

# F-STOP & FOCUS

Lone Tree Photography Club Newsletter

January 2016

## Message from the President - Tom Heywood

Happy New Year! At our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, active discussion was held to determine if LTPC should continue as a club member of the Colorado Council of Camera Clubs (CCCC). After discussing the merits of membership in CCCC, our membership unanimously voted to end our participation. We will finish the 2015 year by participating in the 2015 end of year competition that will be held this spring. Many suggestions were offered for the use of the meeting nights we currently use for CCCC quarterly competition. It seemed that a return to more exhibition nights where members could freely discuss their images was most popular. At our board meeting in January the new Board will finalize plans for the meeting calendar and competition guidelines for 2016.

In addition to elected positions being filled, members stepped up and filled a couple of positions that will serve our club well in 2016. Chuck Rasco and Cathy Burgdorf-Rasco will help us revise our website, which could use some work. It is the Board's goal to make the website useful and informative for members. Cathy is a professional web designer, so we are very excited about the prospects for a revised site. Elaine Graves has volunteered to act as a

coordinator of activities. She will focus on shooting opportunities for the club. The board is very grateful for this effort as we see this as an area of improvement for 2016.

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A note about our February 1st Meeting - It was brought to our attention that the meeting room may not be available for us to use on February 1st. The city officials to determine if it will be available or if we need to reschedule or may need the room for jury selection. We are working with move our meeting to another location in February. One thing is certain, when the logistics have been resolved the meeting will be an exhibition night. So start thinking about which images you will want the members to give you feedback on. You can submit 4 total, print or digital.



**Congratulations!**  
**Chuck Rasco**  
**Photographer**  
**of the Year**  
**2015**

The following individuals were honored for their work in the Lone Tree Photography Club's monthly competition in 2015.

**Digital Color Projection**

- 1st Place - Chuck Rasco
- 2nd Place - Darren White
- 3rd Place - Raed Ammari

**Print Color**

- 1st Place - Chuck Rasco
- 2nd Place - Tom Heywood
- 3rd Place - Danny Lam

**Digital Monochrome Projection**

- 1st Place - Darren White
- 2nd Place - Brad McDowell
- 3rd Place - Raed Ammari

**Print Monochrome**

- 1st Place - Danny Lam
- 2nd Place - Art Ballah
- 3rd Place - Jesse McLaughlin

# Competitions – Workshops – Photo Shoots

## Competitions

### **PSA Travel Division Image Competition**

Each member of the Lone Tree Photography Club can submit up to two images to this competition. Please submit your images through the normal method at our website <http://www.lonetreephotoclub.com/submitPhotos/index.php>. Make sure to select the PSA category from the drop down menu and include the category in the title (e.g., Travel-London Bridge). *Submissions are due no later than Saturday, January 30. We need images from at least 6 different photographers!*

The standard requirements for photo submissions apply:

- Digital Image File type must be JPG or JPEG.
- Use a simple file name of no more than 40 characters.
- Image width (horizontal edge) cannot exceed 1024 pixels.
- Image height (vertical edge) cannot exceed 768 pixels.

We will select the images that go to PSA at the February 1st Meeting.

**Travel Category Definition:** A Photo Travel image expresses the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally. There are no geographic limitations. Images from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography are not appropriate. Close up pictures of people or objects must include features that provide information about the environment. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable adjustments are removal of dust or digital noise, restoration of the appearance of the original scene, and complete conversion to greyscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared, are not permitted. All allowed adjustments must appear natural.

## Workshops

### **Intermediate Photoshop Adjustment Layers, Masks & Blending**

Photoshop's most powerful tools are the adjustment layers and their masking capabilities. Couple that with the versatility of blending modes of a layer and you have a very potent one-two punch for making unique and creative fine art imagery. *Don't miss this opportunity to become proficient at these powerful tools and learn to see just how incredible your images can become.* Jeff will show us how to locally enhance highlights and shadows, spot color adjustments and many more techniques with these adjustment layers and layer blending modes. He will also show how he uses NIK filters and texture overlays to create and enhance his style of fine art photography. We'll break for lunch (on your own or bring your lunch).

Please bring your computer with Photoshop CC 2015 loaded and already working.

Saturday, January 23, 9am – 4pm (Please arrive between 8 and 8:15, to set up your laptop prior to the start of class.)

Lone Tree Civic Center - Instructor: Jeff Johnson - Cost: **Only \$79!**

Please register at <http://soulroadtrips.com/2016roadtrips/ps123>

## Photo Shoots

Coming soon...

# Meetings and Club Information

## MEETINGS:

Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Lone Tree Civic Center

Program: **The Right Place at the Right Time**

Guest Speaker: **Glenn Randall**

[www.glennrandall.com](http://www.glennrandall.com)

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Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm  
Lone Tree Civic Center

Program: **Exhibition Night**

You may submit a total of 4 images (print and/or digital).

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Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Lone Tree Civic Center

Program: **Night Photography Planning & Scouting**

Guest Speaker: **Mike Berenson**

[www.coloradofaptures.com](http://www.coloradofaptures.com)

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Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Lone Tree Civic Center

Program: **Exhibition Night**

You may submit a total of 4 images (print and/or digital).

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Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm  
Lone Tree Civic Center

Program: **Abstracts, Close-Ups, & Special Effects**

Guest Speaker: **Eli Vega**

[www.elivega.net](http://www.elivega.net)

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## Club Information

Website:

[www.Lonetreephotoclub.com](http://www.Lonetreephotoclub.com)

Officers:

President Tom Heywood  
Vice President Jesse McLaughlin  
Treasurer Bruce Ryman  
Secretary Michelle Parker

Meetings:

Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd  
Monday of the month at 7pm.

Location:

Lone Tree Civic Center  
8527 Lone Tree Parkway  
Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

Membership Dues:

Single \$25

Couple \$35

# Lone Tree Photography Club

*To share our knowledge and increase our expertise.*

