

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB



MEETING DATE *MAY 9TH - 11AM*****

• MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Presidents Thoughts:

In our April officers' meeting we discussed how the club can help our community during this pandemic. We felt that the biggest need was food at this time, so we are happy to announce that we voted to donate \$1000 to the North Texas Food Bank. This money is from our club dues.

The club officers have been meeting monthly since the Cov-19 pandemic has hit our country discussing the best way to keep our members safe and still hold our monthly meeting and some educational opportunities. We are starting out with Zoom meetings, but we would be open to using another interface if the presenter wants to change that.

You should have already gotten an invitation to a virtual class on luminosity and color masks in Photoshop. Several other members have offered to develop classes. You will get an invitation to the May meeting in the next few days. This month's speaker is Mike Mezeul. He has always been one of our favorite speakers.

Due to the availability of our speaker, our meeting will be at **11 AM on May 9th**.

Stay safe

Anita

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***It's not too late
to pay 2020 DUES***

\$20/YEAR

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and pay online –***

***it's safe and
secure***



SPEAKER: MIKE MEZEUL

“QUARANTINED PHOTOGRAPHY”

By Elisabeth Shore

Due to the social distancing changes in our lives recently, we are making some adjustments in our meeting format to account for a new normal. We want to be able to continue to provide you with quality speaker topics while we are not able to actually meet up in person.

To that end, we have engaged Mike Mezeul to come back for the May meeting and give a presentation on and discuss some fun and creative ways to grow your photography skills and create compelling images while quarantined at home. His topics will range from fun shoot ideas to going over any questions that people may have about their camera bodies / lenses / gear. He will also include some tips and tricks for post-processing.

Those of you who have heard Mike present previously know he is a very laid back and engaging speaker. He will be happy to take questions during the presentation.

Be on the lookout for an email coming from Anita with the link to the meeting. The material is best viewed on a computer monitor so you can see the details, but you can join via the mobile Zoom app as well.

We hope you find this alternate method of sharing information to be helpful and enjoyable as we continue to look for new ways to bring you learning content.

Topic: Quarantined Photography

Time: May 9, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Here is the current list of future speakers:

Month	Day	Guest Speaker	Presentation Topic
JUNE	13	AMY GEORGE HOLMES	TOP 10 CHALLENGES FOR BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHERS
JULY	11	SHEILA BRAUNING	PET PHOTOGRAPHY
AUGUST	8	ROBERT (CHUCK) SHREVE	LANDSCAPE AND WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
SEPTEMBER	12	RUSSELL GRAVES	WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE NORTH TEXAS AREA
OCTOBER	10	ALAN DANIEL(TENTATIVE)	PHOTOGRAPHY - NO TRAVEL REQUIRED
NOVEMBER	14	PENDING	
DECEMBER	12	NO GUEST SPEAKER	MEMBERS CHOICE

FIELD TRIPS

If you are interested in any of the field trips scheduled you may sign up on our web site, email me at heardphototrip@gmail.com or sign up at our meeting.

2020 Field Trips

Date	Location
FALL 2020?	Mowdy Mustang Ranch
11/6 through 11/8	Caddo Lake Fall Colors

Mowdy Mustang Ranch, Coalgate, OK

****SPRING TRIP IS CANCELLED – WE WILL TRY TO RESCHEDULE AT A LATER DATE****

This is a repeat of the very popular trip the club went on last year. This experience will be different. At last year's event, the horses were being fed so they gathered in groups waiting for the feed truck. For this event, they will probably be spread out grazing. The Mowdys have increased the rates for this year but they are giving us a discount from their published prices. We are limited to 20 photographers, first come firsts serve. You can find more details on our website.

Caddo Lake Fall Colors

We will be returning to Caddo Lake this year, but we will be going to capture the fall colors this trip. Caddo is home to many species of birds, mammals, fish, plants, and to the bald cypress. I don't know how many animals or birds we will see on this trip, but there is good chance the cypress will be in full color. More details on our website.

Steven Earles

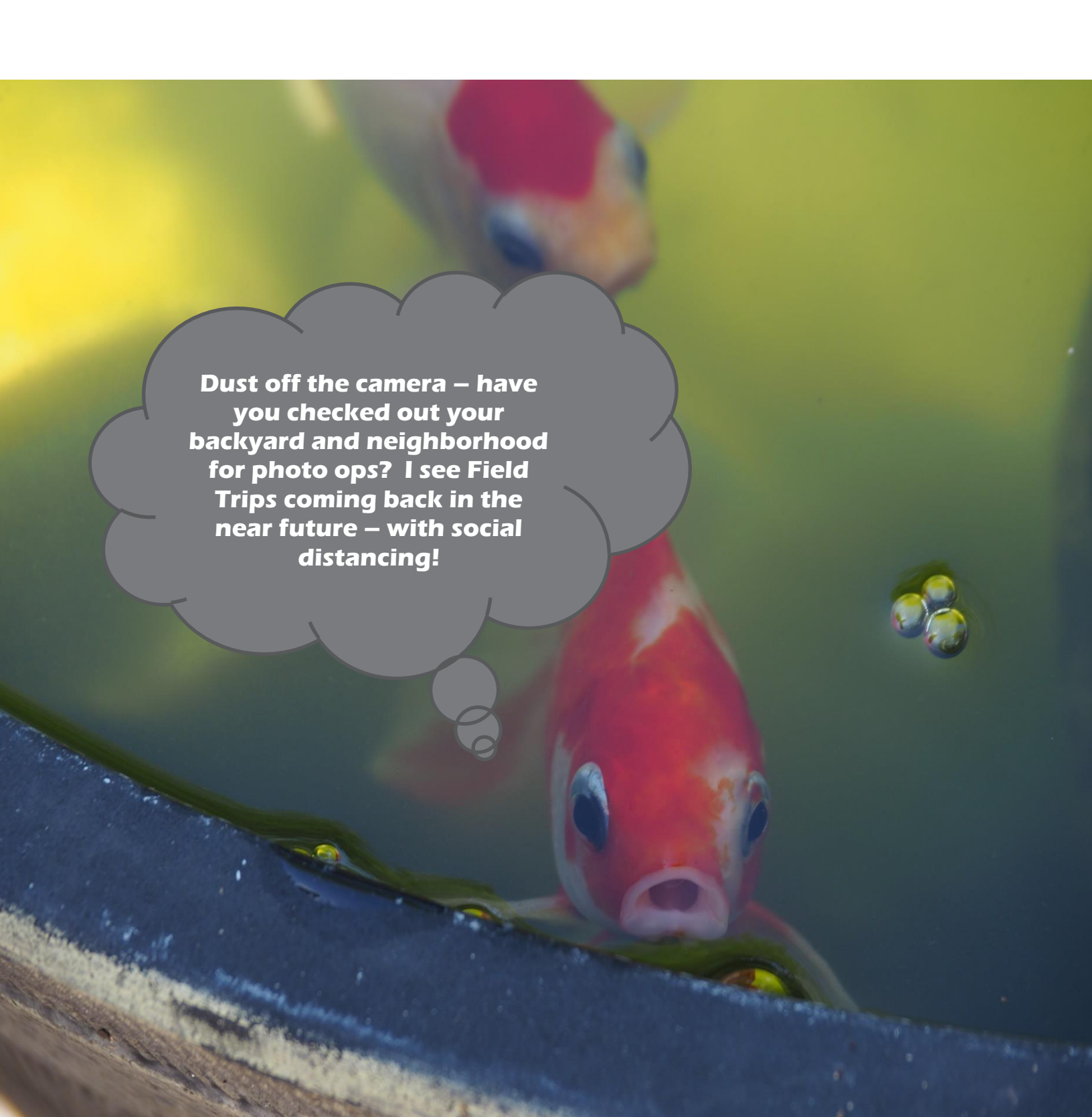
Field Trip Coordinator

Field Trip News

Our last field trip was March 7th. Thirteen of us went to the Caldwell zoo in Tyler. We had lunch at the zoo where the elephants entertained us. Mary Binford recorded it for us.

I am hoping to get field trips going in June. Our November 6,7,8 trip to Caddo Lake is still on. We currently have 19 signed up so there is plenty of room for more. You can go to our website or contact me to sign up. I will be giving our boat captains final numbers at the end of August or very early September so please don't wait too late to commit. I will also try to reschedule Mowdy Mustang Ranch later this year or next spring if folks are still interested in going.





Dust off the camera – have you checked out your backyard and neighborhood for photo ops? I see Field Trips coming back in the near future – with social distancing!

Check out page 11 for some great classes you can take while you “stay at home”.



**November 6-7-8, 2020 Field Trip
Caddo Lake
Uncertain, TX**

The focus of this field trip is to photograph the brilliant fall colors at Caddo Lake. We can't control mother nature, but the boat captain I am working with assured me we have a good chance of having great color. We will be offering sunset trips Friday and Saturday evenings and sunrise trips Saturday and Sunday mornings. Each trip will be two hours in duration. Each trip will be \$40.

Different from how we normally do things: For this trip, will need a firm commitment of interest **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 14 (our August meeting)** in order to ensure that we have enough boats for the tours! This is a busy season for the boats!

What will we see???

Caddo Lake in all its splendor.....water, Spanish moss, cypress trees, lily pads, lilies (2 varieties of lilies and one lotus we're told!), wildlife (birds, beavers, alligators....)

What is the cost?

\$40 per person for each:

\$40/pp for sunset boat tour

\$40/pp for sunrise boat tour

ALL PAID UP-FRONT THE WEEK BEFORE WE GET TO CADDO LAKE. Payment instructions will be provided at a later date.

Why \$40.....I see rates showing \$25/pp.....???

The \$40 keeps us on the water for two hours (\$25 shown on websites is for one hour).

Each boat will be limited to 6 passengers + the captain to allow adequate room.

When is it? November 6-7-8, 2020

How far is it? About 3 hours from McKinney – please check googlemaps.com from your location. Destination: Uncertain, TX (where we meet the boats) or Jefferson, TX (one option for lodging)

What's the schedule?

The schedule of boat departure times and departure locations will be announced later. This is after daylight savings ends Sunrise is about 6:50 am and sets around 5:30 pm.

What else is there to photograph?

The Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge An 8,493-acre protected area of Texas managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. It is located along Caddo Lake in East Texas

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge – there is a six-mile-long driving trail offering native grasses, birdhouses, feeders, duck boxes and bat houses/nurseries. Many wildlife observation areas on the refuge. Over 216 recorded resident and migratory bird species.

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Caddo_Lake/visit/visitor_activities.html

You are welcome to enjoy the many open paved and gravel roads within the refuge as they are great for wildlife watching and hiking. An old railroad right-of-way is today a 9-mile nature trail. In addition to the Wildlife Observation Trail, several shorter trails are available for your enjoyment.

Free of charge, seven days a week from sunrise to sunset. Come prepared! Mosquitoes and deer flies can be abundant, so insect repellent is recommended. Be on the look-out for poison ivy.

Caddo Lake State Park

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caddo-lake>

Historic downtown Jefferson – for those who wish to photograph non-nature related items, you'll find architecture, historic buildings, antique stores and their “wares”.

Lodging Suggestions (we don't have a “where is everyone staying” location at this point):

The Shady Glade Resort in Uncertain offers several budget-friendly options: 2 cabins (with 2 double beds - \$ 99/night); five motel rooms w/2 double beds each - \$89/night double occupancy; and three manufactured homes with fully furnished kitchens (see website for # of bedrooms/baths and rates).

Website: www.shadygladeresort.com

Contact: Sara and David Smith 903/789-3295

This is about 25 minutes from Jefferson and is across the road from the Shady Glade docks where we will meet the boats.

Kahn Hotel in Jefferson

Clif and I are staying at the Kahn. (We were there last November and for us, its conveniently located within walking distance of restaurants and architectural photography). Warmly decorated rooms feature flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi; some en-suite bathrooms have showers only. Suites have kitchens; an upgraded suite adds a balcony and a whirlpool tub. (Just a heads up: Stairs to the second floor rooms are steep and difficult to negotiate with luggage. The Kahn does not have an elevator and does not serve breakfast or other meals – coffee, sweet rolls only. Most of the rooms are interior and do not have windows. www.kahnsaloon.com or contact: Melanie 903/601-4434. If you reserve at the Kahn, please tell her you are with Jackie Ranney. We do not have a discount or negotiated rate.

Other options:

There are multiple B&B's in Jefferson. Search google for information.
Cabins/houses can be rented on Caddo Lake. Search google for information.
Marshall, TX, offers options for chain hotels.

Sign up Options for the Caddo Lake field trip:

- On line – <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/>
If you have already signed up on-line, there is no need to re-register!
- At the next meeting

WANTED: YOUR National Park Images!

By Elisabeth Shore

I am working on a NEW PROJECT! I am looking for our members who have traveled to ANY of the below listed National Parks to submit up to three (3) images per park to become part of a presentation that will showcase our membership's talent AND give us all ideas of places to go and see in the future. I know many of you have traveled to a number of these, so it should be fun to see what comes in!

1. Please include the following information with each image submitted:

Name of Photographer
Park Name
Location within the Park (if known)
Time of Year
Time of Day (if known)
Challenges in getting the image
Equipment Used
Settings Used
A fun fact from the Park.

2. Please DO NOT WATERMARK your images or put them into frames. I will go through and do this for you so that everything looks the same for the presentation.
3. Images should be names and sized as follows:
4. Naming convention: EXAMPLES: 01.ELS.BigBend; 02.ELS.BigBend; 03.ELS.BigBend
Where the "01" indicates it is the first of your images;
Where the "ELS" indicates your initials;
Where the "BigBend" indicates the name of the park where the picture was taken
5. Please send JPG files ONLY, and no more than 2000 ppi on the long dimension with medium compression giving a file from about 500kb to 1500 kb.
6. Images should be set to use the sRGB color space.

Deadline to send your images to me is: May 31. This should give you time to look through your images and process them if needed.

Send Images/info to: eshore738@gmail.com

Please put "National Park Images" in the subject line.

List of US National Parks organized by states

Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1917 • 1980 • 1980 • 1980 • 1980 • 1980 • 1980 • 1980 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denali National Park • Gates of the Arctic National Park • Glacier Bay National Park • Katmai National Park • Kenai Fjords National Park • Kobuk Valley National Park • Lake Clark National Park • Wrangell – St Elias National Park
Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1919 • 1962 • 1994 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Canyon National Park • Petrified Forest National Park • Saguaro National Park
Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1921 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Springs National Park
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1980 • 1994 • 1994 • 1940 • 1916 • 2013 • 1968 • 1890 • 1890 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel Islands National Park • Death Valley National Park • Joshua Tree National Park • Kings Canyon National Park • Lassen Volcanic National Park • Pinnacles National Park • Redwood National Park • Sequoia National Park • Yosemite National Park
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1999 • 2004 • 1906 • 1915 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park • Great Sand Dunes National Park • Mesa Verde National Park • Rocky Mountain National Park
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1980 • 1992 • 1947 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biscayne National Park • Dry Tortugas National Park • Everglades National Park
Hawaii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1916 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haleakala National Park • Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1872 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowstone National Park
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana Dunes National Park
Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1941 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mammoth Cave National Park
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1919 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acadia National Park
Michigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1940 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isle Royale National Park
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1975 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voyageurs National Park
Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway Arch National Park
Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1910 • 1872 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glacier National Park • Yellowstone National Park
Nevada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1994 • 1986 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death Valley National Park • Great Basin National Park
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1930 • 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlsbad Caverns National Park • White Sands National Park
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1934 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Smoky Mountains National Park
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1978 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1902 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crater Lake National Park
South Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2003 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congaree National Park
South Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1978 • 1903 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badlands National Park • Wind Cave National Park
Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1934 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1944 • 1966 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Bend National Park • Guadalupe Mountains National Park
Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1971 • 1928 • 1971 • 1964 • 1919 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arches National Park • Bryce Canyon National Park • Capitol Reef National Park • Canyonlands National Park • Zion National Park
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1935 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shenandoah National Park
Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1899 • 1968 • 1938 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Rainier National Park • North Cascades National Park • Olympic National Park
Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1929 • 1872 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Teton National Park • Yellowstone National Park
American Samoa (American territory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1988 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Samoa National Park
US Virgin Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1956 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virgin Islands National Park

The following states do not have National Parks:

Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, DC, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Photo classes, challenges, and things to do!

So here we all are, still confined to our homes except for essential trips to the grocery store. I know we are all trying to make the best of a very bad situation, and the extroverts among us are probably going stir crazy.

For my part, I'm still going through images, reprocessing some and deleting others. I've been able to participate in a couple of Zoom photographers' happy hours that have been a lot of fun. And I'm taking some online classes. I thought perhaps sharing some online learning resources might help our Heard family.

<https://lifehacker.com/basics-of-photography-the-complete-guide-5815742> - The basics for the novice photographer. Start from square one or fill in the gaps in your photographic knowledge.

<https://www.creativelive.com/onair> - Creative live has a nice variety of creative classes – most for sale, but you will find at least one free streaming class every day!

<https://www.udemy.com/courses/photography/> - With over 500 photography courses offered on Udemy, 27 are completely free. Some of the most popular choices: "A Guide to Long Exposure Shots," "Tips for Green Screen Photography," and a tutorial on "Using Light Meters Correctly".

<https://www.diyphotography.net/category/tutorials/> This site is jam-packed with classes for basic to advanced photographers, as well as useful information on specific photography techniques and problems. If you're looking for advice on a specific camera issue you've been struggling with, or if you're searching for creative inspiration for your next shoot, DIY Photography has probably got it.

<https://www.cambridgeincolour.com/> - One of the best sites I've seen. It's an online community of photographers teaching photographers. You will find short courses on everything from camera basics to creative vision. There are even contests and photo sharing/critiques for interactive learning.

Happy Learning! *Anita*

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Cambridge in Colour website. At the top, the logo "CAMBRIDGE in COLOUR" is displayed alongside the tagline "A LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS" and a "GET UPDATES" button. A navigation bar includes links for HOME, GUIDES, TOOLS, TUTORIALS, and FORUMS, along with a search bar. The main visual is a large banner image of a landscape with a rainbow, overlaid with the text "CREATE DIGITAL PANORAMAS". Below the banner are three columns of content:

- RECENT ADDITIONS:**
 - Using Camera Shutter Speed Creatively
 - Digital Cameras vs. The Human Eye
 - Introduction to Portrait Lighting: One Light Source
 - Compact vs. Digital SLR Cameras
 - Using Lens Corrections to Improve Image Quality
- PHOTO ESSENTIALS:**
 - Camera Lenses: Focal Length & Aperture
 - Camera Exposure: Aperture, ISO & Shutter Speed
 - Understanding Depth of Field
 - Understanding Histograms: Tones & Contrast
 - Making the Most of Natural Light
- INTERACTIVE LEARNING:**
 - Confused? Ask Us a Question
 - Join a Photo Competition
 - Share Photos & Receive Feedback
 - Browse the Discussion Topics

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

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!

ANITA

MAY Refreshment Volunteers:

NOT NEEDED DUE TO MEETING BEING ONLINE

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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9 MAY 2020

*****ZOOM MEETING*****

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