Stokic

© Jan Stout



**2nd Place** *Colobus Monkey on Black* Jan Stout



**Honorable Mention & People's Choice**  
*Playful Siblings*  
Steve Mills



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# Advanced

## September Contest Winners – Open



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**1st Place and People's Choice**  
*Rainy Day in Dresden* Lana Macko

"My photo of the people climbing the stairs in Dresden, Germany was obviously taken on a rainy day. I was attracted to the lines and textures in the scene and the colors and patterns in the umbrellas. When I got home and started processing it, I thought a black and white treatment worked best on the stonework. But I wanted to subtly show the colors and patterns of the umbrellas. So using a light opacity, I filled the color back in those areas. ." (1/30, f7.1, ISO: 100, Canon EOS R 95mm)

– Lana Macko



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**2nd Place**  
*Trimmed in Purple*  
Janet Cunningham



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**3rd Place**  
*Fishing...Alaskan Style*  
Chandra Brooks

**Honorable Mention**  
*Parade*  
Nancy Abby



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