**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

May 23, 2019 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

301 Hays Country Acres Rd

Start time: 6:30 pm

24 people in attendance (22 members, 2 visitors)

Our President, Warren Capps, opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda:

* Calendar
* Celebrations
* Opportunity
* Thanks
* Reports
* On with the Show
* Guest Speaker – Lindsay Hagblom
* Photo Reviews - Mammals

CALENDAR

* May 25: 12–4 pm. **Photoshop Basics Workshop** by Dave Wilson at DS Library
* June 1: 12–2 pm. **Preparing Images for Print and Display Workshop**
* June 15: 8:30am – 3:00pm **Field Trip to the Pioneer Flight Museum, Kingsbury, TX**
* July 25: Monthly Meeting – **speaker TBA**
* Show Calendar: **more later**
* August 17: **Bat Cruise**

RECENT CELEBRATIONS

* Doug Gephart
  + Had several photos acclaimed at the awards program at the Shoal Creek Conservancy Gala
* Winifred Simon
  + Had 2 photos chosen for the Wimberley Valley Art League Show
* Warren Capps
  + Had a photo Accepted for Open Show at Amanda Smith Gallery
* Nancy Fierstien

Had a photo chosen for the Cover of 2020 Texas Poetry Journal

OPPORTUNITY

* PODS CLUB MEMBER Damon Delgado
  + Establishing a lighting store in DS
  + Wants to also sell artwork from local artists
  + Contact: [damon@mainplacelighting.com](mailto:damon@mainplacelighting.com)

THANKS

Warren expressed many thanksfor all that contributed to Fotokids – either photo gear or cash

Fotokids raised over $71,000 on May 14

REPORTS

*(many chairpersons were absent tending to various international issues)*

* Vice President – Doug Gephart, Absent
* Treasurer – Greg Cook, Absent
* Field Trip Coordinator – Tim Graves, Absent
* Programs – Nancy Hernandez, Absent
* Workshops – Patty Robertson
* Public Relations/Social Media – Michael Penn Smith
* Membership – Dee Kasberger, Absent
* Tom Delaney – Reviews
* Show – Chris Wuestefeld (see below)

ON WITH THE SHOW – Chris Wuestefeld and Warren Capps

* All Dates Approximate
  + June 23 – Photo Submissions Due
  + July 7 – Results Announced
  + August 1 - Show Opening and Reception
  + August 18 – Show Teardown
* Judge will be Timothy Sens
  + [www.timothysens.com](http://www.timothysens.com/)
  + Local photographer that specializes in Minimalism

Warren provided examples and questions to ponder concerning Minimalist Photography:

* Does the image contain only a few distinct colors?
* Does the content and composition guide the viewer to the center of attention?
* Does the "subject" overpower the image?
* Is effective use made of negative space?
* Is the image free of distracting elements?
* Has the rule of thirds been used in composition?
* Is it merely a close-up of a subject? - not minimalism

GUEST SPEAKER

PODS Club member Lindsay Hagblom provided a very insightful and entertaining presentation on portrait photography.

Lindsay’s photography is a celebration of human nature, focused on helping her subject's soul to shine through their eyes. A taste of her empathetic approach:

*"How best to photograph you, how to help you smile your honest smile, and forget about my camera.*

*I've met your "crazy family" and I know you "aren't photogenic.*

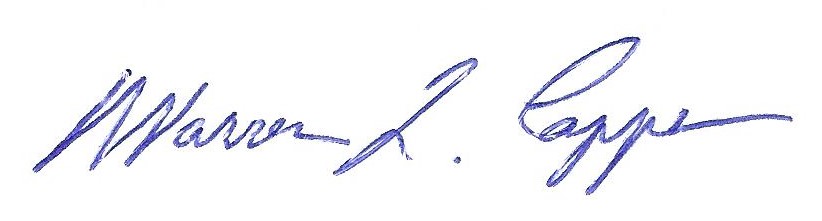
*So, here's what I have to say about you.  
You're beautiful.  
Yep, you.  
And I want to see more of that beauty in my world.  
I need it. (selfish)  
Then I want to give it back to you, so you can see it too. The real you."*

[www.lindsayhagblomphotography.com](http://www.lindsayhagblomphotography.com/?fbclid=IwAR2b14wAOIFLlDADQkgmtUoUNbMtnXyvFc_3-U1xPUWVVOWOcTT5WFZYON4)

CLUB MEMBER PHOTO REVIEWS –Tom Delaney led the group in the review of Mammal photographs taken by the club members.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:58pm.

Submitted Approved



Timothy Graves, Secretary Warren Capps, President