



May 2015 Newsletter



General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG

SPEAKER: Rich Pollock

TOPIC: Photographic Tour of Italy

Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 7:00pm

Cypress Creek Christian Church - Activity Room - Forum Building

6:30 PM:

- Membership sign-in, pay dues, and greet visitors.
- Spend time with other members and share your questions and answers (refreshments will not be provided at this time)

7:00 PM to 7:15 PM:

- General Meeting Announcements

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM:

- Digital Photography SIG

In August of last year **Rich Pollock** gave us an interesting, colorful, and highly scenic presentation called "**Morocco -- People & Places.**" Well, I've twisted his arms (both of them) to come back and do another presentation. Since he and his lovely wife Ginny both travel abroad, he has many foreign trip images to choose from and share with those of us stuck here in the Texas. Rich's post-processing skills result in images that are often stunning views of the places they have visited.

Here's how Rich describes his May presentation **Photographic Tour of Italy**: "This presentation will explore many of the internationally famous and not-so-famous regions and towns of Italy, from the island of Sicily in the south up to the alps in the north. It will also touch on the differences in regional Italian culture, cuisine, and even wines!"

Italy's national colors are green, white, and red -- just in case any of you want to dress accordingly for this photographic occasion!

I hope to see you on **Thursday, May 7th** for this enticing presentation.

Jim Sandham, SIG Leader



Photography Articles for May

Jim Sandham has selected the following articles for this month:

“Harness High Contrast”
<http://tinyurl.com/lw3wuox>

“Top Ten Ways to Become a Better Photographer”
<http://tinyurl.com/ndlwpj9>

“8 Tips to Avoid Losing Data on Your Memory Cards”
<http://tinyurl.com/obpsd63>

“Seeing & Photographing Shadows Using a Key
Visual Element”
<http://tinyurl.com/kd44y9r>

“The Importance of Waiting to Sharpen for Final
Output”
<http://tinyurl.com/kc8kye3>



Graphics SIG

Thursday, May 21, 7-9 p.m. Volunteer Leader or co-Leader, Room 30, Second floor,
of the Annex Building

Come out to the meeting for an interesting evening led by one of our members. Carlos Hernandez and David Gustine have been frequent presenters in the past. We always have lively discussions while sharing information, tips, and ideas. You might want to volunteer to lead the group, which usually means everyone contributes their comments and knowledge to the discussion for an evening of fun. Below is an example of creative framing and photo effects by **David Gustine**:



Technology SIG

Tuesday, May 26, 7-9 p.m. Sam Sanderson, Leader

At the Technology SIG we have discussions on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to all technology new and old, and of course, many topics surrounding all versions of the Microsoft Windows operating systems. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions or request from the attendees.

No subject is off limits; we cover it all. Come and join us. The topics are always interesting. It is amazing all of the technology know-how that exists within our club members.

This SIG is becoming more popular with members as Sam leads the group to solve problems, learn current information, answer questions, and shares the latest technology. You will be amazed at how much fun we have at this meeting. Attend the SIG and discover a vast amount of new information.



Jim Sandham



Sylvia Tucker



Judith Tooth

Genealogy SIG

Thursday, May 28, 7-9 p.m., Lee Smith, Leader

Another popular SIG of the 1960 PCUG, with topics such last month's presentation:

TOPIC: Genealogical Research Data demo of the new Revised Heritage Quest program

PRESENTER: Margaret Davis, Reference Librarian, Barbara Bush Branch Library

During the second hour a review of the past SIG Notes on our Web page were reviewed.

CLAYTON LIBRARY BUS TRIP

Wednesday May 6, 2015

The 1960 PC Users Group Genealogy SIG has scheduled a trip to the Clayton Library for a day of genealogical Research The Harris County Precinct 4 Senior Adult Program is providing a 20 passenger bus for our group and requires that you must be at least 50 years of age to participate in the trip.

The bus does not have wheelchair access.

Please notify Bobby Elmore bobby.e@att.net to sign up for this trip.

The County requires a minimum of 10 people for a bus to be available for us, so PLEASE sign up as soon as possible. THE DEADLINE DATE TO NOTIFY BOBBY THAT YOU ARE GOING ON THE TRIP IS MAY 1!

The bus will be departing from the rear parking lot of Cypress Creek Christian Church and Community Center promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Please plan to arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. to assure proper departure.

We will be departing Clayton Library at approximately 3:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this May trip, please visit our Genealogy web pages at <http://www.1960pcug.org/gensig>



Art Rothenberg



Field Trip

Mark your calendar, and get your camera gear ready!

What: Japanese Garden in Hermann Park, 6100 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030

When: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Depart: 9:00 AM sharp

Cost: no admission charge, but please give Jim \$1.00 per person to cover the Pct. 4 driver's lunch.

Lunch: Katz's Deli & Express, 616 Westheimer St., Houston, TX 77006 -- lunch is at your expense

Age: You must be 50 or older to board the bus

Tripods/Monopods: not suggested due to children and narrow pedestrian paths

IMPORTANT: You may bring/consume **only bottled water** on the bus. **No food, no coffee, no tea, no smoothies, no sodas, no breakfast bars -- NO EXCEPTIONS!** Eat before the trip.

If you've never been to this lovely park across from the Houston Museum of Natural Science, you're overdue! If you have visited the park before, it's time for you to go again! If it was cloudy or cold the last time you were there, don't worry....I've ordered sunny & warm weather for our trip.

When we visited the Houston Zoo a couple of years ago we lunched at **Katz's Deli**, and it lived up to its reputation. We all had wonderful soups, salads, and

sandwiches. Visit the **Katz Deli website** -- <http://ilovekatzs.com/> -- to view their entire menu.

There is a wonderful article about the garden in the **Saturday, April 18th Houston Chronicle entitled "Japanese Garden Is a Hidden Jewel"** -- <http://www.chron.com/life/article/Hermann-Park-s-Japanese-Garden-serves-as-city-6206457.php> It gives you some history of the garden, what you'll find there, plus five colorful photos taken inside the garden.

The garden is on the west side of the long reflection pond with a lake and fountain at the south end. If you finish at the garden early, feel free to wander up and down along the reflection pond and/or the lake before our 12:15 PM bus departure for lunch at Katz's.

Here are some websites to learn more:

Japanese Garden in Hermann Park --
<http://www.jgarden.org/gardens.asp?id=376>

Houston Parks & Recreation Dept. --
<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/ourparks/japanesegarden.html>

Hermann Park, In The Heart of Houston --
<http://www.hermannpark.org/visit/hours-and-directions/>

The Precinct 4 bus leaves from the CCCC back parking lot at 9:00 AM sharp. Please be in the parking lot ready to board the bus around 8:30 AM. If you arrive after 9:00 AM the bus will be gone already! We need at least ten (10) people on the bus, or the driver may cancel the trip on the spot! The mini-bus holds 20 passengers, and does NOT have wheelchair access.

We should arrive at the sanctuary around 10:00 AM. Let's allow 2 1/4 hours for our visit. Then we'll board the bus at 12:15 PM to go to Katz's Deli . After lunch we'll reboard the bus around 1:30 PM and head back to Spring, arriving at the CCCC parking lot around 3:00 PM.

Map to the CCCC Church: http://www.1960pcug.org/images_new/SIG_Map_M.html

Please contact me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 18th** at jsandham77@gmail.com to sign up for this field trip! It's strictly "first come, first served," so the first 19 people who contact me will get a seat (the 20th seat is mine). If I get more than 20 people signed up, the extras will be put on a standby waiting list (and will be contacted if I get any cancellations).

IMPORTANT: in your e-mail to me to sign up, **make sure you give me your cell phone number** (which I will use only if you are not on the bus before 9:00 AM).

I look forward to having you join the group for this fun trip. Jim Sandham



BeaAnn Kelly,
VP Communications