

Meeting Minutes
Greater New Braunfels Photograph Club
January 12, 2026

The Greater New Braunfels Photograph Club convened for its regular monthly meeting on Monday on January 12 at 6:05 PM at the New Braunfels Library Westside and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Frank.

Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting. For the benefit of the new members and guests he mentioned who the club sponsors are.

Approval of the Minutes:

December 2025 minutes were skipped due to that meeting being our Christmas Party.

Events for Photographers:

We did not have any on the slides, but someone mentioned the MLK Walk coming on Jan. 19th.

Donations:

Dennis and Sharon Deeny donated some gently used equipment to the club for our members to buy in exchange for a monetary donation to the club.

Dues are due.

- See Sharlana

Next month's meeting will be again at the Westside Branch. Frank is going to see about making sure it's the same room as today's meeting.

PSA Competition:

Deadline for the second round is February 9th. Send your photos to Victor. Frank said he may be reaching out to some members in private to see if anyone will be interested in entering. The sizing requirement for entries was discussed.

Horizontal sizing is 1920X1080. Vertical is 1080 high. Someone mentioned the information for this is in the newsletters on our website, as well as Victor's website. The limit for entries is six photos total, one per category. Our group only signed up to compete in 4 categories this year.

The January Assignment topic was "Patterns and Textures".

- First Place winner: "Fractured Symmetry" by Jackie Wise
- Five way tie for second:
 - "Glacier Abstracts" by Christiane Menelas
 - "IYKYK" by Barry Armer
 - "Not Ducks in a Row" by Sharlana Dillard
 - "Tree Monster" by Suzanne Daunt
 - "Prickly Picasso" by Barbara Beversdorf

2025 Image of the Year award:

- April: Nature
- "Fight!" by Sharlana Dillard

2025 Photographer of the Year:

- Very close race this year. Our winner had six 9's and seven 8's amongst her scores.
- Jackies Wise

2025 Service Awards:

- Taryn Bradley
- Chris Menelas

New award category this year that Frank came up with. He is calling it the "Nine Dots Award for Creativity" based off of the Famous Nine Dots Puzzle. This puzzle consists of 9 dots that you have to connect using four sequential straight lines. The puzzle requires you to think outside the box creatively to solve it. So the new award is based on creativity.

Ed Zukowski won this award this year.

Monochrome and Color photos were reviewed.

Victor discussed some more PSA Competition rules and also mentioned the PSA Photo Festival in Las Vegas in September. Victor also mentioned the webinars available through PSA. Victor also went over the Youth Tournament information.

Assignment for February is "Silhouettes and Shadows". Some example images for ideas were shown before we reviewed January's submissions.

Miscellaneous items:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm. 26 members in attendance, no visitors, no new members at the meeting and 2 members present on Zoom.

The next general meeting will be February 9th. Images are due February 1st. The meeting will be held at New Braunfels Public Library Westside Branch again.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Caesar
GNBPC Secretary 2026