

# The Woodlands Photography Club

Volume 2, Issue 8

August 2002

### Mark Your Calendar:

- August 12 — Regular Club Meeting
- August 23 - 25 — Ballunar Liftoff Festival 2002
- Sept. 9 — Regular Club Meeting
- Sept 28 & 29 — Photo Seminar by Darrell Gulin

### Inside this issue:

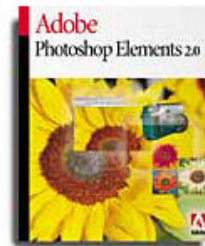
August meeting topic	1
Ballunar Liftoff Festival	1
Newsletter Articles Needed	2
August Mini Contest	2
Darrell Gulin Seminar	3
Digital Photography Review	3
Member Portfolios at woodlandphoto.org	3

## Digital Photography is the Topic at the August Meeting

At our regular club meeting on August 12, Janice Braud will talk about the various hardware available for doing digital photography, and George Carlson will present an introduction to the digital darkroom. Janice will outline the type of equipment you might want to use. In the digital darkroom George will be demonstrating the step-by-step procedure for inputting, manicuring, and printing digital images. George will be using the inexpensive Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.0 and the methods used should be usable with most all similar packages. See you at 6:30 at the Montgomery County South Branch Library (just west of The Woodlands Pavilion), 2101 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, Texas.

Digital  
Digital  
Digital

Digital  
Digital



Digital photography will be the subject of the August meeting.

## Ballunar Liftoff Festival 2002

Witness brightly colored and different shaped hot air balloons August 23, 24, 25. All balloon launches and flights over the Festival occur during the early morning hours, shortly after dawn, and in the late afternoon hours, just before

dusk. These visual (and photographic) spectaculars occur when dusk approaches. As the crowd watches, the balloons are inflated and tethered to the ground just a few feet away. Then the pilots make their vehicles dance to the beat of

music by pulsing bursts of flames from propane burners that light the colorful balloons and make them dance in a luminous chorus. Festival tickets are \$10 for adults, free for children 11 and under (includes Metro

*(Continued on page 2)*

# Ballunar Liftoff Festival 2002

*(Continued from page 1)*

Shuttle). Pick up the METRO shuttle from the Alameda Mall or the Bay Area Park & Ride lot on Bay Area Blvd. in Clear Lake, parking is free. No public parking on site.

For more information about Ballunar Liftoff Festival, call the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 281-488-7676 or visit the festival web site at:

<http://www.ballunarfestival.com/>



Visit the Ballunar Liftoff 2002 web site at <http://www.ballunarfestival.com/>

## Newsletter Articles Needed

Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...

OK all you writers out there, this is your chance to share you photographic knowledge with the world — share a favorite technique, write an equipment review, document a special photographic experience you've had. Send your article in plain text format (with any photos attached) by the 25th of each month to:  
[wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org](mailto:wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org)

Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...  
 Newsletter Articles Needed...

## August 'Mini Contest': People / Insects & Reptiles

We had a rare tie at our July Mini Contest. Winners were Debbie Alamilla and Janice Braud. Congratulations ladies.  
 The next assignments are (Pictorial / Nature):

August Meeting  
 People / Insects & Reptiles

September Meeting  
 Fireworks & Night / Textures & Patterns

October Meeting  
 Something Round / Sky & Clouds

November Meeting  
 Motion / Animals

Prints are easiest, but we will have slide viewers at the meetings as well. Each Print and / or Slide will have a number to identify 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  
8:30 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:  
cgarcia@woodlandphoto.org



Photo by Darrell Gulin

## Digital Photography Review [www.dpreview.com](http://www.dpreview.com)

If you're interested in digital photography and you've never visited dpreview.com, you owe it to yourself to take a look at this site. It has some of the best camera reviews I've seen anywhere. Both Canon and Nikon have released their new 6 megapixel SLR cameras, the EOS-D60 and D100. See now they compare to each other and to their more expensive siblings, the Canon EOS-1D and Nikon D1x. — Steve Niles



## Member Portfolios at [woodlandphoto.org](http://woodlandphoto.org)



Photo by Dot Mullinax. Take a look at the rest of her portfolio at [woodlandphoto.org/~dmullinax](http://woodlandphoto.org/~dmullinax)

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

web space available to each member at [woodlandphoto.org](http://woodlandphoto.org).

Check out the 'Links' page to see the latest of the member portfolios. Dot Mullinax added her site last month. 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@woodlandphoto.org](mailto:webmaster@woodlandphoto.org), and we'll set you up.

WWW.WOODLANDSPHOTO.ORG

*Woodlands Photography Club  
The Woodlands, Texas*

## 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.

### **Club Board Contacts**

President – George Carlson  
[pres@woodlandsphoto.org](mailto:pres@woodlandsphoto.org)

VP/Programs – Cathy Evans  
[vp@woodlandsphoto.org](mailto:vp@woodlandsphoto.org)

Treasurer/Secretary – Janice Braud  
[treas@woodlandsphoto.org](mailto:treas@woodlandsphoto.org)

Activity Chairman – Dot Mullinax  
[events@woodlandsphoto.org](mailto:events@woodlandsphoto.org)

Publicity Chairman – Steve Niles  
[wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org](mailto:wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org)

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](mailto:wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org).