



Greater New Braunfels Photography Club

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A note from the Editor - by Christiane Menelas

Hello my friends,

I'm writing this months newsletter from the frozen tundra aka Alaska. It's a very nice change from the heat and drought in Texas, so no complaints from me. The aurora has been very busy, but the problem is getting clear skies at the same time it decides to make an appearance. I have witnessed the first snowfall already, so it's very tricky to catch a glimpse. But I'm not a quitter - still have a good chance on Nov. 8/9th - fingers crossed for clear skies!

This month starts the beginning of the holiday season. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it, and then it will be time for our annual Christmas Party! Don't forget to work on decorating your Christmas ties! It works the same way as an ugly Christmas sweater, but it's not as hot to wear all night - can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!

As promised we will feature Barbara Beversdorf this month with her excursion to Alaska, and a stop in San Fransisco along the way.

We also have a new feature, thanks to our club member Suzanne (Suki) Daunt, who wants to highlight a member that volunteers their time and talent for the club each month. We are starting out with the one and only Taryn Bradley. I know you will enjoy a behind the scenes look into Taryn's fun, and busy life. Please consider submitting your own story about a club member you would like to highlight for us!! Everyone's participation in the newsletter is welcomed and encouraged.

Happy clicking

Christiane

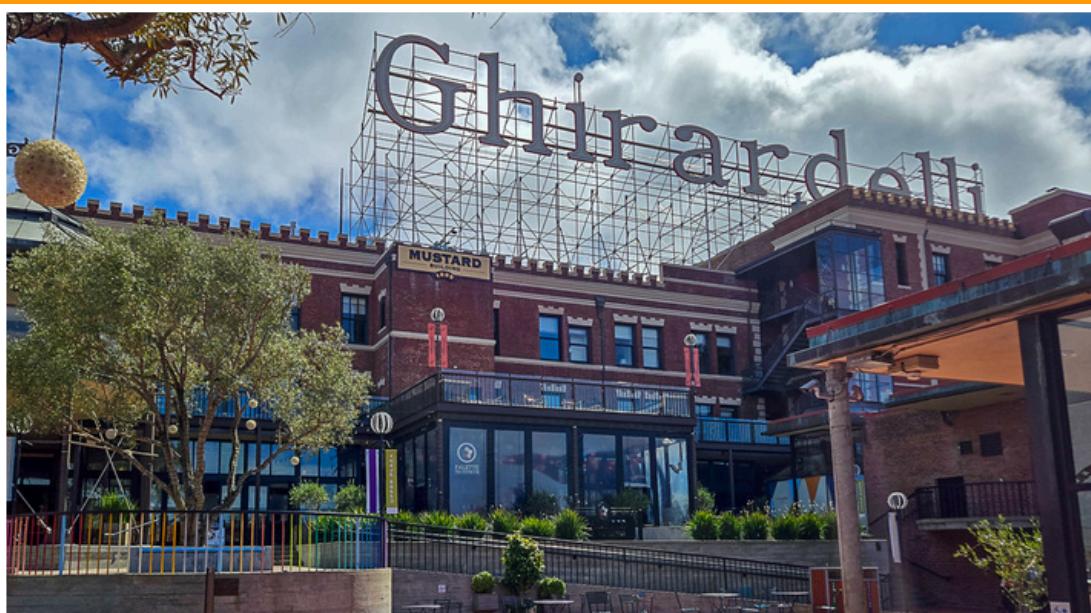


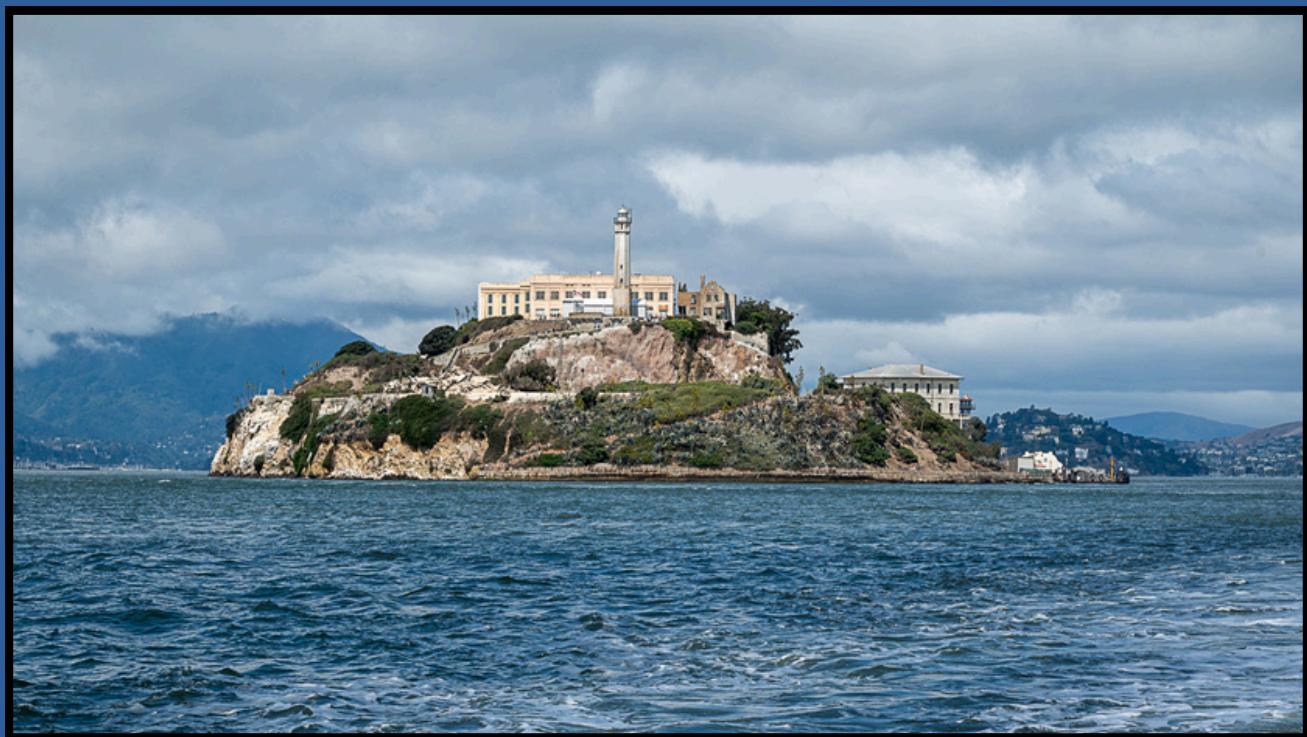


By:
Barbara Beversdorf

This trip was several months in the making. My goal was to balance time with friends and family AND my love for photography. Research was done and plans made..... all very subject to change.

We flew into San Francisco 2 days early with a list of all the things we wanted to see. We navigated with our feet and uber and never felt unsafe, always in pairs or groups. From the history of Alcatraz to the loud barks of the harbor seals on pier 39, it was time well spent.





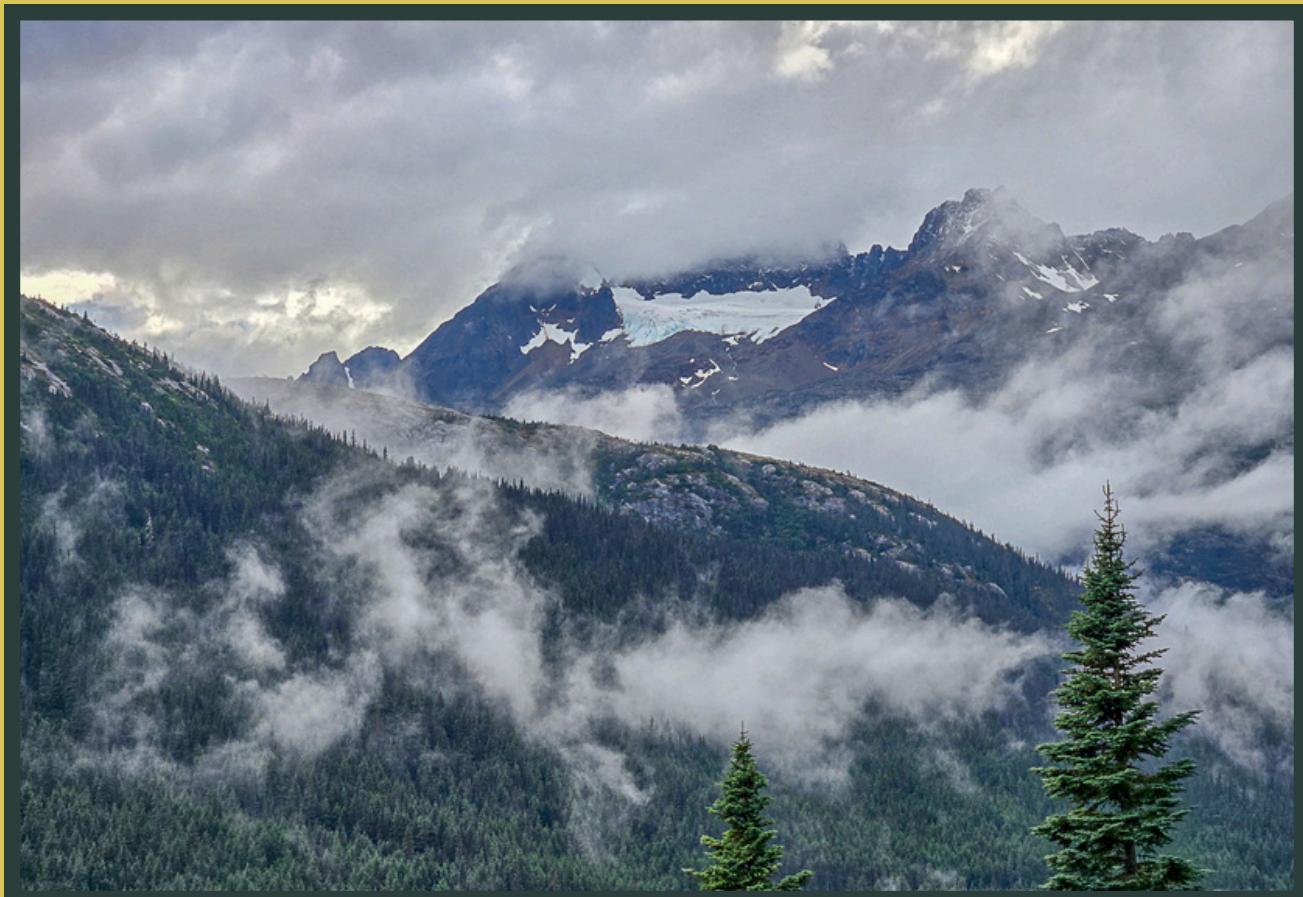


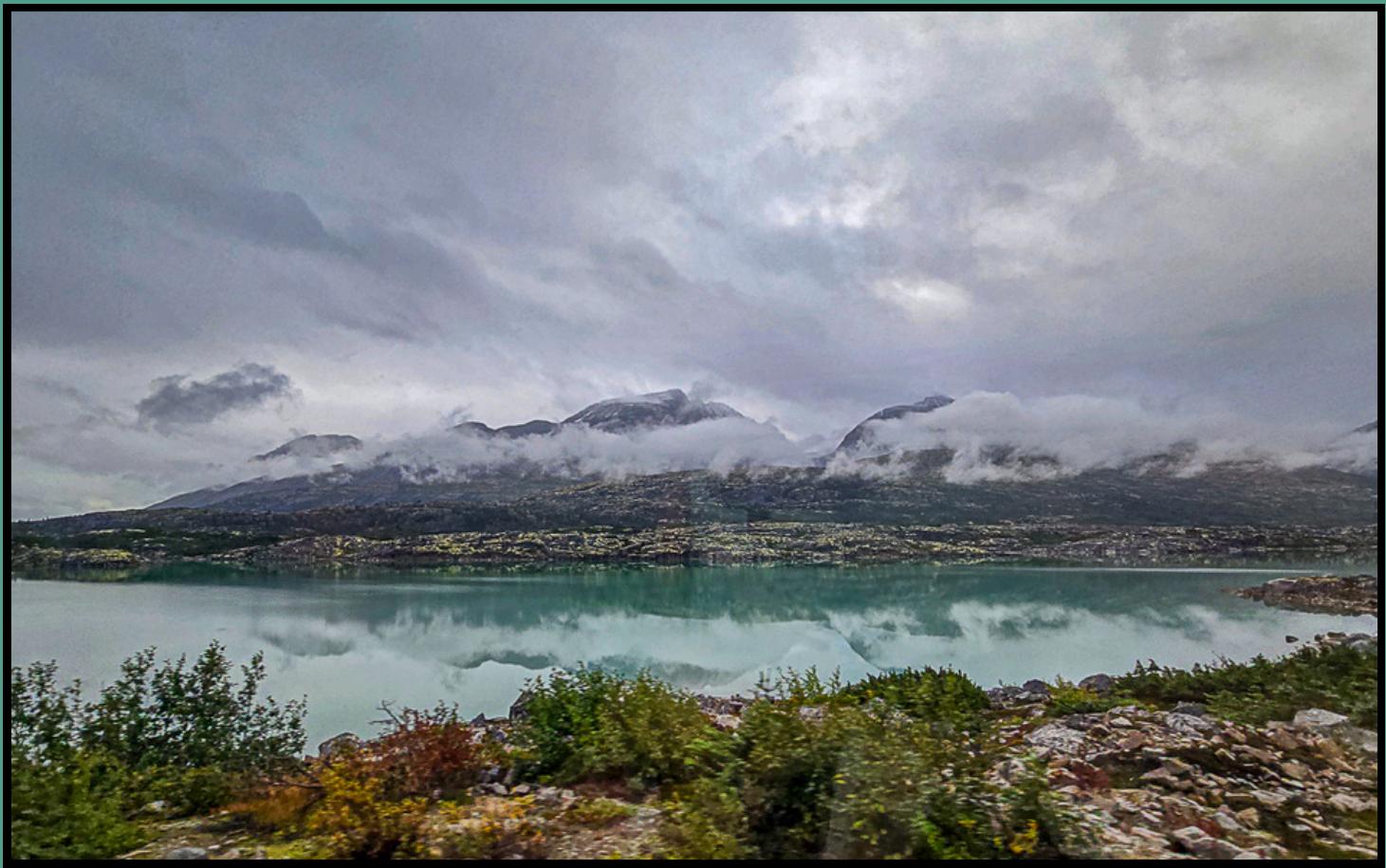
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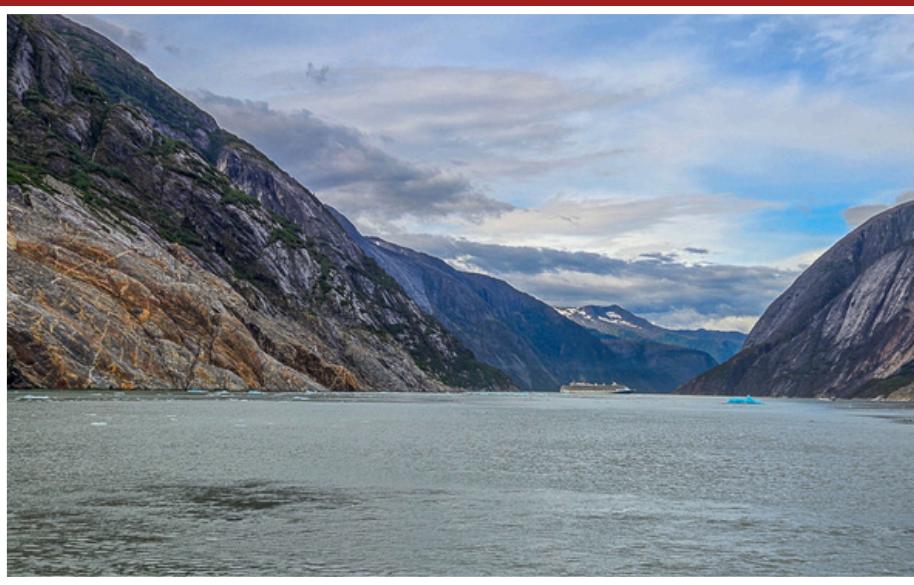
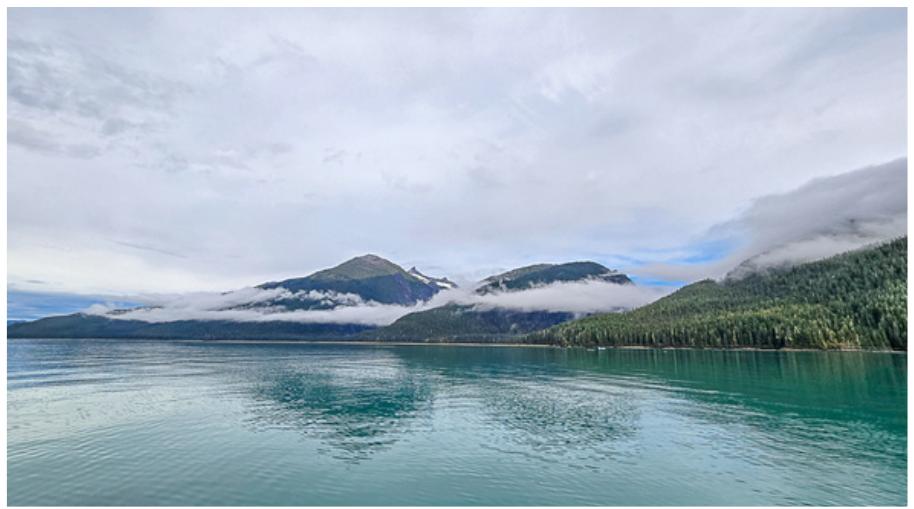
In Skagway, a bus ride into the Yukon of Canada took us to the small town of Carcross where we boarded the White Pass Train back down. Of course, there was another history lesson as the bus and train took the same route that prospectors took during the Klondike Gold Rush.

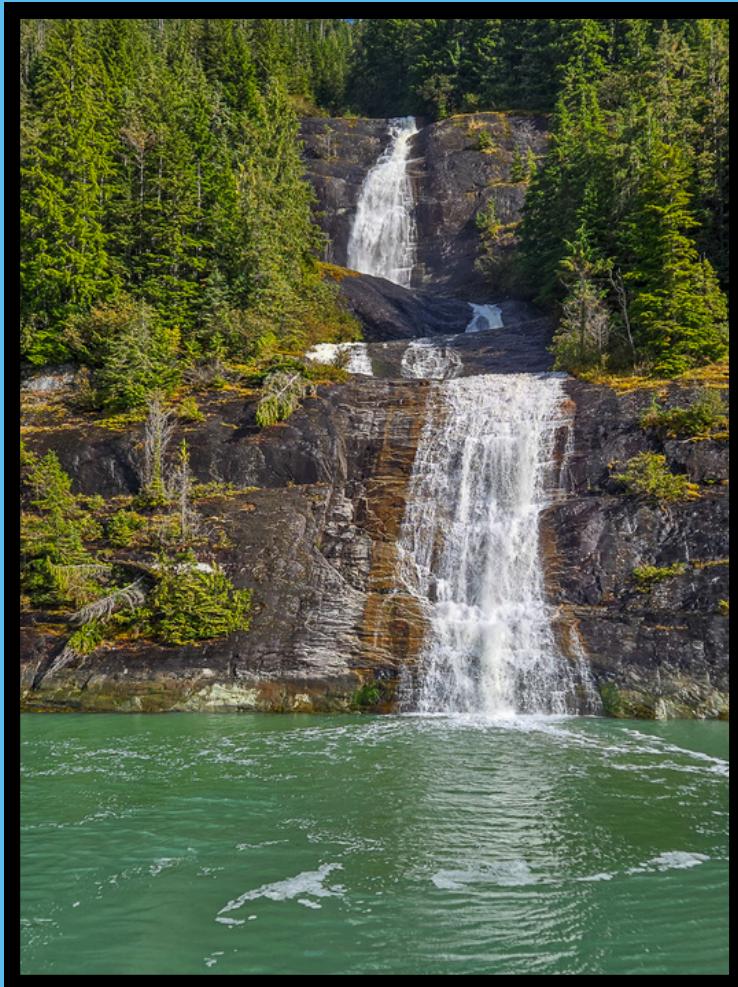




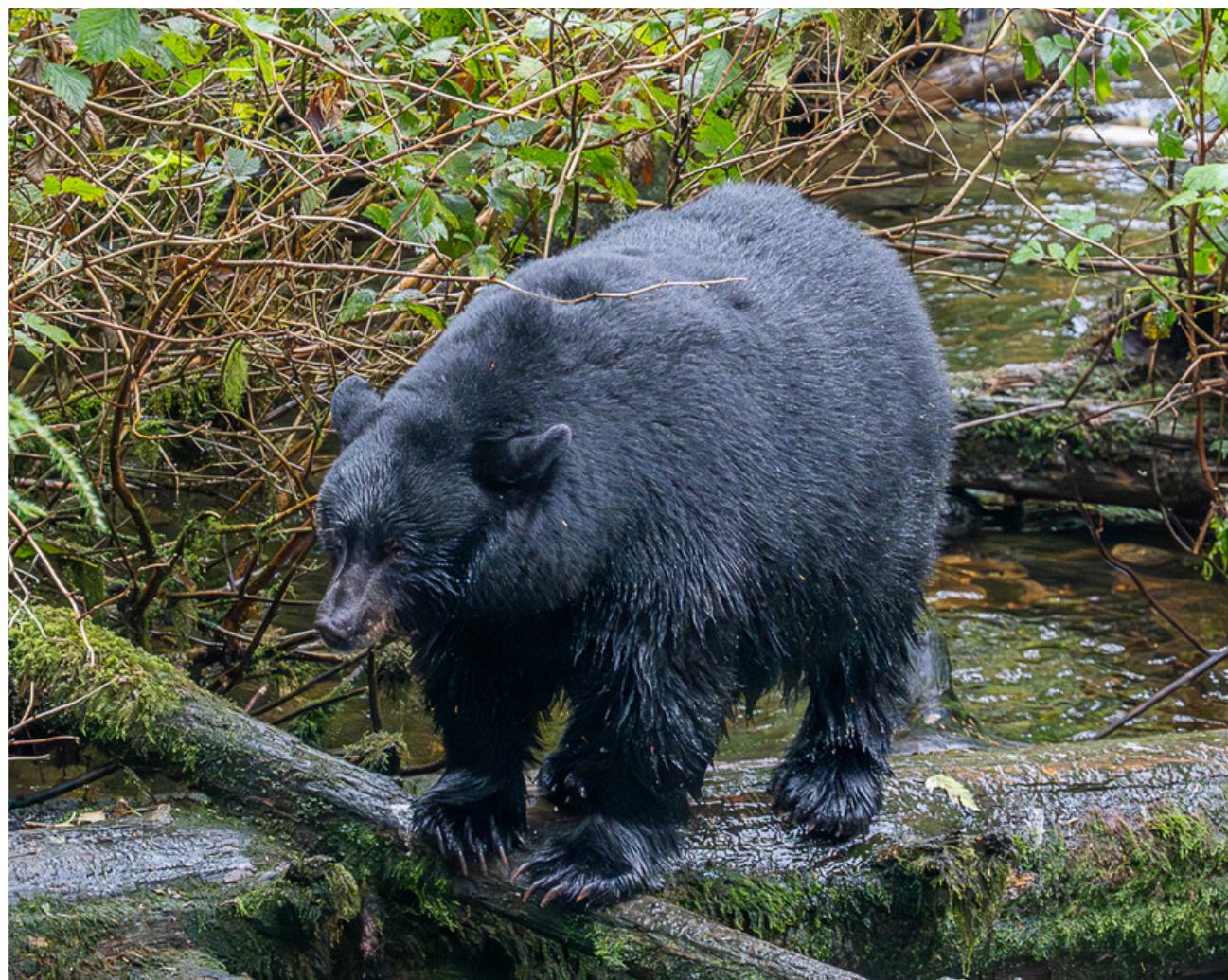


We boarded a smaller boat in Endicott Arm Fjord that took us up close and personal to Dawes Glacier where we experienced several episodes of the glacier calving. We spotted wildlife high up in the mountains and sailed close to waterfalls created by melting glaciers.

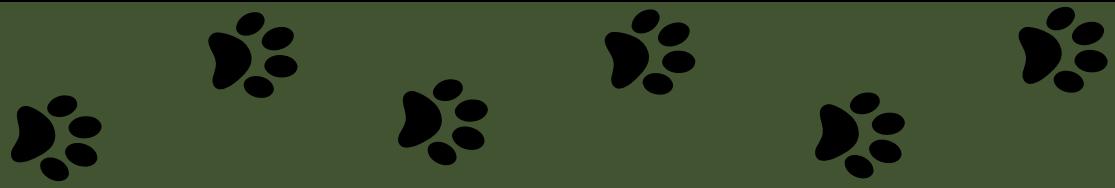
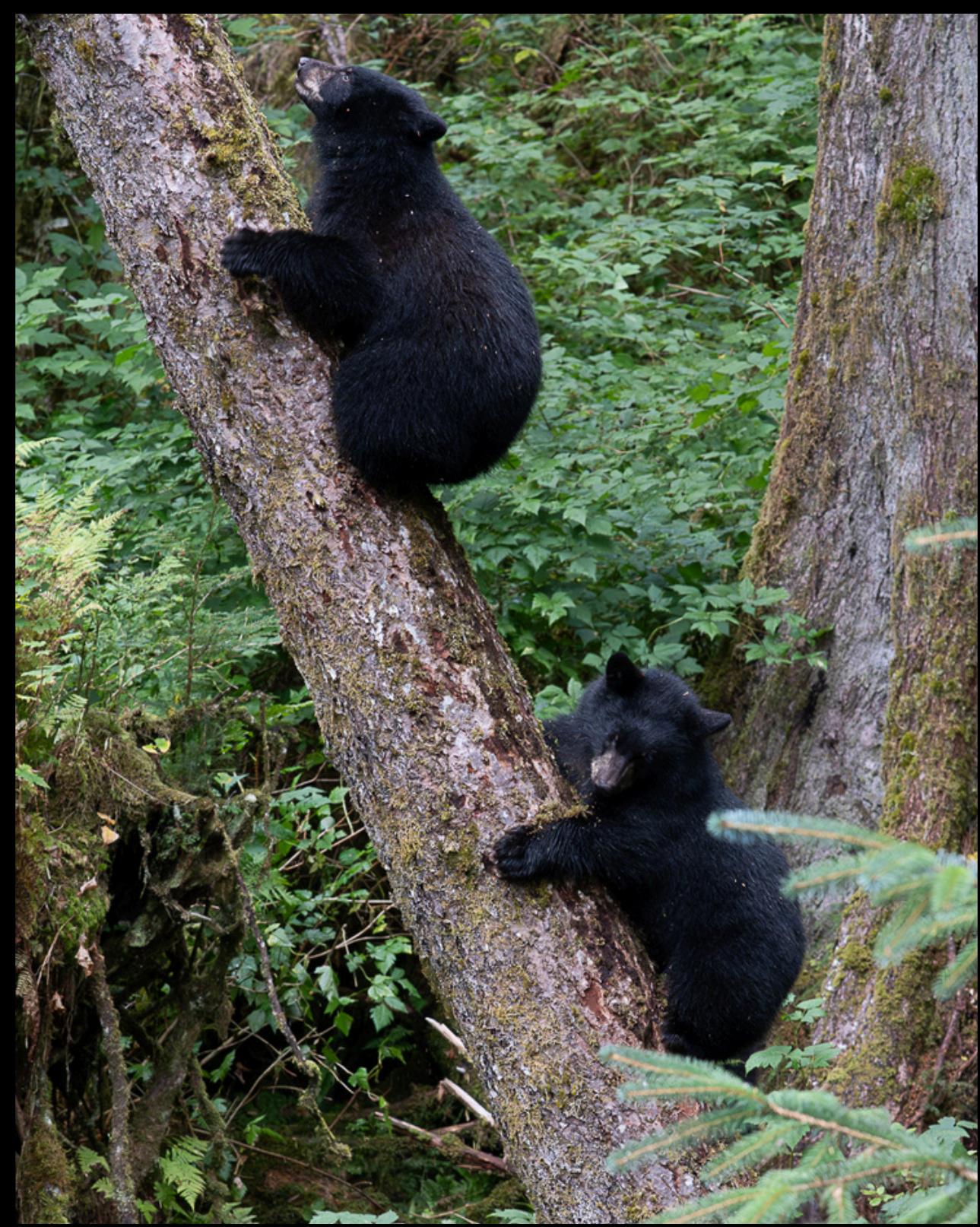




My to do list of things to see was bears. I saw bears!!! A bus ride in Ketchikan up into the rainforest took us to Totem Park and the Wildlife Sanctuary. Here, I used my 100-400mm lens. Wildlife of course was not guaranteed.....so we were blessed to see so many bears. Another history lesson was given as we witnessed a real totem being carved.









I didn't see any whales or eagles up close, nor did I see the northern lights. My plans to change lenses for better photos were abandoned in the wet misty weather. But, my trusty cell phone captured so many beautiful memories. We missed a port due to a medical evacuation by the coast guard, but the heart attack victim survived and that's what matters.

Cruising isn't for everyone, but everyone should experience Alaska in this lifetime. Maybe a land based trip to Alaska is on the horizon.

Barbara



Big Announcement:

We have two new board members, that were voted in at the last club meeting!

Sharlana Dillard is our official Treasurer



and

Shelby Caesar is our official Secretary

Thank you ladies for volunteering your time and talent for the club, and congratulations!



THIS is Taryn (by Suzanne Daunt)

Many of you know Taryn as that sweet face in front of the laptop who manages the many slides that go into each Club meeting. But did you know that she also maintains the Facebook page, Instagram, responds to Club emails, accepts Club photos (and graciously reformats them for PSA evaluation), maintains the Club voting platform, and she has a full-time job outside of the Club?

This past year Taryn has single-handedly updated our website into an on-line platform that is not only user friendly, but esthetically appealing. While she possesses many techno-savvy skills, she humbly considers herself an artist who seeks to add creative style to the Club's internet appearance.

Like many of us, Taryn began her photography journey in High

School where she worked on the yearbook and did web design. In the early years she worked with a Rolleiflex medium format camera and a Canon AE-1. Taryn studied Communications and Advertising at Angelo State University and completed a Fine Arts degree specializing in Photography at Texas State University. Interestingly, the University program still teaches film processing and developing prints in a darkroom – ah, just like the good old days!

Taryn worked in social media management where she honed her skills as a commercial photographer. She has also undertaken the stressful job of shooting weddings, both as an assistant and primary photographer. Currently, Taryn shoots with a Fujifilm Xt4 and various prime lenses. She prefers the compactness of the Fujifilm as it allows her to shoot documentary and street photography without being obtrusive. Taryn uses Lightroom as her primary editing tool but will dive into Photoshop if needed.

Like many of us, her editing skills were picked up by viewing the many posts on “University of YouTube.” Fujifilm photo tip: an app can be obtained that provides camera settings for it’s DSLR’s that mirror the punchy color impact that the film cameras were known for. Who knew?!

Taryn likes all aspects of the photo process – planning the shot, doing the actual shooting, and editing the photos so that her unique brand is captured in every image. She loves chasing the light, looking for unusual shapes, old signage, rust, and being pleasantly surprised at a beautifully captured sunset. She is learning to be more intentional about her shots and the lighting. It might be a great shot, but not at high noon. Returning to a location when the light is optimal is an option worth considering. Although Taryn has photographed many portraits, she wants to expand her knowledge in posing individuals, arranging groups, and learning how to tactfully reposition people. Although she acquired some of these skills through classes offered by Precision Camera, there is always room to grow.

In her “free time” Taryn runs her business, www.tarynblissphotography.com which promotes family portraits, head shots, commercial/product photography, as well as print sales. Her advice for anyone considering a business is just do it! Her moto is: if it’s something you like, there are probably other people in the world who will like it too. We all pursued photography for differing reasons. Taryn’s love for photography comes from a desire to create a document that you can look back on and cherish a time shared with family and friends. She seeks to capture these moments in her images.



Food for thought: What is your brand? What drove you to photography and what do you want to learn?

The GNBPC has many talented photographers who volunteer their time and talent shooting various events in the community or are involved in Club business.

In the coming months different individuals will be showcased in the Newsletter with the hope that others will be inspired to

volunteer for shooting and/or teaching opportunities.

P.S. Anybody can write an article on a fellow Club-member, with their permission of course. Please consider avenues for volunteering your time or writing an article on a Club member.

"Every person that you meet knows something you don't; learn from them."

Henry David Thoreau

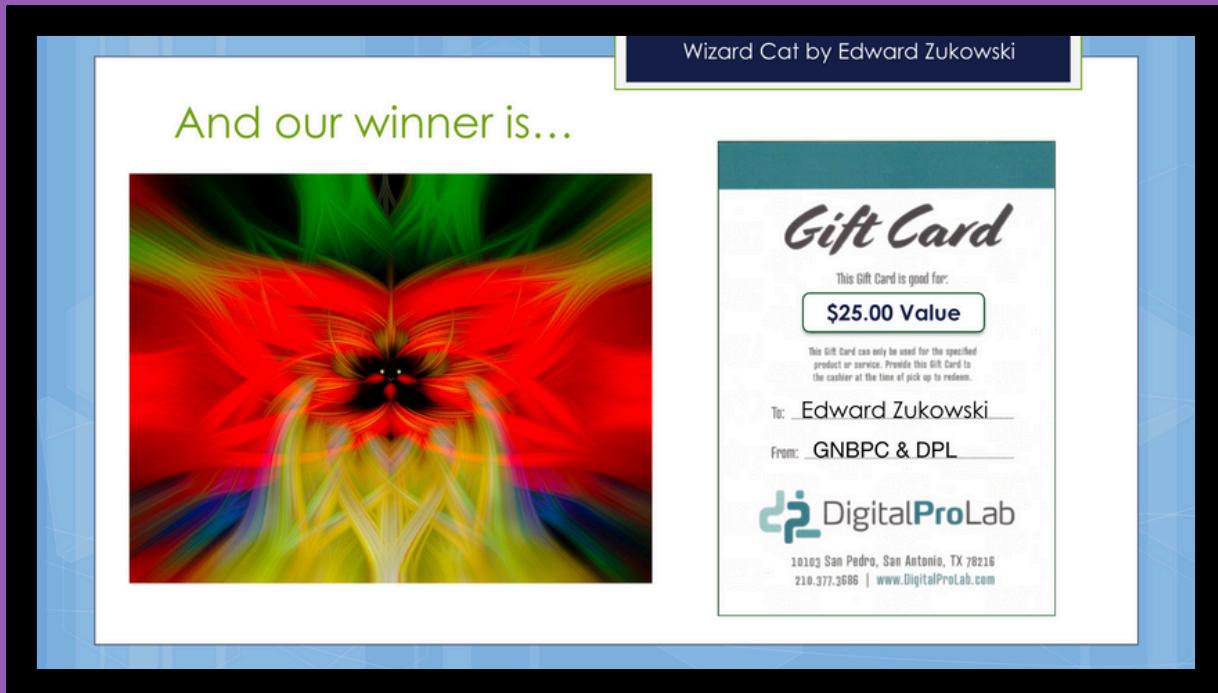


Suki

RECOGNITIONS



The winning image in our monthly competition for the category "Abstract Editing" goes to Ed Zukowski for his entry "Wizard Cat". Congratulations Ed!!

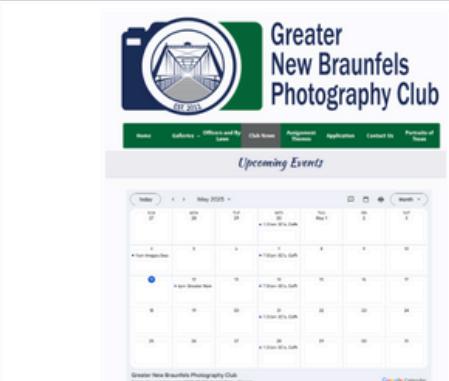


Congratulations



The winning image for our group from the Scott Kelby World Wide Photowalk goes to James Moseley! Congratulations!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Find events on our website or in our monthly newsletter!

2025 Upcoming Events for Photographers

Nov 17 - Hop On, Shoot, Go - VIA North Star Transit Center *

Nov 21 - NB Downtown Lighting

Now thru Nov 30 - Texas Renaissance Festival, Todd Mission

Dec 4 - Wassailfest

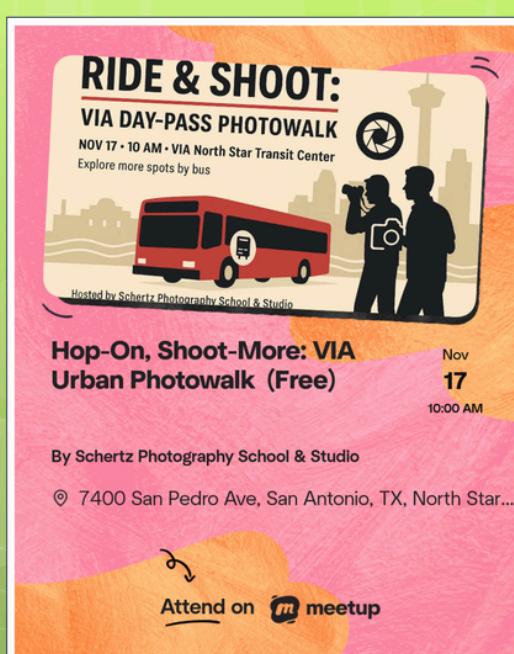
Dec 5-7 and 12-14 - NB Renaissance Faire

Dec 6 - NB Art League Jury Day

Dec 6 - Gruene Town Lighting

Dec 7 - Dachshund Races at Krause's





Interesting Stuff

RIDE & SHOOT:
VIA DAY-PASS PHOTOWALK
NOV 17 • 10 AM • VIA North Star Transit Center
Explore more spots by bus

Hosted by Schertz Photography School & Studio

Hop-On, Shoot-More: VIA Urban Photowalk (Free)

Nov 17
10:00 AM

By Schertz Photography School & Studio

7400 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX, North Star...

Attend on  meetup



Photos at the Convention Center Office

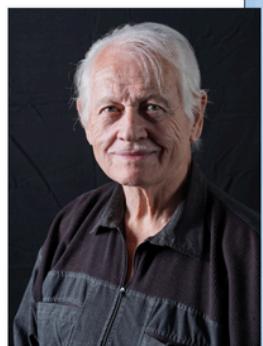
We restarted our project to provide photo art for the office at the Convention Center

- Photos are on-loan until replaced
- If interested in participating, contact Frank



Portraits!

A few of our shots....



Who is interested in working a photo booth at Art Haus
Friday December 5?

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within the State of Texas

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Inspiring the Next Generation

Call for Entry opens on December 1st, 2025

Open submission closes on January 15th, 2026

Award Ceremony Held on March 21st, 2026



Portraits!

Several club members worked at the Art Haus gathering last Friday in NB

- Art Haus runs from 6 to 9 on the square in New Braunfels, on the first Friday of every month
- We get there early to set up and stay late to take it down
- Need commitments from us before I commit to Art Haus leadership!
- If interested, contact Frank

Checking for interest....

We are reaching out to several local community orchestras to see if they would be interested in club photography

- Performance shots
- Rehearsal shots
- Musical portraits

Interested? - See Frank



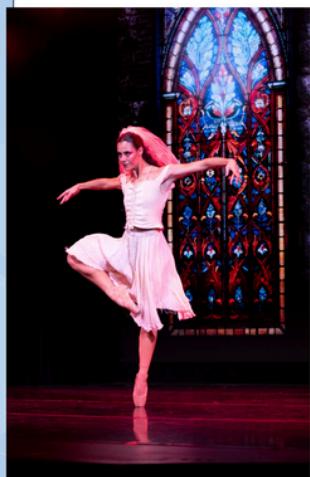
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Inter Club Round 1
Photos can be seen
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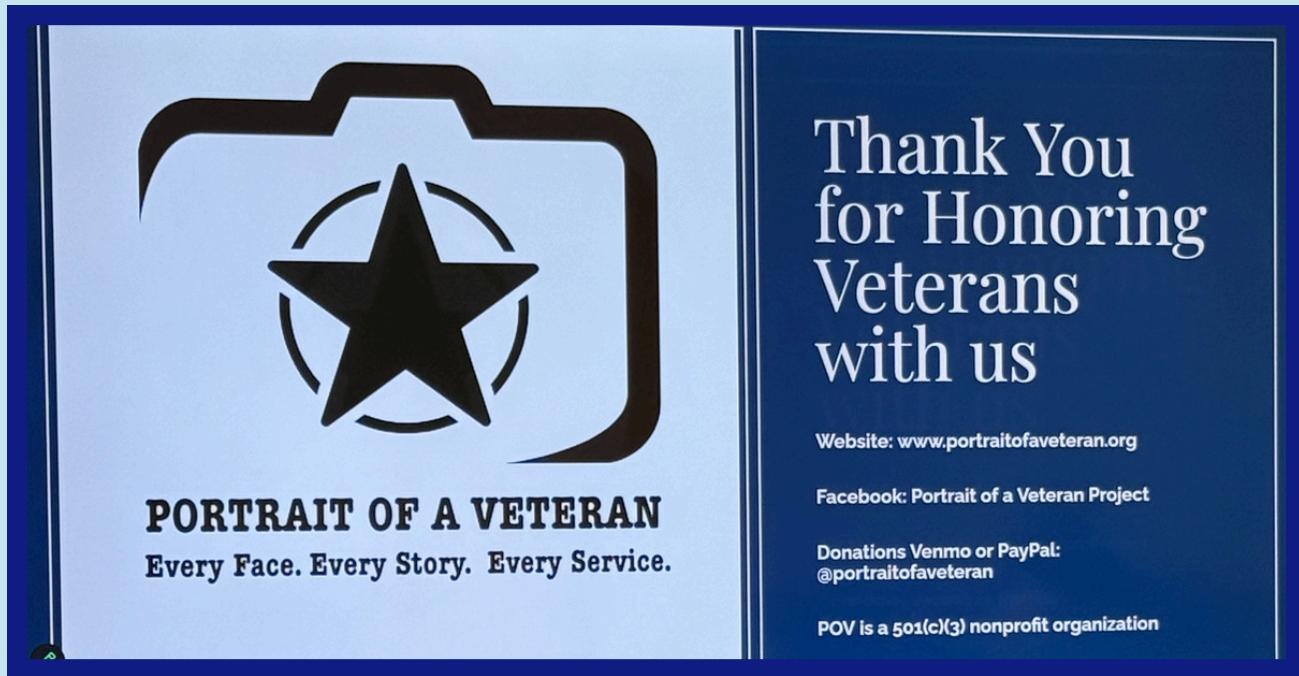


The club got access to shoot the Ballet Texas performance of Dracula! Here are a few shots!



Great light! Great costumes! Great dancing! Big Challenge!





Thank you to Eric Bowden for a wonderful presentation on “Portraits of Veterans”, a project that he is very passionate about.





The Wimberley Photowalk was well attended. Look at this great looking group of photographers!!

Please join us for our social after the monthly club meeting.

We meet at La Cosecha Mexican Table in New Braunfels.

The address is: 505 Business 7H 35 N, New Braunfels, TX 78130

