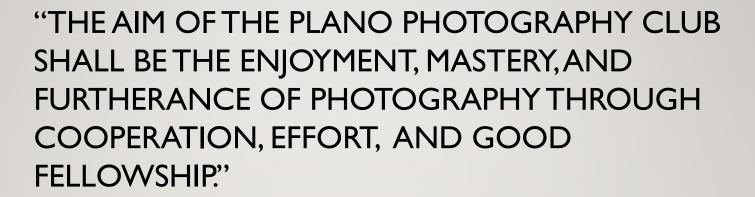
2025 ORIENTATION

PLANO PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



PPC Constitution



"PC provides members an opportunity to make new friends whose common interest is photography. The club offers a wide variety of education, as well as excellent speakers. My favorite activities in the club are the many field trips, both locally and out-of-town" ---John & Janice Goetz

"Participating at the Plano Photography Club has helped me make new friends and helped my skills improve. It has exposed me to many different venues I hadn't considered. I especially enjoy the camaraderie on outings." ---Bob Robinette



"I have been a member of various photography clubs since the early 1980's. In 1998 when I knew that we were moving to Dallas, I joined the Plano Photography Club. The club has been a very important part of my <u>life</u> for more than 25 years."

---Larry Peterborg







"I have been a member of the Plano Photography Club since 2006 and to me membership and participation means friendships, learning, and giving back. I have found close fiends at a late stage in my life. I have been able to continue to learn and improve my art. And I have a since [sic] of service by participating in the club."

---Dennis Fritsche

"I enjoy photography and joined the club to improve on my skills. I have been a member for over a decade now and have served on the board in various capacities. For me, the speaker programs are educational and entertaining; the photo contests are educational,

entertaining! What keeps me coming to the club is the fellowship, doing what I enjoy with friends through photo outings and trips ."

---Parvin Stiles

sometimes





"Have the opportunity to meet many photographers in Plano Photography Club. PPC also offer trainings, workshops, monthly photo contests, local club photo activities and annual field trips that help me to improve my photography skills." ---Nock Wong





I've been a member of the Plano Photography Club for three years. I have been a member of the Heard Nature Photographers for about 15, and while I enjoy it, that club concentrates solely on nature photography. The Plano club has encouraged me to <u>branch out</u> and try some different subjects. I've learned a lot from the varied speakers, and I enjoy the company of likeminded people. I have made some very good

new friends. Besides, it's just plain <u>fun!</u> ---Anita Oakley

"Through 24 years, I've made friends, gained a <u>critical</u> <u>eye</u> to improve my photos, and continued to learn through the club's members and activities." -- Carol Barlow



"As a new Texas resident I look forward to meeting fellow photographers who enjoy both the photographic experience as well as the social interactions of being an active club member. It will be fun meeting new people in the club who can give guidance and recommendations concerning interesting photographic locations and opportunities." ---- Frank Barnhart





The Plano Photography Club has introduced me to dozens of people that share my interest in photography, and over the years I have developed great friendships with many of the members. I continue to participate in the club because of the <u>educational</u> programs that it provides to improve my photography skills. I also like to attend photographic activities and field trips that the club offers. ---Alan Daniel





"Over the years, I went from Beginner Class to Master Level due to what I learned during 1) monthly meetings with expert speakers and PPC classes, 2) special Table-Top and Portrait workshops, 3) Judge's critique during contests, and 4) photos trips with fellow photographers. My recommendation: participate in as many PPC events/contests as you can. The good thing about photo clubs is that you do not need previous experience or expertise to have fun with your fellow photographers at a photo event." —Lois Lehman

There is an artist in all of us, an inner self that desires to get the opportunity to express itself. My life has been a life of numbers, a science of sorts. Plano Photography Club has provided me the opportunity to discover my <u>passion</u> for photography. ---Cliff McKenzie

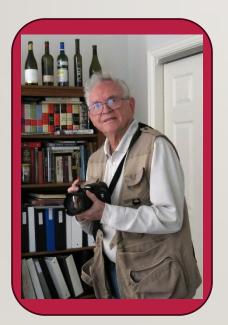




- 1. Training to learn how to do after processing my images to enter into contests, from what the judge's comments improved my photography skill.
- 2. Field Trips & Activities as a group provide more reliable information, knowledge & fun to travel out of town.

---Sui Wong





" My first club event was a Scavenger Hunt with a disposable camera and I took 1st place in the Humor category... The comments we get from the judges are a wonderful learning tool. Just leave you [sic] ego at the door. I also love the variety of speakers that we get. The diversity of interests and skills in the membership is amazing. If you need advice on how to do something, ask around, somebody has done it and will be glad to help. ---Jerry Schlesinger



- 1984 First club meeting in January; first field trip in April to One-Hour Photo
- 1988 Overnight field trip to Fredericksburg, TX
- 1990 Incorporated as a non-profit organization
- 2007 Host GSCCC Convention
- 2008 Contests go online
- 2020 Online meetings due to COVID precautions
- 2022 Return to in-person meetings
- 2024 40th Anniversary



WHAT THE CLUB OFFERS

- Monthly open meetings 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM
- Speakers wide variety of topics
- For members:
 - Training (in-person & via Zoom) and Training Notes (Website: Training/Education)
 - Monthly Competitions
 - Club Photo Shoots, Trips, and Parties
 - On-demand viewing of online meetings & training



- Executive Committee (EC) management of the club
- Monthly EC meetings members welcome
- Officers elected annually
- Membership Individual & family memberships
- Monthly Meetings Third Thursday of month except December
- Contest year begins in May
- Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) affiliate
- Photographic Society of America (PSA) affiliate

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PPC Executive Committee (effective May 1, 2025)



Parvin Stiles | Email President



Mary Ruehle | Email 1st Vice President Secretary / Activities



Anita Oakley | Email 2nd Vice President Programs



Jodi Smith | Email Treasurer



Heidi Heisel | Email Social Media Chair



Michael Farnham | Email Membership Chair



Craig Rowen | Email Contest Chair



Jerry Schlesinger | Email Contest Site Administrator



Dennis Fritsche | Email Training Chair



Larry Petterborg | Email PSA Representative



James Stover | Email Newsletter / Slideshow Chair



Cindy Vaillancourt | Email Historian



Jerry Schlesinger | Email GSCCC Representative



David Swinney | Email Webmaster Chair



- "The Flash!" Monthly newsletter
- Website: <u>www.planophotographyclub.com</u>
 - Learn about the club
 - Join the club
 - Pay dues
 - Enter contests
 - Sign-up for activities
 - Access to educational resources
- Presence on Facebook, Instagram, Meetup and YouTube



- Local sites Metroplex (Plano, McKinney, Fort Worth, Dallas)
- Festivals Balloon festivals, North Tx Irish Festival, ethnic festivals
- Day trips Hagerman Refuge, Ennis, Bonham, etc.
- Weekend trips –TX, OK and AR
- Extended trips Texas coast, New Mexico, North Carolina
- Slide shows of participants' images
- Exhibitions
- Two parties a year December & May

*Liability Waiver required upon joining to cover sponsored trips



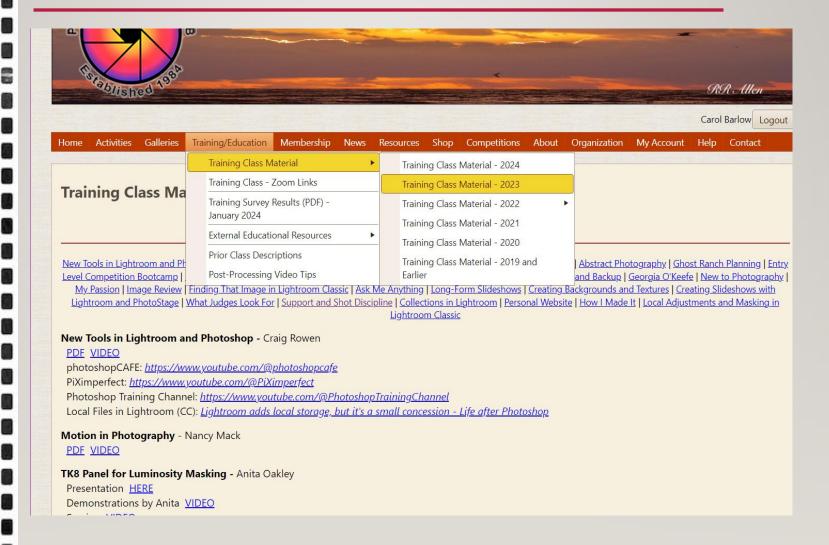
- In-person classes 6:00 PM before monthly meeting
- Online classes in cooperation with the Dallas Camera Club
- Schedule on PPC website: Training/Education
- Example subjects
 - Visual Design
 - Ask Me Anything
 - Photography Fundamentals
 - Lightroom
 - Black and White Photography



HOW DO I START MAKING PHOTOS?

- Know your camera (phone, point-and-shoot, SLR, mirrorless, film)
- Understand the exposure triangle but start simple. (PPC offers classes)
- Practice: Take pictures. (PPC activities)
- Enter PPC monthly contests to learn from critiques
- Train your eye in composition and light; study art and fine photography.
- Learn to be an objective "judge." (PPC training)
- Choose an editing tool like Lightroom (PPC offers classes and tips)
- Be curious. Try new techniques, settings, angles, etc.
- Attend PPC meetings
- Explore the PPC web site for ideas, photo examples, past training notes and videos, resources







- Why compete?
 - Receive helpful critiques and recognition
 - Challenge your creativity
 - Improve your images
 - Receive acknowledgement of progress
 - Accomplish photographic goals
- Ten monthly contests (themed & open)
 - Includes eight digital and two print contests
 - Four levels: Entry, Intermediate, Advanced, Master
 - Competition Committee evaluates standings and recommends advancements
- Special contests in April (open to all)
- Presentation of judge's comments and points



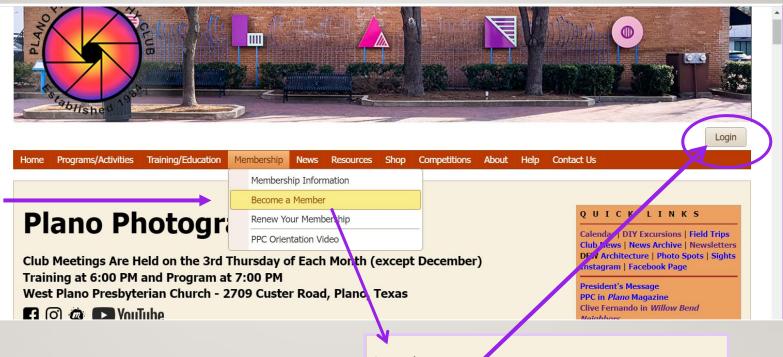


- Outside judges
- Photographer not identified to judge
- Image (Judge's) Points: 6 15
- Place Points (by level)
 - First Place 10
 - Second Place 6
 - Third Place 3
 - Honorable Mention (2 max) I
- Photographer-of-the-Year (POY) Points (monthly) 5, 3, 2, 1
- End-of-year Awards Ist, 2nd, 3rd in each level and POY
- Digital and Print Images of the Year judged from all 1st, 2nd & 3rd place entries in each level



- Submit digital image by 11:59 PM on due date
- Submit prints at the monthly meeting or as directed (Location and time TBD)
- Prints must also have the corresponding digital image submitted
- Refer to the website for other rules and the process

HOW TO JOIN



You will have the opportunity to join as a competing member at either the Entry or Intermediate level.

Instructions

Please follow these step to become a member of the Plano Photography Club:

- 1. Click the Login button in the top right corner of this page.
- 2. Scroll down past the login section to get to the **Create an Account** section.
- 3. Read the instructions under Create an Account.

Unless you are creating an account to only be a judge click the Membership Information and



PAY DUES



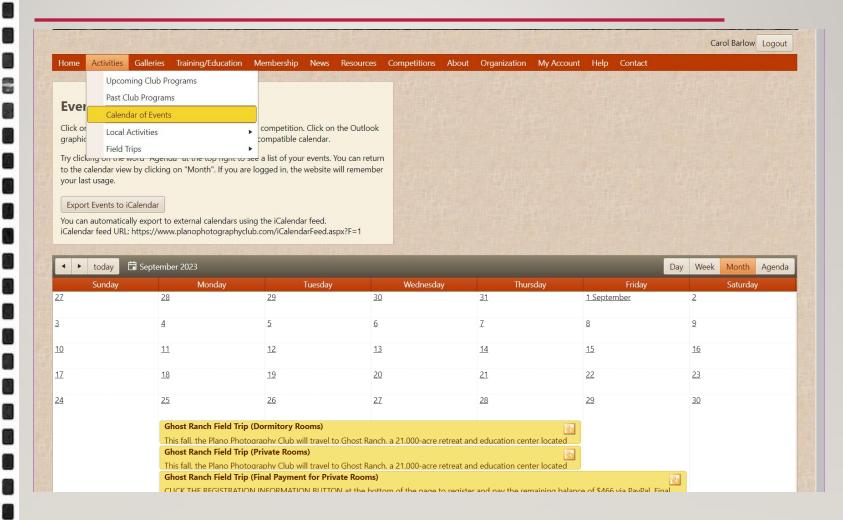
You can also see your Image history under My Account





The club provides clip-on name tags for members, but if you prefer, you may purchase a magnetic name tag through the website.



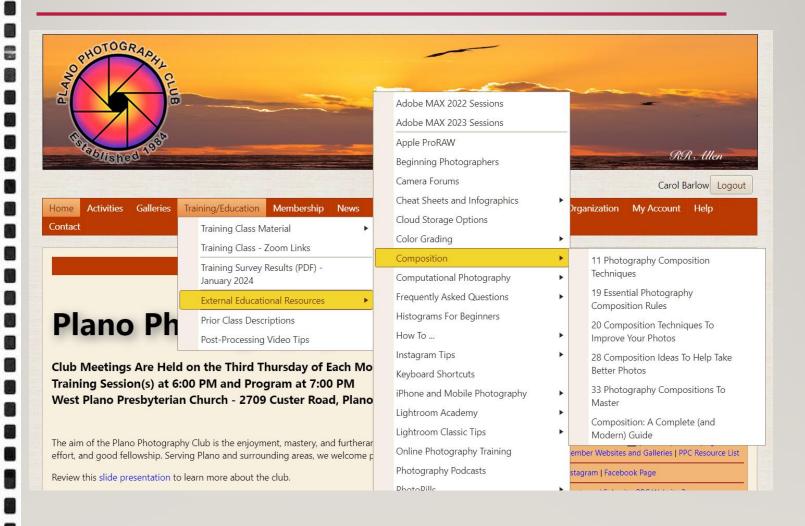






You can also cancel your registration from the confirmation page.

TRAINING/EDUCATION



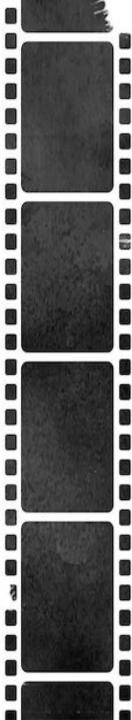




- If you are a non-competing (associate) member, scroll to Competition Levels under Competitions>Club Competitions to choose your preferred level.
- Review the Competitions menu for topics, rules, and submission instructions.
- Watch "Photo Club Contests" by Larry Petterborg, June 13, 2024 under Training/Education - Training Class Material.

COMPETITIONS - SUBMITTING





COMPETITIONS – SELECT CONTEST

Submit Images to a Competition

Video: How to Submit Images to a Competition

Video: How to Create an Image Sequence

Current Competitions

Select the competition you wish to enter. If a competition has been closed for entries you will be able to display your images in the competition but you will be unable to change those entries.

☐ Include closed competitions

You may click on a heading to sort by that column.

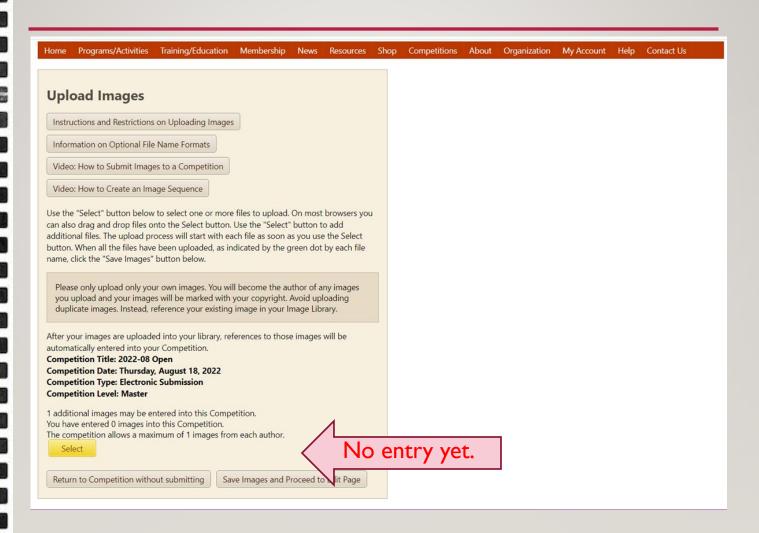
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Select	Thursday, June 16, 2022		2022-06 Open 1 additional images may be entered into this Competition. You have entered 0 images into this Competition. The competition allows a maximum of 1 images from each author.	Electronic Submission	Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:59 PM CDT
Select	Thursday, July 21, 2022		2022-07 Sports / Games 1 additional images may be entered into this Competition. You have entered 0 images into this Competition. The competition allows a maximum of 1 images from each author.	Electronic Submission	Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:59 PM CDT
Select	Thursday, August 18, 2022		2022-08 Open 1 additional images may be entered into this Competition. You have entered 0 images into this Competition. The competition allows a maximum of 1 images from each author.	Electronic Submission	Thursday, August 18, 2022 11:59 PM CDT
Select	Thursday, September 15, 2022		2022-09 Lines and Angles 1 additional images may be entered into this Competition. You have entered 0 images into this Competition. The competition allows a maximum of 1 images from each author.	Electronic Submission	Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:59 PM CDT
			2022-10 Open Print		

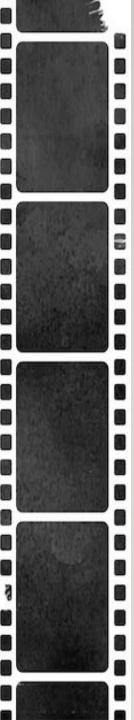


Competition: 2022-10 Open Print

Competition Type: Prints Competition Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:59 PM Status: Open Closes: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:59 PM Competition Level: Master Competition maximum pixel width for images: 4096 Competition maximum pixel height for images: 2160 Note: The Image Resolution (pixels per inch or centimeter) does not matter and is never used. If you submit an image larger than the system maximum size of 7680x4320 pixels, your image will be resized to conform with the system limits. Uploads larger than 20MB may result in an error. Large images will take longer to display, so it is recommended that you try to keep your image sizes under 2MB. Images you entered into this Competition 1 additional images may be entered into this Competition. You have entered 0 images into this Competition. The competition allows a maximum of 1 images from each author. There are no images to display. Upload Images into the Competition Add Images from my Image Library Catalog a Print into the Competition Print Labels for Print Submissions Return to Competition List

COMPETITIONS – STEP 2





COMPETITIONS - STEP 3

Please only upload only your own images. You will become the author of any images you upload and your images will be marked with your copyright. Avoid uploading duplicate images. Instead, reference your existing image in your Image Library.

After your images are uploaded into your library, references to those images will be automatically entered into your Competition.

Competition Title: 2022-08 Open

Competition Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022 Competition Type: Electronic Submission

Competition Level: Master

1 additional images may be entered into this Competition.

You have entered 0 images into this Competition.

The competition allows a maximum of 1 images from each author.

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OTHER COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES

- City of Richardson
- State Fair of Texas
- Heard Museum

Welcome

to the

Plano Photography Club

