



Greater New Braunfels Photography Club

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A note from the Editor - by Christiane Menelas

Hello Photographer Friends!

It's only February and already our club members have started amazing travel adventures. I have to say that sharing those adventures is probably my favorite part of writing this newsletter every month. How fun is it to see all the beautiful places our friends are traveling to? Just remember I can't share it unless you reach out and let me know - so please do!!! We all want to see what you got to experience!

Some of our members are getting ready to shoot Whooping Cranes, travel to Costa Rica, and El Salvador. I myself am heading back to Alaska this month, and I'm really hoping to see the Aurora Borealis. So stand by for many amazing photos from these adventures, and if you're going somewhere - even if it is a local park, and you want to share your photos, don't be shy!



*Happy clicking
Christiane*

This month's adventure comes from

Sharlana Dillard

Winter Ranches Photograph Workshop

Tiffany Lacey and I attended a photography workshop in the small town of Westcliffe, Colorado. Where we photographed beautiful horses running against the snow-capped mountain backdrop – along with old barns, cowboys and cowgirls, and the gorgeous landscape. The workshop was located in south-central Colorado, known as the Wet Mountain Valley that may be the state's most beautiful and unspoiled mountain valley. You were able to fly into Denver or Colorado Springs, but then you would need to rent a vehicle to travel a few hours to Westcliffe. We had 4 outings each before sunrise and sunset shooting at a picturesque ranch and the surrounding areas. It was extremely cold in temperatures ranging from -7 to about 13 degrees.

My take away for this workshop, was that Dan Ballard was very friendly and accommodating to all levels of photography skill sets. Dan booked an entire lodge for the 10 photographers and all meetings and classes were held in a general living space. Dan started off with about a 2-hour briefing on what to expect over the next few days. He provided quality information on what lens we would most likely be using, what settings we should program on our cameras for each event and through his explanation of shooting horses and cow hands he provided us with his suggested image composition along with a slide show where he explained the different areas of the ranch and the photo shoots of the barns. The ranch provided the workshop with an enormous breakfast and a quaint little guess house to get warmed up. Dan gave one Lightroom class on how he posted his images and one critique class where we provided 15 to 20 of each of our past best images. His critiques were very positive with his suggestions of improvements. He took 1 or 2 of each of our images and completed his recommended edits to show us the before and after improvements. Dan's website provided a video course and reading blogs to help prepare you for your workshop adventure.

What you will need is very warm clothes in layers, hats, gloves, high boots and defiantly you'll need lots of hand warmers. If you are cold nature, your fingertips will become extremely frozen. We also used hand warms to keep our spare batteries charged.

Beside the one breakfast at the ranch all other meals were on our own. Westcliffe was a very small charming town with locally owned bakeries, coffee shops, bars and eateries. The next town over was Silver West and in both towns we found the food to be fabulous.

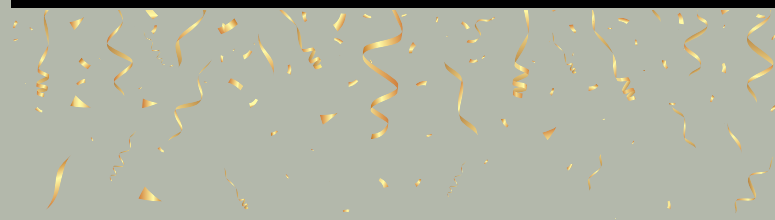
If you are interested in attending any of Dan's workshops or wish to follow him as a photographer here is his website <https://www.danballardphotography.com>







RECOGNITIONS



**The monthly competition winner for
“Opposites” went
to Sandy Gilbert for her image titled
“Young and Old”**



Congratulations

Congratulations!

**to Ed Zukowski for getting
recognized by PSA**

Photographic Society of America

January 22, 2025

Dear Edward Zukowski,

The Photographic Society (PSA) congratulates you for reaching a PSA Membership Milestone. You will receive a commemorative Membership Milestones certificate in the mail to recognize your PSA membership through the first quarter of 2025. If you wish to have your certificate presented at a club function please send me the name and address of the presenter and I will send the certificate directly to the presenter. You might share your certificate on your club's next in-person or virtual meeting and see if it can be featured in your club's social media feed.

On the certificate your name will appear as

Edward Zukowski
5 Years (as of 2025)

Please review your address in the PSA database The mailing address used is the PSA database listing on 01/01/2025. . Please reply to staff-membership-milestones-director@psa-photo.org by January 30, 2025, only if there are corrections to your name(especially if your name has non English characters), honors/distinctions, or address, If you reply to this email and do not receive a response please use this alternative email address:
membershipmilestonesdirector@gmail.com

Congratulations on this PSA Membership Milestone. PSA appreciates your continued membership and looks forward to our joint explorations in the world of Photography for years to come.

Sincerely,

Christine Wilkins, Director
Membership Milestones
Photographic Society of America

Big congrats to Frank Bayerque

For having his Photo on the cover of Impact Magazine this month!

Craig Pellerin and I have been shooting photos for the Art Haus gatherings on the first Friday of every month. These events are held on the square in New Braunfels and are sponsored by the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council.

Artist Johnny Duncan asked for an action photo of him for an article in the Community Impact newspaper. Here it is.

It's always fun for me to see my work published!

I've been working with the Arts Council to get access to events for us photographers in exchange for pro bono (free) photography services. We're just getting started with this. I'm hoping to have more opportunities for us in the future.

Frank





Upcoming Events for Photographers 2025

- Whooping Crane Festival - Port Aransas
February 20-23rd
- Orchid Show - San Antonio Botanical
Gardens - through March 31st
- Gruene Spring Market - March 1st
- Call for entries - New Braunfels Art League -
Comic Con Art - February 23rd

*If you know of other events that you think might interest club members, please reach out and share it, we'd love to know.
Thank you!*

We are still asking for entries for the Portraits of Texas project.

We invite all members of the New Braunfels Photographic Society to participate in this project. This is your chance to showcase your work, challenge yourself creatively, and contribute to a vibrant community project. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just starting out, we encourage you to submit your best work.

Victor needs 5 volunteers to help with the Kid's Photo Contest - Sat. 3/29, 8-11:30am. *(If you've never volunteered for this, please consider it, it's a worthwhile experience!)*

SNAFU

There was a mess-up of sorts with our Meetup page. One of our members was going to change her reply, that she was coming to the meeting, but accidentally changed the whole meeting to "canceled". Unfortunately some members didn't attend the monthly meeting because of this. So sorry for the confusion.

Another issue is that for Wednesday Coffee's the Panera Bread in New Braunfels is having staffing issues. So there is not always someone there to open the store early. Members have been going to "Las Palapas" straight across the street when this happens.

We just wanted everyone to be aware!

Social



Feel free to join us after our monthly meetings at:

**La Cosecha Mexican Table
505 Business, N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd.
New Braunfels, TX 78130**

