



## April Guest Speaker: James (Jim) W Hamel



Our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Photography Contest just concluded, and one of our judges has graciously agreed to be a presenter for April! We welcome Jim Hamel, who is a photographer focusing on landscapes, seascapes, and urban scenes. When job and family life left him with little time to shoot during the day, he began focusing his efforts on night photography. He spent several years photographing at night in various locations across the US and Europe, both in urban and rural settings. In recent years, he has taught and lectured about night photography across the country. He also created a popular course on Night Photography for Digital Photography School. He lives in Southlake, Texas with his wife Susan and two daughters Hannah and Elizabeth.

His program for the April meeting will be “The Magic of Night Photography”. Don’t put your camera away when the sun goes down – it’s not just Night Sky photography that is out there waiting to be captured! The fun is just beginning. Skylines, buildings, and monuments are lit spectacularly for you. In rural locales, you have the night sky and Milky Way. Scenes that appear boring and drab during the day suddenly are full of drama. Learn how to capture them in this presentation by local night photography expert Jim Hamel.

His work can be seen on his website (<https://www.jimhamelphotography.com/>).

He also supports the following photography training sites with articles, videos, and guides:

Digital Photography School: (<https://digital-photography-school.com/author/jimhamel/>)

Outdoor Photo Academy: (<http://www.outdoorphotoacademy.com/dps/>)

Be sure to check these out – there are a LOT of good things out there, on a variety of topics!

Below are a few examples of his night photography work.



*Dallas, TX*



*New York, NY*



*San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge, CA*



*Chicago, IL*



*London Bridge, England*



*Paris, France*



*Madrid, Spain*