

A black and white photograph of a man, likely a musician, performing on stage. He is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt and is captured in profile, singing into a microphone. He is also playing a light-colored electric guitar. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the performer.

Vignette

*The Rowlett, Texas
Photography Club's Magazine
Issue #4 - 2/14/15*

*Fay Stout's feature:
"...why do I love phtoography?" on page 11*

*Dick Brown's mini:
"Waco in the 1970's" on page 14*

*Cover: "A Robert Cray Performance"
by Ronald McCarty*



Words from the Founder- Ron McCarty

Are we there yet?

A common question I'm asked is "what is this club?" For example, the most recent way it was asked via a Meetup message was "...what's this all about...I'm interested in finding fellow photographers..."

The Rowlett, Texas Photography Club is about photography. We are about taking, making, producing, editing, and looking at photography.

We are about the picture. This means...what it takes to get the picture and how we present the picture to others.

We show and share our work with each other and the community. We talk A LOT about photography but that is always secondary to the picture.

We're at different stages of our photography journey, but we take joy in seeing others work, and helping each other where we can.

We welcome photographers of all genres and experience levels. However, we are family friendly, so some areas and genres will not be presented in our open forums. (For example, war documentary is a very interesting genre for me, but some of it is simply too graphic to share in a family environment.)

The core of it is, we are about the picture.

Let's each take our own path, but let's make sure those paths cross on occasion.

Improvements?

I hope you notice the improvements with the club with time.

The biggest recent improvement is the addition of club coordinators. We've added new coordinators to help us keep things moving! Christa Barlow, Clay Eakins, Claudia McCarty, and Julie Sharp have graciously offered up an hour or two of their personal time monthly to make sure the club stays interesting and viable for us.

Another change is the addition of a cover on our newsletter. Tony Morrisso and Sara Wilmes Del Regno have provided some of their beautiful work for upcoming issues. Tony's will appear in the next edition, and Sara's follows Tony's. I kicked it off with a photo of mine in this edition. In recognition of the improvement and size of the photos, I've also started referring to it as a magazine. Over time, I hope that you will gladly show someone an edition with your work presented in its best light.

For those of you with magazine experience, you may have noticed we're following magazine methods instead of a newsletter "job", as magazines can generate much larger amounts of content without burdening one to two folks with a large enough contributor pool. Of course this relies on everyone pitching in at times.

Along those same lines, *Vignette* will be available for the iPad soon.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting!

--ron



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Rowlett, Texas

About the Photography Club

The Rowlett, Texas Photography Club was founded in December 2014 by photo enthusiasts from the area wanting to meet on a regular basis to discuss, show, and enjoy photography with other photographers.

Feel free to invite other photographers from the area to come to one of our meetings to enjoy photography with us!

Our Facebook group can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/760444860701826/>

Our Meetup group can be found at: <http://www.meetup.com/Rowlett-Texas-Photography-Club-Meetup/>

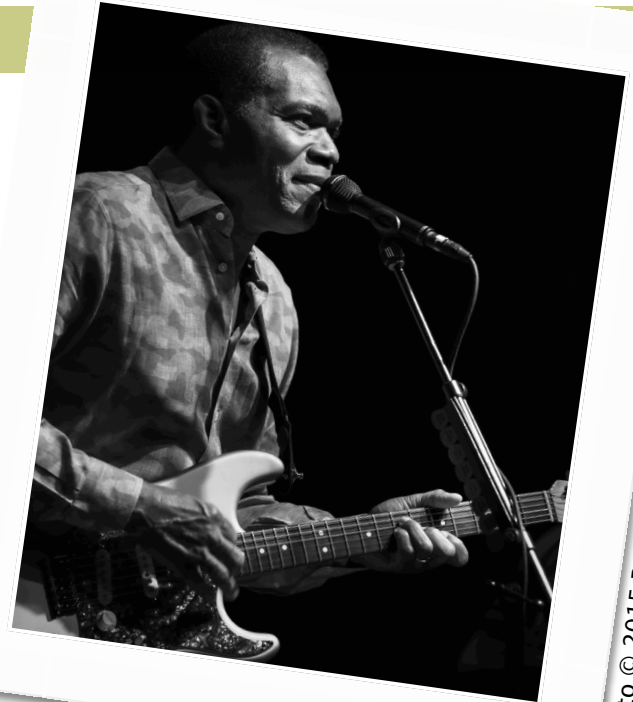


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About this Month's Cover

"A Robert Cray Performance" was photographed by Ronald McCarty at the 2014 Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival.

Next Month's Cover

Issue #5 will be presenting "Hodgson Water Mill" by Tony Morrison!

We need your cover!

Drop Ron an email to have your photo presented on the cover!



Photo © 2015 Tony Morrison



Check out our Sunset photo walk on January 24th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNI74Yed0o8>



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What's going on?



Did you miss issue #3? Go check out Sara's work!
Photo © 2015 Sara Wilmes Del Regno



Upcoming Events

2/21 Male Subject Posing in Garland, Texas

2/20 - 2/21 Additional photo walk to be announced.

3/5 Monthly Club Meeting

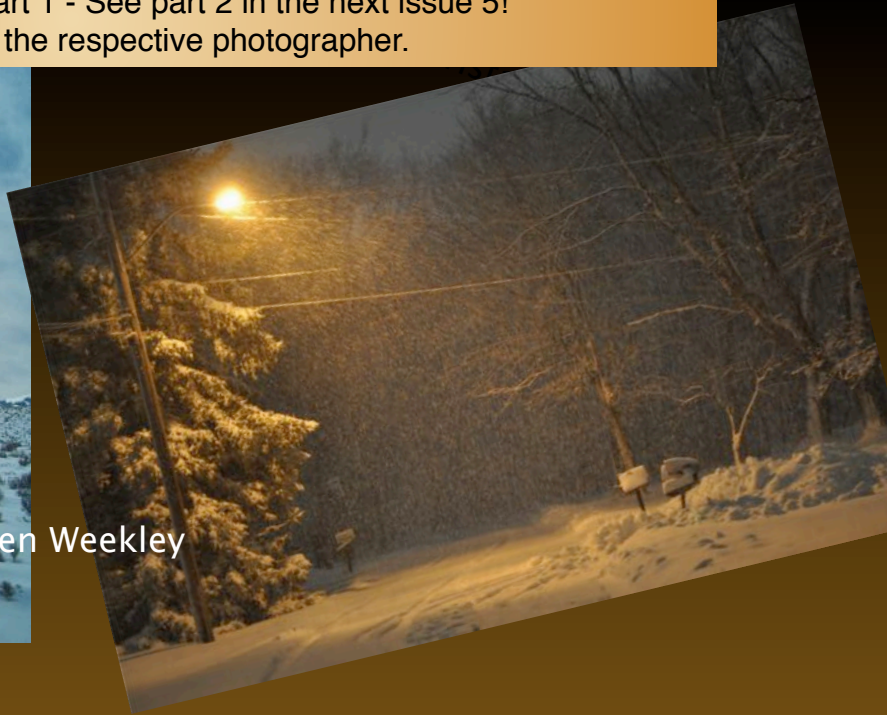
4/7 Monthly Club Meeting

4/9 Music Photography Photo Walk

Check out the Facebook Group Events



Allen Weekley



Tony Morrison

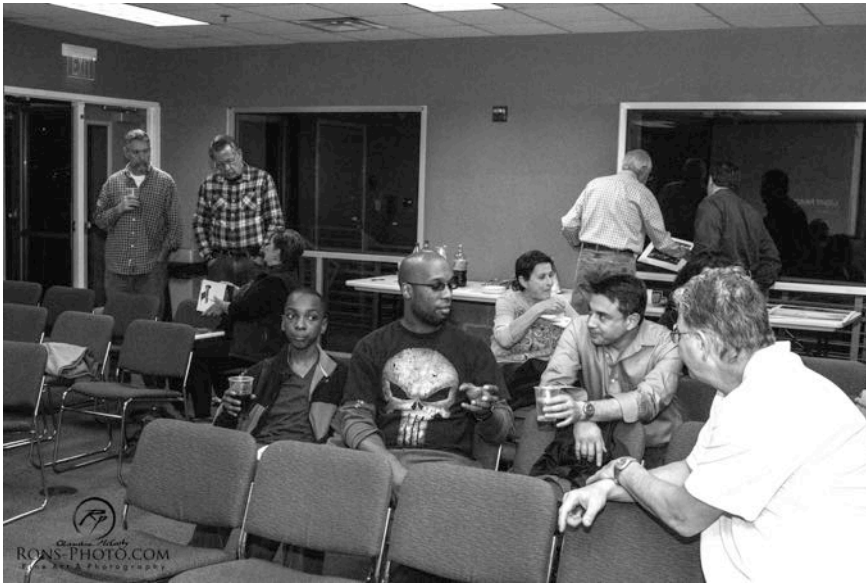


Claudia Capeau Hold



Claudia McCarty





February Club Meeting. © 2015 by Claudia McCarty.

Educational Resources

Here are some great educational resources that may help you on your photography journey. Drop Ron a line if you would like to include a resource in the future newsletter.

B&H on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BHPhotoVideoProAudio>

FroKnowsFoto Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/JaredPolin>

AdoramaTV: <http://www.adorama.com/ALC/category/AdoramaTV>

KelbyOne: <http://kelbyone.com/>

Lynda Training: <http://www.lynda.com>

Trash Can Photography: Weekly Photo Themes

The club has weekly photo themes. Check out our Facebook group page for more information and to participate.

Week 5 Love Week: February 8-14

Week 6 Smart phone pictures don't have to be selfies. February 15-21

Week 8 A tribute to Jay Maisel Week: February 22-28

Week 9 Americana: March 1-7

Week 10 Beauty is in the eye of the beholder: March 8-14



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Tidbits

**Daylight Savings time
starts Sunday March 8th!**

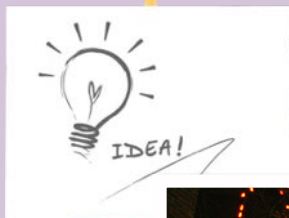
Vignette - Blast from the Past - Focus on Monte Nichols



Photos © 2015 by Monte Nichols

Blast from the Past due dates

- #5 - 2/15/15
- #6 - 2/21/15
- #7 - 2/28/15
- #8 - 3/7/15



Why review your older pictures?

1. Time can help you lose emotional attachment created by effort. (A picture that took 2 hours to take isn't necessarily any better because of the time investment.)
2. Family and friends photos can rekindle and reinforce relationships.
3. Improvements in your portfolio can be appreciated.

Participate in our Blast from the Past activities to revisit and share your photography!





Photograph © 2015 by Tony Morrison

Call for Articles

The club newsletter is in need of photography articles. Have you recently learned or experienced something worth sharing? Do you know some tips and tricks in a specific genre of photography? Do you just enjoy sharing your thoughts about photography?

If so, we need three types of articles:

Single Exposures: one picture with several words to describe the picture.

Minis: three to four pictures with a paragraph or two covering the photographs. This could be a series (for example, motorcycles) or an event, such as a parade.

Feature article: three or more pictures with a detailed write up of three or more paragraphs covering a subject in detail.

If you are interested in writing, but need ideas, here are some suggestions to align with the seasons:

February: Valentines, end of winter, Texas highways, early spring.

March: Spring, Texas wild flowers, weddings, gardens, fountains.

April: spring colors, in with the new, landscapes, cityscapes, outdoor music.

May: car shows, music festivals, swimming, start of summer.

Blackland Prairie
RAPTOR CENTER
Lucas, Texas



Photograph © 2015 by Fay Stout

Shout out!



Rockwall Art League by Allen Weekley

The Rockwall Art League was established in 2000 in Rockwall, Texas. The purpose was to create a forum for area artists to:

- share ideas, communicate, and support each other;
- bring an awareness of fine art to the community, and
- provide scholarships to support the efforts of talented high school students.

These goals are being realized through annual exhibits, programs, studio tours and the Tom Collins Memorial Scholarship. The Rockwall Art League holds a Fine Art Show every fall, and for the last two years has also hosted a Members show at The Harbor on Lake Ray Hubbard. The Tom Collins Memorial Scholarship provides scholarships for high school students that show promise as artists. The Rockwall Art League also sponsors the ArtReach program to introduce art to people with mental, emotional, and physical challenges.

Rockwall Art League shows always have strong entries in the Photography category. This category often has more entries than any other category. Monthly meetings are held at the community center in Harry Myers Park in Rockwall. The meetings usually include a demonstration and lecture by a well known artist. The next meeting is January 28th at 6:00 PM.

The Rockwall Art League is a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce, The Old Town Shoppes of Rockwall and is supported in part by grants from the City of Rockwall Hotel Motel Tax Revenue and the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts. The League appreciate their ongoing support. Find out more at these links:

<http://www.rockwallartleague.org>

<http://www.rockwallartleague.org/newsletters/>

<https://rwallartleague.squarespace.com/2014fall>



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Fine Art & Photography

Light Painting

Ron McCarty covered Light Painting in our February 3rd Meeting.

Attend our meetings for regular photography education and events!



Feature Article: Who am I and Why Do I Love Photography? - Fay Stout

One of my many bumperstickers says...
"Outrageous Older Woman" and now I must live up to it!

After 45 years of critical care nursing, I am retired and fortunate enough to have some time left to do the things I love. Got my first 35mm camera back in 1967 because I wanted to photograph a rose with an out-of-focus background. Film was expensive (too expensive to try to shoot butterflies) and photos stayed in a box or album.

I am loving digital because there is so much that you can do with your photography in today's world: new friends, new techniques, the ability to edit your photos and share with others. Also... so many ways to learn on the internet.

My favorite types of photography... nature, food, macro, travel, spontaneous street portraits

Desire to learn... posing, portraits and night photography

Present challenge... trying to learn layers and textures

Fascinated by... surreal composites

My fears... technology that changes so rapidly, flash, studio lighting

Love to... make photo books on-line as well as to pair quotes with photos

Like quirky... I take my mannequin Lucy out to meet people and photograph her adventures!

My "happy place"... White Rock Lake

When I retired, several of the nurses wanted to learn photography and buy a camera. I thought I might help them and started the Crazy Women's Photography Club. It is non-competitive and all about having fun and learning your camera while developing a hobby to minimize the stresses of everyday life.

Photography brings joy into my life on a daily basis.

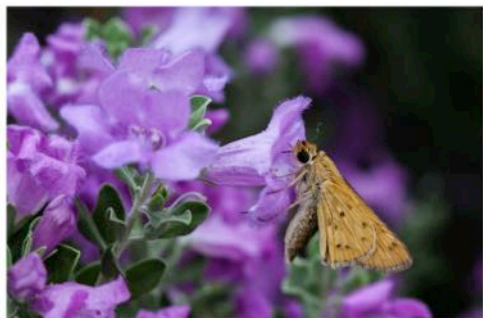
Where I post photos... see links in my profile on Capture Dallas: <http://www.capturedallas.com/users/Shutterpug>



FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY

Fay Stout





CVS Pharmacy 66/Dalrock



Lake Ray Hubbard

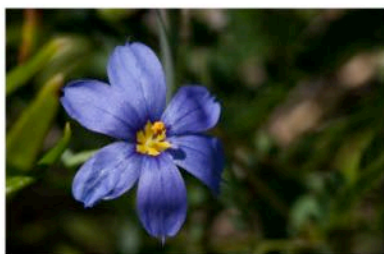


Lake Ray Hubbard

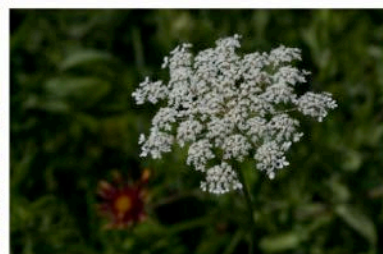
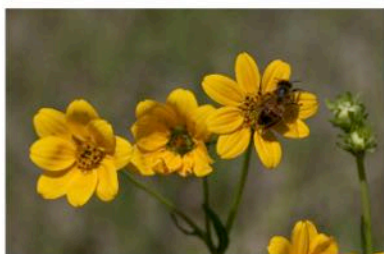


Tom Thumb Gas Station

Nature is Where You Find It



TEXAS WILDFLOWERS



Check out Issue #3 for more work by Clay Eakins



Feature Article: Waco in the 1970's by Frank Richard "Dick" Brown

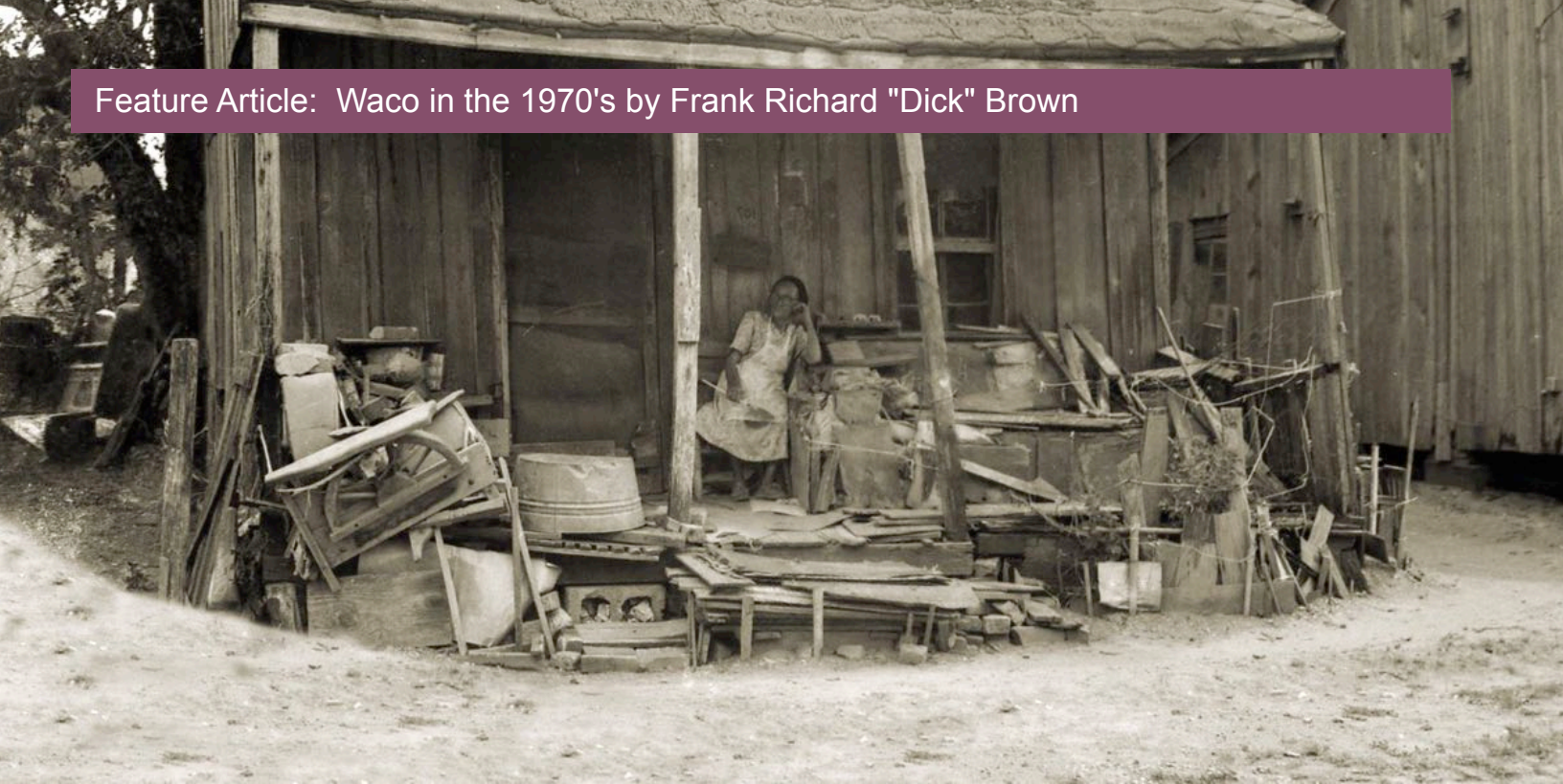


Photo © 2015 by Frank Richard Brown

When you drive down I-35 in Waco and come to the Brazos River, you'll see a spectacular sight..the new Baylor sports stadium and all the development around the river.

When I was there in the early 1970's, the entire area to the north of 3rd Street, up to the river, was slums. In complete contrast to the new cars and fancy cloths of the Baylor students, this lady's house was where the North Village Residential Complex is now. The old shacks are long gone, and I'm sure she is too...may she rest in peace.

Rowlett, Texas Photography Club Milestone!
We have reached 75 Members!