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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Reserve two dates -- on 8/6 we will hold a photo "table top" workshop in the SRC building from 10am - 4pm. Lunch will be provided for club members who RSVP. On 8/13 we will hold our regular club meeting at 1:30pm in Laughlin Hall. See details of both events in this newsletter.

Study the 12 Landscape images below. A good landscape image is appealing, but a better one also has impact. Appeal Tips: Interesting foreground, mid-ground and/or background, are in sharp focus (use correct depth of field and a tripod). Image is often composed using the rule of thirds, with key elements placed on the power point positions. Horizon is level and placed on one of the thirds lines. The sky, if included, is interesting. Leading lines are used to draw the viewer in to the scene. Proper exposure provides detail in the highlights and in the shadows. Distractions have been removed!

Impact Tips: Dramatic lighting, often found at sunrise, sunset or shortly before/after a storm, or at nighttime, can add excitement to your image. Capture movement, reflection, or changing weather! Include people/other subjects to provide perspective. Enhance contrast/color, and try a new point of view to increase impact.



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. Also, if you wish to nominate someone for a position, please feel to contact anyone on the board. Email addresses can be found at the end of this newsletter. The club is only as good as the volunteers that do the work. Join in.

HNPC OFFICER DISCRIPTIONS

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.

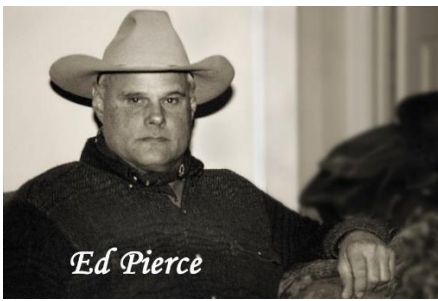
Webmaster: Update, maintain and manage the club's website.

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 August refreshment volunteers:

- John Yates
- Phyllis Fosdick
- Ed Pierce
- Larry Petterborg



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!

Magnetic Name Badges

There appears to be 3 or 4 folks who have received their magnetic badges over the past few months, but have yet to pay the \$9 cost for them. If you could, **please pay Anita Oakley or Peter Gilbert** at the next meeting, thank you. In the future, new name badges must be paid for in advance of being ordered.

“JUST ONE PHOTO”, by Terree Stone ***ALTERED IMAGE***

August's subject is Altered Image. While enjoying the AC during the dog days of summer, you can try some of the creative options with your photography software. Send me ONE photo that you have altered. I need the photo emailed to me by midnight of August 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@sbglobal.net

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WINNING NATURE IMAGES

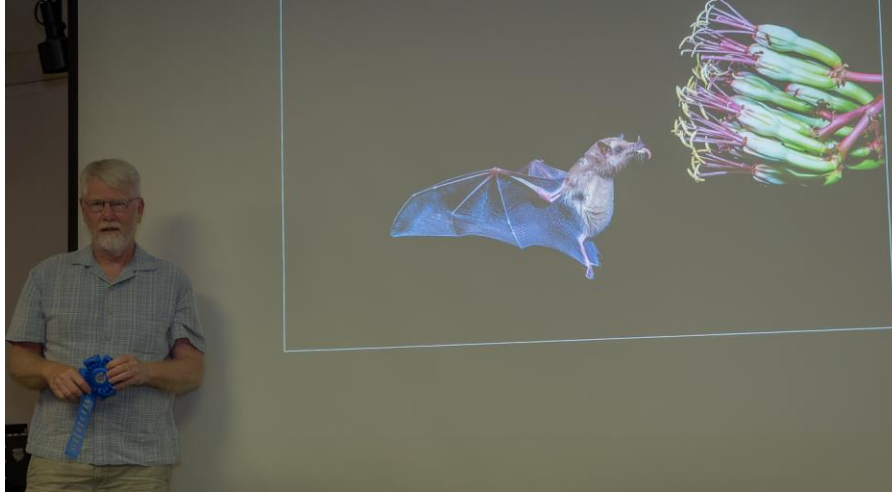
BY

LARRY PETERBORG



Photo by Dennis Fritsche

Want to know what it takes to win a nature photography contest? Are you interested in seeing nature images that have what it takes to “Wow” the judges? Don’t miss the August Heard Nature Photographers Club meeting. With a nod toward the **2017 Heard Nature Photography Contest**, we will be discussing winning nature photographs. Following a short presentation of images from the July GSCCC Projected Nature contest, which our members of our club judged, Larry and the contest judges will tell us why they picked the entries that won. Get tips for improving your photos and making winning nature images.



FUTURE SPEAKERS

September – Irwin Lightstone – Macro

October – Arlington Camera – GoPro cameras

November – Anita Oakley - Creating Photo Books

FIELD TRIP REPORT

July Field Trip to the Texas Discovery Gardens by Lee Hatfield

We had 14 club members attend the field trip to the butterfly house at the Texas Discovery Gardens on July 23. We were allowed early entry plus a group discount so we had the butterflies all to ourselves before the public was allowed in. The Giant Atlas Moths were a huge hit as they were sleeping with their beautiful wings wide open and were easy to photograph. Between the butterflies and tropical flowers inside and the outside gardens with their lovely water features, I’m sure we’ll have a great slideshow to share!

Several of us also attended Dale Clark’s presentation of the Fascinating World of Butterflies and then drove to his farm south of Dallas. Dale shared a tremendous amount of information on the farming of various stages of the life cycle of butterflies. For more information, sign up at DallasButterflies.com.



August 6, Tabletop Workshop

Where: SRC (Science Resource Center) Building, located at the end of the road beyond where we meet at Laughlin Hall at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. Parking is available at the SRC.

When: August 6, 2016, workshop is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Who: This workshop is for paid up club members only, however, if you have a friend who wants to attend, they will be able to join the club the morning of the workshop by filling out a membership application and waiver of liability form and paying \$10 dues for the remainder of the year. Jackie Ranney will be at the membership table to check people in. Please wear your name tag so we can get to know each other.

Lunch: If you have not already signed up for this workshop and would like to attend or are bringing a friend, please let Lee Hatfield know at leeatfield@me.com NOT LATER THAN August 1.

We need the correct number of attendees in order to purchase a lunch for them.

If you have already signed up, you do not need to contact Lee unless you are bringing someone new.

Gear: Camera(s) with charged batteries, clear memory cards, remote or cable shutter release, extension tubes, macro lens, medium lens (in the range of 24-70mm), long lens for birding and to try the Better Beamer, sturdy tripod with ball head and/or center post for shots of subjects that will be on the floor. Your camera manual may be the most important item if you do not know how to manage all of your camera's settings.

FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

September 22 - 25, Wichita Mountains NWR, Medicine Park, OK

This field trip is an opportunity to photograph bison, elk, prairie dogs, deer, longhorn, birds, sunrises and sunsets. Take a hike along the 15 miles of trails and check out Charons Garden Wilderness area. Lake Elmer Thomas and Quanah Parker Lake offer fishing and great sunset landscape shots. Mt. Scott offers some fabulous views. There is no entry fee for the refuge or the visitor center. We have 11 club members signed up so far. If you want to go, please make your lodging reservations now as places are filling up fast. Lawton, Ok, also has several hotels if you can't find a place in Medicine Park.

See this link for more info: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Wichita_Mountains/



October 25-30, Petit Jean State Park, Morrilton, Arkansas

Tom Heath has agreed to lead this field trip and we have 7 members signed up to go. Please make your lodging reservation ASAP as the park lodging is showing booked as of today. There are three hotels in Morrilton: Super 8, a Days Inn and a Holiday Inn Express & Suites.

See this link for more info: <http://www.petitjeanstatepark.com/photo-gallery.aspx>

November 19, John Bunker Sands Wetlands, Seagoville, TX

We'll arrive at 9:00 a.m. when they open. Fee is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors.

For info: <http://www.wetlandcenter.com/index.html>

December 17, Japanese Gardens/Botanical Garden, Ft. Worth, TX

Should be great fall foliage opportunities.

Opens at 9:00 a.m., **no tripods**. Fee is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors.

Looking ahead for next year, if anyone is interested in visiting Grand Island, Nebraska next March to see and photograph the Sandhill and Whooping Cranes plus geese, check out this webpage: <http://www.nebraskaflyway.com/the-spring-migration-of-the-sandhill-cranes>
Check out the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary, Kearney, Nebraska
<http://rowe.audubon.org/visit/plan-your-trip>. For a different experience: <http://cranetrust.org>

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

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Mary Binford



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Brian Pipe



Larry Petterborg

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.

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. **White Rock Lake Photo Contest.** Deadline for submitting entries is September 2, 2016. Online entries can be uploaded starting May 15, 2016 and must be uploaded no later than midnight September 2, 2016. Winners will be notified at the reception at in early October at Comerica Bank, 6260 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.
<http://www.whiterockdallas.org/2015-white-rock-lake-photo-contest/>
2. <http://www.dpreview.com/news/3820356401/canon-vs-nikon-in-a-hydraulic-press/1>
3. <http://www.dpreview.com/news/4861277900/vorticity-the-beauty-of-storm-chasing/1>
4. <http://petapixel.com/2016/06/28/nobody-cares-photography/>
5. <http://themetapicture.com/when-they-brought-these-wolves/>
6. <http://www.dpreview.com/techniques/3763628593/behind-the-shot-nicolas-alexander-otto-and-the-living-infinite>
7. <https://fstoppers.com/landscapes/theres-more-landscape-photography-taking-pictures-138521>
8. <https://www.dpreview.com/news/7812893623/interview-celebrity-photographer-jeremy-cowart-speaks-to-us-about-the-purpose-hotel/1>

BUY, SELL, OR TRADE

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

We have over 125 members that may be able to help you.

Guy Huntley has Canon equipment to sell. Here are links to the items as listed on Craigslist:

[Canon 5D Mark iii](#)

[Canon 7D](#)

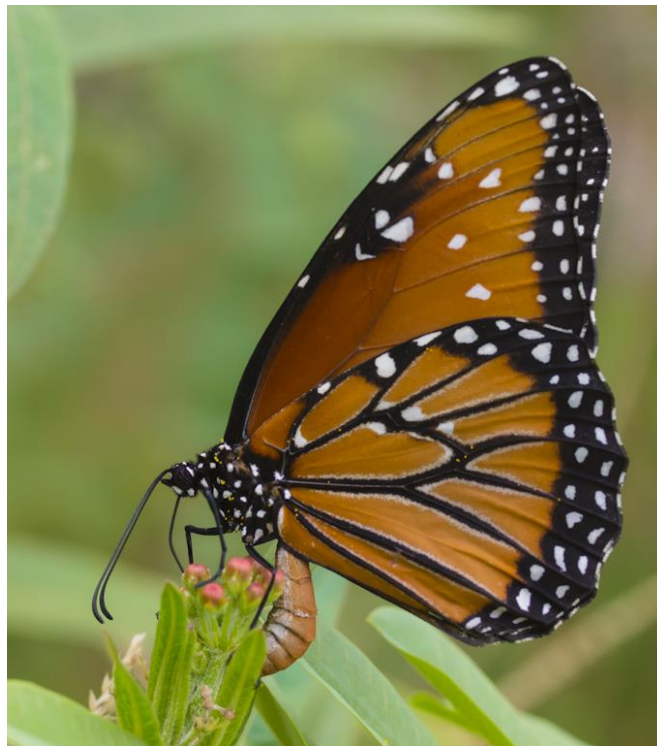
[Canon G12](#)

[Sigma 30mm f/1.4 HSM DC Lens](#)

[Sigma 50mm f/1.4 HSM DG Lens](#)

[Photoshop Image Editing Computer](#)

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Monthly Meeting

August 13, 2016

1:30 PM

Heard Natural Science Museum

1 Nature Place

McKinney, TX

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