

The Woodlands Photography Club

Mark Your Calendar:

- July 4 — Fireworks Field Trip
- July 8 — Regular Club Meeting
- August 12 — Regular Club Meeting
- Sept 28 & 29 — Photo Seminar by Darrell Gulin

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Member's Slide Presentations at the July Meeting

At our regular club meeting on July 8, members will put on short slide shows of their work. If you haven't done so already, send George Carlson an email (see page 4 for his address) letting him know that you plan to participate. We've heard rumors that Janice Braud and Paula Harper will show slides from their recent trip across the Atlantic.



Jonathan Harper at Moody Gardens. From the June 23 Conroe Courier Story, photo by George Carlson

Fireworks Field Trip

Cecilia has been working hard on this since last Wednesday. She has arranged for us to have a reserved location for photographing the July 4th fireworks in The Woodlands. The location will be on Lake Robbins between

Landry's restaurant and the mall, on the grass at the edge of the street just across from Landry's parking lot. There will be a Woodlands Photography Club banner on the fence reserving our space. We will not be allowed to park our cars at

Landry's, we will have to find a parking spot at the mall parking lot or at the Tinseltown Theater garage. The fireworks start at 9:15 PM. We have to be there by 8:30PM. We should plan to start ar-

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iving around 8:00. It can be difficult to find a parking place if you wait too long. We will be near booths that sell food and drinks. Bring your cameras, tripods, and lots of film. f8 and be there.

Note that the following areas will close after 8PM:

* Timberloch Drive, between IH45 and Woodloch Forest Drive, will be closed to all traffic from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

* Woodloch Forest Drive, between Timberloch and the mall will be closed to all traffic from 8:00 p.m. until after

the fireworks display.

* Lake Robbins Drive, between IH45

and Woodloch Forest Drive, will be closed to all traffic from 8:00 p.m. until after the fireworks display.

* The entire waterway area will be closed to pedestrians, from the Lake Robbins Bridge to the Woodloch Forest Bridge, from 8:30 p.m. until after the fireworks display. This includes the bridge between the Tower and Timberloch, and all walkways and grassy areas around the waterway.



Photo by Cecilia Garcia

Photographing Fireworks

A skyrocket from launch to fadeout takes a few seconds. Your exposure should be long enough to capture part, or all, of this progression. At least one second long, some two seconds, four seconds, and some even longer. Play with your camera, use double exposure or bulb aperture and cover the lens with your hand or hat between bursts, but be sure not to touch the camera. Obviously, the best platform of all is a tri-

pod. And if you have a cable release for the shutter, this should be better to avoid any kind of vibration. It helps to minimize camera shake. If you want to include foreground in the bottom use a normal or wide lens. If you are looking for the fireworks by themselves, use a 200-300 zoom lens. Use f/8 (ISO 100), f/11 (ISO 200), even f/16 (ISO 400). Set focus to infinity. No flash. The fireworks provide all the light you want.

Several rolls of film will be necessary. Recommended ISO 200, or 400. Typically grain is not a problem in this type of image. Vertical format is better than horizontal. The trail of skyrockets is upward and not very wide. Be patient. Remember that the best of the show will be the very last set of skyrockets. Save film for this grand finale moment. Have fun and nice shooting on the 4th. of July!!!!. — Cecilia Garcia

July 'Mini Contest': Something Old / Marine Life

The June Mini Contest winner was Barbara Edmondson. Her photograph of Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO gathered the most votes. The next assignments are (Pictorial / Nature):

July Meeting
Something Old / Marine Life

August Meeting
People / Insects & Reptiles

September Meeting
Fireworks & Night / Textures & Patterns

Prints are easiest, but we will have slide viewers at the meetings as well. Each Print and / or Slide will have a number to iden-

tify it for a secret ballot. The photo getting the most votes will become the new home page photo for the next month.

Darrell Gulin Seminar Sept 28

Darrell Gulin is an accomplished Speaker / Teacher. He is a nature and wildlife photographer published in many calendars, stock agencies, and multiple magazines including Outdoor Photographer. He teaches frequent workshops and is a featured Speaker at NANPA and Fotofusion.

The seminar will include "The 5 S's for Successful Photography"

- * Skill
- * Seeing
- * Situation
- * Subject
- * Simplicity

Darrell will also discuss: Fill Flash, Creativity, Digital Scanning and Printing, and Editing in the field and on the light table.

September 28, 2002
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
The Woodlands, Texas

On Sunday the 29th, Darrell will lead a special photo field trip for WPC members only. Pre-register, space is limited.

For more information please contact:
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Photo by Darrell Gulin

Feature Story about WPC in the Conroe Courier

The Conroe Courier did a very nice story about us in their June 23, 2002 'Trends' section. The article included interviews with George Carlson, Cecilia Garcia and Barbara Edmondson, with photos by George (see page 1), Barbara (right), and Steve Niles (far right). The online version is at: http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=4543938&BRD=1569&PAG=461&dept_id=180939&rft=6



Member Portfolios at woodlandsphoto.org



Photo by Rebecca Martin. Take a look at the rest of her portfolio at woodlandsphoto.org/~rmartin

One of the many benefits of membership in the Woodlands Photography Club is the free web

space available to each member at woodlandsphoto.org.

Check out the 'Links' page to see the latest of the member portfolios. Nice work folks! Who's next?

If you are a paid member of the Woodlands Photography Club, and would like web space for your non-

commercial, photography related web site, just send an email to webmaster@woodlandsphoto.org, and we'll set you up.

WWW.WOODLANDSPHOTO.ORG

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About Our Club

The Woodlands Photography Club meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 9 P.M. at the Montgomery County South Branch Library (just west of The Woodlands Pavilion), 2101 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, Texas.

We usually get together in the meeting room immediately to the left as you enter the front doors. Visitors and the curious are always welcome. Anyone interested in photography of any type, no matter what your level of experience (professional, amateur, or wannabe), is welcome to join our club. Membership is only \$1.25/month (embarrassingly miniscule, we should really charge a whole lot more), which is \$15 paid annually. That's the for-real bargain of the year, folks.

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The Woodlands Photography Club Newsletter is published each month by the club. If you have something of interest to share with the members, email your article by the 25th of each month to wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org.