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The President's Letter, by Jim Ross, President



Jim's "Caged Lion"

On your next photo shoot, try getting as close as you safely can to your subject. Position the eyes in a power point / rule of thirds position and make sure the eyes are in sharp focus! Eliminate distractions by adjusting your position. Favor the warm lighting found at the beginning /end of the day. Use fill flash to highlight your subject and capture catch-light in the eyes. Use a larger aperture to blur the background and make the subject really stand out. Don't forget to sign up to bring a snack to a future club meeting. Contact Ed Pierce for details. You might also bring prints to share with fellow members or

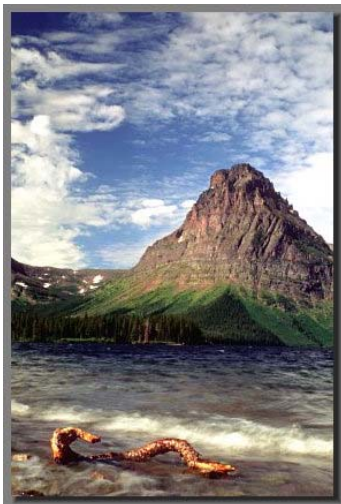
e-mail a small jpeg file to Harold for possible inclusion in our newsletter-Member's Gallery. This is a great chance to obtain feedback on your work.

What project would you like to see our club complete this year? We have talked about replacing the projector screen in Laughlin Hall (has a tear across the middle) with a new screen. I'll check in to pricing this summer and perhaps we can replace it by fall. Let me know what other project you would like to work / complete by year end.

Keep Shootin,
Jim

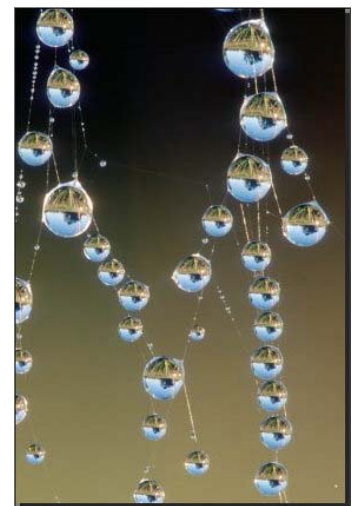
June Program - Led by the Light , by Therese Tusa *Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - Saturday, June 12, 1:30 p.m.*

My program will focus on macro photography subjects shot in natural lighting and highlight the small wonders nature provides. I'll try and give a bit of advice for images as well.



"Josephine Lake"

My name is Therese Tusa, and I've been participating in nature photography for thirteen years. I became interested in nature photography after returning from an amazing trip to Kenya and Tanzania, Africa. I began noticing simple, yet beautiful things in nature such as a fluttering butterfly or a flowering cactus. My choice of format is now digital photography. I photograph subjects in natural lighting, and I only manipulate my images to match what I see in the view finder. Most of my images were taken with a Sony Alpha 700 and a Minolta 200mm Macro Lens. I took Grizzly Bear images with a Minolta 400/4.5 lens, using a 1.4 teleconverter at times. I reside in Southern Texas, and I'm owned by a lively, joyful Boston Terrier named Dapper.



"Webdrops"

Membership News

Jim and Chandra “Tie the Knot”, by Rob Hull

There are many things that we hold true. The sun rises and sets. You cant avoid taxes and death is inevitable. But something has changed that may shock your beliefs to the core. Jim Ross is married!!

For those of you who thought that our club president would never take that step, I provide photographic evidence to the contrary.

Jim Ross and Chandra Wisniewski were married at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller on May 22. It was a beautiful wedding followed by a brief reception at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens followed by dinner and dancing at the Colonial Country Club.

My understanding is that Jim and Chandra are now enjoying a honeymoon to Australia and New Zealand. You may not see him for a few months - in July he'll be in Wisconsin for a reception in Madison for family members that could not travel to Texas.

Congratulations to Jim and Chandra. Here's to many happy years together.



Jim and Chandra, by Rob Hull

New Members, by Harold Green

We have 6 new members, Mike Sherman, who joined in April and Ruth Freeman, Karen Clark and Camelia Maier and her son George Roberson, who joined in April. And finally, Ray Downs, who joined by mail, in May.



Mike Sherman has been photographing for about 10 years and likes to do landscape images.

He is interested in participating in club events and would like to share his software knowledge.



Karen Clark has been photographing for a much longer time. She would like to learn how to apply her SLR knowledge to digital photography. She also likes to do landscapes.



Ruth Freeman has been photographing as long as she can remember and would like to take photo trips with other photographers for fellowship and creative stimulus.



Camelia Maier has been photographing for long time and **George Roberson** for a much shorter time. They like nature photographs and would like to share their nature knowledge with

Ray Downs does nature and commercial photography and has been at it a long time. He would like to sharpen his nature skills further and has much experience to share with the members. He joined by mail, so we don't have his photo to share.

Welcome Folks!

HOSPITALITY REMINDER, BY Ed Pierce

The June refreshment sign-up volunteers are:

- Laurie Snidow
- Randi Bolton, and
- Marillyn & Harold Dunievitz

Field Trip News, by Jack Harrison

Feedback on Wichita National Wildlife Refuge Field Trip

On the last weekend in April, several members of the Heard herd traveled to the Wichita Wildlife Refuge near Lawton, Oklahoma on an enjoyable photo field trip. John Deal, Peggy Evans, Jack Harrison, Tom Heath, Nell and Harold Green, Debbie and Jim Oates, Terree Stone and Fay Stout made the trek in search of prairie dogs, bison, elk, deer, wildflowers, scenics and all the other elements of nature that all of us enjoy so much. The fruits of these members' efforts will be shown in a video at our next meeting on June 12.



Terree's "Give me a sugar"

Photo Opportunities, by Rob Hull

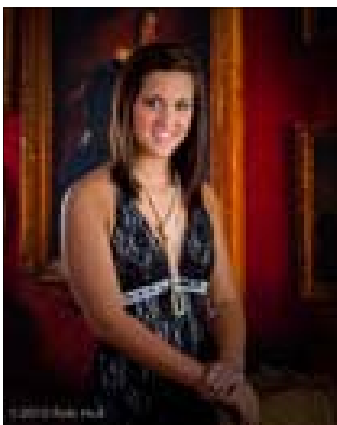
Canon Advanced Shooter Workshop *Club Members Save on Registration*

Today's complex camera systems provide so much benefit for the experienced photographer helping bring extremely challenging images to life. But these benefits come at a cost, an increase in complexity that can often spell disaster for the unprepared photographer.

Canon shooters can now take that next step to master their equipment at a special Canon Advanced Shooter weekend workshop. Leave all your distractions behind and focus on learning more about your Canon camera system and how to take better photographs using the equipment that is already in your camera bag.

This weekend getaway was developed for the experienced Canon user by Rob Hull's GreatPhotography and Bob Malish of Canon Professional Services. This is not a beginners program. To attend, you should already be familiar with basic photographic techniques and also how to use the basic functions of your equipment.

During the weekend you'll explore more advanced techniques involving focus, exposure, white balance and composition. Specific topics include digital flash, both on-camera and wireless, multiple flash, understanding autofocus and drive modes, custom white balance, file and folder naming methods, custom and personal functions, shooting tethered and much more.



There are three 2010 dates, the first in Dallas beginning August 6. You can also take a break from the summer heat and enjoy the program on the beach in Galveston beginning August 27. The last 2010 date is Edmond, Oklahoma on September 24. You can find more information about the program, including the agenda and registration links at www.CanonAdvancedShooter.com.

If you're a Canon shooter and you want to take that next step to learn more about your system then be sure to register for the workshop of your choice today. Last years program sold out and space in each venue is limited. As a benefit of your club membership you can register today and save. Use the tracking code "Heard" when you register and you'll save \$20. Yes, membership does have it's privilege - but all good things do come to an end, this discount offer expires June 30 so don't delay, register today.

Heard Nature Photographers is now on Facebook, by Anita Oakley

I have set up a Group for the club, to be a casual place to connect, arrange impromptu shoots and share photos between meetings, etc. If you are a Facebooker, search for the club name to join the group. To date, 12 members have joined in.

Members Gallery

This space is intended to give members an opportunity to show off their images to other members of the club. You are encouraged to submit images to the editor, for display here in the future. Send jpg images, 100 dpi, at 3 x 4 inches, or so.



Larry Petterborg's - "Mexican Spider"



Jim Oates "Western Diamondback"



Martina Thompson's "Nectarine Blossoms"



Laurie Snidow's - "Barred Owl"

GSCCC News, by Larry Petterborg

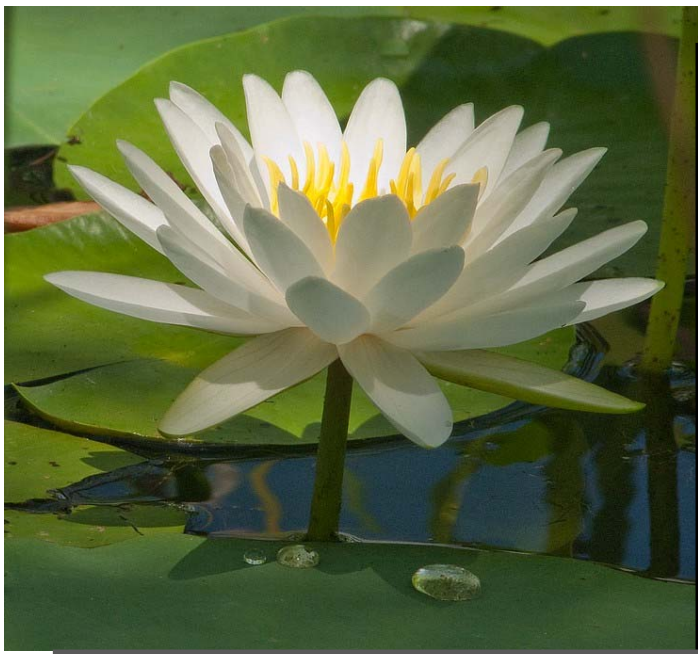
In the GSCCC Nature Competiton, The Heard Nature Photographers entry scored 47 points (out of a possible 60) with images from Jack Harrison, Laurie Snidow, Tom Heath, and Larry Petterborg. This put us in the top half of the 17 competing clubs. Please view the June GSCCC (<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/index.htm>) newsletter for the winning shoots. Here are their images.



Jack Harrison's - "Mount Ranier & Wildflowers"



Larry Petterborg's "Paper Kite"



Tom Heath's "Water Lily"



Laurie Snidow's - "Monarch Migration Stop"



Steve Russell, a former member, sent this image, taken in April, 1987, (23 years ago) with the following comments: *While immersed in a mind-boggling project of scanning most of my old slides to digital images I ran across the attached photo. It was taken at Fossil Rim Ranch near Glenrose and was one of the great Heard Nature Photographers' field trips.*

It was a wonderful field trip because we were able to gain access to the ranch before sunset and in our own vehicles. I'm not sure that the current owners would even entertain that possibility now.

I thought you might like this photo for its historical value and maybe even publish it in the newsletter. If you are interested, I also have a couple of photos from that trip that still rank among my very favorites.

2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| 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 - Japan in Winter, by Eleanore Avery |
| March 13 - Adobe Lightroom for the Nature Photographer, by Tom Maddrey | September 11 - Subject to be Announced, by Bob Frank |
| April 3 - 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 - Zoo Photography & Its Challenger - Cathy Burkey |
| June 12 - Macro Flowers, by Therese Tusa | December 11 - Member's Choice Award, plus |

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