

## *Educating the Photographer, by Ron Marabito*

**Heads up everyone.** As Jim mentioned in his article, we have recognized a need to provide more photo educational opportunities for our members. To help fulfill this need at our monthly meetings, we will begin to provide “**Photo Tips**” at the meetings as well as some full educational programs. So, those of you looking for a better understanding of photographic techniques, our meetings, over time, will provide you with much needed information.

Beginning with the September Program, Jim Ross, President of the Heard Nature Photographers, will present a program on “**Wildlife Photography**”. He will provide many tips he uses for shooting wildlife. Many of you know that he captures some stunning images of wildlife.

In October, Ron Marabito, our own 3 time winner of the “Members Choice Award” will present a full one hour program on “**Photographic Composition**”. This is comprehensive, so don’t miss it. The program will be beneficial for beginners as well as advanced photographers.

In November, Dan Leffel, Master Photographer with the Plano Photo Club, will provide a short Photo Tip presentation on “**Hyperfocal Focusing**” prior to the regular scheduled presentation. This is a tool that Dan uses all the time with his wonderful nature photos.

December is when we meet and present our best images of the year to try to capture the “**Members Choice Award**”. The programs coming in the fall and described above should aid you in the production of great images. Your club board hopes to see some good competition for the award this year.

## *Gulf States Nature Contest for July, by Larry Petterborg*

The Heard Nature Photographers Club continues to do well in the GSCCC bimonthly nature photo contests. Jack Harrison was awarded 12 points and third place for his "Sand and Sky" image taken on a recent field trip to White Sands New Mexico. Way to go Jack!



## *New Heard Nature Photographers Online Store Open, by Rob Hull*

Members are now able to order a variety of merchandise emblazoned with the club logo. A giant leap beyond the red and green shirts, you can now choose classic button front shirts, polos, warm vests, jackets and more, all in colors that compliment our stylish blue logo.

Separate sections are available for mens and women's clothing as well as sections for Totes and Bags and Accessories.

Lands End Business Outfitters hosts this new site and fulfills your orders, shipping directly to you within days of your order.

You can access the site from your web browser with the url:

<http://ces.landsend.com/heard> , or find a convenient link on the clubs website at [www.heardnaturephotographers.com](http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com).

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## *Membership News, by Harold Green*

We have two new members, who joined at the July meeting, Kevin McWilliams and John Deal.



Kevin has been a photographer for 50 years (He began as an infant.) He likes people, nature and star images and has lots of experience to share.



John likes nature and family images and would like to get tips and to share photos with the members. He has been photographing for 20 years.

Welcome, gentlemen. We're glad you chose to join us!

## *Photo Contest Helpers for 2010, by Peggy Evans*

This next year is an opportunity to help with the photo contest as a club member or interested person. It is a great opportunity to learn what it takes to put a contest together and mingle with wonderful photographers.

We are going to do this a bit different this next year, no co-chair, the club members are the co-chair and with that said help is needed. If you are interested in heading up one of the areas or taking on a task please contact me by email or phone or in person. The contest is mid February but some things can't wait until then to get started. The Excel program is in place and we will have a computer to use for data entry so that is not a pressing issue. In about Oct. we will start with the advertising and as soon as possible would like to find Judges so we can have them committed to the time. The only request that I have is please keep me in the loop once you have agreed to a task. We have made one change to the contest this year and the mat boards will be one size to allow for more photos to be on display.

**Chairperson** - Peggy Evans (If you are interested in heading up the contest in future years please let me know and I will be glad to share the process with you)

**Advertising & pamphlet for awards** (work with Heard staff)

**Ribbons** - Harold Green

**Intake** - Dick Robinson

**Hanging** - (need someone to head up the hanging of the photos) –

**Judges** - (2 people to locate 3 Judges) –

**Computer Operator** - (needs to have Excel skills and able to collate data) –

**Awards slide presentation** - (we want to have slides running to show the photos of the winner's while we announce the winners)

**Special awards from supporters** - (2 persons) – John Yates

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