

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

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*** 2019 YEARLY DUES ARE DUE \$20 ***

• MEETING WILL BE IN LAUGHLIN HALL

President's thoughts

Your Club Officers held a meeting prior to the January regular meeting and discussed several matters. We have secured speakers for most of the months going forward in 2019 – great work Elisabeth! For July and September, we are thinking of some indoor trips because of the heat (but not the Grapevine Aquarium – the lighting there is terrible). Any suggestions? Please talk to Jackie.

Brian Clark is now officially the Treasurer and is the person to pay dues, or to get reimbursed for valid expenses incurred related to Club matters. Alan Daniel has taken charge of the Membership, and between him, Brian and Jackie, we have a new streamlined process to induct new members and manage all membership issues. Great work folks!

Jackie is making great progress on field trips, and Rob has posted to the Club website details and sign-ups for all the trips that Jackie has so far, so please check it out! Great work Jackie! In connection with the field trips, I would remind all members that you need to have on file a Waiver of Liability valid for each member and spouse or family member. Jackie can help you with this if you need assistance or information.

Anita Oakley has agreed to continue to manage our Club Facebook (FB) Group, and other “social media” related matters. The purpose of our FB Group is for Club members to showcase their work or communicate with other Club members; it is not an open group for others to join just to have “friends” on FB; or for commercial photographers hoping to sell their work. If someone requests to join the FB Group, please allow Anita to contact that person and decide whether it is appropriate or not for that person to join.

Finally, Terree has revamped the look of our Newsletter, I think it looks great, I hope you all do as well! Terree will be adding new features to the Newsletter in future, also. A reminder, if you have items of general interest to Club members or have items to sell (or want to purchase) please contact Terree so she can include these in the Newsletter.

Good shooting!

Peter

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Emerald Lake by Mike Mezeul

Guest Speaker – Mike Mezeul II

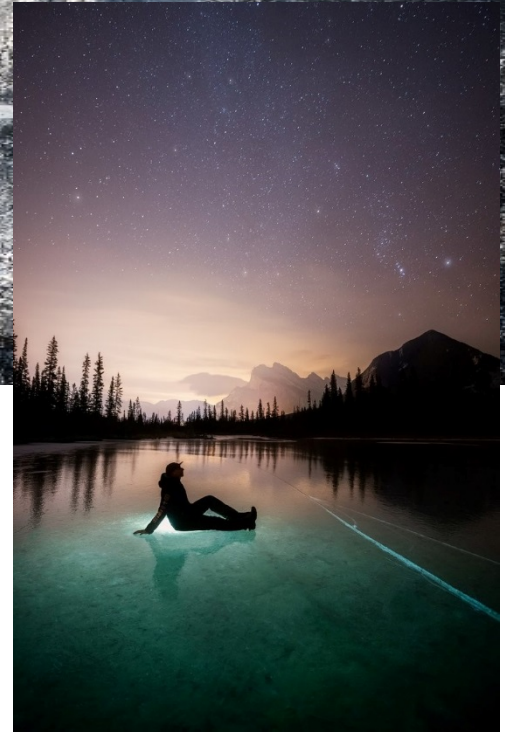
By Elizabeth Shore

Mike Mezeul will be returning as a guest speaker for our February meeting. He has a very diverse portfolio of images and photographic themes. He has been asked by Nikon to be a guest speaker twice at the Nikon LIVE CES stage in Las Vegas (2018 and 2019). Mike's workshops sell out very quickly once there are posted. His work keeps getting better, and he's really making a name for himself in the world of photography.

This month, Mike will be sharing his images and experiences in his winter photography work. Shooting in cold weather, snow, ice, high winds, etc. comes with its own challenges (preparing with adequate warm clothing and keeping your gear safe) not to mention post-processing to make your pictures look their best. Mike recently wrote an article about this on his website blog titled "Embrace Winter: Get Out There and Shoot!" It's worth the read if you have a few minutes to spare.

Link: <https://www.mikemezphotography.com/blog/2018/12/1/embrace-winter-get-out-there-and-shoot>

His work can be seen on his website (www.mikemezphotography.com), on Instagram (@MikeMezPhoto), and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MikeMezPhoto).





Heard Photo Contest is About to Open

February 2nd marks the date that you can first begin submitting all those beautiful images you gathered on your last trip to that exotic destination last summer, or the image you have from the lake at sunset or even that macro image of the spider and its web taken in your backyard. Even though the contest submission begins February 2nd, now is the time for you to review your images and get them ready for the submission. You can find the requirements for submitting images at www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest It's not hard, but it may take you a few minutes to prepare the images for your submission. **The key is not to wait until the last minute!**

The other thing you can do to make the Contest a success is to spread the word about the Contest to your friends, at work, members of other camera clubs, you children or grandchildren's teacher; post the enclosed flyer on the Activities Bulletin Board at church, the Community Activities bulletin board at your local coffee brewing shop or the camera store where you shop. The success of the Contest can be improved with the help of all of our members...so help us get the word out!

And remember, all the proceeds from the Contest go directly to the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary to help in their ongoing educational programming for all ages. You can feel good about helping with such a good cause when you pay your entry fees plus affording you the opportunity to have your work judged by professional photographers. **AND**, Best of Show winners in each of the four contest divisions will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this years' Contest a success with the submission of your images and your help in spreading the word!

Richard Robinson
2019 Heard Photo Club Contest Coordinator
contest@heardnaturephotographers.com





*41st Annual
Heard Nature Photography
Contest*

**2019 SUBMISSION DATES:
February 2 – 24, 2019**

- ❖ Four contest divisions:
 - ❖ Youth - Junior (14 and under)
 - ❖ Youth - Senior (15-18)
 - ❖ Adult – Aspiring (Beginner/Intermediate)
 - ❖ Adult - Experienced (Advanced Amateur or Professional)
- ❖ Contest categories for nature-related digital images.
- ❖ Entry fees: \$5/photo for youth, \$10/photo for adults.
- ❖ Ribbons awarded for Best of Show in each Division and 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each contest category for each division.
- ❖ \$100 cash prize to Best of Show winners in each of the four contest divisions!
- ❖ All contest proceeds to benefit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney, TX.
- ❖ Please see these websites for contest details and instructions for preparing and submitting entries:
www.heardmuseum.org/events/
www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest
- ❖ Questions? Please contact:
Richard Robinson, Contest Coordinator
Heard Nature Photographers - 214/215-7564 or
contest@heardnaturephotographers.com

Roadtrips:

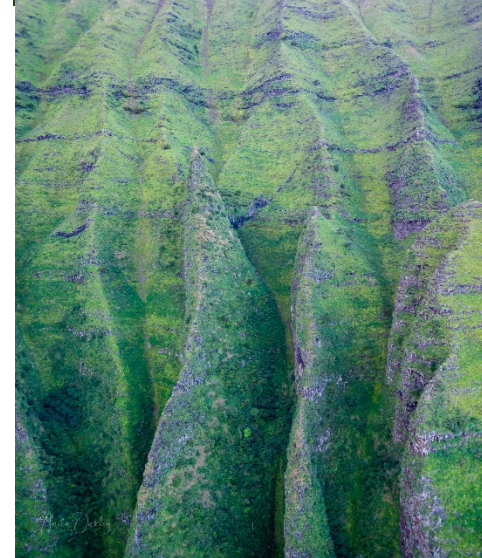
Photographing the Coastline: by Anita Oakley

The Na Pali Coast is a 15 mile stretch of sheer cliffs, caves, and rugged peaks on the northwest edge of Kauai. As anyone who has been there knows, it is one of the true wonders of the world. For the adventurous (and strong), there is an 11-mile trail, but it's very strenuous. For the rest of us, Helicopter or boat tours are better options.

On a recent workshop with Mike Mezeul II to Kauai, we had the opportunity to see and photograph the Na Pali coastline from air and from the water. We took off from Lihue airport in three Robinson 44s, so everyone had a door. Of course, the doors were conspicuously missing. No shooting through plexiglass. We spent some time over the mountains and waterfalls between Lihue and the Na Pali, and then flew the length of the coastline. The views were unbelievable!

The next day, we repeated the trip about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the coastline by boat. It was a different perspective, and I honestly can't say which was better. The boat trip was slower, so we had more time to compose, but the heli ride gave perspectives you just can't get any other way. The boat trip was also a whale watching tour, and we were treated to a heat run, and a display of pectoral fin slapping on the way back to the dock. Oh yes, and a spectacular sunset.

I could go on and on about this trip. The heli ride and boat tour were only two highlights in five days of great photography. If you get the chance to photograph the coastline, do your homework. Search Google satellite view for accessible coastline that looks promising. Check out images people have taken in those locations. Take advantage of PhotoSpheres, which give you a 360 degree look at potential sites. Scout during the day when you are on location. Talk to local photographers



This is a new section that I've created for members to share your experiences from a road trip with a photo tip or two. You can send me a short paragraph about your trip and an image or two.

FIELD TRIPS

By JACKIE RANNEY

February 23, 2019 Keith Kridler Daffodil Farm – Mt. Pleasant, TX

limited to 30 people

This date may have to change depending upon weather and blooming!

March 2019 Possibility of two field trips in March!

- March 30, 2019 - Tyler Azalea and Spring Flower Trails
- Scarborough Haven in Emory (azaleas & more). They have not yet announced the one weekend they will be open.

April 27, 2019 Cedars on the Brazos – Glen Rose, TX

May 4, 2019 Colleyville Nature Center – Colleyville, TX

June 28-29-30, 2019 Caddo Lake – Uncertain, TX

Boat trip will be at sunrise on Saturday, June 29.

July 2019 Working on it!

August 17, 2019 Annual Tabletop Workshop

September 2019 Working on it!

October 19-26, 2019 Big Bend National Park

November 2019 Possibility of two Fall Color field trips for November!

- Scarborough Haven – Emory, TX – dates not yet announced (they will only be open for one weekend).
- Dallas Arboretum (Date pending Scarborough Haven date).

December 7, 2019 Vitruvian Lights – Addison, TX

Note that this is a living schedule and subject to updates/changes.

Call if you have questions!

Jackie Ranney

Field Trip Coordinator

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JANUARY 2019 FIELD TRIP

What a fun trip we had on January 26, 2019, to the **Texas Discovery Gardens' Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House & Insectarium** at Fair Park in Dallas! Twenty-seven of us arrived bright and early (well – 10:00 a.m.!) despite the temperature being in the 30's.

After searching for the free-flying butterflies that seemed hesitant to pose for us, once the temperature warmed a bit more inside the two-story tropical rainforest area, there was lots of activity as we gathered in groups sharing what we were seeing, encouraging each other and generally hoping for that perfect shot.



Not only does the Butterfly House have the interior area great for photography but for those of us who wandered the exterior 7.5-acre Butterfly Garden, it provided lots more for our photographers to enjoy. Ten themed areas in the Butterfly Garden include a butterfly habitat, Master Gardeners' Garden, native wildlife pond, scent garden, shade garden and an heirloom rose garden. There's even The Snakes of Texas house on the far side of the garden displaying 20 species of venomous and non-venomous native snakes in a safe environment (i.e. "behind glass enclosures"!). The Butterfly Garden will be a delightful opportunity in the spring when the plants have returned to their blooming states. It was also brought to our attention that the Monarch Meander area on Lepidoptera Lane in the Butterfly Garden will be perfect in October as the monarch butterflies take advantage of the heavily planted Frostweed.

At 12:00, there was a butterfly release of about 20 butterflies, but the best part was watching all of the little children who were absolutely entranced. The presenter had the kids just fascinated with what was happening, rapidly answering his questions and although we were there for photography, I think we enjoyed seeing the kids' interaction with the presenter as much as we had our butterfly-chasing earlier!

From there, we walked to the Old Mill Inn for lunch inside the fair grounds. Service was quick, the food was delicious, and the conversation and laughter were even better. We were gone by 1:30 p.m. already talking about "next time" and some of us still shooting along the way! Again, thanks to everyone who participated in support of our first field trip of 2019! We're looking forward to seeing you again.

Jackie Ranney
Field Trip Coordinator



DID YOU KNOW?

Signing up for a field trip is now much easier and a lot more convenient! Check our website's Field Trips page...scroll down the list to choose which trip(s) you want to investigate. Click on the available cells (some already have full details – some are still to come).

To register for a specific event, choose “Register”, enter your name and contact information...DONE!

Just remember, if you and your spouse are both attending, each needs a separate registration (please don't include both names in the same registration). Sign-ups are still accepted by phone, email or signing up at our monthly meetings, too!

Thanks to Rob Hull for one terrific idea!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Month	Day	Guest Speaker Name	Presentation Topic
February	9	Mike Mezeul II	Winter Photography
March	9	David DeHoyos	How Street photography skills can help your Nature photography skills
April	6	Earl Nottingham	Texas Travels
May	11	Robert Moore	Travel Photography
June	8	TBA	
July	13	TBA	
August	10	Kathy & Robert Norwood	Drone Photography
September	14	TBA	
October	12	TBA	
November	9	TBA	
December		No Guest Speaker	Members Choice

REMINDER: It's time to pay your 2019 Dues.

Membership is only \$20 dollars a year. One of the best deals in photography. You can pay a couple of ways:

PayPal (send PayPal payment to membership@heardnaturephotographers.com)

or

Bring a check or cash to the next meeting on February 9th

Please contact Alan Daniel if you have any questions.



Convention: \$75.00 Registration

GULF STATES CAMERA CLUB **COUNCIL CONVENTION**

If you have not had to chance to attend the GSCCC Convention, this would be a great one to attend since it is right here in our backyard. There are fieldtrips, vendor booths (usually have some giveaways/prizes), as well as an incredible line up of speakers including:

Eleanor Avery – she has two programs - “Snow and Sunshine” and “Southern Spain”

Irwin Lightstone – the Art of Seeing Small

Kathy Adams Clark – Travel Photography

Mike Mezeul II – Images that happen when you connect with nature

Noel Kerns – Night Photography & Light Painting

Drew Hendrix – Keep Photography Alive with Print

Don Russell – Long Term Project – building a portfolio of portraits

Scot Miller – Affecting Change: Making a Difference with Photography & Videography

Houston Brown – Drone Photography

Susan Burciaga – Creative Portrait Lighting

Jeremy Woodhouse – Travel: Wildlife

Website for more info and registration: <http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/convention-2019/>

Let's Get Social

February Refreshment Volunteers:

Peter Gilbert

Linda Grigsby

Terree Stone

Liv Schad

Joyce Weaver

If you haven't volunteered to bring snacks to share - there's still time - Ed will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. We need about 5 folks per meeting to bring your favorite dessert or something healthy like a fruit or veggie tray.

A big thanks to Ed who brings the drinks, cups, plates, napkins, forks and ice to every meeting.





<http://www.psa-photo.org/>

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

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MONTHLY MEETING

9 FEBRUARY 2019

1:30 PM

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