

# HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

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MEETING DATE \*\*\*JANUARY 11TH\*\*\*

• MEETING WILL BE IN LAUGHLIN HALL \*\*2 PM\*\*

## President's thoughts

Happy New Year to everyone! Here's wishing you all good health, loving families, warm friendships, and good light!

We held our annual Members Choice program in December, and Alan Abair's shot of a Puffin in Iceland was chosen as the winner – the image that the club members feel best represents nature photography. There were 120 images submitted from 26 photographers, and choosing the best shot was not an easy task.

Congratulations again to Alan. His image is the current cover photo on our Club Facebook page. Interestingly, the most-used lens among the 120 images (from lenses that my Lightroom filters could identify) was a 150~600mm zoom (Sigma or Tamron).

Please take some time over the Holidays to prepare your images for the upcoming Photo Contest. The Contest website will be open for entries during February 1 ~ 23 period. Look at our Club website, "2020 Photo Contest" tab, to familiarize yourself with the Contest categories, and for instructions on preparing your images:

<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-1>

Also, please bookmark the date Sunday, March 22, 2 ~ 4pm SRC Building for the Awards Ceremony.

Everyone please feel free to contact me anytime with any suggestions, ideas, or concerns you might have, in order to improve your photography experience with the Club. I want everyone to feel like they belong here, and that they can continue to progress in their photography. We have some truly great photographers among us, folks we can learn from!

Your Officers will be meeting early in 2020 to develop and finalize various programs and activities for the year. To start the year, I understand we are having a "swap meet" on January 11 at the regular meeting (in place of a speaker) where we can buy the photo gifts we really wanted, and sell the ones we got from Santa ☺

Peace,

Peter

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**2020 DUES ARE  
DUE  
\$20/YEAR**

## Meeting Room:

We will be meeting in  
Laughlin Hall  
January ~ March in  
2020.



Holidays are over and time to get back to a normal routine. Santa may have brought some of us new toys! So, if you want a chance to trade or sell some of your old and or new stuff that you might not be using any more – this meeting is the time. We are going to have the room set up, so you can bring in your items and let folks check out what you have, ie. Cameras, camera bags, camera straps, flash units, filters, cable releases, tripods, etc.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Make sure your item/items are in good condition – if KEH or other resellers wouldn't buy the item then probably not a good idea to bring it
- If you have something that has a battery – make sure batteries are charged or bring fresh batteries, so someone can turn on the device. Also include charger if it came with the item.
- Make sure your item is in good working order. If there are any hiccups, please make sure that you clearly state those issues with the item.
- If you have any instruction manuals – bring those with you too
- Make sure you bring some cash in case you are interested in buying anything
- If any of your items don't swap/sell, be prepared to take them back home with you



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If we have any additional time we will have an open discussion about any other photography related questions and getting images ready for contests.

## MEMBER'S CHOICE WINNER

### ALAN ABAIR

Congratulations to Alan Abair for winning our 2019 Member's Choice with his beautiful image of a Puffin.

Here is a little bit about the shot from Alan:

*This Atlantic puffin sits on the side of a small rock formation in the harbor of Borgarfjörður Eystri, on the east coast of Iceland. A few flights of stairs lead to an observation platform where people can get close to the nesting birds, which are there from April until the middle of August. The drive to Borgarfjörður Eystri includes crossing a mountain pass on an unpaved road, and it was cold and drizzling rain on this particular day, but it didn't seem to faze the puffins!*

*This was shot with a Canon 5D III, and a Tamron 150-600 lens.*

*For more puffin shots (and other non-puffin Iceland shots), go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/alanabair/albums/72157680705272333>*

*Alan Abair*



# FIELD TRIPS

## January Field Trip

Happy New Year! I have been a member of Heard Nature Photographers for several years but until now I've been a quiet backrow participant. I'm not a lifelong photographer like many in the club as I picked up the hobby after I retired. I'll do the best I can to organize some worthwhile trips that will challenge all of us. Please email your ideas, suggestions or questions regarding field trips to [heardphototrip@gmail.com](mailto:heardphototrip@gmail.com).

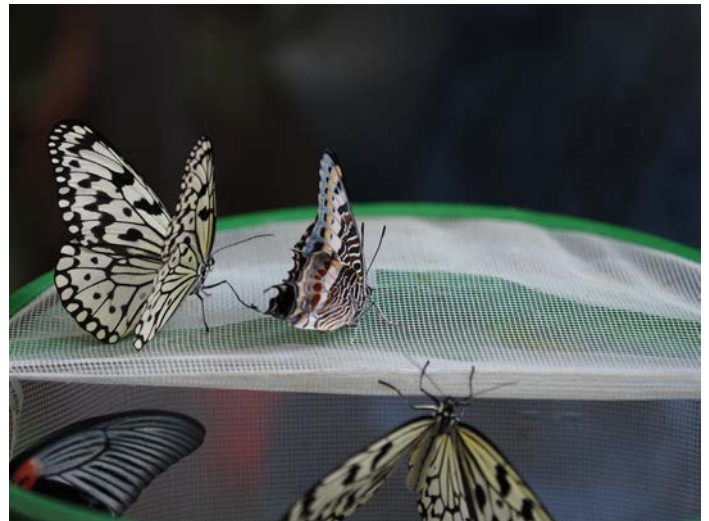
Our January field trip is scheduled for January 25, 2020 at the Texas Discovery Gardens' Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House & Insectarium located in Fair Park. This was a popular indoor event last year, so I have decided to repeat it. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting and trip details will be emailed to participants.

*Steven Earles*

Field Trip Coordinator



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# HAPPY 2020

## Yearly Dues are Due

Once you have had your fill of glazed ham and turkey followed by figgy pudding and minced pies it's time to plan for New Year's resolutions and of course club dues - **\$20/year**.

These can be paid via PayPal either directly to [membership@heardnaturephotographers.com](mailto:membership@heardnaturephotographers.com) or via the club website

<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/member-renewal>.

Other options are to send a check made payable to Heard Nature Photographers to:

Treasurer

441 Cherry Spring Drive

Mckinney TX 75072

or bring \$20 to the January meeting.

# 2020 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME!

Once again, we are approaching the start date for our annual nature photography contest.... **FEBRUARY 1, 2020!** This will be the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of the contest which we, as a club, conduct in support of the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. Since progressing to an all-digital submission process in 2015, a little over \$32,000 has been generated for the Museum. That alone is pretty exciting!

Participating is the easy part – no need to print, mat, mail or deliver images. Deciding what to submit – well, that's little more complicated. Spend a little time just wandering through your images since it doesn't matter when they were shot. It is a wonderful way to see what you have accomplished in your photographic history. We all know that feeling when we're really pleased with how one of our photos looks... its almost an ah-ha moment ("boy, that really looks good!") From there, set up a digital folder with those shots so when it's time, pop into our website to submit your images and wait for an invoice. It's that simple!

Everything one needs to know about submitting images can be found on our website: [www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-1](http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-1) and if you still have questions, there are names and phone numbers to call!

Think your images "aren't good enough"??.... think again! We have some terrific photographers in our midst as seen on Facebook and Instagram and in our monthly slide show of images made on club field trips. So.... come join in the fun and see where it goes.

See you in February!!!!

**Jackie Ranney**  
**2020 Contest Coordinator**



## 42nd Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest

**2020 SUBMISSION DATES:  
February 1-23, 2020**

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ \$100 cash prize to Best of Show winners in each of the four contest divisions!
- ❖ Ribbons awarded for Best of Show in each Division and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each contest category for each division.
- ❖ All contest profits 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/](http://www.heardmuseum.org/events/)*

*[www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-1](http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-1)*

- ❖ Questions? Please contact:

Jackie Ranney, 2020 Contest Coordinator

Heard Nature Photographers - 214/478-2107 or

[contest@heardnaturephotographers.com](mailto:contest@heardnaturephotographers.com)



## 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.

# NEWS

## Sponsors for the 2020 Heard Nature Photography Contest



For your camera and other equipment needs, just talk to Steve Wright.

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# GSCCC News

Last year 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!

## January Refreshment Volunteers:

- Anita Oakley
- Kay Griffith
- Terree Stone

If you haven't volunteered to bring snacks to share – please sign up – Ed will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

We need about **4-5 folks** per meeting to bring your favorite dessert or something healthy like a fruit or veggie tray. If everyone signs up, you will only need to bring something about once every year and a half.

**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

11 JANUARY 2020

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