

# HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

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MEETING DATE \*\*\*NOVEMBER 9TH\*\*\*

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

## President's thoughts

Another 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. Or, you can nominate yourself (or someone else – provided you have their prior agreement!) from the floor at the meeting. Except for the Field Trip Coordinator position, all current officers are standing for re-election.

We will conduct a Saturday Morning Class in November (at the SRC – really!) from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. My daughter Jennifer will be the speaker, on Video Production (that means, video post-production, i.e. how you get the “footage” off the camera and make a “movie” out of it). She will have a short “refresher” on setting up your camera to shoot video (that pesky little red button on your camera) in case you missed the first class. Details on our Website here:

<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/classes>

Many of us will be in Big Bend National Park (BBNP) during the week of October 19 through 26; and hopefully will have plenty of RAW material (pun intended) to submit to the December Members Choice as well as – of course – the upcoming 2020 Photo Contest. I hear some folks have new lenses to test out on the BBNP trip, and another of our members has snuck off to England just to shoot prize-winning photos for the Contest. So, between desert rocks and vegetation, and moss-covered rocks along streams, we should have a great range of subject matter to enjoy over the next few months.

Happy Halloween everyone, and good shooting!

Peter

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Jaguar  
by Ron Hasty



# Guest Speaker Ron and Sharlott Hasty

By Elisabeth Shore

Our speakers for our November meeting are club members Ron and Sharlott Hasty.

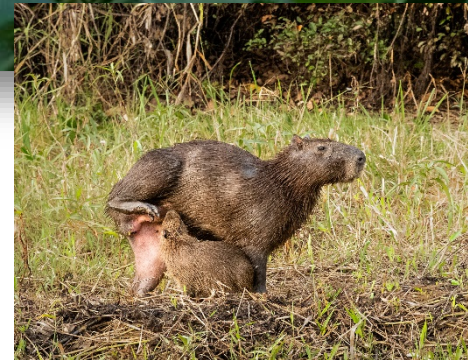
Ron and Sharlott are members of both the Heard Nature Photographers Club and the Plano Photography Club. They are both award winning and published nature, night and wildlife photographers who combine their love of travel with their passion for photography. They have traveled to approximately 60 countries so far. They judge photography contests, make photography presentations for area photography clubs and teach photography classes at clubs and for the University of North Texas Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. They are both career educators. Ron retired from The University of North Texas as emeritus professor of marketing and logistics. Sharlott retired from teaching at Little Elm Elementary School. They are honorary life members of the Nature Conservancy which has more than one million members and has protected 120,000,000 acres of land and thousands of miles of rivers worldwide.

Ron and Sharlott will be presenting on "Photographing Wildlife in the Pantanal Region of Brazil". Their primary goal of the trip was to photograph jaguars, but they came away with much more than that! They will cover images and experiences of photographing jaguars, ocelots and tapirs to caimans, giant river otters and many tropical birds. Also covered will be tips and techniques for taking pictures from a small boat with fast moving subjects and quickly changing light conditions.

During this trip, they took more than 12,000 images each, as their subjects were birds in flight and quickly moving animals. Ron and Sharlott will discuss handling large numbers of images in the field, and then walk us through the sort and delete process before editing. Suggestions for editing in Lightroom and Photoshop, including dealing with the noise from very low light conditions will be reviewed.



**Ron and Sharlott Hasty**



Capybara nursing young



Ocelot





# 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 October 25, 2019)**

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 announce the only weekend they will be open at a later date.

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)



**\*\*\* TIME IS RUNNING OUT \*\*\***

**WITHOUT A FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR – WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER FIELD TRIPS FOR MEMBERS NEXT YEAR – YOU CAN TALK TO ANY OF THE OFFICERS FOR MORE INFORMATION IF YOU ARE INTERESTED**



# CONTESTS!

## MEMBER'S CHOICE

**Time to get your images together for our annual members choice contest. More information will be in December's newsletter – I would have 3-5 images ready to go. This is our annual get together –the club supplies the bar-b-que and the members supply the sides. We will then be treated to a show of entered images and will vote on the “one” that will be our member's choice image for the year. Watch for more information in our next newsletter.**

## It's Time

### Heard Photo Contest

**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 - 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](http://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.





Waiting on information from club members. Help me out!

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Guest Speaker Name</i>	<i>Presentation Topic</i>
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](mailto: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](mailto:anitaoak@outlook.com). (If images are in portrait orientation, they must still only be 768 pixels high.) Winners will be acknowledged during monthly meetings!

*ANITA*

## November Refreshment Volunteers:

- Elisabeth Shore
- Gaby Pruitt
- Clive Fernando
- Debbie Nielsen
- Clif Ranney

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 NOVEMBER 2019**

**2:00 PM**

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**1 NATURE PLACE**

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