

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

MEETING DATE *OCTOBER 12TH*****

• MEETING WILL BE IN SRC BUILDING **2PM**

President's thoughts

As Elisabeth mentioned at the September meeting, we have TWO new Social Media forums now dedicated to the upcoming 2020 Heard Photography Contest:

- a Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/events/369752307048874/>
- an Instagram page – <http://www.instagram.com/heardcontest/>

The Facebook page is receiving a great response, so we are all hoping for 2020 being a record year for entries. Thanks to Elisabeth, Anita, and the team for doing this! Separately, Rob has updated the contest page on our website, link here: <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-1> so please take a moment and check it out. There are some changes from previous years. It's not too early to be thinking about your entries. I create a new Collection in Lightroom around about this time of the year, and move possible entry images to that, then when the time comes, I choose the ones I think are worthy (I'm not always correct in my assumptions there, but that's a story for another day).

I hope all y'all have had more time to take photos than have I these past 2 months; I've managed to get more involved with my homeowner's association board and that is taking up more time than I anticipated. I'm looking forward to the Arboretum, and then Big Bend trip later in October, to get back into the swing of things, photographically.

A reminder that we need to elect a new slate of Club officers for 2020; we will conduct the election at the November meeting (technically, we will conduct a Members meeting just prior to the regular Club meeting). If anyone is wanting to nominate themselves for a position, please contact me or Elisabeth and let us know. We are still looking for a Field Trip Coordinator for 2020.

Finally, a couple of folks have asked me about a "swap meet" to be conducted prior to one of our meetings, or in the morning of a club meeting day. I think this is a great idea, and I'll be working on arranging this sometime over the next few months.

Good shooting

Peter

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Whooping Cranes
by Earl Nottingham

Guest Speaker – Earl Nottingham

By Elisabeth Shore

Our speaker for our October meeting is the chief photographer of TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE magazine – Earl Nottingham.

Earl Nottingham is an accredited Master Photographer and EMMY award winning filmmaker who has worked with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for 23 years and has received numerous regional and national awards for his outdoor photography and video which includes publications like NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Traveler, MEN'S JOURNAL, SMITHSONIAN publications, TEXAS HIGHWAYS, TEXAS MONTHLY and CBS Television.

He received his photographic education at the Art Institute of Atlanta and received his bachelor's degree in Photography from East Texas State University.

Earl describes himself as a “generalist” when it comes to the varieties of images he shoots on a daily basis for TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE Magazine. According to Nottingham, “I may be photographing wildlife one day, landscape the next, and a product or portrait set-up the day after – no two assignments are the same.”

He is currently working on a book with Texas A&M Press that will showcase images from his 25-year career with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

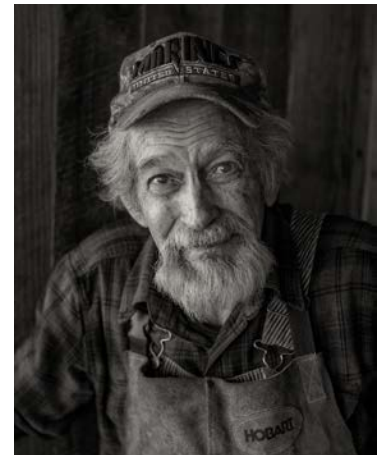
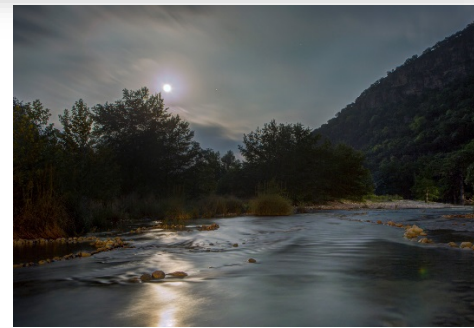
He lives in Temple, Texas with wife Paula.

Earl will be taking the group on a visual journey along remote backroads and to the corners of the state of Texas, where he has created many of the images for Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine throughout his long career. He will share a few of his tips as well as discuss some of the new technology in still photography and video imagery.

His work can be seen throughout the TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE magazines and on his website (www.earlnottingham.com).



Earl Nottingham





FALL

It's that time of year again when we all are in search of Fall colors and cooler temperatures; believe it or not we have some places that have foliage displaying those lovely fall colors here in Texas. You can check out the locations below known for fall color. From past trips we know that fall color can be hard to predict, so please call ahead if you are planning to visit any of these locations.

I've tried to list the closest to the DFW area locations first:

Japanese Gardens – Fort Worth – Best time is around Thanksgiving

Dinosaur Valley State Park – near Glen Rose – Best time end of October to first of November

Daingerfield State Park – near Daingerfield - Piney woods area – Best time end of October to end of November

Lake Bob Sandlin State Park – near Pittsburg – Piney woods area– best time mid-October through mid-November

Tyler State Park – north of Tyler – best time late November through early December

Caddo Lake – near Uncertain – Piney woods area – best time end of October through late November

Garner State Park - near Concan - in the Hill Country area - Best time is late October

Lost Maples – Near Vanderpool - in the Hill country area – Best time is middle of November

McKinney Falls State Park – Hill Country area – best time late October through early November





**2019 Field Trip Schedule
Heard Nature Photographers
(As of September 21, 2019)**

September 28, 2019 The Dallas Arboretum

October 12, 2019 Blackland Prairie Raptor Center – Lucas, TX

October 19-25, 2019 Big Bend National Park (Wait List Only)

November 15-16-17, 2019 Mowdy Mustang Ranch – Oklahoma (Wait List Only)

Scarborough Haven in Emory, TX is still a possibility for November, too. They will not announce the only weekend they will be open until Fall gets closer.

December 5, 2019 Vitruvian Lights – Addison, TX
Note that this field trip is on a Thursday night.

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

As always, call if you have questions!

Jackie Ranney
Field Trip Coordinator
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FIELDTRIP COORDINATOR



Enjoys taking pictures with friends

Likes to explore new places

Wants to make new friends

Likes learning new things with a group to support you

Sharing the duties with a partner (or you can do it by yourself)

See Jackie Ranney if you are interested. Would like to have someone on board before the end of October. You can talk to Jerry Reece or Terree Stone if you want to know more about the benefits of being Field Trip Coordinator. Both have held the position.





It's Time

Don't procrastinate

February 1 – 23, 2020

The Heard Photo Contest is right around the corner. Now is the time to go through all your images while the temperatures still feel like summer outside. There have been many great images in the field trip slideshows that would make great contest entries. We have a few more field trips this year giving you an opportunity to add to your portfolio of images. Rob has added a 2020 Contest tab to our website that has pretty much everything you need to know about preparing your images and entering the contest. The website opens February 1, 2020 for entries.



NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES!

Hello Nature Photography Enthusiasts!

Your Heard Nature Photography Club Photo Contest Board is very excited to announce that we now have TWO NEW Social Media pages to help spread the word about our upcoming 2020 Photography Contest!

Our Facebook page address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/Heard-Natural-Science-Museum-Photography-Contest-100142291356177/>

Our Instagram page address is: <https://www.instagram.com/heardcontest/>

We will be featuring image posts from our 2018 and 2019 contest entries with the photographer's name listed on/with the image, so you never know when your image(s) will be put up there for all to see! Feel free to invite your family and friends to LIKE/SHARE our page so they can see your work as well as generate greater and broader awareness about the contest.

The contest is hosted by our affiliated photography club (Heard Nature Photographers), but you do not have to be a member of either the museum or the photography club to participate. The proceeds from the Photography Contest go back to support the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary (www.HeardMuseum.org). This contest is open to ALL photographers worldwide.

We appreciate your on-going support and look forward to many new and beautiful contest entries this year.

Thank you!

Elisabeth Shore (Facebook manager)

Anita Oakley (Instagram manager)



HAVE YOU SEEN IT ???? We have another addition to our website! “Galleries” is where you’ll find images from our field trips and other photographic activities in which the club participates! Thanks go to our webmaster, Rob Hull, for keeping our website fun and exciting for everyone!!

WEBSITE UPDATES FOR CONTEST TIME:



Check out the 2020 Contest tab for information about the contest, ie. Divisions, Categories, How to submit your images, how to pay, etc.



FOR SALE

Canon 300mm f2.8 IS Lens - \$2200

This copy was originally used for sports photography, so there's some scuffing on the body (mainly where the lens hood attaches) but nothing that affects functionality or image quality.

It comes with all its original accessories, including lens hood, faux-leather lens cap, and carrying case. Unfortunately, I don't have the key for the case.

Tamron SP 150-600mm f/5-6.3 Di VC USD Lens for Canon - \$700

There is some brassing on the foot and the foot bolt, but otherwise in excellent condition.

They can reach me at moebius@airmail.net or 214-334-2524.

Thanks!
Alan Abair

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Guest Speaker Name</i>	<i>Presentation Topic</i>
November	9	Ron and Sharlott Hasty	Wildlife of Brazil
December	14	No Guest Speaker	Members Choice

GSCCC News

At the June meeting I mentioned that we have decided to open our Gulf States contest entries to include images that may show the hand of man as well as the strict nature category. I will enter any pictures that you send in that don't qualify under the Nature Projected in other categories where they will fit. See below for sizing and other information regarding entries. If you have additional questions, please contact me @ anitaoak@outlook.com

Peter Gilbert took 1st place in May's Nature projected image with his White Sands Black and White image.



Contests: It's a whole new year, and a fresh chance for our club to shine! The guidelines are a little dry, but here they are:

- 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.

We have some great photographers in our midst. **Let's show off!**

Please size any images no larger than 1024 wide by 768 high and send them in email to anitaoak@outlook.com. (If images are in portrait orientation, they must still only be 768 pixels high.) Winners will be acknowledged during monthly meetings!

October Refreshment Volunteers:

- Anita Oakley
- Linda Grigsby
- Peter Gilbert
- Jerry Reece
- Nancy Mack
- Mary Binford
- Nan Martin

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

12 OCTOBER 2019

2:00 PM

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