



Fort Worth Camera Club

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fortworthcameraclub.org

Member Password: fwcc2018

Thank you for joining and welcome to the Fort Worth Camera Club. This information is being provided to assist you in understanding what the club has to offer and to provide guidance about how to participate in our activities. For more detailed information, please go to our [website](http://fortworthcameraclub.org). (The password above is needed for Member information and Competition scores.)

Meetings Via Zoom and In-Person

We meet in-person at the UNT Health Science Center, 3500 Camp Bowie Blvd. at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month except December. Both meetings will also be transmitted via Zoom.

Monthly Programs

The first Thursday of the month is Program night, featuring guest speakers with everything from slide shows full of good ideas and things to learn to presentation of how-to skills and techniques.

Monthly Photo Challenge

Each month we specify a location where members can take photos on their own. We allow members to submit 2 images of this location. These images are shown to the club following our Zoom workshop each month. This allows members to dialogue with other members about how the image was made, ask questions and make positive comments. Seeing the different approaches members take toward a common subject is eye-opening and instructive. These images are not critiqued or scored by a judge. Find the list of current photo challenge locations and instructions on our [website](http://fortworthcameraclub.org).

Monthly Workshops

We conduct monthly workshops via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The workshops are taught by knowledgeable members or guests on a variety of subjects. Look for classes about post-production software, basic camera craft, matting, mounting and presentation of prints, and other thought-provoking subjects. Images from the photo challenge subject and our latest outing also are featured.

Monthly Competition: Digital Images and Prints

Competition in our club is used primarily as a learning tool that allows you to progress as a photographer by benefitting from an independent judge's comments about your images. Judges are professional photographers, from academia and the leading museums engaged in teaching or conserving photography, from meritorious ex-members of the Club or other regional clubs. Judges may not be current members of this club. Competition meetings with awards and judges' comments are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

While participation is certainly voluntary, some 60-70 per cent of our members enter at least some of our monthly competitions. And the other 30-40 per cent enjoy seeing competing images and hearing comments of our guest judges. Here is what you need to know to get started:

- You are eligible to participate in competition any time after you have paid dues. You may enter images in either Class A or Class B. Class B Prints and Class B Digital are appropriate for the beginner or for those with limited experience. Class A Prints and Class A Digital are meant for those with more advanced skills. Masters Prints and Masters Digital are reserved for those who have won Photographer of the Year in Class A or been invited to advance by the Board of Directors.
- You may enter one digital image and one print per month in the same class. For a detailed look at all other aspects of competition, including competition rules, submission instructions, deadlines and sizing of digital images, go to the [Competition area on the club website](#).
- Entries are accepted by midnight on the first Thursday meeting of each month and results and critiques are presented at the third Thursday meeting. Monthly awards are presented based on points awarded by the judge. In December, all winning entries are judged with awards presented in each class. Members with the highest annual point total are named Photographer of the Year in each class.

Monthly Local Outings

We schedule a local outing each month to a variety of locations, usually within an hour's drive of Fort Worth. We generally caravan or carpool (following Covid-19 precautions) to the location, take our photos and meet for a late breakfast or early lunch. It is a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members and discover common interests.

This is where friendships are made, the conversations are stimulating, and the shooting downright wonderful. This is a great time to ask questions and learn from our more experienced members, in a one-on-one in the field, with camera in hand (actually we recommend "with camera on tripod"). Feel free to ask what they are shooting, what exposure they would use, what lens, how are they composing, etc. Then, get some good shots of your own.

Like the photo challenge, we allow members to submit two images taken during the outing, and these images are then shown to the club following our Zoom workshop each month. This allows members to see the best images taken by other members and gives you an opportunity to ask questions about equipment and processing. These images are not critiqued or scored by a judge. View scheduled local outings locations and instructions for entries on our [website](#).

Extended Outings

We try to periodically schedule extended outings to distant locations. These extended outings might be camping trips, weekend motel trips or week-long trips. Feel free to make suggestions. In the past we have gone to Yellowstone NP, Taos, Big Bend NP, Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Caddo Lake, Port Aransas and the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

Annual Competition with Dallas Camera Club

Every year in October or November we engage in a friendly competition with the Dallas Camera Club. Each club enters 15 digital images and 15 prints for judging by independent judges. The winning club keeps the traveling trophy, known as The Bird, and has bragging rights until the next competition

Member Directory

Download a copy of our Directory, updated annually, usually by July 1, to find contact information and photographs of our members. It is on our website but is not accessible by non- members.

Exhibitions of Member Prints

As often as possible, we have an exhibit with prints from all our members. Past locations have been the Fort Worth Public Library Gallery, Fort Worth Community Arts Center, the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and others.

Emails from Us

If you get an email from the club, be sure to read it. We send emails on a regular basis to all our members with updates, alerts, Zoom logon information, upcoming events and last-minute changes in plans. It is the official message service from the club to keep you informed. The subject line of all our emails begins with “FWCC.” Be on the lookout for these emails.

Follow us on Facebook (Account required.)

Post your photos, share information, ask questions.



Website

Keep up with coming events by regularly checking our [website](#). Available there are club by- laws, competition rules, names and numbers of club officers and other useful information, plus slide shows of members’ competition entries and award-winning images. Click on Older Posts at the bottom of each page to find information about past events.

Questions?

Need help or have a question? Call any 2022 officer or board member:

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