

GREATER NEW BRAUNFELS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
MEETING MINUTES - FINAL
AUGUST 10, 2026

The Greater New Braunfels Photography Club convened for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, August 10, at 6:05 p.m. at the New Braunfels Library Westside and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Frank Bayerque, President.

1. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Club Sponsors.
2. Approval of Minutes:
Minutes from the last two meetings were approved unanimously.
3. Frank mentioned upcoming events:
 - a. Wine Cheese & Cameras at Gourmage on August 27th at 4 pm.
 - b. Art Haus on September 4th.
 - c. New Braunfels Meet the Trucks on September 19th at 9 am.
 - d. Christmas Party on December 7th. Sharlana Dillard mentioned that the price is now \$30/person.
4. Frank discussed things of interest to photographers:
 - a. Digital Pro Lab is no longer providing free gift cards. If the Club desires to purchase gift cards for next year it would cost \$400, about one-third of the annual budget. Christiane Menelas mentioned that some Club members have not been completely satisfied with Digital Pro Lab. Frank asked if anyone has used Finer Works; a number of people said they have and were happy with the results. Frank will reach out to Finer Works and see if they would donate gift cards; he also suggested that if you have gift card(s) that you do not plan to use, to consider donating them to the Club.
 - b. Frank asked Club members for suggestions for 2027 assignment themes. The Board will finalize assignment themes in early October.
 - c. The office of President, Vice-President, and Social Media Director are up for (re)election this year. Interested members should see Frank or a Board member. All three of these positions are eligible for re-election and all indicated they would run again. Voting will take place in November.
 - d. The New Braunfels Art League has upcoming shows that are open to all:
 - i. The Art of Photography - Submissions due September 9th.
 - ii. Artoberfest - Submissions due October 15th.
 - e. Those interested in photographing drama or ballet should see Frank.
 - f. Victor is looking for someone to take over the Youth Photography Tournament.
5. Frank reminded members of upcoming Fotoseptiembre. 19 photographers have committed.
6. Website update:
 - a. New Members login page requires a password (fstop26!).
 - b. Member Contact Page is available. Members should fill out the form if they want their contact information shared with other members.

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7. PSA Interclub News:
 - a. Victor discussed the timeline and when decisions are made for clubs to move up.
 - b. Round 1 uploading timeframe is October 1 - November 15. Photos will be due to Club sooner to evaluate for submission.
 - c. Victor commented on the PSA Portfolio Distinctions and where to get more information for submitting a portfolio.
 - d. Victor mentioned the PSA Photo Festival in Las Vegas; reservations close August 15th.
 - e. Victor and Frank reminded members that images cannot exceed 1080 pixels on the vertical side and 1920 pixels on the horizontal side. Also, the travel category can include even short trips to Austin or San Antonio, it does not have to be out of the country or state.
 - f. Frank noted that a photographer will only have one photo per category submitted to PSA; a committee of Club members will determine which six photos per category will be forwarded to PSA.
8. Texas Youth Photography Showcase:
 - a. Victor gave results from the 2026 PSA Showcase.
 - b. Key dates for the 2027 Texas Youth Photography Showcase were noted.
 - c. A new category was added for 2027, Community, which seeks images that reflect "My Community Through My Eyes."
9. Assignment Photo Review: Glass
 - a. Second Place Tie: "Refracted Reality" by Sharlana Dillard.
 - b. First Place: "Spherical Refraction" by Suzanne Daunt.
10. Theme for August: Street Photography.
11. Monochrome Photo Review
12. Color Photo Review
13. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. 25 Members attended in person; 1 new member; 0 via Zoom; total of 26 in attendance.
14. The next meeting will be September 14th at the New Braunfels Westside Library. Images are due by September 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Daunt
GNBPC Secretary