

On the cover



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This artistic image is "Escape," by GSACC secretary Donna Vaughan. This image was featured in GSACC's January competition and placed third in Pictorial.

As a reminder, photo manipulation is not allowed in the Nature or Photojournalism categories. However, it is allowed in Pictorial.

Please visit www.gsacc.org for complete competition rules. I'm working on the 2014 yearbook, so printed rule books should be available soon.

Have fun shooting and looking for opportunities to be creative!

Annual scavenger hunt set

This year's scavenger hunt between GSACC and the Houston Camera Club is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 in Gonzales, Texas. Here are the rules, provided by HCC:

- 1. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 5, in Gonzales, Texas, in the area bounded on the north by Pioneer Village (a few blocks north of Hwy 90 (Sarah Dewitt St.) and on the south by Hwy 197 (Shelton Ranch Road). The eastern boundary includes the Jewish cemetery on the east side of Hwy183 (Water St) while the western boundary is marked by Hwy 97 (Seydler St.)
- 2. Images eligible for the competition must be taken by members of each club on April 5 between the hours of 12:01 AM and midnight.
- 3. Each participant may take an unlimited number of images of each subject; however each may enter only one image of each subject in his/her club's competition.
- 4. All images must be entered as projected digital images even if originally taken on film. Images must be saved in jpeg format at any jpeg quality level and sRGB color space.
- 5. Each club will select three entries for each subject from all of the images submitted for that subject by its Members/ In general, each participant must have at least one image included in the club's final selection. However, if a person submits five or fewer images (that is, does not fully participate), his club may elect (but is not required to elect) not to include any of that photographer's images in its final selection.
- 6. Black and white images are acceptable, and will be judged together with all other images of that subject.
- 7. Projected digital images should be sized not to exceed either 1024 pixels horizontally or 768 pixels vertically and should be saved in jpeg format at any quality level.
- 8. Each subject will be identified with a letter and each participant should be assigned a number by his/her club—between 1-50 for GSACC and between 51-100 for HCC.
- A participant's images should be identified with the letter of the subject followed by an underscore (_), followed by the participant's number. For example:
 C 109. This will facilitate organizing images by subject.
- 10. Normal digital adjustments, such as cropping, sharpening, adjustments with levels and curves tools, correction of dust spots, use of filters, etc. are permitted. Cloning of anything into or out of an image, other than the elimination of dust spots is not allowed.

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Scavenger hunt subject list

Here is the list of scavenger hunt subjects, provided by HCC:

Subjects in Gonzales:

http://tourgonzales.com/recreation.html

A. Texas Heroes Square: Intersection of St. Lawrence and St. Joseph Streets. We shall be there from 9:00-9:15 am if you need information.

B. Chamber of Commerce/Old Jail Museum: 414 St. Lawrence

C. Gonzales County Courthouse

D. A church, some of which are:

a. Church Square: Part of the public lands grant for the city. Now permanently leased to First Baptist Church 422 St. Paul St. and to

b. First United Methodist Church — 426 St. Paul St.

c. Episcopal Church of the Messiah — oldest public building still in use for its original purpose — 721 St. Louis Street

E. Eggleston House: Free St. Louis at St. Joseph Streets F. Gonzales Memorial Museum: Free but closed for lunch

from 12-1; St. Louis at St. Joseph Streets

G. An element of nature

H. Photographer's choice

I. An interesting fence, tool, or farm implement

J. A home with a balcony or turret (See below)

K. Cemetery — some of which are:

Gonzales Memorial: Intersection of College and Wallace: park on street

b. Jewish Cemetery: Hwy 183 at West Cone

c. Cemetery Hwy 183 at East Cone

L. Anything with the slogan: Come and Take It

M. Anything with Water: Independence Park Paddling Trail is located south of Gonzales. Travel south on US Highway 183 to the bridge that crosses the Guadalupe River. North of the bridge turn right at the sign for golf and camping. Travel until you see the Guadalupe River. Or south of the bridge you will see a sign for paddling. Turn right and almost immediately turn right again to a boat put -in. These or any other water photo will suffice.

N. Pioneer Village: \$5. Choice 1. 2122 N St Joseph St, from Hwy 9 (Sarah Dewitt) turn north on Hwy 794 (Harwood Rd). Go a few blocks and turn left on St. Joseph

O. Pioneer Village: Choice 2

P. An interesting home in Gonzales

Q. Area near East Barr Feed and Supply: St. Louis at St. John Streets.

Turret- a small tower that projects vertically from the wall of a building such as a medieval castle.

Scavenger hunt timeline and lunch details provided

PROVIDED BY HCC:

The annual photo shootout between the HCC and GSACC will take place on April 5. There will be an informal meeting at 9 AM to answer questions and hand out extra packets. The shootout will take place in and around Gonzales, TX. We will hand out packets at the meeting prior to Shootout and will remain at the square until 9:15 with additional packets. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. That helps us plan for the day.

Arrangements have been made for all participants and guests to have lunch together at the Gonzales Food Market located at 311 St. Lawrence Street, at 11:15. Their specialty is barbecue. Please let us know whether you will join us for lunch and whether you will have any guests there.

Below is a timeline for this year's shootout:

March 28: Lunch count to Lisa and Marc Auerbach. lisaauer@amail.com

April 5: Shootout

April 26: San Antonio Club's deadline for getting images to Bob Jump, bjump77030#gmail.com

May 1: Images will be sent to Lockheed Martin Club for inter-club judging

May 22: Judging results back to HCC

June 28: Awards banquet at 11:30 at Frank's in Schulenburg

Directions to Gonzales from San Antonio: Take I-10 East to Luling. Take the exit by Buc-ee's. Turn right onto 183. Gonzales is 18 miles to the south.

If any GSACC members need participant numbers for this competition, please e-mail Mary Hunsicker, mhunsicker@satx.rr.com.

Mary states, "I will be at Gonzales at the square until 9:15 a.m. on the 5th to give shootout information. Be sure to respond to the Houston host — lisaauer@gmail.com if you are going to be eating lunch with the club."

Please e-mail your scavenger hunt entries (one entry for each category) to gsaccphoto@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 15. See rule nine on page two for the format of file names. GSACC will arrange a special judging session to decide which images to forward for inter-club scoring. More details will be released on this later.

Good luck to all of GSACC's participants!



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Hamilton Pool competition update

Members, please send your entries from the Hamilton Pool photo competition to gsaccphoto@gmail.com by Monday, March 24. Images will be shared at our first meeting in April.

Each participant should submit three images: We're looking for your best waterfall picture (HPWF), your best wildlife picture (HPWL), and an artist choice (HPAC). Digital submissions only. Categories are HPWF, HPWL and HPAC. Example: P HPWF Your Initials Your image name. These categories will keep them separate from our normal submissions. Pictorial rules apply to all images.

The head ranger at Hamilton Pool is looking for a good photo of the area to advertise outside the entrance. The picture will be enlarged and applied (laminated) to the large entrance board outside the park. The artist will be acknowledged on the photo. Being a county park, there is no money to pay for this effort — just acknowledgement and a little free advertising.

Thank you to William and Mary Hunsicker for providing information for this event.



Image source: https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/find-a-park/hamilton-pool

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Publication deadline: Submissions are due on the 20th day of the month before the desired publication month.

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