



# HEARD

## Nature Photographers

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### *Member's Choice Contest, by Harold Green*

The annual Winner's Choice contest this year was one of the best ever, both in terms of quality and number of images entered. We had a total of 92 images to select from, all of which had been furnished to Rob Hull earlier, by email. As usually, Rob was organized and handled the contest efficiently and orderly.

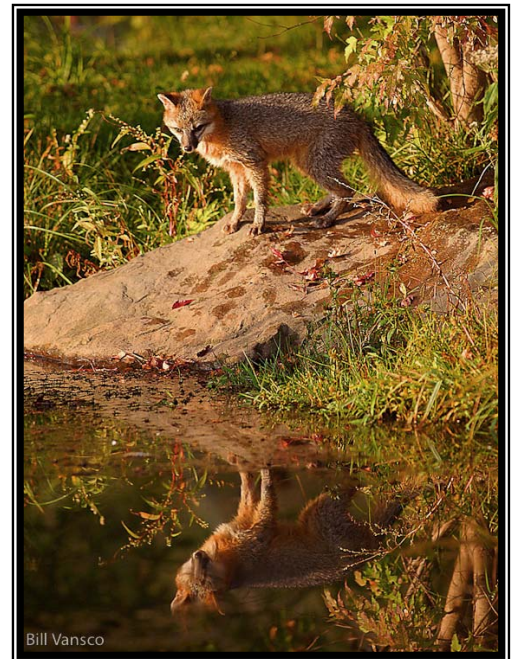
After the dust had settled, we had selected Bill Vansco's intriguing photo, "Grey Fox at Pond's Edge, Looking at Self". Can you imagine all the aspects of this image that had to come together at the same time?

Bill's winner will be professionally printed and framed and hung at an appropriate location in the Heard Museum building.

Congratulations, Bill!

On a related topic, Rob has set up a Member's Gallery on our club website; [www.heardnaturephotographers.com](http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com), and has placed the Winner's Choice entries on it to get it started. *(Read more about it on page 2.)*

*Bill's winning image*



### *January Program - Yellowstone in Winter and Iceland in Summer, by Dan Leffel*

*Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - Saturday, January 9, 1:30 p.m.*

Yellowstone in winter is a magical place! The winter light is soft and warm, and Yellowstone's thermal features contrast with the cold temperatures to create mystical fog and hoar frost! We will explore Yellowstone in February, discussing winter landscape photography techniques and winter wildlife opportunities.



*Dan's Winter in the Yellowstone*

Iceland is one of the best kept secrets on earth for photography! Iceland has too many waterfalls to name all of them, and one of the most diverse landscapes on earth! We will discuss how to photograph and post process waterfalls, rainbows, seacoasts, lava fields, glaciers, etc. And we discuss a rare opportunity to photograph a fireworks display over a glacier and iceberg lagoon! Additionally, a few surprises will be thrown in, such as photographing the Milky Way during the new moon at Guadalupe National Park right here in Texas!

Dan Leffel has been an avid photographer for over 40 years, and has pursued photography full time since he retired 10 years ago from EDS.

His passion for photography includes shooting fine art, scenic landscapes as well as commissioned portraits and model portfolios in his studio.

Dan's photography has taken him on two 12 day rafting trips through the Grand Canyon, an 11 day rafting trip through the Alaskan wilderness, and on trips spanning North America to Antarctica. He has earned first place awards in the Dallas Sierra Club photography contest and the Heard photography contest, as well as at many Plano Photography club competitions

## *Field Trip News, by Ron Marabito*

Irwin Lightstone and Ron Marabito are putting on a Macro Workshop, on January 9, from 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Heard Museum. If you want to participate, email Ron at [remarabito@att.net](mailto:remarabito@att.net) to sign up. We currently have 24 people on the list. **Remember** - this is the same day as the normal meeting, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, so come make a day of it.

Cost is only \$5 to cover supplies and is payable the day of the workshop.

You should bring any or all of the following:

Tripod  
Cable release  
Macro lens  
Standard lenses  
Flash  
Tube extenders  
Teleconverters  
Closeup lenses or Diopters  
Focusing rail (if you have one)  
Reflectors

**Also:** bring any small items that you might want to get good macro shots of. This could include: jewelry, stones, curios, insects, fabrics, etc..

We will provide flowers, cactus and miscellaneous other items.

Come on out and explore the miniature world. This will give you a great opportunity to see real to surreal images, and create abstracts from real objects.



Ron's macro example

## *Photo Opportunities*

### *Rob Hull Announces Special Workshop*

Long time club member and webmaster Rob Hull is offering a special photography workshop called **Beaches & Birds - Texas Coastal Bend**. The workshop will be held in Rockport, Texas on March 10 - 14, 2010. Workshop agenda includes a 1/2 day boat excursion into the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to photograph the endangered whooping cranes as well as many other water bird species.

### *Sean Fitzgerald Wins Pro Division of the Trinity River Photo Contest*

Four of Sean's images won the Professional division for landscapes (1st), wildlife (1st and second), and architecture (1st) in the City of Dallas sponsored photo contest for images from the Trinity River.

Go to Sean's website to see some of his images and to check out the other opportunities he offers at his studio, in downtown Dallas - <http://seanfitzgerald.com>.

## *Website Member Gallery, by Rob Hull*

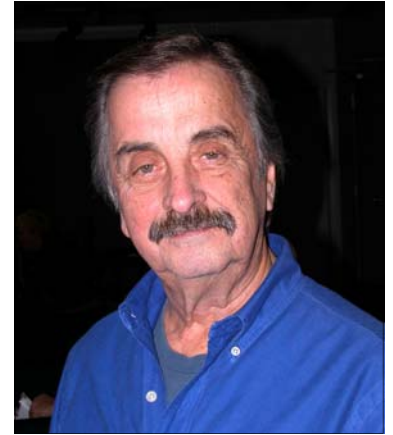
A new gallery has been added to the club's website that shows some of the outstanding work by our members. The current gallery has 92 images that were entered in this year's Member's Choice show at the December meeting. Over time other galleries will be added, including galleries dedicated to the images shot during club field trips.

You can visit the gallery by going to the club's website at [www.HeardNaturePhotographers.com](http://www.HeardNaturePhotographers.com) and clicking on the gallery link in the right column. Additions and updates will be made to the gallery in the spring. Information on how to prepare your images for the gallery and where to send them will be available at a later date. In the mean time, enjoy the gallery.

## Membership News, by Harold Green

We had a new member join at the December meeting - **Billy Erwin**.

Billy lives in Princeton. He enjoys photography and have been involved for about four years. He prefers landscape, nature and macro and would like to become more knowledgeable from the club and members.



In addition, we had a new member join by mail - **Matthew Gomez**.

Matthew lives in Rowlett and has been a photographer for about 4 years. He does sports, performance and portrait photography and would like to learn more about wildlife and nature photography and to network with the members.

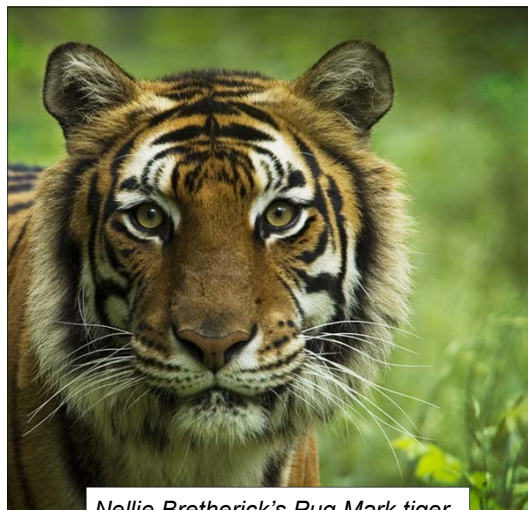
*A Big Welcome to you both!*

## 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.



John Deal's red flower



Nellie Bretherick's Pug Mark tiger



Larry Petterborg's Mexican spider

### 2010 Heard Nature Photographers Field Trip Schedule

Macro Workshop, with Image Stacking	January 9, 1010
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

*This is a living schedule and is subject to change, based on weather and other unforeseen circumstances.*

## **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**

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