



Greater New Braunfels Photography Club

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A note from the Editor - by Christiane Menelas

Hello my friends,

Our Fotoseptiembre event has come to a close. It was very well received in the community, with a lot of positive comments, and several artists sold some of their pieces!

The Scott Kelby Worldwide Photowalk was also very well attended, and a lot of fun! Happy to see so many new and old faces! We also strolled through the Art League Gallery while in New Braunfels, and I'm so impressed by how big and beautiful the space is; not to mention how many wonderful pieces of art were on display. WOW! This event has also come to a close, and if you didn't get to participate this time, definitely consider it for next time!!

I'm so happy that several of our club members have returned from travels, and are eager to share their experiences with you! Starting us off this month, is Sharlana with her visit to Yellowstone. Next month we will hear from Barbara and her cruise along the southeast coast of Alaska. As always, if you want to share a story from a trip with us, either recent or from a long time ago, please reach out to me. We would love to hear about it!

Happy clicking
Christiane





By
Sharlana Dillard

Who has the right of way???
Can you guess?



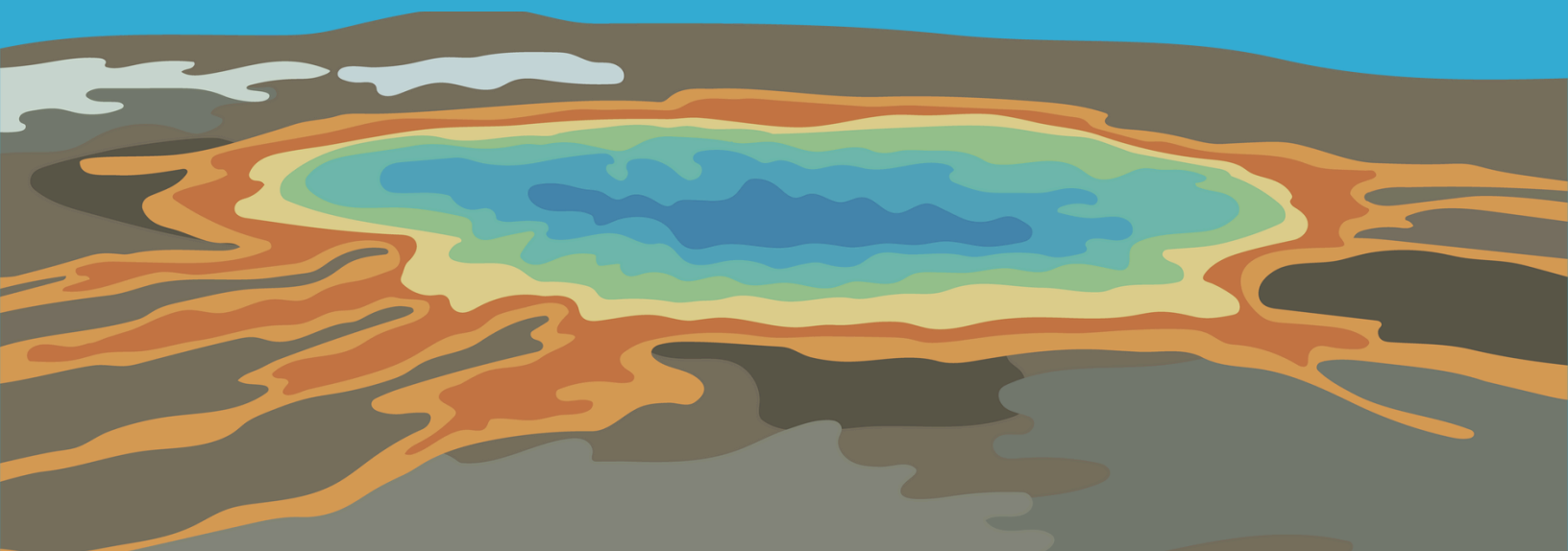
It was so enjoyable to see the Bison walking down the road or crossing it, which of course stopped traffic. We even had a gray fox in the middle of the road one dark misty morning! A friend and I flew into Bozeman Montana and rented a vehicle, then we drove about 2.5 hours to the West Gate of Yellowstone National Park. From there we stayed at the Old Faithful Inn for 7 days. You will need to plan for your lodging, campground, meals, food and gas because everything was very expensive in today's economy.

If you have never been to Yellowstone National Park here are some known facts and tips:

- President Ulysses S. Grant signed the act that established Yellowstone as the world's first national park on March 1, 1872. The Roosevelt Arch is located right outside of Gardiner. President Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone in April 1902 with the inscription of "For the Benefit and enjoyment of the People". It's quite a site to see.
- There are eight (8) established areas where you can get gas, groceries, and souvenirs: Mammoth Hot Springs (an actually little town), Old Faithful (has a Visitor Education Center), Canyon Village, West Thumb, Grant Village, Fishing Bridge, Lake Village, and Bridge Bay.
- The Yellowstone Park is made up of a "super volcano", which is a caldera, a large collapsed feature on the surface measuring about 30 by 45 miles from a past major eruption.
- The super volcano feeds the world's largest group of Hydrothermal features. There are five main areas: Hot Springs (Abyss Pool in West Thumb Geyser Basin), Geysers (Riverside Geyser in Old Faithful area), Travertine Terraces (Canary Spring at Mammoth Hot Springs), Fumaroles (Roaring Mountain, between Mammoth and Norris), and the Mudpots (at the Artists Paintpots).

Besides these major areas we saw smaller Hydrothermal features throughout the park. Believe it or not, a new Hydrothermal pushed its way up in the middle of a paved parking lot! Every corner of Yellowstone reveals the park's rich array of nature and history. The best time of year to visit Yellowstone is when everyone goes back to school from September to around October 15th, which is mating season for the elk and the bears are attempting to fill their bellies for their long winters nap. The speed limit around the park varies from 35 to 45 mph, primarily for the safety of the animals crossing the road and of course the traffic jams when someone spots a bear, a pack of wolves, or some other interesting spectacle.





I can say the crisp, cold autumn mornings accentuate the thermal features; the geyser basins and the hillsides are alive with steam plumes. The Aspen trees were also in the middle of changing to fall colors. Small scatterings of bison can be found in all areas of the park but larger herds roam the Hayden and Lamar Valleys. The best time to see the majority of animals is predawn and at dusk. But plan ahead, it takes time to travel from one location to another. For example from Mammoth Hot Springs to Old Faithful Inn is approximately 49 miles. A must see ... is the Yellowstone Grand Canyon. It was raining when we arrived and from all the rain water that washed the canyon's walls turned the flow of the river yellow.

When Yellowstone introduced wolves back into the park the elk herds were quickly reduced. What we saw were only two small elk herds (size from 5 to 7). But outside of Yellowstone, we saw 3 very large herds of elk, I'm talking about 30-40 calves to one bull elk and we were told that there was over 80 grizzly bears roaming around. If you are interested and want that type of experience then go to Tom Miners Basin which is about 30 miles outside of Gardiner. To get there, you travel on highway 89 until you see an electrical substation on your left. Turn down the dirt road. Next, you will come to a "T" in the road - take a left. Keep going until you see a very large parking area on your left. Bring binoculars to view the herds and grizzlies. If you have a 1200/mm lens then your pictures will turn out great. We didn't have binoculars so we watched their activity through the back view finder of my Nikon z8.





The other spectacular photo opportunity was in the Grand Teton's. We awoke at 3:00 in the morning and drove to the Mormon Barns off of Antelope road on the southern half of the park. Talk about a large gathering of photographers! Oh my gosh there was barely any elbow room between the tripods. We all waited patiently for the sunrise reflection off the the Grand Tetons.





I'll leave with a final mention of two unique rock formations. One can be viewed outside of Gardiner when traveling on highway 89. There called Radial Dikes, which are volcanic fissures where molten rock (magma) rises from a deep source and then travels outward in a pattern resembling spokes of a wheel. The second rock formation is known as Columnar Basalt, also known as basalt prisms, are geometric columns formed when thick lave flows cool and crack into hexagonal shapes. These can be found along the Yellowstone River Canyon especially from the Calcite Springs overlook.







Participants of the Scott Kelby World Wide Photowalk

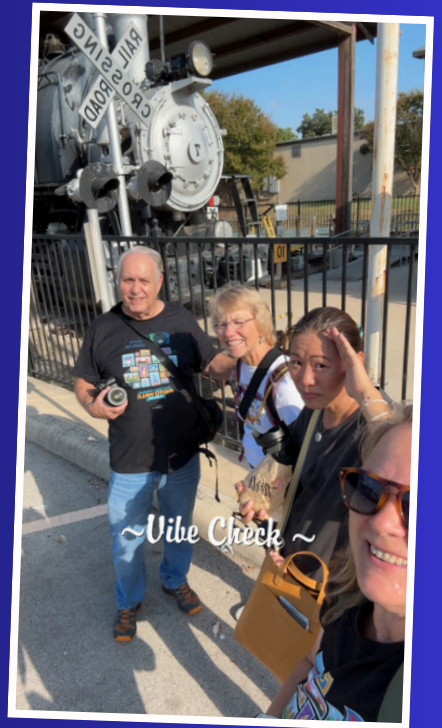




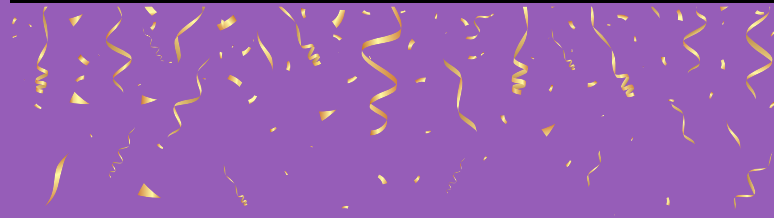
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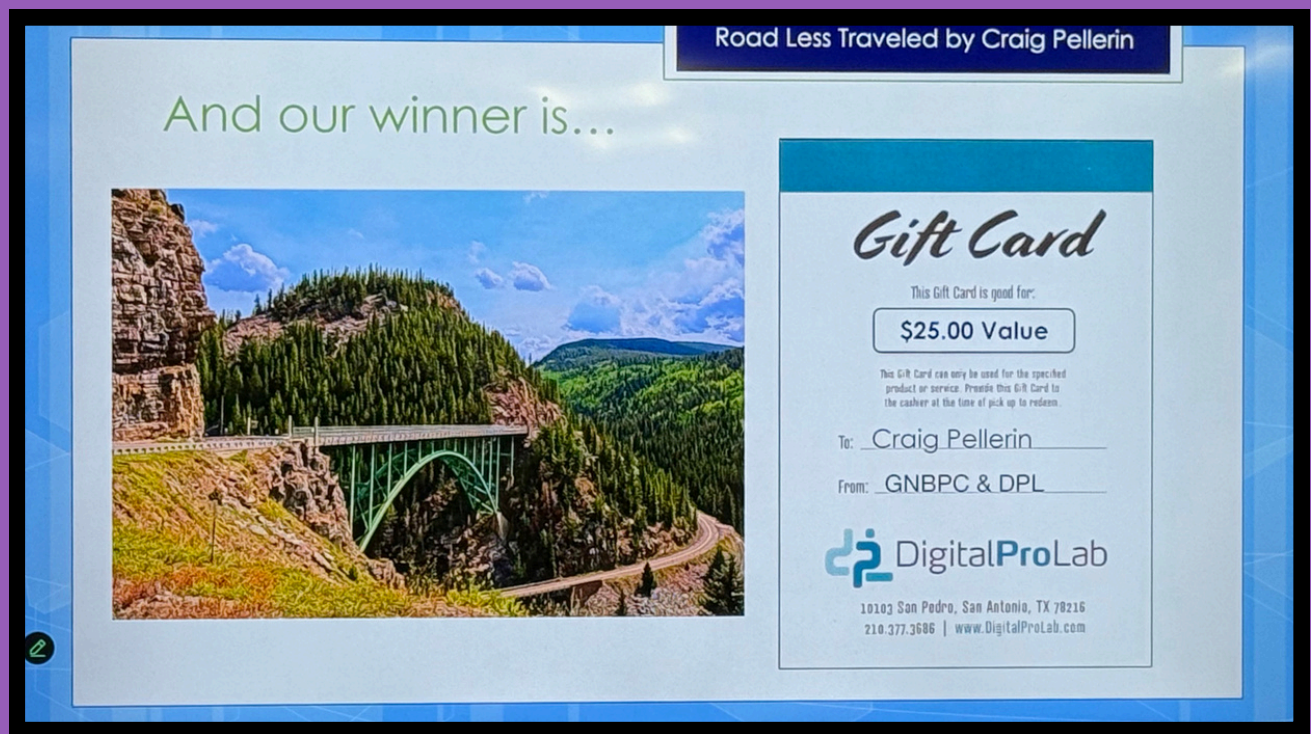
Ai shots, courtesy of Ralph Nordenhold



RECOGNITIONS



The winning image in our monthly competition for the category "Travel" goes to Craig Pellerin for his entry "Road Less Traveled". Congratulations Craig!!



Congratulations

The Assignment Categories for 2026 have been released, and they are:

- Jan - Patterns and Textures
- Feb - Silhouettes and Shadows
- Mar - Motion Blur
- Apr - Minimalism
- May - Still Life
- June - Shoot From Low Perspective
- July - Golden Hour
- Aug - Glass
- Sep - Street Photography
- Nov - Color Pop
- Nov - Ai Creativity
- Dec - Hidden Details

Yes - two entries for November if you want to participate. Or pick your favorite!

We will again participate in the PSA world-wide competition!

First round deadline is November 1st

- Color
- Monochrome
- Nature
- Travel

Send your photos to Victor at: info@schertzphoto.com

Nature and Photo Travel Division(s)

Editing Guidelines for Nature and Photo Travel Division(s):

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that conversion to grayscale monochrome is allowed.

Allowed editing techniques:

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction.
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion.
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene.
- Complete conversion of color images to grayscale monochrome.
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking)
- Image stitching – combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas)

Editing techniques that are not allowed:

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette during processing.
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene.
- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome.
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of color

Attention is drawn to the PSA Statements on Artificial Intelligence and Subject Matter which apply to all sections.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



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Upcoming Events

Month	Day	Event
Oct	18	Dia de Los Muertos Festival, New Braunfels
Oct	20	NB Art League ARToberfest entry day
Oct	21	Wimberley Photo Walk 9am
Oct	25	Monarch Festival at Fischer Park
Nov	7	Art Haus on the Square *
Nov	8	Veterans Day Parade
Nov	21	NB Downtown Lighting
Dec	4	Wassailfest
Dec	6	NB Art League Jury Day

Find events on our website or in our monthly newsletter!

2025 Upcoming Events for Photographers

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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





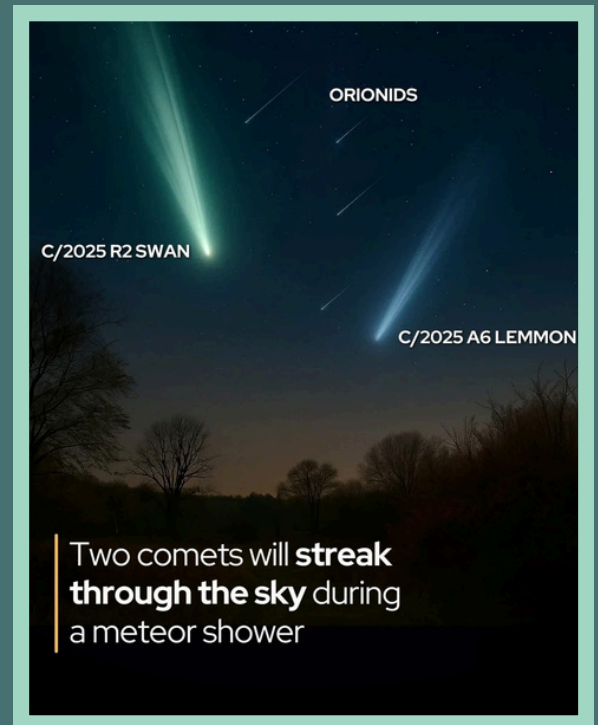
*THE GRISTMILL
RIVER RESTAURANT AND BAR*

- Date: December 8, 2025 (Monday)
- Arrival Time: Between 5:30pm – 5:45pm **We must have 90% of our party there by 5:45**
- Address: 1287 Gruene Road; New Braunfels, TX 78130
- Cost for all Entrees: \$28.00 per person
- Private Room: The Grove
- Deadline for reservation: November 10, 2025 (At our GNBPC Meeting) **No exceptions and No cancellations after November 10, 2025**

Payment for the Christmas Party can be made as follows:

- Cash or Check, to Sharlana Dillard, Suzanne Daunt, or Frank Bayerque.
- or
- Venmo, @NewBraunfels-Photographic-Society
 - Pay by November 10th!!! (Same day as Club Mtg.)

A friendly reminder!
Please be considerate with everyones
time. The submission deadline is the
deadline! No more late entries! Let's all
make Taryn's life easier – please, and
thank you!!



Taken from a FB post:

Two comets and a meteor shower at the same time!

In a rare cosmic coincidence, two bright comets are expected to pass close to Earth in late October, right as the Orionid meteor shower peaks - and just as the new moon creates the darkest skies of the month.

The two comets are C/2025 R2 (SWAN), and C/2025 A6 (Lemmon). Both were discovered this year, and each could reach magnitude 4 brightness - just within naked eye visibility under dark skies.

If predictions hold, they'll be visible from both hemispheres using binoculars or a backyard telescope.

But here is where it gets extraordinary:

Both comets will be closest to Earth on the same night - October 21st, the exact peak of the Orionid meteor shower, when about 20 meteors per hour are expected. And since it's also the night of the new moon, the sky will be perfectly dark, giving us ideal conditions to see both comets and shooting stars.

SWAN R2 is a long period comet with an orbit of over 22,000 years, while Lemmon was spotted by the Mount Lemmon Survey in Arizona. As they approach the inner solar system, there's still some uncertainty - they may brighten dramatically, or break apart near the sun!

But if they survive and brighten as expected, skywatchers may witness something that hasn't happened in decades: Two comets visible in the same sky, alongside a meteor shower.

Mark your calendars for October 20-23 and look up!

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 1H 35 N, New Braunfels, TX 78130

