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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Check out the new look of our club website www.HeardNaturePhotographers.com. Rob Hull, our web master, has worked his magic! The site is now mobile and tablet friendly – it dynamically changes whether you're looking at it from a smart phone or desktop computer. Rob is still working on the site, but has imported over much of the old content. Photo Contest Winners, upcoming Field Trips, Newsletters, Club History and Gear, and Membership info is all there! Cool images are being added, featuring work from our members! A big thank you to Rob Hull for his hard work!

So how do you add impact to your photos? For portraits, first make sure the subject's eyes are sharp! This means using a tripod or device to keep your lens from moving. Also avoid high contrast lighting, eliminate distractions, crop in tight, capture expression and catch light in the eyes. Study the 18 images below – which image(s) do you like the best and why?

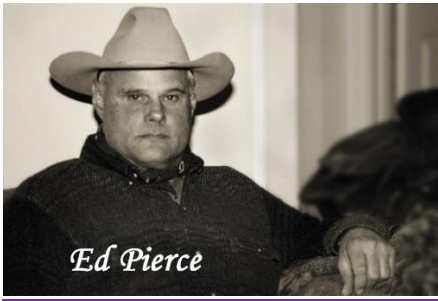
Lee Hatfield, Jack Harrison and Jack Twiggs – thank you for our fantastic field trips! Anita Oakley and Terree Stone – thank you for the wonderful speakers at our club meetings! Have an idea for a future meeting or trip? Please let our Officer Team know.



Jim Ross, President.

Below are the MAY refreshment volunteers:

- Peter Gilbert
- Tom Murto
- Mary Binford
- John Yates



Please sign up at the next meeting to bring snacks to a future meeting or just give Ed Pierce some money. Thanks to all that contribute to making our meetings more enjoyable!

“JUST ONE PHOTO” – May



Flowers - Macro

May's subject is Flowers - Macro. April showers should bring us some beautiful May flowers and blooming weeds. I'm adding Macro as a challenge to give you a chance to work on your macro skills. If you're not a fan of rolling around on the ground – you might consider setting up some flowers in a vase that will give you easy access to play with your focusing. Send me ONE photo that you have taken during the month of May that represents your interpretation of the subject. I need the photo emailed to me by midnight of May 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

38th Annual Heard Nature Photo Contest Hits a Home Run!

Thanks to 160 participating photographers and a crew of dedicated volunteers, the 38th Annual Photo Contest in support of the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary was a resounding success! Thanks to all who participated, we are able to donate \$6,818.84 to the Museum!! Historically, this is the largest contribution to the Museum from the annual contest thus the funds will be put into a restricted account for development of a specific project at the Museum (yet to be named) according to Sy Shahid, Director of the Museum. Once that project has been identified and completed, the club will be advised so we can all enjoy the results!!

On the competition side, this year's Best of Show was awarded to Dennis Fritsche for his black & white image titled "Grand Canyon 2015". Congratulations to Dennis!



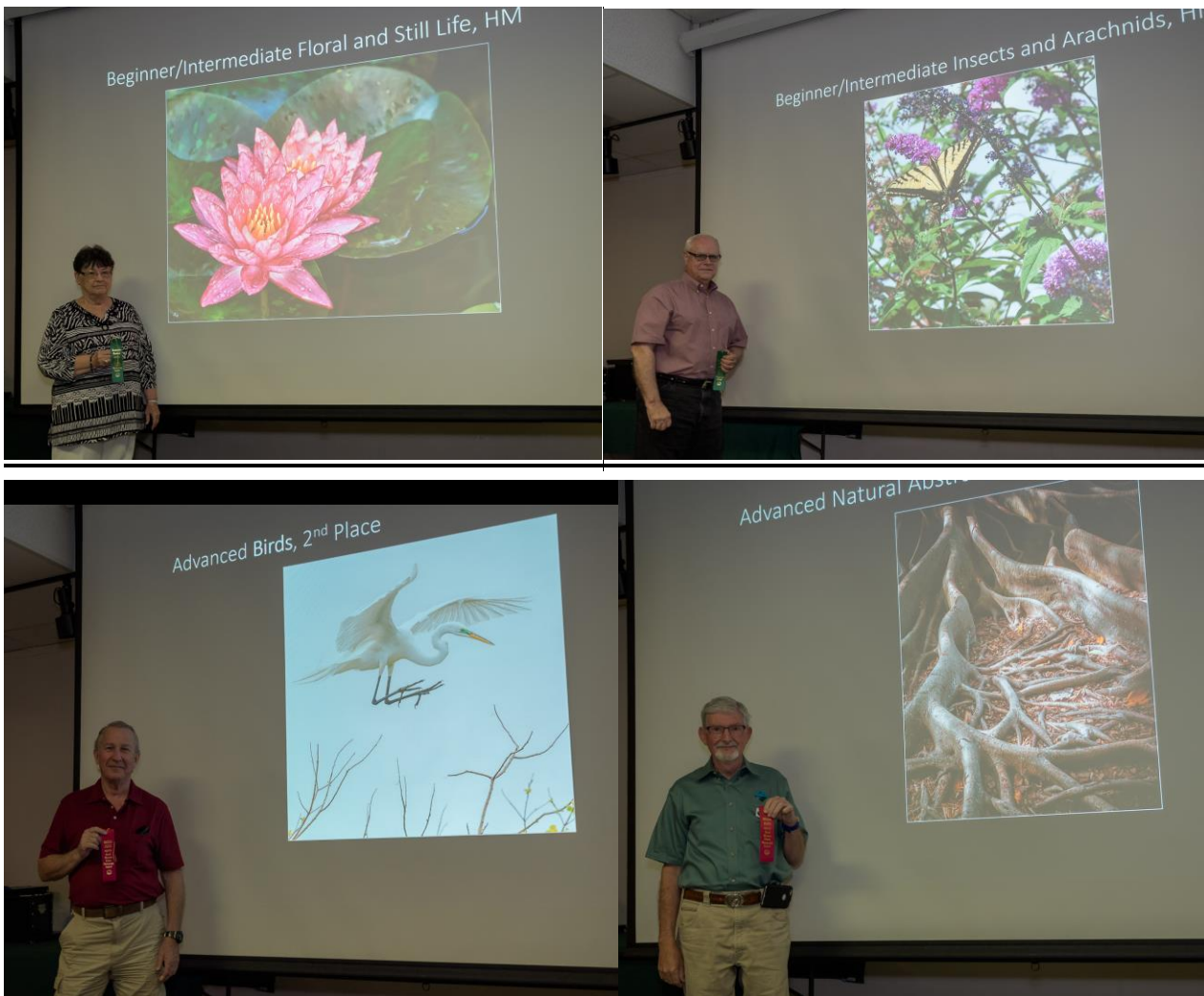
To view all of the winning images for this year, please go to our website. It's an impressive collection!
<http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com> (Select "Contest")

For those of us who are statistically minded, these 160 photographers submitted 800+ images with 25% of the submitted images coming from Youth Division photographers! In both Adult Divisions, the Bird category received the most submissions and in the Youth Divisions, interest was divided (highest interest was Waterscapes & Scenics (Youth-Junior) and Floral & Still Life in Nature (Youth-Senior)).

So – looking forward to next year: Is there something new or different you as a photographer would like to see in our contest? New category, for instance? Suggestions to make things easier? Information on how to size a digital image for submission or how to include the metadata? Let us know your suggestions please by sending a message to contest@heardnaturephotographers.com.

Thanks again to everyone who participated and/or worked on the Contest Committee. We're looking forward to next year's submissions and continuing our support of the Museum.

Jackie Ranney, 2016 Contest Coordinator



White Rock Lake Field Trip Report

by Lee Hatfield

Many thanks to Robert Bunch for keeping us informed on the owls activities!

A few club members came down to White Rock Lake to see the pair of barred owls which have nested in a tree near Poppy Drive and East Lawther Dr. Watching them preen each other and listening to them call to each other across the woods made the trip worthwhile. Some of us actually saw one of the owlets peek out of the nest one morning.

We also checked out the wood ducks, the Chinese Brown Geese on the lake, some nesting woodpeckers and a nesting hawk in the area. Areas around the lake are full of wildlife even with all the hikers, bikers and runners who frequent the paths there.



Wood Duck checking out local photographers by Lee Hatfield



Baby Owl Peeking Out of the Tree Nest by Lee Hatfield



Barred Owls Preening by Lee Hatfield

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

May 7, 2016 Dallas Arboretum - Spring blooms, water features, and any birds and wildlife that may be out. Jack Twiggs and Jack Harrison will co-lead this trip. 9 a.m. to noon

June 18, 2016 Hagerman NWR Butterfly Garden and Haller's Haven or Harris Creek Walk - members will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the butterfly garden behind the visitor center. Options include butterflies, wildflowers and birds plus a walk along the Harris Creek Trail.

July 23 2016- Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens Butterfly Garden.

August 6, 2016 Tabletop Workshop at the Heard SRC, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 10, 2016 Heard Sanctuary Trail Walk, butterflies and birds, this is our meeting day and we can enter the sanctuary at 7:30 a.m.

October 25-30, 2016 Ozarks Fall Foliage, landscapes and wildlife in Arkansas

November 19, 2016 John Bunker Sands Wetlands, wildlife and birds

December 17, 2016 Ft. Worth Japanese Gardens for fall foliage.

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.psa-photo.org/index.php?nature-nature-definition>). 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@gmail.com.

NORTH TEXAS NATURE NOTES

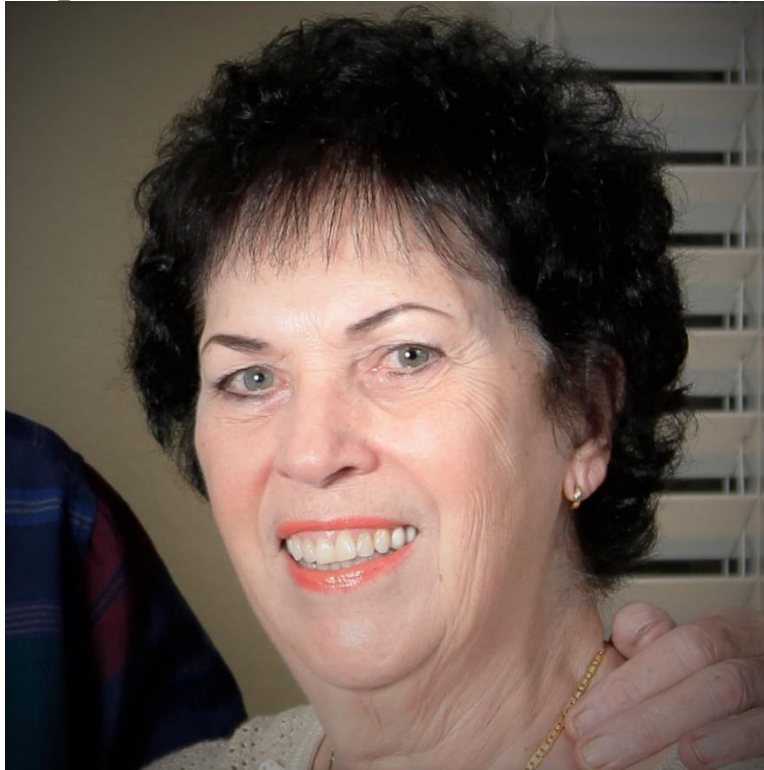
In this space, I plan to highlight things for North Texas nature photographers to see and do. Please feel free to send me items of interest to share with the club. Thanks.

1. Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Photo Day: 21 May 2016 (see poster at end of newsletter).
2. The Dallas Camera Club is hosting Canon Explorer of Light, David Bergman June 28th at 7 pm. David is a New York based music and sports photographer. His presentation is titled "Separate Yourself From the Pack". The meeting location is Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Ave, Dallas, TX.
3. Southern France Sojourn: A Cultural and Photographic Tour September 2 - 12, 2016. Join Bruce Rosenstiel in southwestern France for a fantastic off-the-beaten-track tour of picturesque medieval villages, authentic markets, historic castles, prehistoric cave paintings, beautiful rivers, and vibrant fall colors in the Dordogne region. September is the season for grapes and vineyards, fresh figs, and mushrooms. The markets will abound in fresh produce. There should be fields of wild flowers, plenty of autumn colors just starting up, and of course golden light and lengthening shadows. For more information, goto: www.smallworldphotos.net , www.brucerosenstiel.com
<http://www.smallworldphotos.net/Tours/Southern-France-Sojourn>.
4. White Rock Lake Photo Contest: <http://www.whiterockdallas.org/2015-white-rock-lake-photo-contest/>



MAY PROGRAM

Speaker: Eleanore Avery APSA* FDCC



"Big and Small Cats of Africa"



Eleanore's program will focus mainly on big cats of Africa, located in Zambia and Tanzania. She has traveled to 83 countries and all 7 continents, but Africa still remains her favorite place.

Eleanore has won hundreds of photography awards in local, national, and international photographic competitions. Most recent award: Silver Medal and HM 2014 PSA Exhibition Nature Division of PSA International Competition 2014. Nature's Best Photography Contest awards. Highly Honored 2004, **WINNER**2005, Highly Honored 2010....Honored photos exhibited at Smithsonian in Washington, DC from April to September 2004, 2005, 2010.

Eleanore's photos have been features in many publications, most recently, Lions photo featured in African Wildlife Foundation calendar for April 2012. Featured cover story in PSA Journal with article and photos of Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda.

Past President of GSCCC (Gulf States Camera Club Council of 5 state area), past PSA Regional 21 Director. Have presented digital shows at GSCCC and at PSA Convention for 6 years in Travel, Nature and PJ Divisions as well at local clubs since 2003.

(*APSA is honorary title from PSA for work done in promoting photography....A stands for Associate. FDCC is Fellow of Dallas Camera Club is honorary title for work done for benefit of Dallas Club.)

FUTURE PROGRAMS

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC
MAY	ELEANORE AVERY	BIG CATS OF AFRICA
JUNE	TBD	
JULY	TOM SAVAGE	PHOTOGRAPHING BEARS IN ALASKA
AUGUST	THOMAS MYNT	VIDEO

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Monthly Meeting

May 14, 2016

1:30 PM

Heard Natural Science Museum

1 Nature Place

McKinney, TX

<http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/>.



Great Horned Owl by K. Malloy

Barn Owl by E. Brown



Mississippi Kite by E. Neupert

BLACKLAND PRAIRIE RAPTOR CENTER RAPTOR PHOTO DAY! SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

Join us for a rare opportunity to photograph hawks, falcons and owls up-close while perched and positioned in natural settings. We work with photographers to make sure you get good light, backgrounds and poses. Must pre-register! Only \$20. Go to www.bpraptorcenter.org and click to our donation page to signup.



Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Raptor Photo Day

Only once a year.
Get up-close to
photograph these
beautiful birds in
natural settings

7:30am -11am for
best light. Gates
open at 7:15am

Must pre-register
Only \$20

For all ages and
abilities with a
camera!

BLACKLAND PRAIRIE RAPTOR CENTER

1625 Brockdale Park Road
Lucas, TX 75002

www.bpraptorcenter.org

May 21, 2016
7:30am to 11am

Jack Harrison has PHOTO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Nikon D700 Camera Body with Kirk L Plate (Fits Arca-Swiss), manual, 4 batteries – \$500

Nikon F-100 35mm Camera Body with RRS L Plate (Fits Arca-Swiss) – \$145.00

Nikon 105mm F/2.8 Micro Lens w/Arca Plate- (Not VR version) – \$250.00

Nikon 200mm F/4 Micro Lens w/Arca Plate - \$1,250.00

Nikon 80 – 400mm VR Zoom Lens – \$600 (Lens has a tiny scratch on the glass. Since our puppy scratched it more than 10 years ago, no discernable loss of quality has been observed, and prints up to 20”X30” have been made from images photographed with this lens since the damage occurred. VR works fine.)

Lee Graduated Neutral Density Filter Set (1, 2, & 3 stop) Soft Edge, with Lee Filter Foundation Set and Lee Adapter Rings for 77mm and 67mm Lenses – \$200

Lee 10-Stop “Big Stopper” Neutral Density Filter (For long exposures) New in Box – \$100

Photix TR90 Remote Shutter Release w/Timer – New - (For use w/”Big Stopper) - \$50

Canon 500D Close-Up Lens (For 77mm Lenses) – \$50.00

Hoodman Loupe - (For viewing LCD on camera in bright light) – \$25.00

None of the above equipment has received rough treatment (except for the 80-400 lens scratch listed above), and I know of no problems associated with any item listed. I will be happy to refund the purchase price of any item listed within 7 days of purchase if the buyer demonstrates damage or defect. Asking prices based on offer from KEH.

Contact me at: jandhharrison@sbcglobal.net (note the two “h” letters), or call me on my home phone at 214-348-7882.