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PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR JULY

Shirley and I Just finished a 3 day episode without a/c at the house. Compressor went bad and it was only 7 years old. Needless to say, the temperatures were hanging around the upper 90's during the whole event. Compressor was under warranty, but not the labor or the Freon. Took 22.5 pounds at \$70 per pound. Ouch!!!

Attention Please: Rob Hull will deliver our morning class before the meeting. Title is: "**High-Octane Workflow with Lightroom**" (see page 12). Here is the opportunity to get some great tips, so don't miss it. He is going to help you spend less time on the computer and more time behind your camera. Rob taught photography at SMU for 15 years. He knows his stuff.

A little advance notice for you to mark on your calendar: Next April meeting will be moved from April 13th forward to April 6th. We will remind you a little later, so not to worry.

This afternoon, Jackie Ranney and I met for a computer session. She showed me a few things in Word that I didn't know that should help me in the future. I, in-turn, brought her up to speed with use of the NIK Software. She was tickled to death at what she could do with her images. The current price is around \$49 and I guarantee it is worth every penny.

Jackie and Cliff Ranney, along with Jerry Reece and I drove down to Neches, Texas to photograph an old building and it gave me a chance to come up to speed a little with my new Fuji X-T2. Everyone in the car was shooting the same camera. I am really happy with it. Here are a few images captured on the trip:





Hope to see all of you at the class and the meeting on July 14th. Also remember that we have a **TABLE-TOP WORKSHOP** coming up on August 4th.

Thanks for reading
 Respectfully, R.E. (Ron) Marabito,
 President of Heard Nature Photographers.



Below are the July Refreshment Volunteers:

- George Vardas
- David Duckworth
- Larry Petterborg
 - John Yates
 - Ed Pierce



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!

JULY PROGRAM

I am excited to share our July program with you! This month's speaker is Nick Kanakis, the Bird Friendly Communities Educator for the Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC). His program will cover the TRAC's ecology, and how to get the most out of TRAC for photographers and birders.

The following topics will be included in his program: Land use prior to TRAC; building architecture of TRAC; the diverse wildlife that can be found on the property; birding opportunities at TRAC through the seasons using an annotated trail map; some great tips for photography at TRAC; and on-going conservation initiatives and programming with which the TRAC is involved.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our July 14 meeting.
Elisabeth

July 2018 Field Trip

Dallas World Aquarium

Saturday, July 21

8:45 am to 1:00 pm

Here is an opportunity to photograph aquatic related plants and animals in the cool of the aquarium. An alternative to shooting outdoors this month.

I would like to have a reasonably accurate list of participants to determine if we qualify for a group admission rate. For the group rate, we need 15 adults or seniors that are not already Aquarium members. I will need to collect \$17.27 for each adult just before we go in as a group. Exact change will be needed to help move the process along.



Please let me know if you sign up and then are not going to be going. Email bjreece@verizon.net

Address and details for the trip will be emailed to all that sign up a few days before the trip.

If you wish to participate in a trip, and are not able to attend the July meeting, feel free to email me at bjreece@verizon.net and I will add you to the sign-up list.



August 2018 Table Top Event

Science Resource Center

Heard Museum & Sanctuary

Saturday, August 4th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Come join us at the Science Resource Building right here at the Heard. It is the building to the north of the building where club meetings are held and at the end of the north parking lot. You really can't miss it. **Yes, it is an "air-conditioned indoor event"**. Snacks provided by the club will be available.

Table top set-ups include some brand-new stations and some from past years in addition to two speakers. This is a chance to learn some new photography techniques and have a hands-on opportunity to work with some of our experienced photographers. New stations include: Zoom burst and zoom spiral, high speed water splashes in a darkened room using a camera trigger, the CamRanger, shooting through crystal balls and through swirly vases, using a light tent and image mounting ideas. The frozen flowers, aquarium splash and others will be back. Most all of the stations will have someone nearby to assist and to answer your questions.

Bring your camera & tripod (monopod will work in many places), cards, batteries, etc. For one or two stations a 3 stop ND Filter (or at least a polarizer) may be helpful. Useful lenses include a medium focal length to short telephoto lens or zoom, particularly one that can focus fairly close and a macro if you have one – if not a macro, extension tubes or close up focusing filters. Since your car will be close, you don't have to carry everything at once. If you don't have the specific lenses mentioned come anyway with your favorite lens. There will be plenty for you to do.

If you have a lens with a lens cradle mount that can focus closer than 5 feet, it would be useful for the zoom bursts and spirals. If not, you can practice with a lens and camera already there and if you bring a spare SD card you can take your image home with you.

Participation is limited to members only. If a non-member comes with you, that person may join the club at the registration table.

A sign-up sheet will again be available at the June club meeting. Details of the event will be emailed shortly before the trip to those who have signed up.

Field Trip Report

I do believe that the venture to Irwin Lightstone's Cactus and Succulent Garden was a success. There was a wide variety to photograph and Irwin is a most delightful and accommodating host.

Advanced Planning Notice

I anticipate some location and date changes for Sept. through Nov. I will announce the changes via the next newsletter and at the July and August meetings.

One change that is definite is moving the trip to the **Japanese Gardens in Fort Worth to November 17th**, with a back-up date of Nov 24, if the fall color is late. The Turner Falls, Oklahoma trip is cancelled.

Jerry Reece,

Field Trip Coordinator

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MEMBER'S FORUM

If you have items to sale, stories to tell, or just want to express your opinion on topics related to nature and photography, please send me some words and pictures I can put in upcoming newsletters.

2018 PSA Conference

Salt Lake City, Utah

30 Sept. to 6 Oct.

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?2018-psa-conference>

If you have never been to Utah, this would make a wonderful introduction.



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For Sale

Oben AT-3585 Tripod, with ball head (Arca-Swiss compatible). It's a folding tripod (folds to 16"), Aluminum, can take a load of 27 lbs. Comes with carrying case. Some minor scratches on the camera mounting plate. Has both rubber and spiked feet. One leg can be removed and converted to a monopod. Also comes with a short (3") center column, and a long (10") column. Sells new at B&H \$190, I'll take \$100 or make me an offer I can't refuse. Will bring to July meeting. Selling because it's a bit large for my present outfit of small prime lenses. Contact Peter Gilbert peter.gilbert@att.net

FREE STUFF

1. One new Quantaray digital wool strap combo in package orig. \$11.99
2. One gently used camera pouch and strap for very small camera Lowepro with zipper opening, and zip pocket for extra battery. Belt loop.
3. One gently used camera pouch with strap for very small camera Quantaray with zipper opening, and zip pocket for extra battery. Belt loop.

First come, first served. You pick up or provide postage. Contact **Elinor Hite**

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From Nancy Mack (<https://nancymack.smugmug.com/>)

Flower Photographs by Club member, Nancy Mack, will be included in a group show:

Botanical Portraiture: A Modern Take on Classic Still Life,

at The Gallery at North Haven Gardens: Garden Center + Art Gallery + Café,

<http://www.nhg.com/>,

July 20, 2018 – September 9, 2018.

Opening Reception: Friday, July 20, 2018, 5pm-7pm.

Thanks!

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NEW TRIP PLANNING RESOURCES COMING SOON!

In an effort to provide our members with more usable resources, we announced at our June meeting that we will be starting to collect trip itinerary submissions from our members. These trip itinerary planning documents will be housed on the Club's website under the "Resources -> Trip Planning" link. They will be stored as PDF files to make it easy to download and print or save.

The intent behind this is to provide a starting point for those who are interested in planning a trip, but not sure where to go or what to see/do. This is not meant to take away from doing research online, but as an additional planning tool to help with recommendations from other like-minded travelers on what to do/not to do.

We will collect the following information, including recommendations for/against something:

- Travel locations and routes (be specific on roads used if they are out of the way places, if you have them!)

- Any rest stops, Visitor's Centers; or side stops that can be recommended or should be avoided;
- Places to stay – please use the inexpensive (\$), moderately priced (\$\$), or expensive (\$\$\$) scale as defined below to indicate pricing (this includes hotels, bed & breakfast, Airbnb, Cabins, RV/Campgrounds, etc.);
 - \$ - < \$75 per night
 - \$\$ - \$75-120 per person
 - \$\$\$ - > \$120 per person
- Places to eat – please use the inexpensive (\$), moderately priced (\$\$), or expensive (\$\$\$) scale as defined below to indicate pricing:
 - \$ - < \$15 per person
 - \$\$ - \$15-30 per person
 - \$\$\$ - > \$30 per person
- Places to photograph (including best/worst time of day);
- Type of photography that can be done (scenic, wildlife, night sky, etc.);
- Specific/specialized photography equipment and lenses (identify if Crop or Full Frame sensor is being used);
- Clothing considerations;
- If hiking is involved – please use the easy, moderate, strenuous level indicators, as defined below:
 - Easy – flat, well paved or solid dirt, short hike less than 1/2 mile, suitable for all ages and fitness levels;
 - Moderate – trails consist of variable terrain containing small changes in elevations and texture, may not be suitable for small children, may require a hiking stick, up to 5 miles round-trip hiking distance;
 - Strenuous – only experienced or fit hikers, large change in elevation, uneven terrain, may require a hiking stick, half-day or more round-trip hiking distance;
- Wildlife to observe;
- Length of time spent on overall trip and in each location, if possible;
- Time of year your travels were made;
- Local information sources (wildlife refuges offices, etc.)
- If flying, identify the routes taken (city/country);
- If driving, approximation of mileage driven;
- Anything else you want to have included.

Once the trip information is submitted to me, I will put it in a template format that will also include a map for reference. The trips can be both domestic and international.

I believe this can be a valuable and helpful resource for all of us – not to mention fun to share the wonderful places around the world our members have been able to see!

Example documents will be posted on the website sometime PRIOR to our July meeting.

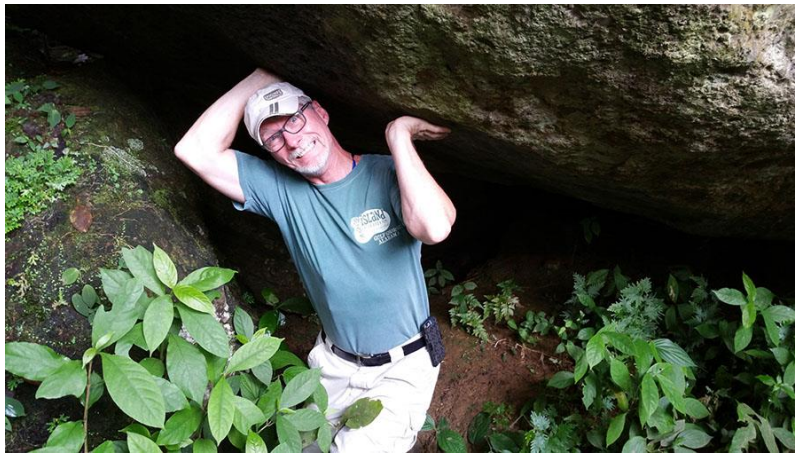
Should you have any questions, please contact Elisabeth Shore directly on my cell phone (214-763-6302).

Thank you! Elisabeth

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New HNP Member: Harrison Beasley

By Tom Martin, Membership/Marketing Coordinator



Harrison Beasley was destined to become a member of the Heard Nature Photographers once Suzanne, his wife, joined the Club last year. Suzanne is an avid photographer, and Harrison became her porter helping to lug her photo gear on photo shoots and field trips. He also became an indirect beneficiary of Suzanne's "photo habit" in that, as she upgrades her equipment and passes her old gear onto their grandchildren, Harrison inherits the third-generation stuff from the grandkids.

Time was the thing that prevented Harrison from becoming a more focused photographer earlier in his life. He traveled extensively as a semiconductor executive with TI, NEC, and Qorvo. Before that, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy as submarine nuclear reactor operator, a flight officer, and an engineering duty officer.

Despite the demands of his work, he carried his own quiet passion for photography with him on the road and used his travel to take lots of photos without much, as he says, "real knowledge or training." Having spent two careers so filled with travel and responsibility left few opportunities to participate in groups like the Heard Nature Photographers. That all changed when he recently retired for the second and, perhaps, final time.

Harrison originally hails from Nashville, Tennessee, but he has been in Texas since 1990. He enjoys golf, snow skiing, and the "Easy Rider" life astride a motorcycle. Although he has been shooting somewhat seriously for the past five years, he considers himself a novice. He is enthusiastic about learning more and expanding his photographic horizons. Currently, he shoots with a Nikon D5000 that he inherited from a grandchild who, in turn, inherited it from Suzanne. He loves his 10-24mm wide angle lens for shooting landscapes, beautiful scenery, sunrises, sunsets, mountains and waterfalls. He prefers Lightroom for his post-production work.

Here is a photo of Harrison along with three of his favorite nature images. Take an opportunity to welcome Harrison into the Club and get acquainted with him and Suzanne. Who knows? If you get to know them well enough, maybe you'll stand to inherit some vintage photo gear from one of their grandchildren.



A Question from Alan Abair:

Is anyone interested in joining a **Meet Up** group I'm a part of? It's the North Texas Night Photography group, <https://www.meetup.com/NorthTexasNightPhotographyGroup/> . We're fairly active and would love to have some HNP members join.

Thanks!

Alan Abair

High-Octane Workflow with Lightroom

As a photographer, chances are you want to spend more time behind the camera and less time in front of a computer screen. Rob Hull will show you how to turbo-boost your digital workflow to get better quality images in less time at his High-Octane Workflow presentation on Saturday, July 14. This program is in the morning before our regular meeting - it will begin at 9:00 am.

You'll see how to streamline your image processing so that you have better quality images with less computer time. Rob uses Lightroom as the foundation for this speedy workflow. And, when you learn to use it the correct way, it will become your BFF.

Rob looks at the photographic process logically and has developed a workflow that maximizes image quality and protects your digital assets in the most efficient way possible.

Learn how to design a system so that what you see on the back of your camera is what your previews look like when you import them into Lightroom. No more twiddling with your images just to get them to match your camera.

You'll also explore hidden features of Lightroom that will make you wonder how you ever got along without them. Prepare yourself for a real Lightroom epiphany. And what about plug-ins and editors outside of Lightroom? You'll learn how to integrate them into your workflow in the most efficient and effective manner.

Whether you're new to Lightroom or have used it for years, you'll enjoy Rob's presentation. Rob is a Lifetime Member of the Heard Nature Photographers Club, having joined almost 30 years ago. He is an active professional photographer who has earned both the Master of Photography and the Photographic Craftsman degrees. He's past president of the Dallas Professional Photographers Association and taught photography at SMU for 15 years.





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Monthly Meeting

14 July 2018

1:30 PM

Heard Natural Science Museum
1 Nature Place
McKinney, TX

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