

# pc news



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Spring is here and swing. Texas' Gulf provide prime photography of the flowers. So take fantastic weather by colorful plumage of of butterflies and trees and plants. A hood may be all the walk to appreciate the beauty of nature. Take a break from your daily routine, and stroll down the street. Another option would be to attend one of six SIGs for the month of April.



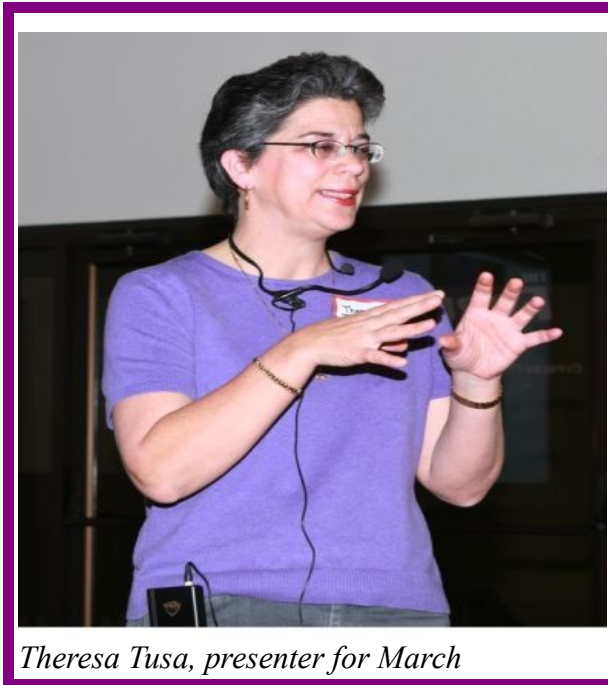
*Photo by BeaAnn Kelly*

migration is in full Coast and Hill Country opportunities for nature beautiful birds and advantage of the getting out to enjoy the the birds, brilliant hues multicolors of flowers, walk in your neighbor-further you have to

## General Meeting & Digital Photography SIG

April 2, 6:30 social, Meeting, 7-9 PM, Bill Franklin, Leader

Therese Tusa did a fantastic job with her presentation on Macro photography. With spring time just around the corner, we all got some good ideas on how to photograph some of the flowers that will soon be arriving. Bluebonnets are already showing up, so it won't be long now before some of us will be taking a ride into the countryside to capture some of nature's beauty.



*Theresa Tusa, presenter for March*

Our program for April will be a demonstration on a relatively new software program called "Lightroom". This has become a very popular program with many photographers and some of you may find it interesting enough to want to use it. Basically, Lightroom is a high-quality image processor and image data base management system rolled into one, with a modern interface with fast image processing capabilities. It is a modular design with five different modules; Library, Develop, Web, Slideshow, and Print.

Bill Franklin and Jim Kelly will present an overview of this program and try to answer any of your questions.

Don't forget our **June exhibit in the Barbara Bush Library** next door. So far we have 10 contributors, so that means only one or two prints can be submitted by each person. The library will allow our club to hang approximately 20 prints.

Your proof prints will be returned in April with our favorite picks. You can then decide which print or print you would like to have printed for hanging. Please let Bill Franklin know before April how many prints you would like to hang, so we can finalize how to handle the space at the library. If you have any questions, contact Bill Franklin at [billfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:billfranklin@gmail.com).

Bill also has practical **Photo Tips** which can be archived on his page on the club website. Check them out for some great photo information.

Also remember to submit your photos for "Share & Learn" to Bill the weekend before our meeting. Last month's photos are dispersed throughout the newsletter for your enjoyment.

A reminder for the week of April 6 - 10, no SIG meetings. Please check the activity calendar or use this newsletter for planning this month.

The following SIGs meet on the second floor of the Annex Building, Room 30 at the Cypress Creek Community Christian Church, 6832 Cypresswood Dr, Spring.

### **Software SIG**

**Tuesday, April 14, 7-9 PM, Don Marvin, Leader**

Have a software problem you are having trouble solving? Bring it to this month's SIG meeting and we will try to find a solution. One of the main purposes for our group is to help one another and to learn how to avoid problems. If you have a laptop with a problem you are welcome to bring it and we will try to solve any problems collectively in our meeting. So come prepared to ask your questions and we can have one of the most interesting meetings of the year.

Archive Don's past programs for information, reviews, and education.

### **Graphics SIG**

**Thursday, April 16, 7-9 PM, Alex Dumestre, Leader**

Commands/Techniques that we hope to cover are:

Screen Capture, Stitching, Layers, Cropping, Selections, Borders, Shapes (including Preset),

Materials (Color control, Gradients, etc.), Text Tool, Paint Brushes, Pen Tool, Flood Fill, etc., etc., etc.

Alex does not plan to cover any of these exhaustively, but only enough to show the types of uses that you can make of them. He will gladly spend as much time as required to answer your questions on their use. All that is not covered this month to everyone's satisfaction may be slid to a later date.

SIGs are informal and all attendees are encouraged to ask questions when they have encountered an explanation or demonstration that has left them confused. Ask as it happens, don't wait for a break.

Remember his standing offer to attempt to restore any heirloom (or other) photo that you may have. This is a no-risk operation because he works only on scanned copies of your original photo -- never on the original. You may e-mail Alex a scan ahead of time or you may hand him the original (in an envelope with your name and e-mail address) at the meeting and he will scan it and return it to you at the next meeting. The possibilities with a torn, badly faded original can be amazing.

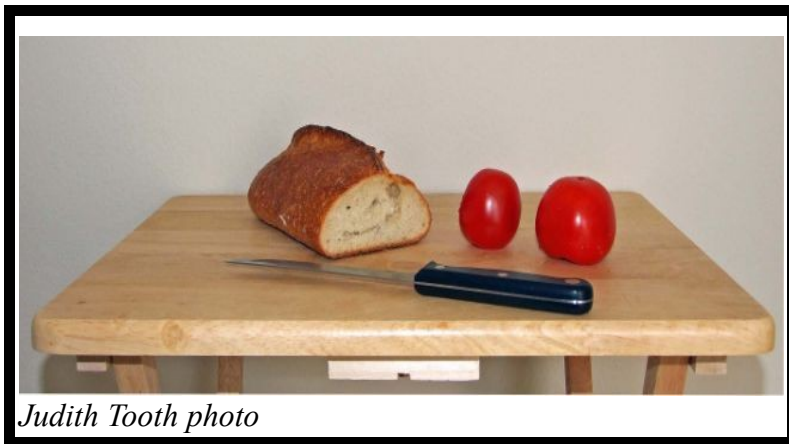
### **Hardware SIG**

**Tuesday, April 21, 7-9 PM, Bill Wright, Leader**

Every month we try to present something of interest for our technically challenged members. Our subjects are generally requested by our attendees. Our main purpose is to enlighten them as to what is inside their computer and how it works, so that they can maintain, upgrade or even build their own computer. We also cover subjects such as its proper operation, networking of computers, as well as the latest hardware developments.

If you have any utilities you want to share with others, bring them to the meeting on either floppy disks or CDs. If you have any questions or problems send Bill an email.

And as always, we are a forum where you can get your Computer and Networking questions answered.



*Judith Tooth photo*

## **Genealogy SIG**

Thursday, April 23, 7-9 PM, Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, Leaders

We are a group of computer users with a special interest in family research. This is an interactive group, so bring your questions to the SIG and we will do our best to help answer them as time permits. Be sure to visit our genealogy web pages at [www.1960pcug.org/gensig](http://www.1960pcug.org/gensig) for the latest SIG happenings and research information. Beginning and experienced researchers are welcome.

## **Windows SIG**

Tuesday, April 28, 7-9, Sam Sanderson, Leader

At the Windows SIG there will be a discussion of Windows features aimed at beginner and intermediate level users. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions from the attendees. As always, there is usually lively and informative discussion about everyone's new challenges brought on by our favorite operating system. Come and join in on the fun!



### **Investors SIG, NEW**

Thursday, April 30, 7-9 PM,

Moderators of this SIG are: Ben Anthony, a fundamental investor, and James Hug, a technical trader.

This month, Gary Toll will sit in for Ben Anthony.

At the first Investors SIG in March, James and Ben discussed financial terms, resources for tracking investments, and graphic programs (some free and some have fees) for viewing assets.

The objective of the Investors SIG is to provide its members a forum in which they can share their personal asset management ideas. Don't expect stock leads or investment tips, this is not the purpose of this SIG.

You can e-mail your questions or desires beforehand at [james@hug-family.com](mailto:james@hug-family.com)

**Note:** The Investors SIG will meet on the second Thursday of each month, beginning in June. The May Investors SIG will meet on Tuesday, May 19.

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

All members are invited to attend the BOD meeting on April 27, 2009 at Denny's Restaurant, 7720 Louetta across from the Post Office. Check the calendar.



*Bill Franklin photo*

## Refreshments

Thank you to Paul Severson for providing snacks for the March general meeting. You can volunteer to bring finger foods to future meetings. Save your receipts for reimbursement.



*Jim Sandham photo*

Let's increase our membership! Bring a friend, neighbor, even a relative to a SIG. The membership fee of \$40/year is an incredible bargain!

BeaAnn Kelly,  
Communications Officer

