



Fall Update

Website Has a New Look!

My website (www.kathyadamsclark.com) has a new look thanks to Kallisto Designs. Kalli, the owner and chief designer, is an extremely talented person with a background in photography.

Kalli worked with me to get the look I wanted. Her preliminary designs were amazing. Working with Kalli was a pleasure. In a nutshell, it was fun and easy to get a new website.

Every photographer needs a website. Contact Kalli and get the ball rolling on a professionally designed web presence for your photos.

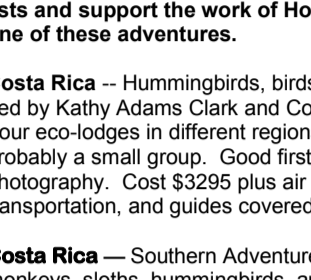
[Kallisto Designs](#)

Leisure Learning Photo Classes

Leisure Learning classes are held at 2990 Richmond Avenue beginning Jan 5th. Advance registration is required. Snack bar in the basement offering coffee, soda, hamburgers, and sandwiches. (December classes are at Bering Drive.)

- * **Digital SLR** — Dec 9, Jan 15, Mar 3 — menus, camera settings, workflow
- * **Marketing Your Photos to Calendars & Magazines** — Dec 4
- * **Intermediate** — Feb 12, Mar 24 — kids, pets, vacations. Build on what you learned in Basic Photography.
- * **Flash Photography** — Dec 10, Jan 20 — bring your camera, flash and tripod. This a hands-on class.
- * **Basic Photography** — Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 14
- * **Photoshop for Photographers** — Dec 3, Jan 6, Mar 10 — Photoshop and Lightroom workflow, metadata, renaming, processing.
- * **Macro Photography** — Mar 31 — hands on so bring your camera, tripod, flash, and flowers.
- * **Advanced Nature Photography** — Feb 28

Leisure Learning



Texas Bluebonnets

Texas Hill Country and St. Augustine Florida

I'll be leading workshops at two weekend events this coming spring.

North American Nature Photography Association's Texas Regional Event -- three days of photography shooting, learning, and sharing in the Texas Hill Country, April 16-19, 2009.

7th Annual Florida's Birding and Fotofest. Outdoor shooting, work-shops, and special event for nature photographers in beautiful St. Augustine, Florida. April 23-26, 2009

Register at [NANPA](#) or Register at [Getaway4Florida](#)

2009 Photo Tours Sponsored by Houston Audubon

The 2009 trips are starting to fill. Travel with other nature enthusiasts and support the work of Houston Audubon by joining us on one of these adventures.

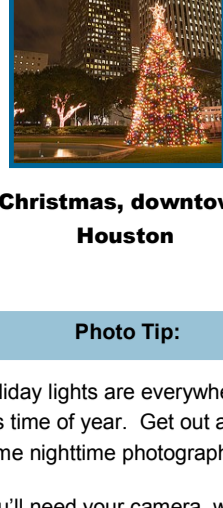
Costa Rica -- Hummingbirds, birds, and wildlife Jan 27-Feb 5, 2009. Led by Kathy Adams Clark and Costa Rican naturalist, Willy Alfaro. Four eco-lodges in different regions. Easy, comfortable, relaxing, probably a small group. Good first trip to the tropics or to learn bird photography. Cost \$3295 plus air from the U. S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee.

Costa Rica — Southern Adventure May 15-26, 2009. Scarlet macaw, monkeys, sloths, hummingbirds, and tropical birds. Led by Kathy Adams Clark, Gary Clark, and Willy Alfaro. A bit strenuous, hot, challenging, great wildlife. \$4495 plus air from the U.S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee.

Ecuador — Sept 3-14, 2009 Stop-action hummingbird photography, colorful tropical birds, and incredible landscapes. Tandayapa Bird Lodge, Papallacta Pass, and others. Three lodges in different eco-systems plus hotels in Quito. Lots of hummingbirds and opportunities to photograph them. \$3495 plus air from the U. S. All meals, lodging, transportation, and guides covered in fee.

[Strabo Tours](#) for more information

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Christmas, downtown Houston

Photo Tip:

Holiday lights are everywhere this time of year. Get out and do some nighttime photography.

You'll need your camera, wide angle lens, and tripod. Next, you'll need a location filled with holiday lights. The more lights the better.

Determine your photo by looking for a focal point (the tree in the above photo), a leading line (the rim of the pool), and a pleasing uncluttered background.

Extend the tripod to your height and attach the camera nice and tight. Set the camera on Aperture Priority (that's A or AV). Set the aperture to f/22, or your highest f/stop, for lots of depth-of-field. Focus on something solid a third of the way into the scene. Shoot!

Use the camera's timer or a cable release to eliminate camera shake. Keep the ISO at 100 or 200 to eliminate graininess



Western Emerald Hummingbird photographed on the November 2008 photo tour.

Photos from the November 2008 trip to Ecuador are posted on my website.

[Click here](#)

Cool Products & Things in the News



Gary and I will sign copies of our new book *Backroads of the Texas Hill Country* at the follow:

- [The Woodlands United Methodist Camera Club](#) Dec 1 at 7 pm
- [Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club](#) Dec 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Program with each book signing event. Proceeds benefit each organization. Our previous books will be available as well. [Contact me](#) to schedule a book signing, order books for the holidays, or get details

[The Scenic Store](#) now carries posters and fine art prints of my photographs and the wonderful photography of the photographers I represent. Enter Kathy Adams Clark, Larry Ditto, Adam Gibbs, Rick & Nora Bowers or Kevin Adams in the search engine. Images are added regularly so visit in a month or so.

Jones County Park & Nature Center in Humble has announced their annual photo contest. Entries must be taken in the park between now and April 2009. I'll be the judge so take some good photos. Adult and kids categories. [Contact the park for details.](#)

[Updig](#) — Information for serious photographers about keywording, etc.

[GuraGear](#) — camera bags and other gear designed by Houston photographer Andy Biggs.

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