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PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR APRIL 2017

Well: It is springtime and everything is blooming with beautiful color. Shirley and I have visited the Dallas Arboretum twice lately. The last trip was with the club on March 18th, a trip hosted by Terree Stone. Great photography and fellowship. We had a group of 12 for lunch at Highland Park Cafeteria. Stuffed myself.

The following day was the Award Ceremony for the Heard Photography Contest. Some great images won awards and club members were well represented this year. I managed a 1st place for a landscape shot of Great Sand Dunes NP in Colorado. Please visit the Club website to view the winning images and take time to congratulate the winners when you see them at our meeting.

The proposed new By-Laws and Policies & Procedures documents have finally been approved by the Board and they will decide at our April meeting, how they want them presented to the Club. The funny thing is: our bank just called for an update on our documents and we are glad these documents have finally been put together. Peter Gilbert is considering all their new requirements.

Peter Gilbert and I have been considering the purchase of an audio system for the Club lately. This will be discussed and hopefully approved by the Board at the April meeting. Many folks at the back of the room have a hard time hearing presentations and with larger groups attending, it has become important to provide some amplification.

As most of you know, I am leading a photo outing at White Sands in May. If there is anyone wishing to join me, please do it by this meeting, as I must send some documents to the Ranger there, who will be providing early entry for sunrise photography. I currently have 13 people confirmed. We are going to have a great time.

If you have any concerns or thoughts for moving the Club along, please don't hesitate to call me or send me an email. I would like to see some additional education programs put on by the Club. Since room space is really not available at the museum, we could do something outdoors at the museum. What would you be interested in. We can find an instructor. We just need good weather.

R.E. (Ron) Marabito, President

39th ANNUAL HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RESULTS!!!!

by Jackie Ranney

It was another exciting year for the Heard Nature Photographers Club and we are pleased to have once again contributed to the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary more than \$6,000. With 743 images submitted by 133 photographers, it was quite a contest!

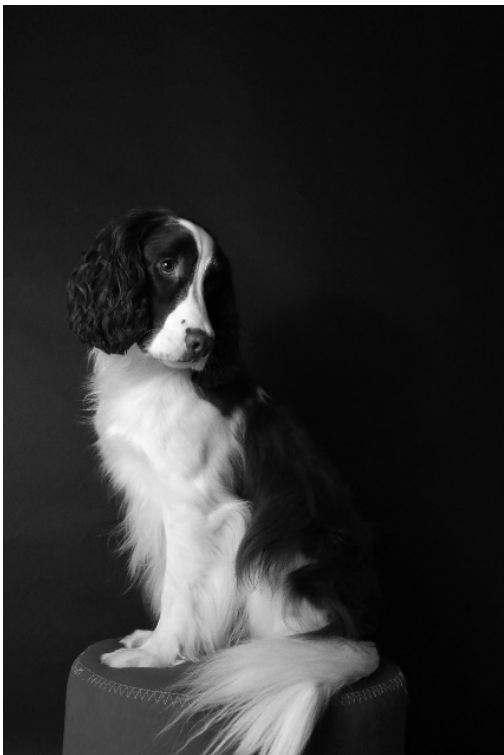
2017 BEST OF SHOW WINNERS



Adult Advanced
"Horses at the Hideout Ranch"
Sharlott Hasty



Beginner/Intermediate
"Gonna Getcha!"
Brian Pipe



Youth-Senior
"Split"
Leah Thye



Youth-Junior
"Feather on Water"
Maddie Nolan

Check our website more contest related information (www.heardnaturephotographers.com - select "2017 Contest Results"). All the images that were submitted are showing in the following sections:

Adult Advanced – Gallery A

Adult Advanced – Gallery B

Adult Beginner/Inter – Gallery A

Adult Beginner/Inter – Gallery B

Youth-Senior

Youth-Junior

(Note: In the Adult Divisions, you will notice a designation of "A" and "B". This is because of a software limitation determining how many images can be in a gallery. There is no other significance to the "A" and "B" designation).

The winners are then itemized in text lists by Division then by Category.

We want to extend a big thank you to all our participants in the 2017 photography contest! Museum Executive Director Sy Shahid was more than excited as we presented this year's proceeds check.



Pictured above: Ron Marabito (President of the Heard Nature Photographers),
Sy Shahid (Executive Director of the Museum) and
Jackie Ranney (Contest Coordinator/Heard Nature Photographers).

So now it's time for next year's contest:

Submissions accepted:	February 3-28, 2018
Award Ceremony:	March 18, 2018

That gives everyone almost a full year to plan their submissionsafter all, 2018 will be the 40th year the contest will be held.

Our thanks also go to all who helped organize this year's contest – it couldn't not have happened without you!

Below are the APRIL Refreshment Volunteers:

- John Yates
- Phyllis Fosdick
- Shirley Marabito
- Fay Stout

- Donation Refreshment fund if necessary

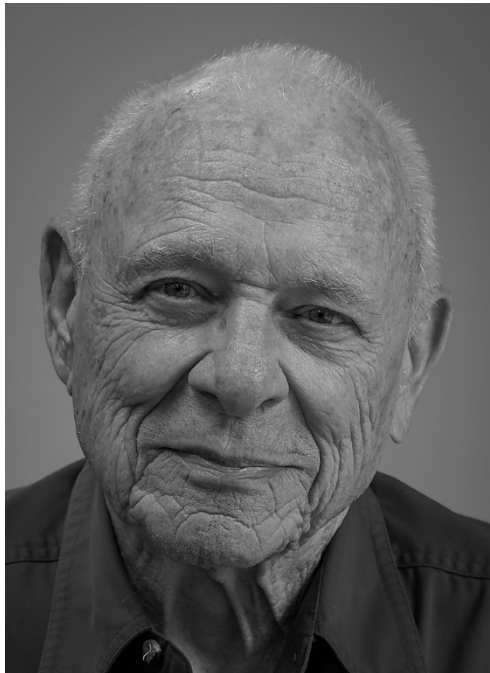


Be sure to sign up at the next meeting to bring snacks to a future meeting. If you would prefer to just give some **money** for refreshments, that's ok too. Please make donations to the club by way of Club Treasurer, **Peter Gilbert**. Thanks to all that contribute to making our meetings more enjoyable!

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

"YELLOWSTONE"

by RON MARABITO



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R.E. (Ron) Marabito, artist/photographer Born in Alliance in 1932 and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Ron was determined to relocate to some warmer weather. In 1950, prior to the Korean War, he joined the Air Force, found his way to Texas and eventually married. By the late 1950s he was studying Architecture at University of Texas at Austin. Ron later settled in Dallas with his family and began his internship. This is where he eventually became an entrepreneur. A licensed Architect since 1964, he also headed the Construction Management & Technology Department at Richland College, was a General Contractor from 1978-85 and a licensed Interior Designer since the '90s. Other than an occasional consulting job, Ron is now semi-retired preferring to travel by motor home around North America enjoying his art and photography. Ron first photographed his travels, starting in the '60s to be able to relive the travel experiences. Later his photography became more important, an art form he came to love. Ron also worked with mixed media art. He decided to exhibit his photography in the early '80s. After a few shows he surmised there were, many talented photographers and he went in search of something to set him apart from others. In 1986, he combined his talents developing his unique expression of photographic art later known as "Photo Escapes". What led to this expression was a firm belief that most people cannot see outside the frame of a photo or piece of art. By artistically duplicating portions of the photographic image on the mat, Ron guides the viewer beyond the edges and allows the viewer to complete the picture with their imagination. Thus, "Photo Escapes". Other than, his unique mixed media work and computer generated art, he produces digital floral, landscape, nature and architectural photographic images. Ron heads up the Field Trips for the Heard Nature Photographers and has done so for the Plano Photography Club in the past. He has won the "Members Choice Award" at the Heard 3 consecutive years in a row and has won 89 photographic awards since 2005.



Photos by Ron Marabito

2017 SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Date	Speaker	Subject
14-Jan	Jeff Parker	Jaguars and the Pantanal
11-Feb	Arlington Camera	GoPro and DSLR video photography
11-Mar	Dennis Fritche	Printing
8-Apr	Ron Marabito	Yellowstone
13-May	Frank Richards	Leading the Eye
10-Jun	Mike Mezeul	The Lava Experience - shooting the Big Island's volcano
8-Jul	Steve Reeves	National Parks
12-Aug		
9-Sep	Kathy Adams Clark	Travel Photography
14-Oct		
11-Nov	Dan Leffel	TBD

FIELD TRIPS by Terree Stone

I'm going to start rating our trips so that those of you that can't make the trip and want to go at a different time will have an idea of the pro and cons for that place. I'm going to be rating the places from 🏠 - may not be worth your time, to 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠 - must see. **This is based on my opinion only.**

Field Trip Report

Dallas Arboretum – March 18



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We had a great crowd participate in the outing and the Arboretum couldn't have been more beautiful. I think this is the first time in years that almost all the azaleas were in bloom at the same time as the rest of the flowers. Over twenty members made it out to the Arboretum, some the day we went and others a few days before and after. It started out a little cloudy, but by the time we left the sun had made it out and it turned into a beautiful day. We had a real treat while we were there; a visiting band from Canada was playing near the entrance. Several of us got some great shots of them while waiting to head to Highland Park Cafeteria for lunch.

Dallas Arboretum - 

The Arboretum has plants in bloom continually throughout the year, so it is always a great place to visit. With the opening of the Children's garden, the main gardens are not as crowded as it has been in the past. There are lots of flowers as well as water features and the lake to photograph.

Pros: Always has blooming plants, special plantings during different holidays, easy walking and lots of seating throughout the gardens as well as a shuttle

Cons: Paying to park if you aren't a member, if you go online before you enter, you can buy discounted parking.

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Field Trips Coming Up

Ennis Bluebonnet Festival – April 7-9 – self guided

Mark your calendar for the annual spring bloom of bluebonnets in April. Ennis is famous for its bluebonnet trails and festival the weekend of April 8th this year. You can download a trail map from the Ennis tourist information site. They keep it updated during bluebonnet season with the locations where they are seeing the most flowers. Ennis is about 40 to 45 minutes south of Dallas. This is an activity for you to do on your own. Bluebonnets can also be seen most of the month of April around the Metroplex. Thanks to Debbie Conard for letting me know there is a smartphone app for Ennis – **Ennis Y'all** that includes information on the bluebonnets, restaurants, etc.

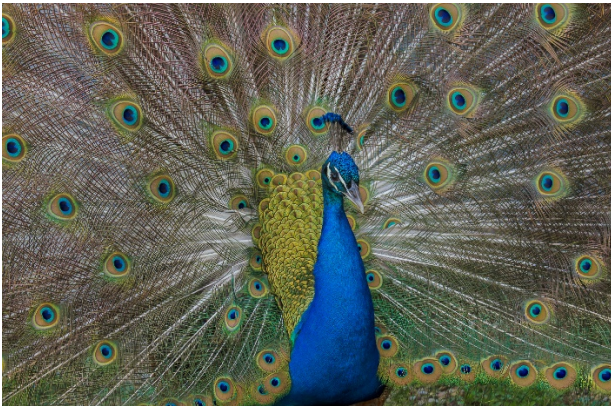
<https://www.visitennis.org/bluebonnet.htm>

I'll do a slide show on bluebonnets, so if anyone has bluebonnet photos they want to share, send them to me by the end of April, .jpg format, 2000 pixels on longest side. Limit it to your top three images.

Window to the Wild – Bird Photography Experience – April 30th at 8:00am
Hutchins, TX PLEASE NOTE THE RE-SCHEDULED DATE!!!

Cost: \$20 per person – additional \$5 to tour Rogers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

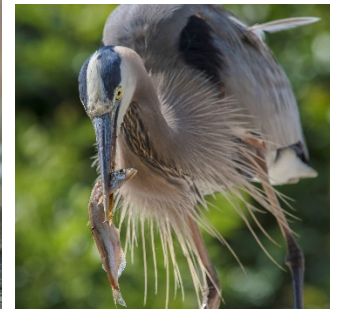
Window to the Wild is a company dedicated to training wildlife for public education. They use the natural instinctive behavior of birds for striking performances and to educate about conservation. We will have the opportunity to photograph birds in flight. We will be photographing birds as the trainers work with them and afterwards we will tour Rogers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and have the opportunity to photograph some of the birds that are currently being treated. Rogers is one of the few facilities in the metroplex that specializes in rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned birds; as well as a sanctuary for those birds that are deemed non-releasable due to injuries. **If weather turns rainy, this outing will be rescheduled for another time. I will be contacting those who have signed up with any updates.**



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Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge – Sunday, May 7th

9601 Fossil Ridge Road, Fort Worth, TX 76135, (817) 392-7410

\$5 Adults (13-64), \$3 Seniors (65+), \$1 Discount per person (with Military ID-Active/Retired)

Refuge is open from 7am-7pm May –September, **Hardwicke Interpretive Center open 9AM – 4:30PM**

Fort Worth Nature Center is a gem of a place; it is comprised of forests, prairies and wetlands. At its current state, the FWNC&R covers 3,621 acres and includes over 20 miles of hiking trails, making the park one of the largest city-owned nature centers in the United States. In 1980 it was designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. You can drive through most of the park to the different areas. Several of the trails are fairly easy to navigate and they have a boardwalk out the wetlands area that is great for viewing wildlife. The Hardwicke Interpretive Center is open daily and has some exhibits as well as a few animals, bird feeders and a water feature. They have an area near the entrance that has Bison as well as Prairie Dogs.

Caddo Lake and Jefferson – June 16-18

This should be prime time for the water lilies to be in bloom. There is lodging in Caddo Lake State Park and in Uncertain that is on or near the water. You can also find lodging in Jefferson which is about 30 minutes away. I'm working on locating a list of boats that can take us out and around on the lake. There is also the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge near the lake that was an old ammunition plant, but has since been turned in to a wildlife refuge. The refuge is drive through with areas you can pull off if you want to shoot photos. It isn't very busy so traffic isn't an issue.

“JUST ONE PHOTO” - April

“Birds”

April's subject is **Birds**. Since Spring brings out all the birds and babies, send me one photo you've take this month highlighting **Birds**. Please email to me by midnight of April 30th. 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, please resize to have longest side 2000 pixels. Email to: t.stone3@sbcglobal.net

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.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

1. <http://lightroomkillertips.com/move-lightroom-another-computer-not-get-burned/>
 2. <https://www.dpreview.com/articles/5278211240/how-to-win-at-photography-competitions/>
 3. www.diyphotography.net/checklist-landscape-photographers-27-points-shouldnt-forget/
 4. <https://digital-photography-school.com/plan-prepare-landscape-photography/>
 5. <https://digital-photography-school.com/reality-landscape-photography/>
 6. <http://digital-photography-school.com/ultimate-guide-landscape-photography/>
 7. <http://www.howtogeek.com/291444/how-to-improve-almost-any-digital-photo-without-auto-enhance/>
 8. www.lightstalking.com/landscape-photographers-mindset/
 9. <http://www.naturephotographers.net/birdphotography.html>
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Gulf States Camera Club Council 2017 Convention Fort Worth, TX Thursday, May 4th - Sunday, May 7th

Whether you are an expert, or just starting out, this convention has a lot to offer you!

Hosted by Cowtown Camera Club, Fort Worth, TX

The convention hotel is the **Marriott at Champions Circle**, 3300 Champions Parkway, Fort Worth, located next to the Texas Motor Speedway. A link for **registering** with the special conference rate of \$99.00 per night is available [HERE](#). The last day to book online at this rate is April 24. The following speakers are scheduled to present (check <http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/convention-1/> for updates):

TYLER STABLEFORD: Canon Explorer of Light, Director/DP and photographer.

EARL NOTTINGHAM: For over 35 years, Earl Nottingham has been telling the story of Texas and much of the American Southwest through his photography and is considered one of Texas' preeminent photographers.

MIKE MEZEUL II: "I am addicted to photography and adventure."

DAVID WOO: A 35-year veteran photographer with The Dallas Morning News.

MATT SHORT: Filmmaker and Aerial Photographer.

ROB HULL: Certified Professional Photographer and owner of GreatPhotography.





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Monthly Meeting

APRIL 8, 2017

1:30 PM

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McKinney, TX

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