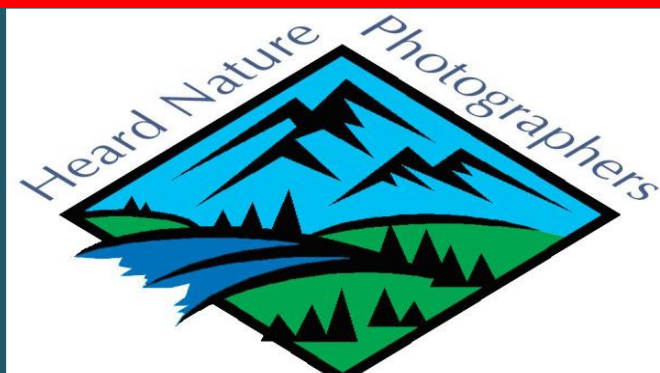


# THE HEARD HAROLD

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## *PRESIDENT'S LETTER*

There are risks involved in participating in nature photography that may result in personal discomfort or injury or damage to our camera equipment. For example, hiking to a favorite photo spot may result in one getting insect bites, a poison ivy rash, sunburn, or tripping / scuffing a knee. Many of us have accidentally dropped our camera while on an outing. While not frequent – stuff like this happens!

Lee Hatfield, our Field Trip Coordinator, did some benchmarking with local camera clubs and proposed a Waiver of Liability form to be signed by photo club members. Our Officer Team reviewed it, made some updates and approved it. The form acknowledges that there are risks involved in participating in field trips, events or activities of the Heard Nature Photographers Club, and that each member accepts full responsibility for any injury or accident to themselves. Signing this waiver of liability will be required to participate on Club Field Trips and will be a part of the member registration process.

Interested in becoming a club officer for 2016? Please let us know as we could use your help! Officer nominations will be accepted through the November meeting and voting (if required) will take place at the December meeting.

Jim Ross, President.



Below are the OCTOBER refreshment volunteers:

- Steve Jordan
- Fay Stout
- Peter Gilbert
- Jackie Ranney



Please sign up at the next meeting to bring snacks to a future meeting or just give Ed Pierce some money.

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**JUST ONE PHOTO** by Terree Stone  
**OCTOBER, 2015**

**Leaves**



October's subject is **Leaves**. Send me ONE photo that you have taken during the month of October that represents your interpretation of the subject. I need the photo emailed to me by midnight of October 31st. You can put your name or initials on the photos if you'd like. This is not a contest to be judged, just an opportunity to show off your talent. Make sure you send your photo in a .jpg format. Email to: [t.stone3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.stone3@sbcglobal.net)

## Field Trip Report by Lee Hatfield

Twenty two club members trekked to the Wichita Mountains NWR over the weekend of September 17-20 & from all reports, everyone had a great time! We were served some great food at the Old Plantation Hotel Restaurant & at Meer's. We photographed American Bison, Longhorn steers, Prairie Dogs, sunrise & sunset, amazing boulders, flowers & fabulous cloud formations.

The Village of Medicine Park held an Art Walk and a flute festival over the weekend which provided some interesting shopping opportunities and a chance to hear some well-known musicians. The Riverfront Park and waterfall also harbored geese & ducks.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the field trip was getting to know some of our club members a little better!



Part of the Heard Herd at Meers for lunch.

For more trip pictures, see Fay's blog. <http://theinquisitiveeye.zenfolio.com/blog>

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## **FUTURE FIELD TRIPS**

**October 16-18:** Caldwell Zoo and Tyler Rose Festival, Tyler, TX.

We have 13 members signed up for this weekend trip but you can make it a day trip if you like. Lots of photo opportunities at the zoo and then of course there's the Rose Parade, floats, roses and all that goes with a big East Texas festival.

**November 4-9:** Beaver's Bend State Park, Broken Arrow, OK.

We have 17 members signed on for this fall foliage trip to southeastern Oklahoma. Think winding roads, hills, forests of pine and hardwood trees, Broken Bow Lake and the Mountain Fork River!



## **FUTURE FIELD TRIPS**

**December 19:** Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

**January 2016:** Bosque del Apache NWR, NM.

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## **OCTOBER PROGRAM**

### **“Wildlife of White Rock Lake + Yellowstone NP”**

Through the eyes of **Robert Bunch**.

Robert will take you through numerous images captured at White Rock Lake. He will describe why he likes the image, how he captured it and a little story about the subjects. He will cover Ducks, a few Landscapes, Mammals, Owls, Raptors, Reptiles, Song Birds, Water Birds and if time allows, he will include a little from Yellowstone National Park.

Please take a moment to visit his web site: [www.robertbunchphotography.com](http://www.robertbunchphotography.com)



Chickadee by Robert Bunch

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

2015 Speakers		
Date	Speaker	Subject
1/10/2015	Rob Hull	
2/14/2015	John DeFillipo	John Bunker Sands Wetlands Center
3/14/2015	Ron Marabito	Images to Art
4/11/2015	Mike Mezuel	How to stay alive while photographing severe weather.
5/9/2015	Dereck Broman	Bobcats - Texas Parks & Wildlife
6/13/2015	Eleanore Avery	Western Ireland
7/11/2015	Eugene Jabbour	What's New in Cameras
8/8/2015	Mike Cameron	Upper Texas Coast Birds
9/12/2015	Marea Downey	Travel Photography
10/10/2015	Robert Bunch	Wildlife of White Rock Lake
11/14/2105	Jim Foster	TBD
12/12/2015	Members' Choice	

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## **GSCCC NEWS**

As a member club in the Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC), we may submit a total of 4 images from 4 different members to each Projected Nature contest. The contests are held every May, July, September, November, and February. I maintain a collection of images to pick from for use in future competitions. If you would like to participate, please send me copies of your best nature photos (see guidelines [http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/html/nature\\_rules.html](http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/html/nature_rules.html)). Files should be resized to no more than 1024 (wide) x 768 (high) and the file name should include the title of the image and the name of the maker. Please do not put your name or copyright on the image itself. Attach files to an email and send to [Lpetterborg@tx.rr.com](mailto:Lpetterborg@tx.rr.com).

As of press time, the September Nature Photo contest results were not available. Perhaps by the time we meet on the 10<sup>th</sup>, I will have a report on the outcome of the latest competition.

The "BIG" news from Gulf States this month is the announcement of the dates and location of the 2016 GSCCC Convention to be hosted by the Beaumont Camera Club. Make plans now to attend. The 2016 convention will be held at the MCM Elegant Hotel in Beaumont, TX. The dates are May 5-7. More information to come.

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## **NORTH TEXAS NATURE NOTES**

**In this space, I plan to highlight things for North Texas nature photographers to see and do. Please feel free to send me items of interest to share with the club. Thanks.**

1. A friend and fellow photographer, Luka Esenko (<http://lukaesenko.com/>), is developing an app that will provide a wealth of information about photographing various places around the world including right here in Dallas, TX. He and his partner have started a “Kickstarter” campaign to raise funds to support the effort. Check it out at <http://kck.st/1NGXfwH>. I’ve been to Yemen and Terree has been to Slovenia with Luka so, if you have any questions. Just ask.
2. The John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, <http://wetlandcenter.com> has announced the return of the American Bald Eagles. You can see them at **Eagle Nest Camera** - <http://www.wetlandcenter.com/eagles.html>
3. FYI, <https://luminous-landscape.com/elements-principles-design/>

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### **MEET HNPC MEMBER, MARY BINFORD**



1. How long have you been a member of the Heard Nature Photographer Club?

Since 2010 is my best guess.

2. How long have you been "doing" photography? What sparked your initial interest in photography in general?

I got my first camera in 2000. The spark was probably the digital aspect. Prior to that time my husband had been the family photographer. My first camera was a Kodak DC3400 which I still have on a shelf. I have a drawer full of attachments that I innocently purchased trying to get a greater focal length. Most of these belong in a museum or maybe the recycle bin. In 2004 I bought my first Panasonic camera because of the IS. Since that time, I have been shooting Pany's, both bridge and mirrorless. My love of nature photography started at the Dallas Zoo. I used to go there regularly during my lunch hour. My first contest win was a King Vulture which was 2nd place at the state fair (2007), 2nd place in the zoo contest (2007) and 3rd place at the Heard contest in 2010. This was one ugly bird.

3. What has been your most memorable nature photo experience?

This is a difficult question, but I guess it was a trip to Kauai that my husband surprised me with for our 50th anniversary. We went all over the island capturing beautiful flowers, roosters, surfers, cliffs, water and golf courses. He served as my 'Sherpa' except on the golf courses.

4. What have not been able to do and most want to do in nature photography?

I would love to revisit the vacations that we took before I started shooting...West coast from San Diego to Oregon, Vancouver, Butchart Gardens, Yellowstone, East Coast.. I started too late. Oh well, there are still many great nature shots to be taken in our area.

5. What advice do you have for nature photographers in the club?

If you are new to the club, the best way to become a part of the group is to go on the field trips. This is how you really get to know everyone. There are so many talented photographers who are very willing to advise and share their knowledge.

6. Where would you take someone from out of town to take nature photos?

Hagerman and White Rock Lake are two of my favorites. Though I do get a lot of shots in my backyard where there are butterflies, hummingbirds, dragonflies and I can sit in a comfortable chair.

7. Do you have a web site where members could go to see your images? If so, what is the URL? Is there anything else that you would like to share with the club?

[mbbin2.smugmug.com](http://mbbin2.smugmug.com) (please be warned that not all images are great. I put a lot there for the benefit of my 96 year old mother who checks every day to see what is new.)

8. Is there anything else that you would like to share with the club?

**Thanks to all of you for the friendship that you have shown me. It is great to be a part of a group that shares my passion for photography.**

**SOME OF MARY'S FAVORITES**  
(Winners at the Great State Fair of Texas)







## **MEXICO MONARCH BUTTERFLY TRIP**

If you are interested in visiting/photographing Monarch Butterflies on their wintering grounds in Mexico next year, please contact Sean Fitzgerald at [214-213-4193](tel:214-213-4193) or [sean@seanfitzgerald.com](mailto:sean@seanfitzgerald.com). The trip would take at the end of February/early March, 2016. I plan to go so you can talk to me as well.



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### **Update – 2016 Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest**

Jackie Ranney, Contest Coordinator

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest dates have been set and the website is “up and running”!!! Details are being announced early this year to give everyone an opportunity to consider contest entries while shooting between now and then!!!

There are lots of new things for the 2016 Contest including when the contest is being held, change in a division name (from Student to Youth), changes/updates to the categories, a new policy regarding “the hand of man” and as requested, an amplified definition of “Advanced Photographer” for purposes of the contest.

#### Calendar of Events:

Submission Dates:	February 3 – March 20, 2016
Award Reception:	April 10, 2016 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\*Winners will be notified by email between March 31, 2016 and April 2, 2016.

Fees: Adult/Adult Advanced - \$10/per image  
Youth Junior/Youth Senior - \$5/per image

Please go to the website for complete details: [www.heardnaturephotographers.com/contest](http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/contest)

The following pages will provide an overview of the Divisions and Categories for the 2016 Contest. We’re looking forward to another year of exciting images!

## **CONTEST CATEGORIES – ADULT DIVISIONS**

- Adult - Beginner/Intermediate
- Adult - Advanced

Comfortable with the technical aspects of the camera. Proficient in the concepts of composition, exposure, lighting and post-processing techniques for creating images. May be skillful in more than one genre of photography (for example: landscape, portrait, macro, photojournalism, still life, etc.)

### **ANIMALS - CAPTIVE**

Images of animals in a controlled setting (i.e. farm, zoo, ranch, etc.). May include mammals, marine life, reptiles and amphibians. Does not include pets.

### **ANIMALS - WILD**

Non-captive animals.

### **BIRDS**

Wild or captive birds.

### **CREATIVE INTERPRETATION**

Nature-related images intended to express the photographer's impression of the subject (i.e. creative blurs, abstract and digital manipulation.) Not to be judged on amount of manipulation but on artistic end result.

### **FLORAL AND STILL LIFE IN NATURE**

Images of natural or cultivated flowers, plants or gardens.

### **INSECTS & ARACHNIDS**

Wild or captive insects and arachnids.

### **NATURAL ARTISTIC ABSTRACTIONS IN NATURE**

*Naturally* occurring patterns, lines, shapes and forms of animals, objects, or plants in nature; also may include macro and extreme close-up images in cases where the patterns, lines, shapes, etc. are the principal subject.

### **SCENICS**

Expansive views that may include landscapes, cloudscapes, mountains, forests, deserts, etc. Nature should be the subject of the image.

### **WATERSCAPES**

Images primarily featuring water such as seascapes, oceans, waterfalls, lakes, streams and rivers. Water is to be the primary subject.

***Note:** It is the responsibility of the photographer to read through the category descriptions carefully and choose the appropriate category for each image.*

*The photographer's selection will be final.  
Anything not meeting the criteria will be ineligible for judging*

### **FEES**

Adult - Beginner/Intermediate – \$10/per image

Adult - Advanced - \$10/per image

## **CONTEST CATEGORIES – YOUTH DIVISIONS**

- **Junior Youth** – Up to age 14
- **Senior Youth** – Age 15 - 18

Note: There is no limit to the number of submissions but payment must be received via PayPal within 72 hours of submission. Checks and cash will not be accepted.

**NOTE:** In all categories, the “hand of man” is acceptable as long as it is incidental and not the subject of the image. *This is a change from previous years.*

*Please note that the Adult Division Categories are listed separately and are not all the same as the Youth Division Categories.*

### **ANIMALS (including Pets)**

Images of animals in a controlled setting (i.e. farm, zoo, ranch, etc.). May include mammals, marine life, reptiles and amphibians

### **ANIMALS – WILD**

Non-captive animals.

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## **Monthly Meeting** **OCTOBER 10, 2015**

**1:30 PM**

Heard Natural Science Museum  
1 Nature Place  
McKinney, TX

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