

The Woodlands United Methodist Church



Camera Club

Website: <http://TWUMC.org/cameraclub>

January 2009

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

(Jeremiah 29:11-14a)



All photos in this newsletter were shown at the January meeting!

Have you recently bought or received as a gift a new digital SLR camera. Why not attend our **Nikon or Canon Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** to get your questions answered and learn about some of your new toy's capabilities? The primary purpose of these SIGs is to share knowledge about the equipment and techniques to help you make better pictures. Plus, who knows, you might make some new friends who share a common interest! Everyone from the first-time beginner to the experienced professional is welcome. Please join us at the next SIG on **Sunday, January 25th (2:00 to 4:00)** in the **Columns Cafe** (northwest end) of the church. NOTE: If you have a Nikon or Canon D-SLR and are not receiving emails from Bill Park (wbpark1@comcast.net) for Nikon, or Bill Fortney (bill.fortney@sbcglobal.net) for Canon, please let them know!! **(The Photoshop SIG resumes in March. We'll keep you posted!)**

Our Members RECOMMEND:

Carlos Hernandez - <http://www.thedigitalphotographyconnection.com/PFDP.php>

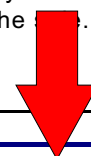
Click on Creating the Apple Reflection Effect. (Comment - We used part of this effect for new banner above!!)
Another free on-line tutorial is <http://www.msiphotography.com> from Mark S Johnson Photography.

Jim Springer - <http://www.digitaldaysphoto.com>

If you click on the "photo tips" section they have some great tutorials. Just be patient while the movie loads. I have tried only one of them, but I will go back for more. At first I didn't think the links worked, but I waited and sure enough they played just fine.

Randy Scott - <http://winkflash.com>

Last year, I took some advice from the camera club and registered with this service. I loaded some of my photos from Venezuela and prepared a photo book. Then waited until they had a sale. They now have the I just finished editing the book and finalizing it. It has 99 pages of photos. It cost \$20!!!! plus shipping.



Our Next Meeting - Monday, February 2

Gathering time: 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 7:15 p.m.

Welcome Table:

Snacks:

Beverages:

Short Program:

Main Program:

Share & Learn

Carolyn Townley & Linda Crum

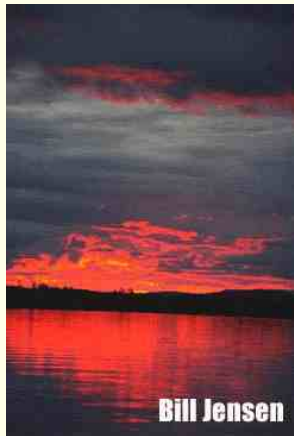
Janet Stewart

Jean Drummond

Bill Park - "Why we are happy to have flash strobes!"

Robert Seale - An accomplished action photographer who has covered numerous major sports events throughout North America, Robert now specializes in portraiture (sports, corporate, advertising). We are very fortunate that Robert has agreed to speak to our club. Come - learn - enjoy!!

Just a reminder: It's time again for paying dues (for speakers, supplies, special events): \$15 per person; \$20 for a couple or your entire family. Pretty inexpensive, and it covers a lot!



Share & Learn!"

Are you having fun with your camera? Have you learned something *new* that you are trying now? Maybe the shot's not great, but the opportunity was.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS at the next meeting!

This is NOT a photo competition – this is just for fun!

E-mail your photos (no more than 4) in simple .jpg format to cameraclub@twumc.org

Please DO NOT put them into a special program or zip form.

We cannot guarantee that photos received fewer than 4 days before the meeting will be included. Always be sure that you receive a response back from us when you send photos, just to be sure that we received them.

Pete Poulsen has done a fantastic job developing our Camera Club's website (<http://TWUMC.org/cameraclub>). Be sure to visit our new **PictureTrail** album for photos shown during the "Share and Learn" portion of our meeting. This will be a wonderful way to view all of our photos, and it is VERY secure. (Pictures cannot be ordered for printing, and they can't be right-clicked to copy to a hard drive or CD.) Send your pictures to the "Share and Learn" and watch your own photo gallery grow!!

(Note: When you submit your photos, please let us know if you DON'T want some or all of them posted on the website.)

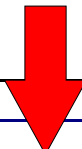
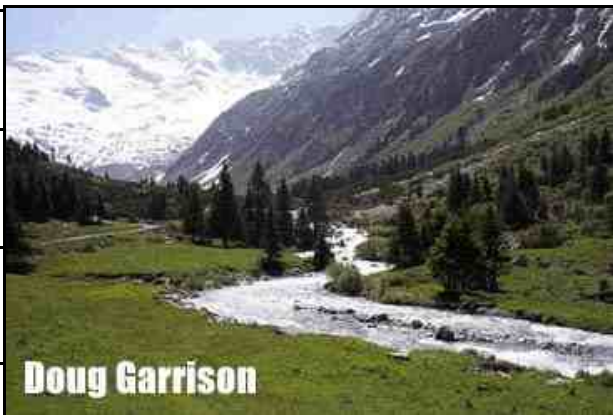
**BRING your CAMERA to the meetings -
Take some pictures!**

We need some photos of our club and our members. So bring your camera to the meetings and send us the shots. You might just see yourself in the newspapers some day!

Here's what's coming up!!

Camera Club meetings: JONES LIBRARY (southwest corner of the church)

Jan 25	SIG meetings	Digital SLR (Nikon / Canon) SIGS - Columns Café 2:00-4:00 PM
Feb 2	Board meeting	Camera Club Board Meeting: Lenox Parlor, 5:30 pm
Feb 2	Camera Club meeting	Robert Seale
Mar 2	Camera Club meeting	Dion McInnis - "The Seeing, Not the Taking" (with book-signing)
Apr 6	Camera Club meeting	Bill VandeSande
May 4	Camera Club meeting	Kathy Adams Clark
Jun 1	Camera Club meeting	Michael Hart
Jul 6	Camera Club meeting	(To be announced)
Aug 3	Camera Club meeting	David McDonald - "Bird Photography - From Field to Art Print"
Sept 7	Labor Day	NO MEETING
Oct 5	Camera Club meeting	(To be announced)
Nov 2	Camera Club meeting	Greg Lasley (with book-signing)
Dec 7	Camera Club meeting	(To be announced)



Our Purpose is to bring together people interested in exploring the wonder of God's creation through the lens of a camera. Members of all ages encourage one another and share their efforts to record nature, travels, people and memories. Anyone is welcome to join this club. We are here to teach one another through enjoyable activities and meetings, to make new friendships through a common interest, to support The Woodlands United Methodist Church through our photography, and to glorify God through it all.



Meeting days / times / location: The first Monday of each month (except holidays), 7:00 p.m., Jones Library, at the southwest end of The Woodlands United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Grogan's Mill and Lake Woodlands Drive. (Child care is available with prior reservation.)

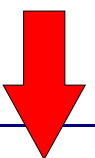
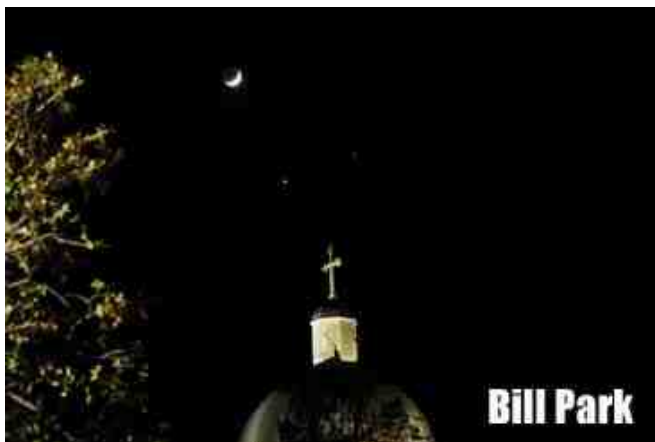
Club Dues: There are opportunities and programs that the entire group will enjoy that require funds from time to time. Membership dues (\$15 per individual; \$20 per couple or family), per calendar year, are a voluntary (non-tax-deductible) gift toward the operations of the Camera Club, and enable us to expand our programs for you! Membership is not required to attend monthly meetings nor to have a name tag. All workshops and field trips will require membership to attend. **Questions? Please e-mail cameraclub@twumc.org**

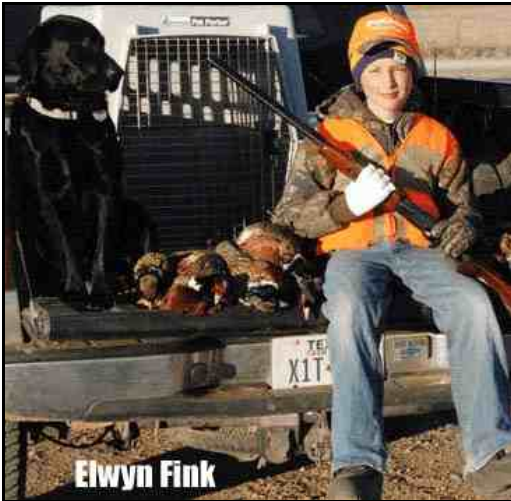
Other Photography Clubs in our area (they support us and we support them!):

The Woodlands Photography Club is an organization formed to support area photographers of all ages, skill levels and interests to advance in their ability to create truly satisfying images. In the process, we all become great friends, enjoy field trips and outings together, and learn from each other. **MEETINGS:** We meet on the second Monday of every month from 6:30 to 9 P.M. at the Community Center just west of The Woodlands Pavilion (2235 Lake Robbins Road). Visitors and the curious are always most welcome! See <http://www.woodlandsphoto.org>.

The 1960 Digital Photography Special Interest Group meets at the Cypress Creek Christian Church located at 6823 Cypresswood Drive, just east of Stuebner Airline. We meet the first Thursday of every month, unless the church bumps us for other activities. We are a diverse group of photographers seeking to improve our photographer skills, with a motto of "members helping members." We are also a part of the larger club, 1960 PC User Group which spends a lot of time talking about computers. For more information, see <http://www.1960pcug.org>

The Kingwood Photo Club is an organization of photographers, young and old, beginners and advanced, who share a love for the capture, preservation and sharing of God's creations through photography. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Kingwood United Methodist church, 6:30 p.m. For more information, please go to <http://kwphotoclub.com>





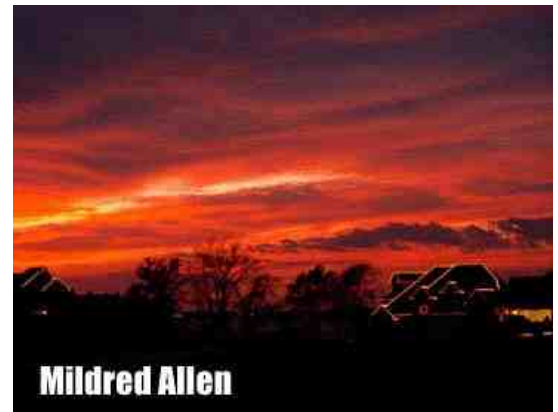
Elwyn Fink



Old Ranch House
Walden Rd.
Montgomery, TX
Jack Patton



Michel Khushf



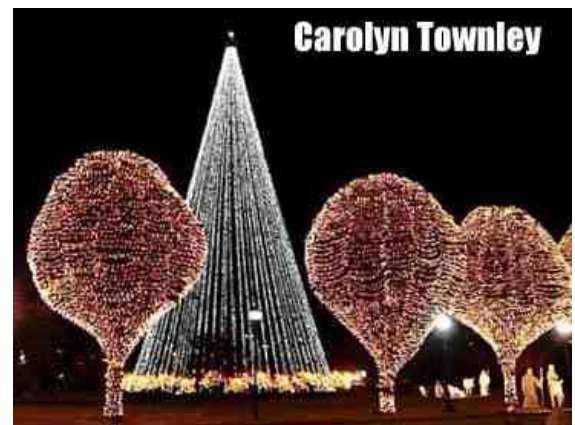
Mildred Allen



Randy Scott

Watch for a **TWUMC Camera Club Survey** in your e-mail.

What are your thoughts about this club? We want to know!! It's *your* club, after all!



Carolyn Townley

For **NURSERY** availability, Call Noah's Nook reception desk at **281.297.5949**.

You may also complete a Nursery Request form, which you may obtain from the nursery reception desk or download the form online by going to <http://www.TWUMC.org>. The form must be submitted by the 20th of the month that precedes the Camera Club meeting. Call the number above any time if you have questions!

See you on February 2nd!