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The President's Letter, by Jim Ross, President

To better help the members learn and grow, in photography, we have decided to incorporate more "how to" nature photography tips and techniques into



Jim's Mourning Dove Family

our monthly presentations and will have more programs to help us improve our images. For example, in September we will provide a special presentation on D/FW Wildlife Hotspots and Nature Photo Techniques. Included will be video footage demonstrating how to implement some of these techniques in the field. Then, at the October meeting, we will have a program on composition from our "Master Composer", Ron Marabito.

This fall we will celebrate 28 years as a Nature Photo Club with a delicious BBQ Lunch! So, at the October meeting, each member is invited to bring a favorite dish to share and our club will provide the BBQ. Come hungry and note that

this meeting will be held in the Science Resource Center starting at 11:00am. We will eat first followed by Ron's presentation. Unfortunately, Another group has the room reserved after us so we must finish by 2:00pm.

Photo tip of the month - try to "Fill the Frame" with your subject so that you don't have to crop the image significantly. To do so will require you to get close to your subject and/or use a longer lens. Try moving in slowly and patiently, allowing the animal time to get used to you. Even better is to let the subject approach you. You might try using your car as a photo blind!

Learn and practice a new Photo Tip today! -- Jim

August Program - "The Photographic Advantages of being a Naturalist", by Roger Sanderson

Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - Saturday August 8, 1:30 p.m.

We are indeed fortunate to have Roger Sanderson as for our program presenter this month. Roger is Director of Gardens and Wildlife Biologist for the Heard Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Both Roger and his wife are active birders, traveling widely to view new or unusual species. They were recently selected to be part of the Cornell University search team for the Ivory Bill Woodpecker in Arkansas.

Usually known as "the Snake Man" by local youths, he has been doing snake programs for Boy Scouts for more than 15 years and teaches the Reptile Study Merit Badge at the Boy Scout National Jamboree in Virginia. His huge, live, native Texas snake collection is one of the best in the state and was used to create the Heard's widely acclaimed *Rat Snakes to Rattlers* exhibit, now reduced to a permanent exhibit *Venomous Snakes of Texas*.

Roger has been collecting butterflies and moths since the third grade and did research on gall insects in college. However, despite his vast background in animals, his greatest expertise is in plants. He was Assistant Director of the Dallas Civic Garden Center (now Texas Discovery Gardens) for 5 ½ years until forming his own landscape company which he still operates part time. Roger had a weekly column for several years in the Dallas Morning News on plants and continues to write articles about nature in several publications.

Field Trip News, by Ron Marabito

Field Trip Schedule for 2009-2010

DATE	TRIP INFORMATION	REMARKS
August 8, 2009	Night Photography	With Rob Hull
September 19, 2009	Scavenger Hunt	More information later
October 16-18, 2009	Fall Foliage in Arkansas	Itinerary to be developed
October 24, 2009	Dallas Arboretum	Butterflies at the Arboretum
November 8, 2009	Texas State Railroad	Train photography
December 5, 2009	Hagerman Wildlife Refuge	Bird Photography
January 9, 2010	Macro Workshop	Using image stacking
February 27, 2010	Trout Lily Photo Shoot	On Heard Sanctuary
March 20, 2010	Trinity River Audubon Center	Nature photography
April 16-18, 2010	Hill Country Wildflowers	If wildflowers are available
April 17, 2010	Ennis Bluebonnets	Ennis, TX vicinity
April 30-May 2, 2010	Wichita Natl. Wildlife Refuge	Bison, prairie dogs, etc.

This schedule is provided for your future planning. Obviously, it will need to be updated from time-to-time, to accommodate weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.

The Magic of Light Painting, by Rob Hull

What: The Magic of Light Painting

When: Saturday, August 8
7:30 pm - 9:30pm

Where: Farmers Branch Park, 13000 William Dodson Parkway, Farmers Branch, TX 75234
(William Dodson Parkway is a few blocks east of I-35 on Valley View Lane)

When the sun goes down, the fun is just beginning. Come learn the fine art of "light painting" - a wonderful photographic technique that is so much fun, it should be illegal.

With this lighting method you use flashlights - albeit some very large flashlights - to illuminate your subject. You literally "paint" the subject with your light, controlling your exposure with the size of the light, your shutter speed and aperture. The results are described as being quite organic since no two images are ever lighted the same way.

Light painting can be made with any size subject from a desktop still-life being illuminated with a single penlight to large formations illuminated by several multi-million candlepower lamps. For our outing we will be selecting a mid-sized subject that can be captured with a few million-candlepower. For logistical reasons not everyone will be able to shoot every scene but do bring a sturdy tripod and your camera. Also, if you have a large flashlight (e.g. 1 million candlepower or more) then bring it along too.



Members Gallery

This space is intended to give members an opportunity to show off their images to other members of the club. If you want to share some of yours, send them, digitally, to the editor, with your name and the title of the image.



Ron Marabito's *Water Lillies*



Retha Moulder's *Geico Gecko*

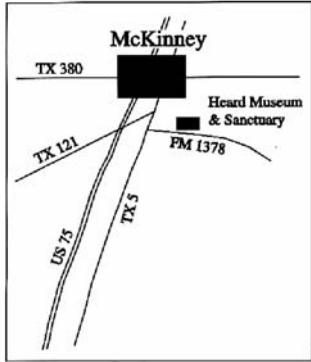


Jack Harrison's *Horned Owl*



Harold Green's *Red-eared Slider*

FIRST CLASS MAIL



HI FOLKS: I've about exhausted the supply of gallery images that you have sent. So, if you would like to share a couple of yours with the other members, now would be a good time to send them to me.

They should be jpgs, about 4" x 6" @ 100 dpi.
 Send them to me at hgreen72@att.net.

Thanks, Harold

2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 10 - Tips for Obtaining and Preparing Heard Nature Photo. Contest Winners, by Larry Petterborg & Don Steele	July 11 - Texas Tiger Shoot, by Tom Hicks
February 14 - Scenic Beauty: The Inca Trail, Machu Picchu, Argentina, and Antarctic, by Dan Leffel	August 8 - Roger Sanderson - The Photographic Advantages of Being a Naturalist
March 1 - Heard Photo Contest Exhibition March 14 - The Art of International Ecotourism Photography: Madagascar, by Andy Hollander	September 12 - DFW Wildlife Hot Spots, by Jim Ross
April 11 - Eleanore Avery - Wildebeests, Gorillas, etc.	October 10 - Ron Marabito - Subject to be Announced
May 9 - Jeremy Woodhouse - Man Cannot Live on Nature Alone	November 14 - "Come Fly With Me, by Sid & Shirley Rucker
June 13 - Field Trip Videos, etc.	December 12 - Member's Choice

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