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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Say, why not create a computer screen saver for you or a friend? That way you can share some of your images and really brighten someone's day! Or post them on-line for others to see. Select fun photo(s) that make you smile! I took the colorful nature photos below in the wild (non-captive) around Plum Lake (WI). My family has been vacationing there since I was a boy. Although I've had good luck shooting early or late in the day, the key is to know where the critters hang out to increase your chances of seeing them! Ask the locals for tips. It also helps to be quiet so as to not scare them away.

Thanks to Anita Oakley and Terree Stone for lining up great speakers each month! Also thanks to Lee Hatfield and crew for the outstanding table-top workshop held in August. It was a fun day of learning!

Don't miss out – Lee Hatfield, Jack Harrison and Jack Twiggs, our Field Trip Coordinators, have some exciting trips planned for this fall. Be sure to read about Wichita Mountains (OK), Pettit Jean State Park (AK), and Bunker Sands Wetlands (TX) in this newsletter!

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 September refreshment volunteers:

- John Yates
- Joyce Weaver
- Cash Donation



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

PAIR/TWO OF A KIND



September's subject is Pair/Two of a kind. The magic number is **two** this month – see what pair you can find, they don't have to be identical, it can be two of the same type object. Send me ONE photo that you have taken during the month of September that represents your interpretation of the subject. I need the photo emailed to me by midnight of September 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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

“Macro Photography: The Art of Thinking Small”

Irwin Lightstone

Bigger isn't always better. Beauty, drama, and impact are not restricted to the grand vistas that we know and love. Join Irwin in exploring the exquisite detail and wonder in a world that too often passes by unappreciated and unnoticed.



Irwin is a past president of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society, past president of the Texas Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies, and a former vice president of the Fort Worth Cactus and Succulent Society. He has been a featured speaker at the Gulf States Photographic Conference, and has led programs sponsored by the Dallas Museum of Art, the Dallas Arboretum and the International Photography Hall of Fame. His photography has won numerous awards and is often featured in the Cactus and Succulent Journal.



FUTURE SPEAKERS

September – Irwin Lightstone – Macro

October – Arlington Camera – GoPro cameras

November – Anita Oakley - Creating Photo Books

ACTIVITY REPORT by LEE HATFIELD

TABLE TOP WORKSHOP GREAT SUCCESS!!!

Over 60 club members, including several new members, attended the all day workshop on August 6 at the Science Resource Center at the Heard. Members divided into groups to learn at nine different work stations set up throughout the SRC and everyone enjoyed a free lunch courtesy of the club.

Irwin Lightstone, friend of the club, taught macro and micro photography. For post processing, Irwin uses a focus stacking program to combine all of his images (up to 99) to make a perfectly sharp final image.

Several Heard NPC Board members and club members worked at other stations to teach camera settings and techniques: **Larry Petterborg**, editor of the club newsletter, shared how to obtain the correct depth of field and focus. **Terree Stone**, co-vice-president, worked the light panel station teaching how to arrange flowers on a light panel and how to obtain good depth of field and focus for each subject.

Anita Oakley, co-vice president, worked the still life and abstract station helping members arrange seashells, sea glass, and other items in sand for a pleasing composition. **Peter Gilbert**, secretary, worked the oil on water station advising on camera settings and techniques. **Rob Hull**, webmaster, brought his splash photography gear giving members a chance to freeze frame peppers, lemons and apples as they splashed into the water.

Mike Cameron, club member, taught members all about how to photograph birds and discussed his settings and gear. **Jack Twiggs**, co-field trip leader, showed members the CamRanger technology as well as the Better Beamer. **Lee Hatfield**, co-field trip leader and organizer of the workshop, shared light painting techniques and camera settings.

Jackie Ranney, photo contest coordinator, and **Gaby Pruitt**, member, made sure everyone was signed in at the membership desk.

Jim Ross, president, took care of ordering and picking up lunch from the Great Outdoors Sub Shop. **Ed Pierce**, refreshments chair, made sure we all had enough water, ice tea and sodas to drink.

Membership feedback has been very positive on the workshop and work stations plus everyone seemed to enjoy having some fun social time, too. Thanks to everyone for attending and to all the board members and

club members who helped make this a great learning event. Special thanks to the Heard Museum for allowing us use of the SRC!



Splashing Peppers by Lee Hatfield



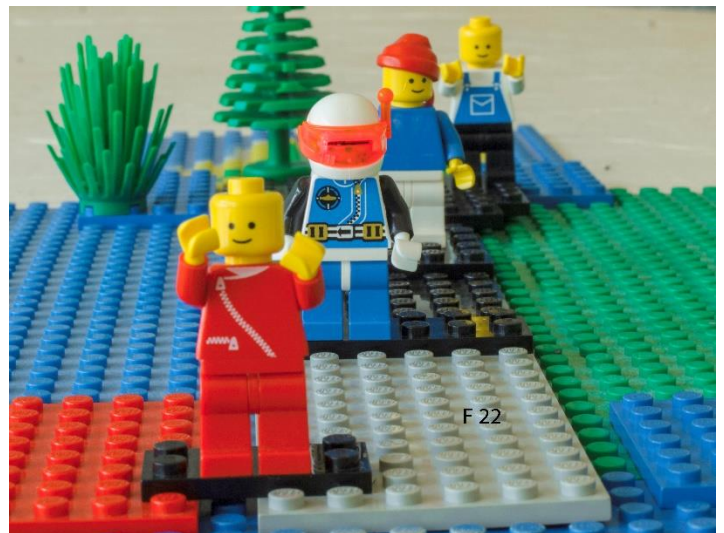
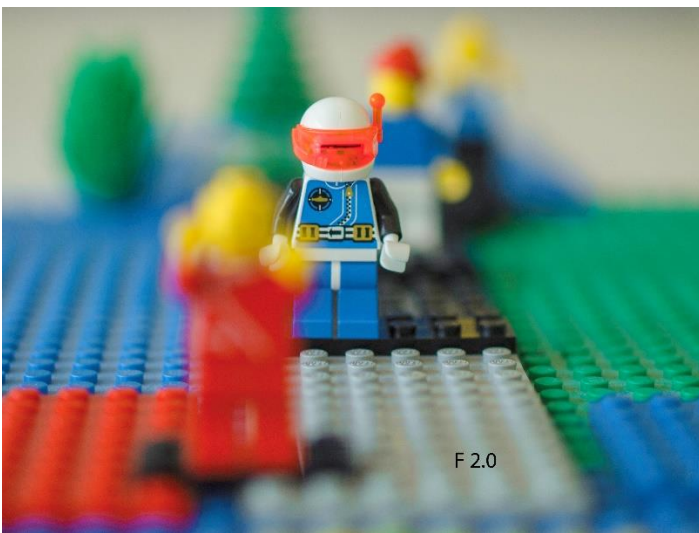
Clam Shell Abstract by Lee Hatfield



Castle Attack by Lee Hatfield



Floral by Larry Petterborg



EVENT PHOTOS BY GABBY PRUITT



FUTURE FIELD TRIPS

September 4, Clark Gardens in Weatherford: I have posted it on the HNPC FB page and asked if anyone is interested in meeting over there on Sunday, Sept 4 for BBQ, live music and photography plus the model train exhibit. As you know, everyone doesn't have access to FB. I have 4-5 takers so far but want to let the whole club know. Only 5 of us are going to the Wichita Mtns later in Sept. so thought I should offer something else closer to home.

<http://www.clarkgardens.org/>

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.

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. Hypofocal Distance: <http://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-find-and-use-hyperfocal-distance-for-sharp-backgrounds/>
 3. Jeffrey Friedl's Blog, <http://regex.info/blog/photo-tech/focus-chart>
 4. <http://digital-photography-school.com/5-tips-for-setting-the-focus-in-your-landscape-photography/>
 5. <https://www.dpreview.com/techniques/3387100308/8-tips-for-shooting-waterfalls>
 6. <http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/grand-teton-8k/>
 7. <http://vloggingpro.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-buying-a-vlogging-camera/>
 8. <http://www.thephotoargus.com/the-histogram-how-to-use-it-to-improve-your-photos/>
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<http://www.psa-photo.org/>

<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/>

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Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

1:30 PM

Heard Natural Science Museum

1 Nature Place

McKinney, TX

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