



Greater New Braunfels Photography Club

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A note from the Editor - by Christiane Menelas

Hello my friends,

To say that our opening night at Fotoseptiembre was a success is a huge understatement! What a great turnout we've had, and the amount of talent in our club is really fantastic! If you haven't been by, to see the exhibit, please take the time to check it out, and bring your friends and family. Admission is free, and it will be up for a whole month! Victor also sent everyone a link with photos taken at opening night. If you didn't receive it, I copied a link for you below.

As I'm writing this newsletter, I just got back from the New Braunfels Art League, and it seems we also had great representation from our club at this event. So while you're in New Braunfels checking out Fotoseptiembre, you might as well stop by the Art League and check out the gallery there as well. The reception for that event is this Friday, so I will post some pictures in the next newsletter!

I really love feeling the enthusiasm from our members, and am proud to be part of such an active and supportive photo club!

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Happy clicking

Christiane



Participants of the Fotoseptiembre Exhibit:



Frank Bayerque
Barbara Beversdorf
Taryn Bradley
Shelby Caesar
Suzanne Daunt
Sharlana Dillard
Sue Ely (not pictured)
Sandra Gilbert
Patricia Jones (not pictured)
Becky Love
Christiane Menelas
James Moseley
Craig Pellerin
Horst Schoninger
Victor Watson (not pictured)
David Wilson
Jackies Wise

MILKY WAY WORKSHOP IN FORT GRIFFIN

By Jackies Wise

On July 25–26, 2025, I had the privilege of attending the Night Skies at Ft. Griffin photography workshop alongside Christane, Sharlana, Suki, Tiffany, and myself—five curious creatives chasing stars and stories across the rugged beauty of North Texas. Led by the talented instructors David Begis and Delania Truly, the workshop was a masterclass in astrophotography, blending technical depth with soulful inspiration. Set at one of the dark sky locations in Texas, the experience offered a rare chance to capture the Milky Way, star trails, and light-painted landscapes with clarity and intention.

David and Delania guided us through every step—from gear setup and low-light focusing to composing dramatic foregrounds using the ruins of the historic fort and the silhouettes of the Texas State Longhorn Herd. Their instruction was hands-on and encouraging, tailored to each participant's skill level. The pre- and post-workshop Zoom sessions added thoughtful structure, helping us prepare beforehand and refine our edits afterward with confidence.

Just when we thought the weekend couldn't get any richer, an unexpected moment of connection opened the door to something extraordinary. On my way to the initial sync-up at the workshop site, a park ranger approached me, curious about our gathering. After learning about our interest in photography, he asked if we might be interested in learning about the longhorns—and that simple exchange turned into a once-in-a-lifetime experience. By Sunday morning, he had arranged a private tour of the state longhorn ranch just for our group.

We were invited to feed the herd, walk among them, and take hundreds of candid photos—face to face with these majestic animals in the golden morning light. The ranger's generosity and enthusiasm transformed a casual conversation into something deeply memorable. It was a powerful reminder: stay open to opportunity, never close yourself off from connection. Sometimes, the best stories begin with a question.

Whether you're chasing stars or seeking soulful moments under wide Texas skies, this workshop delivered both technical mastery and emotional resonance. I left with images I'm proud of—and memories that feel timeless.

Jackies









RECOGNITIONS



We had a tie for the winning image in the monthly competition for "Rain and Water". Congratulations to Ed Zukowski for "Patriot Tears", and Barry Armer for "Rainy Day Reflections"



Congratulations



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Can you believe it?

It's already time to talk
about the Christmas Party

Here is all the information you need to know:



GNBPC CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOLIDAYS ARE UPON USE



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**

THE GRISTMILL MENU

- The main menu will be The Gaudalupe:
 - Chicken Fried Steak – hand breaded and topped with cream gravy
 - Fried Catfish – Farm raised, hand breaded, deep-fried filet
 - Grilled Chicken – Marinated skinless filet of chicken breast

Each of the entrees are served with a non-alcoholic beverage, a garden salad and one of the following sides: Mashed Potatoes, Round Cut Fries, Gruene Beans, or Pinto Beans

- All alcoholic drinks will be pay as you go!!

THE GRISTMILL MENU

Specialty menu for Gluten Free entrees:

- Grilled Chicken – Marinated skinless filet of chicken breast (GF)
- Grilled Chicken Salad – Green leaf and iceberg lettuce with tomatoes, red cabbage and carrots with marinated, grilled chicken breast, topped with Monterey Jack cheese. Served with dressing of your choice. (GF)
- Fresh Trout – Rainbow Trout seasoned with a blend of cayenne, acho and other spices. Topped with chipotle butter.

Specialty menu for Vegan and Vegetarian entrees:

- Texas Garden Salad with your choice of dressing
- Texas Pasta Salad





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



GNBPC Annual Dues

Hello everyone – just a friendly reminder that you can renew your annual membership between October 2025 and February 2026.

Annual dues shall be assessed on a calendar year basis as follows:

\$40 per person or \$60 per family (i.e., where family is defined as persons living within the same household);
\$20 per person or \$30 per family if joining after June 30;
\$40 per person or \$60 per family if joining after October 30 and shall extend to the following year (maximum of 14 months); or
\$20 for persons under the age of 18, or persons enrolled in full-time high school or college.

Dues are payable by the February meeting to be a member in good standing.

Payment method is the same as for the Christmas Party, listed above!

SCOTT KELBY'S WORLDWIDE PHOTOWALK

Grab your camera and join the fun! On October 4th, 2025, photographers worldwide will hit the streets for Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk. Meet new friends, take amazing photos, and support a great cause.

Once again our very own Victor Watson will lead us on this years Photo Walk. It is always a ton on fun, and we had a great turnout last year! Let's show our support for the Springs of Hope Orphanage in Kenia, all while doing what we love!

If you're interested, you can join the Facebook page as well, and see what other parts of the world are up to!

Scott Kelby's Worldwide photowalk
Downtown New Braunfels Photowalk
Front Steps of the Civic Center
Leader Victor Watson
Saturday Oct 4, 2025
8:00 - 12:00pm



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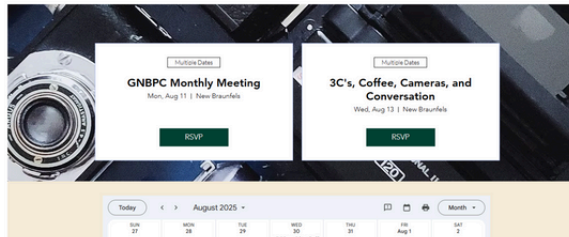
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This years T-shirt design is really cool, and the money goes to a good cause You can find it on Zazzle. Just type in Scott Kelby Photowalk, and this selection pops up.

2025 Upcoming Events for Photographers

Upcoming Events

We regularly update our Google Calendar and Facebook Events to keep you in the know of our latest social hours, photo walks, work shops, and meetings. Join us soon!



Find events on our website or in our monthly newsletter!

Sept 13 - Gruene 5k/10k

Sept 15-19 - Lightroom Virtual Summit

Sept 20 - Meet the Trucks, Landa Park

Sept 24 to 28 - Comal County Fair

Sept 26 - Comal Fair Parade

Oct 6 - Take down Fotoseptiembre

Oct 9 to 12 - Gruene Music and Wine Festival

Oct 18 - Dia de Los Muertos Festival, New Braunfels

May 2026 - GSCCC Convention in El Paso tinyurl.com/gsccec26

Important Information

Oops! Again!

- We were not able to reserve our regular room at the Library for the October meeting
- Instead we will meet at the Westside Community Center
 - 2932 S IH-35 Frontage Road, New Braunfels
 - Near the new Fire Station and Library
 - October 13th as scheduled

Submission Requirements

Name your photos EXACTLY as follows for Monthly Submissions
(Capitalize as Shown)

Assignment-Name of Your Picture-Your Full Name
Example: Assignment-Hot to Go-Joe Roan

Monochrome-Name of Your Picture-Your Full Name
Example: Monochrome-Feather-Joe Carpenter

Color-Name of Your Picture-Your Full Name
Example: Color-Lunch-Bill Smoe

Please RESIZE your images before submitting.

All images must not exceed 1400 pixels on the longest edge.

Submission Requirements



Assignment-Boatload of Perspective-Suzanne Daunt



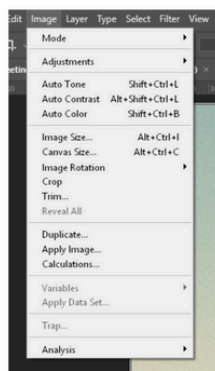
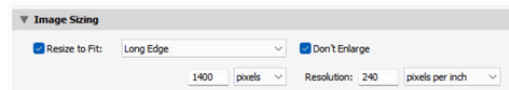
Color-Along the Great Wall-Becky Love



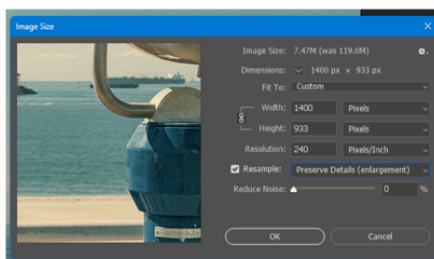
Monochrome-A River in the Scottish Highlands-Sandy Gilbert

Resizing Your Images

In Lightroom - At Export



In Photoshop - Image - Image Size



**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 IH 35 N, NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78130**

