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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Earlier this year Jackie Ranney nominated me to post one nature image per day for 7 days on Facebook, but I was "too busy" remodeling our house to comply. But now with most of the pressing house projects complete, I took some shots around our yard and posted the images below! Three of the seven shots were taken with my phone. Can you tell which ones? All were imported in to Photoshop for some tweaks. Mother Nature sure provides us with interesting colors, textures and shapes!

As the weather gets hot, here is an indoor project for you to try. Look through some of your images and re-edit a couple to reveal the essence -- the "picture within the picture". Identify your subject and crop-in tighter than your previous edits to further eliminate distractions. Crop-out, darken, or blur bright areas, diverging lines, etc. in order to increase the image impact. You should be able to describe and home-in on what you like in an image: "I like the swirl of the snail's shell and his gooey trail on top of the colorful cone flower". I cropped-out the rest (other flowers and darkened the distracting background).

For those you know who may be suffering, lonely or ill, you might send some of your images with them to brighten their day! I know that Peggy Evans (club member, former officer) said it made her smile!

Thanks, Jim Ross



HEADS UP!!

In November we will accept Officer Nominations for the 2017 calendar year and in December will hold officer elections. A brief description of each office is provided below. Let us know if you are interested.

HNPC OFFICER DISCRPTIONS

President: Manage club affairs and allocate resources to help each office to be successful.

Vice President: Select / coordinate meeting presenters, venue, and oversee officer elections.

Secretary: Record Officer meeting minutes and document key internal club communications.

Treasurer: Manage the financial affairs of our club and keep an updated membership roster.

Membership Coordinator: Welcome new members and provide Name Badges.

Refreshments Coordinator: Organize and coordinate refreshments at monthly club meetings.

Field Trip Coordinator: Organize and coordinate Field Trips, Photo outings, and Learning events.

Contest Coordinator: Manage / coordinate the annual Photo Contest for the Heard Nature Center.

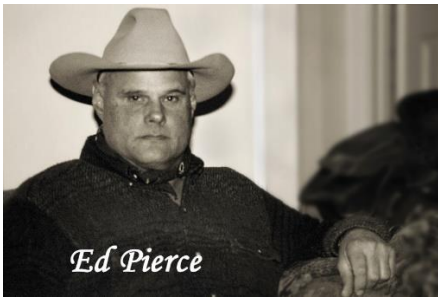
Webmaster: Update, maintain and manage the club's website.

Newsletter Editor: Champion generation / distribution of newsletter and club communications.

GSCCC Representative: Coordinate club's participation in the Gulf States Camera Club Council.

Below are the JULY refreshment volunteers:

- Anita Oakley
- Larry Petterborg
- John Yates
- Elinor Hite
- Ed Pierce



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, by Terree Stone

July's subject is **Green**. There is a lot of green out there right now, so I challenge you to try something new, how about patterns, backlit subject, and macro. Send me ONE photo that you have taken during the month of July that represents your interpretation of the subject. I need the photo emailed to me by midnight July 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

JULY PROGRAM

Tom Savage, APSA, MPSA



Tom has been involved with photography in one form or another since 7th grade when his uncle gave him a cheap Japanese copy of a Rolleiflex camera. He spent the next summer at a friend's ranch in southern California photographing movie companies filming western TV series like Wild Bill Hickok, the Cisco Kid, and Annie Oakley.

However, he didn't really get serious with photography as a hobby until 1983 when he joined the Lockheed Martin (then General Dynamics) Recreation Association Camera Club. He is also a member of the Fort Worth Camera Club and the Photographic Society of America (PSA). His favorite photography subjects are nature and photojournalism.

Since 2004 in both Nature and Photojournalism, he has won 28 Best of Show medals and 86 other medals in 11 different countries. He won Best of Show in the Heard Museum's Nature Photography Contest three times, and has had three images published in Cowboys & Indians Magazine. Among many other honors, he won the Grand Prize in Robin Pope Safari's photography contest and was awarded a free safari in Zambia. In 2008, one of his images was the Photographic Society of America's Nature Image of the Year.

He loves to photograph wildlife. He has been to Alaska to photograph grizzly bears five times, to Zambia four times, and Tanzania three times.



FIELD TRIP REPORT BY

Lee Hatfield

June Field Trip to the Hagerman NWR

Club members Mary Binford, Randy Dunn, Tom Heath, Terree Stone, Jimmy Lee, Tom Martin, Brian Pipe, Gaby Pruitt, Brian Clark, Paul Gardner, and Kay Griffin joined me for our trip to the Hagerman NWR on June 18.

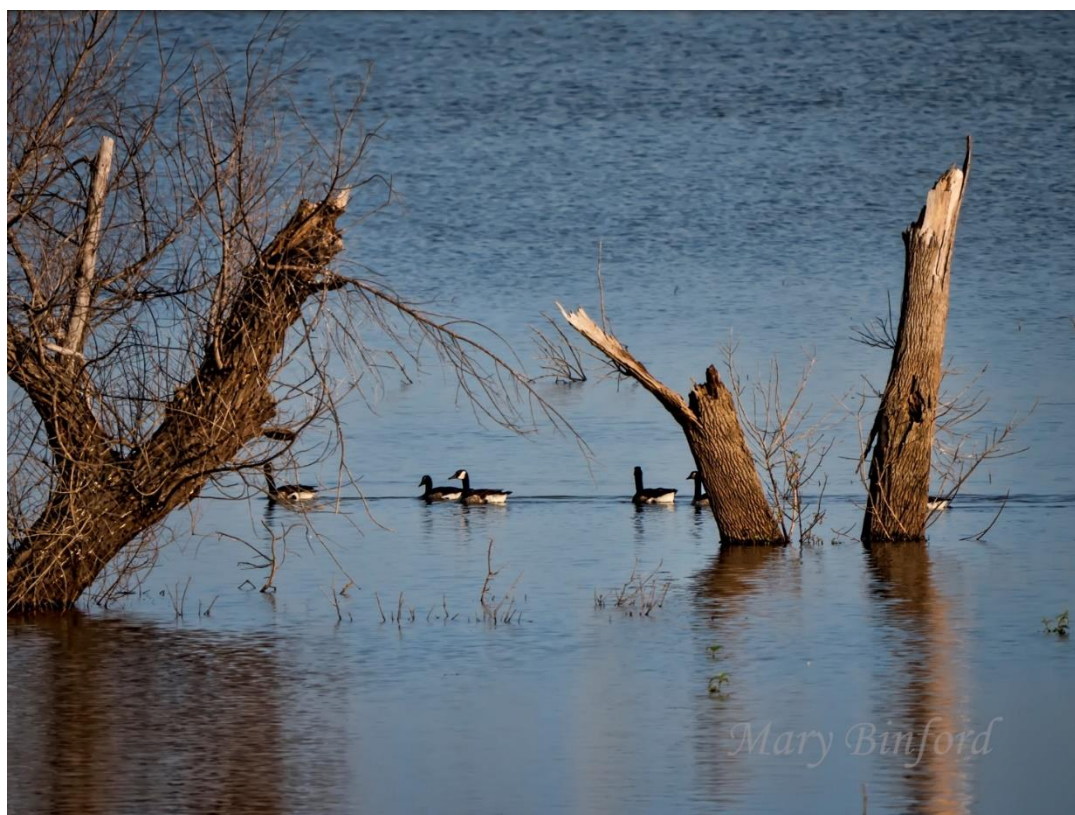
As we arrived, we were lucky to see a couple of dozen Canada Geese on the lake near the Visitor Center. We walked Harris Creek Trail where the wildflowers were still in bloom, birds filled the woods with their songs and lake waters overflowed the creek bed.

Jimmy Lee and I walked out to the three ponds and were pleasantly surprised by a deer jumping across the trail right in front of us! The new butterfly garden is lush and green but those little butterflies are fast! Dragonflies, bees, grasshoppers and other insects enjoy the flowers and water features and can be found by those with patience and good eyesight!

The Friends of Hagerman volunteer docents also braved the heat and humidity to share their knowledge of pollinators and flowers.

To cool off and get out of the heat, we watched a film on the Monarch migration from Canada and the northern U.S. to Mexico and back and marveled at the ability of the fourth generation Monarchs to find their way back to the mountains of Mexico.

Several club members enjoyed brunch at Cracker Barrel in Sherman at the end of the trip.





FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FOR JULY VENUE

July 23 - Since the Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens Butterfly House is no longer releasing butterflies this year, we'll change the venue for the trip to the Texas Discovery Gardens Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House and Insectarium at Fair Park in Dallas. They open at 9 a.m. and release butterflies around noon. The house opens at 9:00 a.m. and you can shoot on both levels.

If you want more info on butterflies:

Local lepidopterist, Dale Clark, will present a program on the Fascinating World of Butterflies at 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$24 for members of the Texas Discovery Gardens and \$30 for non-members. Clark also is offering a tour of his butterfly farm south of Dallas and anyone interested can caravan to his property. If you are interested in attending, please register at http://texasdiscoverygardens.org/events_and_classes.php#jul

August 6 - Tabletop Workshop at the Science Resource Center at the Heard Museum and Nature Center from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. This is a chance to learn some new photography techniques and have a hands on opportunity to work with some of our most experienced photographers. Bring your tripod, camera, medium (24-70mm range) and macro lenses, remote control shutter release, charged batteries, memory cards and your questions and curiosity.

September 21-25 - Wichita Mountains NWR, Lawton, Ok. We only have 5 members signed up so if you are interested, please let me know. Lodging is available in Lawton as well as Medicine Park. Photo opportunities include bison and deer in the public area of the refuge and bugling elk in the protected range if you can obtain a seat on the bus. September 24 there will be a 6:30 am. and a 5:30 p.m. elk tour, September 25 will have a 5:30 p.m. tour only. Call [580-429-2197](tel:580-429-2197) on August 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a reservation on the bus. Seating is very limited and no restrooms are available on the elk tour. The refuge is open sunrise to sunset every day and entry is free. Check out this link for info: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Wichita Mountains/visit/plan_your_visit.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Wichita_Mountains/visit/plan_your_visit.html)

October 25-30 - Fall foliage tour to Petit Jean State Park, Morrilton, Arkansas. Here's the link for more info: <http://www.petitjeanstatepark.com> . This is a very popular area and lodging is limited in the park. If you want to go, please make your lodging or camping reservations asap and let me know. With only three people signed up so far, we may not have enough interest to make this a club trip.

November 19 - John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, Seagoville, TX For info: <http://www.wetlandcenter.com>

December 17 - The Japanese Gardens, Ft. Worth for fall foliage. Monopods are ok, but tripods are not allowed unless you pay the \$75 fee. For info: <http://www.fwbgo.org>

Please sign up for field trips in advance so that we know who plans to attend, leeatfield@me.com. Thanks.

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. Please follow these guidelines from the GSCCC Web Site: *"Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict observations from all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and to certify as to its honest presentation.*

The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality. Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements enhance the nature story. The presence of scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals is permissible.

Photographs of artificially produced hybrid plants or animals, mounted specimens, or obviously set arrangements, are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

No techniques that add to, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content are permitted. All adjustments must appear natural. Color images can be converted to grayscale monochrome. Infrared images are not allowed."

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.

From Tim McDonald, Director GSCCC: GSCCC is looking for ways to build value in being a member. With this in mind I have recently been in contact with Gary Farber of Hunt's Photo and Video (<http://www.huntsphotoandvideo.com/>) , inquiring about a possible affiliate program. While they do not have an affiliate program they are willing to offer our members periodic discounts. Gary has been an invaluable source of support and information when planning our GSCCC conventions for the past several years. It would be great if we could foster that relationship further. I would encourage you to contact Gary Farber with any questions or needs you might have. His email is digitalguygary@wbhunt.com and his phone number is 781-462-2332. Hunt's was the only retail vendor to participate in our convention this year. I think that says a lot about their commitment to GSCCC. Hunt's has the same merchandise and prices as the larger online retailers with a more personal touch.

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.

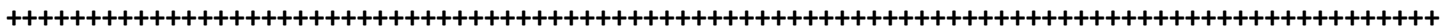
1. Focus Stacking: <http://www.dpreview.com/techniques/4314481850/looking-sharp-a-focus-stacking-tutorial>
2. Canon Classes: <http://shop.usa.canon.com/shop/en/catalog/education/online-learning-courses>
3. Landscape Tips: <http://petapixel.com/2016/06/07/plan-pack-prepare-major-landscape-photography-trip/>
4. From Jackie Ranney: The Saga, created by a French artist, it will be in San Antonio until the year 2024. It is shown on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 9:00, 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. The show is free to the public and the images are projected onto the San Fernando Cathedral located at Main Plaza in downtown San Antonio. The audio is pretty darn terrific, too (all music - not "words"). <http://www.mainplaza.org/san-antonio-the-saga/> (Something else to do in SA, see below)
5. <http://www.dpreview.com/news/7556227844/ansel-adams-on-capturing-moon-over-hernandez>



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If you have equipment needs, please send us a description and the terms.

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