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The President's Letter, by Jim Ross, President

Wow, check out the walls of Laughlin Hall! With over 600 submitted photos, the 32nd annual Heard Nature photography contest was a big success. Peggy Evans, the contest coordinator, did an excellent job once again coordinating this event. Thanks to the many folks (see article inside) like Dick Robinson, who pitched in to help! Please come see the wonderful photo entries on display during the month of March. You will be amazed!

You might ask "how can I take my photography to the next level"? Check out the ribbon winners in the photo contest for ideas. Great photos

have impact (wow factor!) - invoking an emotional response and engaging the viewer to take a longer look. Often the winning images are sharp (especially the eyes) and/or were taken during warm or dramatic lighting.

Come join us for some nature photo fun by bringing a friend to our next club meeting and/or fieldtrip! Your participation, ideas, and enthusiasm are welcome! Dues are only \$20 a year payable to our Treasurer and Newsletter editor Harold Green. Registered members are granted free access to the Heard grounds on the day of our club meeting. Bring your camera along!



This is Jim's First Place Winner in the Heard Photo Contest - "Wintering the Storm".

March Program - Lightroom for the Nature Photography, by Tom Maddrey *Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - Saturday, March 13, 1:30 p.m.*

Adobe's Lightroom program is one of the best ways to keep track and enhance all of your digital images. In this talk, Tom Maddrey will discuss some of the most important features and great tips to maximize Lightroom to its full potential! Even if you don't use the program, much of what Tom discusses will be applicable to any workflow program. At the end, Tom will leave time for questions not only about Lightroom but also about any other aspect of photography!

TOM MADDREY is a photographer, teacher, author, and student of the art and the craft of photography. Through his unique set of workshops, photographers are able to jump-start their photography and creative vision. Tom is the Founder and CEO of the Eclipse Photography Institute, the best place to learn photography on the web. To learn more about the services Tom offers, visit www.tommaddrey.com, and to explore Eclipse visit www.eclipseinstitute.com.



One of Mr. Maddrey's images

The 32nd Heard Nature Photography Contest, by Peggy Evans

32nd Annual Photography Contest brought in 612 entries, with \$4770 collected. The breakdown between divisions is: Adults - 342, Juniors - 132, and Seniors - 138. After all expenses the Heard will receive approximately \$3500. There were many winners in the club and that alone is exciting to have such hard work recognized and to know that wealth of information is just a conversation away. There were so many that helped to make this happen but as a club everyone stepped up in the best ways possible and I am once again honored to have been the Coordinator to see the smiles, listen to the sharing of dreams and ideas and techniques. Thank you for this honor and thank you to so many helpers, who without you, none of this could have happened.

Now enjoy on the walls of Laughlin Hall all the hard work and join the field trips, talk with each other and share locations and techniques and plan for next year with full knowledge of the categories and special awards, like black and white and environmental, and animal antics. Remember the first and foremost thing the Judges look for is sharpness for either the subject or through out the image. Make it FUN! Peggy Evans

Feedback from a Contest Winner, by David Wille

David Wille, winner of the Adult Best of Show award, in the Heard Nature Photo Contest, sent his appreciation for all the work on the contest, provided by the club volunteers, and commented that the contest is one of the highlights of the year for him. He remarked that if he didn't have so many demands on his time, he would surely become a member of the Heard Nature Photographers.

David also mentioned that he contributed his \$50 cash award to the museum and had some suggestions regarding using the winning images for fund-raising for the museum, which will be followed up on by the museum staff and club leaders.

LAST CALL FOR DUES: 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.

ITEMS FOR SALE

1. Flash-X-Tender model FX-2 (also known as Better Beamer) Mint \$30.
2. B&W 72mm UV Haze filter, MRC, slim, model 010 NEW \$100

Peter Gilbert

Canon 30D SLR. Has been gently used and is in excellent condition. Includes battery charger, two batteries, USB cord, Canon software, operators manual and a memory card. \$350.00.

Harold Green

Camera Equipment Backpack, Lowe Pro Nature Trekker. Excellent condition, \$75.00

Jack Harrison

Field Trip News, by Ron Marabito

Field Trip to Dallas Arboretum on Saturday, March 20th

Note: Because of the lack of spring growth at the Trinity River Audubon Center we have opted to change to the Dallas Blooms at the Arboretum.

Lets Meet in the Dallas Arboretum Parking lot no later than 8:45 am. Saturday is a busy day and those not present at the opening have little chance of parking in the lot. The ticket booth opens at 9:00 am.

Adults: \$10.00 Seniors with coupon: \$9.00

You can download and print a coupon at www.dallasarboretum.com

I suggest you bring a small lunch and we can gather at noon for a picnic.

Stay as long as you wish. Please let me know if anyone needs some help with their photography. We can link you up with a mentor. There are opportunities to use all kinds of lenses, so come prepared. Tripod is a must for good images.

Let me know via email if you plan to attend. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the March 13th meeting.

Wildflower Field Trip to the Hill Country, April 16-18th

This year, we expect to have a bonanza, so you don't want to miss this trip. Our base of operations will be Burnet, Texas. It turns out that Llano is having their Crawfish Festival with golf tournament and they are already booked up solid. It is important for you to make a commitment early, as the popularity of the wildflowers will put a lot of pressure on rooms. Best Western currently has rooms and they provide a Continental Breakfast.

Our original intent was to base in Llano to make it easier to reach the Mason area. It just didn't work out.

I plan to be staying at the Big Chief RV Resort on Lake Buchanan. It is one mile north on FM690 from Texas hiway 29 and about 10 miles west of Burnet. This is close to the east end of the Lake Buchanan Dam. Please email me or call to get on the list. My email is: remarabito@att.net and the phone is 214-676-4046. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March and April meetings. Please make your reservations early. Let me know where you are staying as I will need a way to find you.

We will meet at 7:00 am at the Best Western on Friday morning. I will hand out maps, schedule and information about the best locations in the area while you are enjoying your Continental Breakfast. I plan to scout the area for a couple of days before you arrive. This should reduce your hunting time.



Tulips & Daffodil, by Harold Green



Ron Marabito's "Bluebonnets and Old House" Image

2009 - 2010 Heard Nature Photographers Field Trip Schedule	
Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge	Saturday, December 5, 2009
Macro Workshop, with Image Stacking	Saturday, January 9, 2010
Trout Lily Photo Shoot	Saturday, March 6, 2010
Dallas Arboretum for "Dallas Blooms"	Saturday, March 20, 2010
Hill Country Wildflowers (provided there are any)	April 16 - 18, 2010
Ennis Bluebonnets	Saturday, 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 Best-of-Show images from the Heard Nature Photographers Contest and their makers.



David Wille, Adult Best-of-Show Winner



Samara Holbrook, Senior Student Best
- of - Show Winner



Emilie Wille, Junior Student Best - of -
Show Winner



David's winning image - "Trees
in "Snow Storm"



Samara's winning image,
"Rare Beauty"



Emilie's winning image,
"Tufa, at Sunset"

Membership News, by Harold Green



Laurie Dutton

Laurie Dutton joined the club at the February meeting. She lives in Carrollton and is an advanced photographer of 20 years. She does nature, wildlife, landscape and macro photography and hopes that belonging to the club will renew her interest in nature photography. Laurie uses a digital SLR.

Welcome, Laurie!

IN MEMORIAM: We are saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Ralph Pyke, on Monday, February 1.. Ralph was an accomplished and passionate photographer who contributed tremendously to the craft for many years. He was a long-time member of the Dallas Camera Club, of the Photographic Society of America and was a long-time friend of the Heard Nature Photographers Club. Ralph was 82 and had suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years.

Gulf Coast Camera Club Council News, by Larry Petterborg

Martina Thompson's "Heart Shadow" captured a First Honorable Mention with a score of 11 (1st place was a 12) in the February Nature contest. Way to go Martina! The Heard Nature Photo Club continues to fare well in these bi-monthly GSCCC (<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/>) contests. We are competing against photographers from more than a dozen other photography clubs from the gulf states region. If you think you may have a winning image or two, please email them to me as attachments (Lpetterborg@tx.rr.com). They must meet PSA standards (<http://www.psa-photo.org/>) such as "no hand of man" in evidence and be resized to 1024 wide by 768 high. I need a library of images to draw from to make up our submission of four photos from four different photographers.



Martina's winning entry - "Heart Shadow"



Jack Harrison's - "Mount Ranier from Reflection Lakes"



Ron Marabito's - "Dinner is Close"

Tom Heath's - "Flycatcher"



PLEASE NOTE: Our April meeting date has been moved forward, to Saturday, April 3, because the Heard's Native Plant Sale is scheduled on the 10th, our regular meeting date.

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 - Japan in Winter, by Eleanore Avery
March 13 - Adobe Lightroom for the Nature Photographer, by Tom Maddrey	September 11 - Subject and Presenter to be Announced
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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