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MEETING DATE ***JUNE 13TH - 2PM***

- MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Presidents Thoughts:

Hi Heard Members,

We had a couple of great meetings in May. The luminosity masking class got some good feedback and attendance was good, and our regular meeting was very well attended, with about 65 people online. We'll be meeting again on June 13th at our regular time (2:00). We have two slideshows from past field trips to share, a great presentation, and some announcements for special programs. Keep an eye out for Zoom details.

Nikon is still planning to do a class for Plano, Dallas and our club, but it's been postponed until sometime in June.

Dennis Fritsche will be delivering a class on the luminosity masking options in Lightroom on June 10th at 7pm. Current members should have already received the invite to this zoom class.

Finally, we have a socially distanced field trip planned, which I'll let Steven tell you about. It sure will be nice to get back to our regular activities, even if we do have to spread out a bit!

Stay safe

Anita

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Speaker: Amy Holmes
George

SPEAKER: AMY HOLMES GEORGE

TOP 10 CHALLENGES FOR BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHERS”

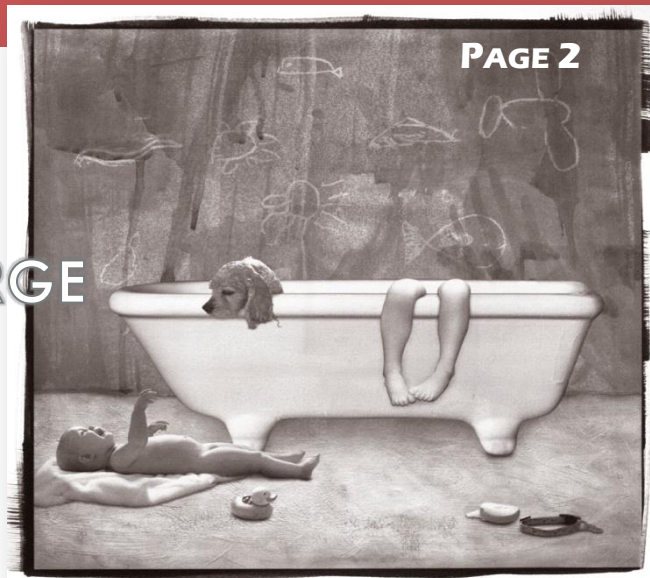
By Elisabeth Shore

Our presenter for June is a photographer based near Dallas: Amy Holmes George. She is a fine art photographer and the past Executive Director of Texas Photographic Society (2013-2018). As a former tenured professor of photography and digital media at Stephen F. Austin State University, Amy has also held teaching appointments at Collin College, Baylor University and University of North Texas. Amy is a recent member of the National Board of Directors of the Society for Photographic Education (2013-2017) and a 2008 Fulbright grant recipient. She earned an MFA in photography from Clemson University and a BFA cum laude in photography and graphic design from Miami University.

Exhibited widely throughout the U.S. as well as in Italy, England, France and China, Amy's work has been featured in more than one hundred exhibitions and is housed in several permanent collections, including The Getty, The Kinsey Institute and the Fratelli Alinari Museum in Florence, Italy. Her work has been published in a variety of texts, including the third edition of *The Book of Alternative Photographic Processes* [Christopher James, 2015]; *Gum Printing and other Amazing Contact Printing Processes* [Christina Z. Anderson, 2013]; and the fifth edition of *Exploring Color Photography: From Film to Pixels* [Robert Hirsch, 2010].

Amy's presentation, **Top 10 Challenges for Beginning Photographers**, will address some of the most common mistakes made by beginning level photographers, offering creative visual examples and tips for overcoming those obstacles. Additional topics will include basic elements and principles of design as well as how to achieve more dynamic photographic compositions.

Don't be fooled by the presentation title – everyone can use a refresher and a different way of looking at their own photography that can be a catalyst for improvement! Amy's work can be found at her website: www.amyholmesgeorge.com.



"Pumped out"



"Not just a box"



“Laundry Day”
Amy Holmes George



“Learning to let go of Sophie”
Amy Holmes George

Here is the current list of future speakers:

Month	Day	Guest Speaker	Presentation Topic
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
June 6	Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
July	Dallas Arboretum
FALL 2020?	Mowdy Mustang Ranch
11/6 through 11/8	Caddo Lake Fall Colors

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, June 6th

Time: 7:30am at the butterfly garden located at the visitor's center

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

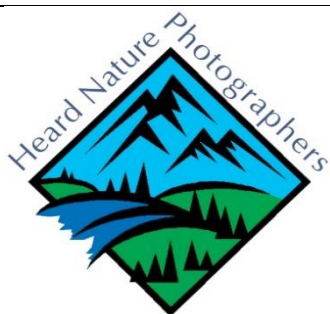
Field Trip News

Now that Texas is reopening, we will start scheduling field trips. State parks are open now; the Dallas Arboretum will be opening June 1. Our next field trip scheduled for June 6 will be to the Hagerman Wildlife Refuge located near Sherman, about an hour north of McKinney. Hagerman is a large refuge that will give us room to practice safe social distancing. We will meet 7:30 am at the butterfly garden located at the visitor center. The visitor center is currently closed, but porta potties have been located at the visitor center and at the meadow pond trail head parking area.

If you are interested in going you can sign up at:

<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips> or email heardphototrip@gmail.com. Be sure to sign up if you are interested in going. There has been a lot of rain with more to come and flooding could be an issue. I will check it out just before our trip and send out an email if there is a problem with the roads.

I am planning a July trip to the Dallas Arboretum. I'll visit them soon after they open June 1 to check for any changes in how they allow guests to visit and send details. We also have Caddo Lake on our schedule for this fall. There is room for more if you are interested.



**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

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.

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
- Call Steve Earles (713)898-5204
- Email heardphototrip@gmail.com

That's it! If you have questions, as always call me.

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. The navigation menu includes "HOME", "GUIDES", "TOOLS", "TUTORIALS", and "FORUMS", along with a search bar. The main banner features a landscape photograph with a rainbow and the text "CREATE DIGITAL PANORAMAS". Below the banner, there 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

Zoom

For those of you not familiar with Zoom meetings here is a short “how to” for you to access our meeting. Current members will receive an email invite from Anita with the link and any other directions a few days before the meeting. It works best on a desktop or laptop computer, but you can also use an Ipad or smart phone. I would recommend trying to connect to the meeting 5 or 10 minutes before the meeting start time. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom!

How to join a Zoom meeting on desktop via meeting invite link

1. Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.
2. Open the Zoom app.
3. Approve the request for permission to use your computer's audio and camera.

Depending on the meeting's set-up, you may enter the meeting right away, you may need to wait for the host to arrive first or you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

JUNE 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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