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The President's Letter, by Jim Ross, President

The 32nd annual Heard Nature Photo Contest is here! Hundreds of entries are expected! Adult and Youth divisions provide an opportunity for all to participate in this prestigious contest that raises money for the Heard. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded and select entries will be displayed for a month in Laughlin Hall. Go to www.heardmuseum.org or www.heardnaturephotographers.com and click on "2010 Photo Contest" to download forms / instructions. Please ask Peggy Evans, our contest coordinator, how you can help make the photo contest a success!

Annual dues of \$20 are now due to our Treasurer, Harold Green. This allows you to attend Ron Maribito and Jack Harrison's exciting field trips plus gives you access to our photo blind, club meetings and more! Please make your check payable to the Heard Nature Photographers.

Share the fun by inviting a friend to our next club meeting and/or have them participate in the photo contest! We are a growing club, thanks to your dedication and hard work! Volunteers are needed to bring snacks for our social following each club meeting. Please contact Ed Pierce, our refreshment coordinator, for more details.

Keep your camera handy!
You'll never get the shot that you don't take.

Happy shooting,

Jim



January Program - Nature Photography, Russell Graves *Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - Saturday, February 13, 1:30 p.m.*

Since I can remember, I've been fascinated with nature, wildlife, agriculture and the outdoors. As a teenager on my family's cattle ranch, I recall being chastised for searching for white-tailed deer when I was supposed to be looking for lost cattle in the hardwood bottomlands that filter the muddy waters of Bois d'Arc Creek.



I went to school in the tiny Northeast Texas town of Dodd City where I was surrounded by a rural culture that is still strong today. As a boy growing up on the rolling hills of the northern Texas blackland prairie region, my family introduced me to fishing, hunting, camping, trapping, and other outdoor pursuits.

Even after graduating college in the mid-1990's, I passed up chances to live a more suburban and domesticated lifestyle and made my home in the southeastern Texas Panhandle where cattle, deer, and coyotes outnumber people. I still live in Childress, although now I share my home with my wife Kristy and our two young children.

By contrast to the rural ways in which I am so fond, I've embraced modern technology and incorporate multiple technologies for image capture and delivery which is at the vanguard of speed and efficiency for my chosen specialization.

Because of my background as a small town guy, I feel I bring a fresh perspective to my photography, writing, and speeches which makes my work unique.

Mr. Graves invites the members to bring questions, regarding nature or photography.

Membership News, by Harold Green

We had 6 members join at the January meeting. I know we all look forward to getting acquainted with these folks and helping to make them a part of our group. Unfortunately, in the confusion, I failed to get photos of Mr. Dilbeck and Dr. Solis.



Michael Babiak



John & Margaret Etheredge



Kay Hale

Rolando Solis was a member some years ago and is now rejoining. He is an advanced photographers who does general digital photos. He would like to get more tips and techniques on nature photography from the members.

Jeff Dilbeck, also an advanced photographer, does nature photography and would like to participate in field trips and workshop and sharpen his technique with information from members.

John & Margaret Etheredge are both retired college instructors who enjoy landscape, architecture, travel and family photography. Although advanced photographers they would like to improve their photography and would enjoy seeing that of the other members.

Michael Babiak considers himself an advanced beginner in photographic skills, who does landscape, architecture, wildlife and is possibly interested in commercial work. He would like fellowship and inspiration from the members and a chance to contribute.

DUES REMINDER: Club dues for the new year are due and payable. You may remit them to Treasurer, Harold Green at the meeting, or mail them to his address, at 10424 Mapleridge Dr., Dallas, TX 75238.

The 32nd Heard Nature Photography Contest, by Peggy Evans

I am very excited to tell you that this year the Heard has agreed to use the proceeds from the contest to replace the cloth wall coverings in Laughlin Hall. Lets help this happen. In the past we have provided some \$2000 and the cloth on the wall will take in the neighborhood of \$3000, so continue to spread the word to enter the contest.

The Contest is upon us, and this next Saturday will start the intake process. If you have not signed up to help but would like to, please feel free to contact me or Dick Robinson or you can just show up at any time.

Dates and Times we need folks for the intake:

February 6 th (Saturday) 9 am to 1 pm
February 7 th (Sunday) 1 to 4 pm
February 13 th (Saturday) 9 am to 12:30 pm

We will hang the photos on Saturday February 20th, from 10 am until we're done, usually about 2 pm, but this year, with all the mat boards the same size, it may go faster and many more can be hung. If you would like to help with the hanging you can contact Jim Ross or me. I can be contacted at pegme16@yahoo.com or 940-453-0876 (H) or 940-349-3323 (W).

Upcoming February 27th Field Trip

We will be capturing images of the delicate and beautiful trout lilies (also know as dogtooth violets) on Saturday, February 27th, on the Heard Museum Sanctuary, provided they and the weather cooperate. We never know for sure when they will show up, so hang loose and be prepared for a date change.

Tom Heath will be staying on top of their progress and will also lead this excursion on the Heard Museum grounds. I will be out of pocket with another event. Tom will meet you in the parking lot around 2:30 PM to take advantage of late afternoon light

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting, or you can send me an email to sign-up, at remarabito@att.net.



Trout lily, by Harold Green

Macro Workshop Report

If you did not attend this event on January 9th, then according to those who did, it was educational, fun, successful and apparently too short. It also took the place of a monthly field trip. Good thing too, it was real cold and we got to stay inside.

Irwin Lightstone (Mr. Macro) and I put the event on and we both had a great time doing it. We had 27 people for the event and rather than charging the advertised \$5.00 for the event to cover expenses, the club paid for it from the treasury.

A drawing was held at the end and the (3) bouquets of flowers went to: Arne Hatlestad, Bernie Pysz and Bev Cavitt.

Please let Brenda, at the front desk of the museum, know that having the use of the space was very appreciated by club members.



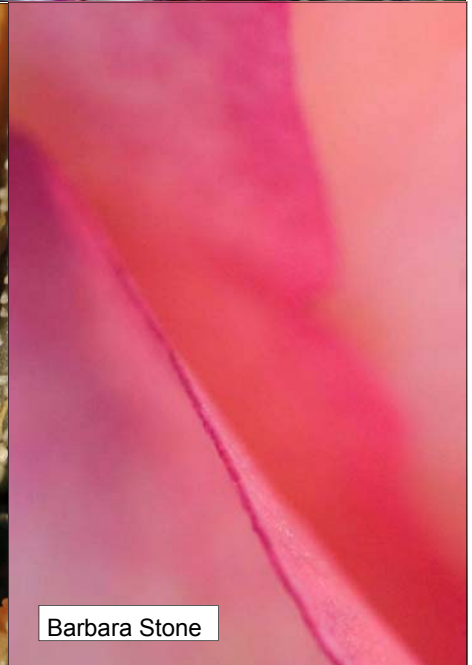
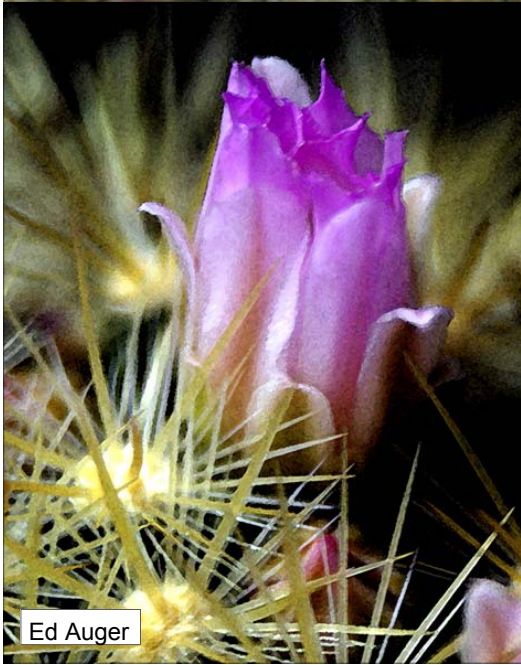
Irwin has provided a page of tips on macro photography that will be furnished as a separate attachment.

This month, the Members Gallery will be dedicated to several of the images made by workshop attendees.

2009 - 2010 Heard Nature Photographers Field Trip Schedule	
Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge	December 5, 2009
Macro Workshop, with Image Stacking	January 9, 2010
Trout Lily Photo Shoot	February 27, 2010
Trinity River Audubon Center	March 20, 2010
Hill Country Wildflowers (provided there are any)	April 16 - 18, 2010
Ennis Bluebonnets	April 17, 2010
Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, OK	April 30 - May 2, 2010
<i>This is a living schedule and is subject to change, based on weather and other unforeseen circumstances.</i>	

Members Gallery

This space is intended to give members an opportunity to show off their images to other members of the club. This month, it is dedicated to the images furnished by the attendees of the macro workshop.



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Members Gallery - continued



Fay Stout



Ed Auger



Irwin Lightstone



Fay Stout



John Deal

PSA News, by Carole Kropscot

Big News, the PSA Journal is now online. Now you can read the 2010 issue before you receive it in the mail!

Due to popular demand, my "Just for Beginners" articles are now also online. And more to come!

See these and many other wonderful things you're entitled to, as a member of PSA!

From the main PSA home page www.psa-photo.org, click on Membership. Then click on Member Log In.

If you don't have the necessary log in information, email Kara at PSA headquarters at hq@psa-photo.org.

Carole Kropscot
Photographic Society of America
Region Director
Region 6

Carole was a former member of this club
and has continued to stay in touch.

Bob Jones Nature Center Annual Photography Contest, furnished by Bruce Rosenstiel

Entries for the contest must be submitted by April 15. Go to the center's website: www.bjnc.org, for more information on the contest and on the center.

The Bob Jones Nature Center is located at the far north side of Southlake, which is northwest of Grapevine, near the southern shore of Grapevine Lake.

Hospitality News, by Ed Pierce

Those who signed up to bring refreshments are: Don Steele, Laurie Snidow and Ed Pierce.
If you haven't signed up to bring refreshments, yet, Ed would appreciate that you did.

2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 09 - Yellowstone & Iceland, by Dan Leffel	July 10 - Subject to be Announced, by Sean Fitzgerald
February 13 - Wildlife Photography, by Russell Graves	August 14 - Subject and Presenter to be Announced
March 13 - Software Use, by Tom Maddrey	September 11 - Subject and Presenter to be Announced
April 10 - Mexico—Day of the Dead, by Larry Petterborg	October 09 - Subject and Presenter to be Announced
May 8 - Lewa—An African Adventure, by Randi Bolton	November 13 - Subject and Presenter to be Announced
June 12 - Macro Flowers, by Therese Tusa	December 11 - Member's Choice Award, plus

Club Leadership

President - Jim Ross
Vice - President - Laurie Snidow
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