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Delicious Flower Photographs by Martin Gommel

This guestpost was submitted by **Martin Gommel** from the German Blog KWERFELDEIN ([flickr](#)).

Photographing flowers can be one of the hardest things to do. I have deep respect for any photographer who manages to do it well.

In these days I am trying different new things and shooting flowers is part of my adventure. To get myself inspired I collected some of the best photographs of flowers that I could find on flickr. I hope that you enjoy these delicious flower photographs as much as I do. Enjoy and get inspired!



by floridapfe



by Gary



by davebluedevel



by esther



by Gary

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Rosemary



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GSCCC Conventions Pres. John Hill comments

Just for the record here is a listing of all the Conventions over the last years so everyone can see the host sites and the years the GSCCC Covention were held. Study this list and see who has hosted the convention in past years and exactly how long some of our largest cities have not been involved in hosting the GSCCC convention. Here is the list of GSCCC Conventions Over the Years:

1988 Houston	2000 El Paso	
1989 New Orleans	2001 Corpus Christi	
1990 Jackson	2002 Oklahoma City	
1991 Dallas	2003 Dallas	
1992 Oklahoma City	2004 Baton Rouge	
1993 Corpus Christi	2005 Fort Worth	
1994 Baton Rouge	2006 Austin	
1995 Shreveport	2007 Plano	
1996 Lufkin	2008 No Convention	
1997 Amarillo	2009 New Orleans	
1998 Tulsa	2010 Open	
1999 Houston	2011 Open	2012 Open

Houston	2	Dallas	2
New Orleans	2	Baton Rouge	2
Corpus Christi	2	Oklahoma City	2

It is an exciting time for Gulf States Camera Club Council with our **PhotoGumbo 2009** coming up in New Orleans on April 2 - 4. We want every club in GSCCC to be represented at the convention. Make you room reservations now and get to talking it up in the local camera club meetings. It is so easy to stay home instead of going but then you miss all the photos you will take in New Orleans and all the new friends you will meet. We want to have a big crowd for the Awards Banquet and for the field trips and the great workshops sessions at the convention.

One of the things I would like to talk to you about is stepping up and being the host for the 2010 GSCCC Convention.

As you know not a single club was willing to host the convention in 2008 and we did not have one.

The convention has a record of consistency **for more than 55 years** until last year when various clubs would commit and then back-out.

Thanks to **Rose and Mike Parker** that accepted the challenge along with the support of the

Greater New Orleans Photographic Society and they are doing a fine job of putting on the GSCCC Convention for 2009.

We need Camera Clubs to step up and volunteer to host the 2010, 2011, and 2012 GSCCC Conventions.

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Projected
2nd Place

“Bandon
Beach”
(slide)

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Club News

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX *Corpus Chrsi Camera Club*

Last month we were lucky to have to a wonderful guest speaker from Nova Scotia, Canada. His name is **Lawrence Spencer** and he is a member of the Nova Scotia Camera Club. They have over 100 members and meet twice a month. He gave a slide presentation of the club, as well as, photographs from his collection and the club members. It was a great presentation and now I want to visit Nova Scotia and take in all the magnificent photographic opportunities they have to offer. It is only a 2800-mile trek to visit. He and his wife drove down in a mobile home pulling a car. They were just stopping by this area on their way down to South Padre. We are sure glad he looked up our club and shared his presentation with us. We will be having a board meeting on April 9th at Nolan's. We will be planning our calendar for the year. Hopefully we will have some great field trips to take. If you have any suggestions join us or email a board member.

CUERO, TX *DeWitt County Shutterbugs*

A "meaningful landscape" or National Park shot was the "Photoshare" for February. In the library, sharing the easel with Photographer-of-the-Month, **Janie Veth** will be photographs by: **Gayle Sanders, Glenn Robertson, Dianna Bartosh, Ele Chew, Janie Veth, Kathy Klein, Klye Gibson, and Jack Greeson**

"Stock photography" was the subject of the DeWitt County Shutterbugs February meeting. Club member **Glenn Robertson** provided club members with some of the aspects that have contributed to his success in selling photographs. The "Photoshare" assignment was subsequently a photograph that could have subject matter and composition suitable for stock photography.

The March Shutterbugs program was also presented to the Club by **Glenn Robertson**. In March, the program was about "Using 'RAW' files" and some hints on digital darkroom techniques that Glenn uses. The randomly selected photos for the monthly library display were shot by: **Roger Zimmerman, Dee Henneke, Dianna Bartosh, Shirley Sprigg, Peggy Oliver, Kathy Klein, Janie Veth, and Fain Zimmerman**.

The March Photoshare pictures will be displayed in the Library in May along with pictures by the photographer-of-the-month **Fain Zimmerman**. The display will be after the completion of the annual contest display which occupies the library in April.

Club member Dee Henneke tells us about another photography exhibit:

"Because of the exceptional drought DeWitt County has been experiencing for the last 18 months, the annual month-long display of fresh wildflower specimens will not be possible. In the place of the fresh flowers, wildflower photography will be featured at the DeWitt County Historical Museum at 312 E. Broadway in Cuero. Stunning photographs of wildflowers of the area will be on display by noted photographers." The display will be up for the month of April, with special emphasis on an activity day on April 4th with photographers giving tips on wildflower photography. The March program will be Pictures taken on a River Raft Trip, presented by **Roger Zimmerman**

The annual contest closes March 21st with judging on March 29th. Contest winners and high scoring photographs will be on

display at the Cuero Municipal Library during the month of April.

FORT WORTH, TX *Lockheed Martin Camera Club*

In March, the LM Camera club's program was give by a professional wedding and studio photographer, **Cos DeLeo**. Cos gave a Photoshop techniques lesson to the club with a twist. Club members brought in unedited images and Cos edited them on the fly using the images to explain various Photoshop techniques. His assistant then gave a demonstration of a project their studio did showing us how they re-created the look of Alberto Vargas' pin-up and aircraft nose art girls with photography. It was a great program and everyone learned something new about Photoshop. The March outing for the club was held on Sunday the 22nd out at the Dallas Arboretum. The Dallas arboretum is currently celebrating its annual "Dallas Blooms" event, with huge displays of spring flowers. It was a great chance to practice nature and macro photography.

HOUSTON, TX *Houston Camera Club*

A hands-on workshop on Lightgrams was held in March for the Houston Camera Club. Workshop Chairman **Tom Kirila** turned the meeting over to Joe Sandler, who with the help of **Evelyn Sandler** and others, set up six workspots to work from. Otherwise known as Swinging Lights, the room had to be darkened to record the lightgrams on film from the tiny swinging bulbs hung by string from the ceiling.

A field trip in March explored several newly discovered nature trails in the coastal area around Seabrook, TX. With a foggy start, the day turned out to be nice and sunny, with a nice crowd of members attending.

HOUSTON, TX *Houston Photochrome Club*

The program this month was by former member, **Carlos Hernandez**. Carlos is a native of Costa Rica, and leads photo trips there to photograph the unique birds and plant life of Costa Rica. His images were from his most recent trip, literally, he put the program together at the airport while waiting for his flight home, and came from the airport straight to our meeting.

Due to a computer glitch, we were unable to show our images for this months competition, and they will be judged at a later meeting.

Our field trip this month will be to the Houston Zoo.

JACKSON, MS *Jackson Photographic Society*

The Jackson Photo Society held it's Annual Year-End Awards banquet on Monday, March 23, at the Crystal Springs Café, which is part of the Mississippi Braves Baseball Complex. One of the highlights was the display of all the slide entries on a very large, wall-mounted TV screen at one end of the room. Created in ProShow Gold, the display included the title and maker of each slide before the actual photo. This ran continuously throughout the dinner. Prints entries were displayed on the wall and tables around the edge of the room. After the buffet meal, awards were presented to the winners in both Color and Monochrome Prints and Slides as well as to those who had accumulated the highest number of points during the previous year's monthly competitions. First Place winners were: **Terri Corley** - Monochrome Prints;

Todd Warren - Color Prints; and **Buddy Hatchell** - Slides.

Officers for the new year were then introduced: **Charlene Dunaway** - President; **Jim Kramer** - Vice President; **Terri Corley** - Secretary; **Dick Weddle** - Treasurer; and **Iram Nazir and Greg Britt** - Directors.

An exhibition at the Arts Center of Mississippi explores and celebrates the profession of architecture and some of its most beloved and beautiful buildings both statewide and nationwide. Organized by the American Institute of Architects' Mississippi chapter, the show offers the public a better understanding of architects' role in society. The AIA's traveling exhibition, America's Favorite Architecture, boasts the country's top 150 buildings. Both amateur and professional photographers contributed over 100 photos for A Sense of Place: Mississippi Architecture.....everything from barns and rail cars to modern buildings.....things that strike home to Mississippians. JPS members who have photographs selected to hang in the exhibition are: **Terri Corley, Peggy Flood, Jim Kramer, Melanie Benton, and Carolyn Campbell**. The exhibition will hang through April 11 at the Arts Center.

McKINNEY, TX *Heard Nature Photographers*

On Sunday afternoon, March 1, The Heard Nature Photographers club held the awards ceremony for the annual Heard Nature Photography Contest. This event concluded many volunteer hours by club members, over several weeks, to accept the entries, keep the records, help with the judging and hang the prints for viewing.

The contest was particularly successful this year, with nearly 600 entries from photographers in the region, including an increasing number from students.

The contest, which serves as a fund-raiser for the Heard Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, raised approximately \$5,000.

Many thanks to all who volunteered and to those who participated.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK *Oklahoma Camera Club*

The March 10th program was veteran commercial photographer **James Walden** describing and showing his avian photography. He shared many of his experiences and techniques for shooting beautiful images of wild birds flying, nesting and raising their young.

Photographer **Skip LaRue**, from St. Louis, provided the March 24th program of "The Art Of Photographic Montages", what the Graphic Art Industry calls Photo Composite Illustrations. He will explain the purpose and reasons why a photographer would choose to create a Photo Composite Illustration. He provided a demo on screen of how to put together a simple montage illustration in Photoshop.

PLANO, TX *Plano Photography Club*

Our annual Table Top activity took place on February 21st. Over 30 demonstrators and helpers were present and many club members participated. There were 16 activities: Black Rim Glassware, Black Lights, Water Drop Reflections, Flower Studies, Textured Glass, Water Effects, Playing with Mirrors, Macro, Cacti, Mylar Reflections, Light Tent, Lensbaby, 2nd Curtain Flash, Light Painting, Inner Lights in Dark, and High Speed Photography.

SAN ANTONIO, TX *Lion's Field Camera Club*

Mr. Bruce Dicey presented an interesting travelogue on Ireland with excellent images representing the history from Oliver Cromwell and King Henry VIII, approximately six centuries ago in relation to the religion, unrest, politics and culture. His presentation had many photos of cathedrals, landscapes, villages and cities. Thanks to Mr. Dicey for a very informative and well done travelogue.

Our Lion's Field Camera Club enjoyed a program in the afternoon by **John Rudolph**, an armchair visit on the Rhine River. John included many interesting land-waterscapes of castles, cities and churches with nice transitions, zooms, music and commentary.

The next travelogue will be by **Harold and Fran Eiserloh**, topic to be announced, and the Lion's Field program will be a 'Potpourri' by Dick Boone.

SAN ANTONIO, TX *Greater San Antonio Camera Club*

The Greater San Antonio Camera Club will hold its annual "Shootout" with the Houston Camera Club on April 18th 2009 in La Grange, Texas. This annual event has gone on more years than we would like to admit. It has always been a day filled with good fun, lots of images from the designated list of subjects and camaraderie between both clubs. It has always amazed me that one subject can be exposed in so many different and unique ways that you as a single photographer would not have thought possible. Let's hope for a good turnout and the best team win. This year only digital projections and slides will be used in competition.

Last month and this month our club has been giving a short seminar in judging run by **Stan Andrews**. We had a great turnout for the first session and hope it will be repeated for the second session.

TEMPLE, TX *Central Texas Photographic Club*

The March 20th program was presented by professional photographer, **Earl Nottingham**. The program was built around photographs that Earl made as he documented and gave support to the victims of Hurricane Ike. Also, Earl showed some images from a new book that he has co-photographed, "Texas Public Gardens".

At this meeting, the club will be electing a President, Vice-President, & Treasurer of our club for the year beginning on the next May 1. On an informal basis, we will be sharing in the technology of our cameras and working with our images on the computer.

At February 20, we had a competition with the subject being "black & white landscape". The winners in that contest are as follows:

Recently, several club members participated in the judging of entries in a photographic competition of the Bell County 4-H Club photography program. The Central Texas Photographic Club is proud of its participation in this very worthwhile community activity.

On February 21, Elaine Dobos took photographs of the activities at the Railroad & Heritage Museum in Temple as it celebrated its monthly "family day". Over many years, our club has participated in the activities of the Railroad & Heritage Museum.