



Robson Ranch
Photo Club



NewsLetter

Through the President's Lens

Steve Russell

As I write this, the weather of the last few days has been making a statement that spring is here. Forget the Vernal Equinox as the mark of spring, the weather in Texas decides on its own when spring is here.

Spring in Texas means wildflowers – in places, wildflowers in profusion. That means it's time to dust off the cameras that have been on the shelf all winter and capture the beauty that is uniquely Texas. Why uniquely? Because of the Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, Fire Wheels and Evening Primrose among others that can be found beside the roads and in the fields. It's a once a year opportunity and one not to be missed.

Bluebonnets are usually in bloom around early to mid-April but they can be earlier or later. Again, Texas decides. I saw Bluebonnets in bloom along Highway 114 in Irving last week and that's really early. The best place to find large fields of Bluebonnets near here is Ennis, Texas. Right now the Ennis Bluebonnet Festival website is estimating the peak of Bluebonnets to be the third week in April. If you haven't been to Ennis it's worth the trip this time of year. Here's the link to the Festival website to get more information: <http://www.visitennis.org/bluebonnet.htm>



Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$10 per person. Many of you have paid your dues for 2014 but some have not. Please give your dues payment for 2014 to Bill Moore, the club treasurer.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on
April, 21st

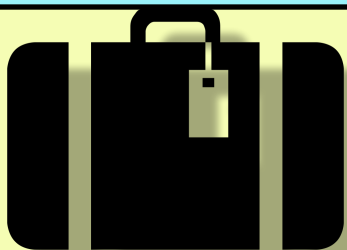


Monthly Meeting Schedule

General: Third Monday 7:00 PM
Room 104 Arts Bldg.

Workshop: 2nd Tuesday 9:30 AM
Room 104 Arts Bldg.

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April Program Traveling with Your Camera by: Bill Moore



It's time again to start traveling at Robson Ranch and the RR Photo Clubs renowned world traveler, Bill Moore, will share his secrets on packing your camera, type of camera, storing your images and what to do with them when you get home.

After Bill shares his ideas we will have a round table discussion on how other members "Travel with Their Camera."

Come out and share your camera traveling tips and ideas with everyone.



April Workshop

Jerry Schlesinger will lead a photo outing to the Fort Worth Japanese Gardens, Botanical Gardens and visit the Amon Carter Museum on Tuesday April 15th.

Meet at 9:00 AM in the Creative Arts Parking Lot.



PROJECTION

You spoke the Committee listened and will present their recommendation on better viewing of images and presentation.

Randy Hatcher will share the recommendations and the club will vote during this month's meeting.

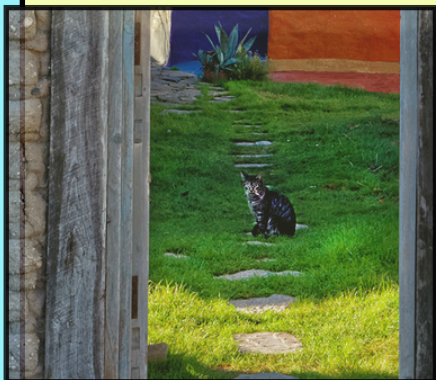
Be sure and come and view the future of your club.



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April Submissions



The subject for member submissions for the April slideshow is "Shallow Depth of Field." Shallow depth of field (DOF) means the background is out of focus.

Here are some keys to taking photos with a shallow DOF:

- The longer the lens the shallower the DOF (use telephoto not wide angle)
- The closer the focus point the shallower the DOF
- The wider the f-stop the shallower the DOF (f4 has a much shallower DOF than f16)

Shallow DOF is a way to limit or eliminate the distraction of a cluttered background and when used properly enhances the artistic impact of a photograph.

One of the reasons for the monthly subjects is to challenge you as a photographer and to get you to grab your camera and take photos. Because this is part of the challenge, we ask that at least some of the photos you submit have been taken within the last six to twelve months.

Everyone is encouraged to submit up to five photos that meet the subject, "Shallow Depth of Field."

Please, please change the name of the files you submit from the numbers the camera tags the file to a name that is descriptive of the photo. When I'm working with 60 or 70 photos and half of them have only numbers as file identifiers, it gets really confusing.

Please send your images to Steve Russell steve.russell@russellpc.net by Saturday evening, April 19, 2014.



Here is a link to the submission guidelines for the monthly submissions.

<http://www.rrphotoclub.com/photo-submission-guidelines>

