

# HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

**MEETING DATE \*\*\*AUGUST 8TH - 2PM\*\*\***

**• MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**

## Presidents Thoughts:

Photography is a great way to have fun while physically distancing and saving the planet from Covid-19. Several times recently I have gone shooting at a safe distance from friends. We caravan in our own cars while on a conference call and talk all the way there as if we were driving together. Then we stay 6 feet apart while shooting. Give it a try! (I recommend Astro – it's much cooler at night!)

Don't forget the Fuji Macro virtual presentation on August 13<sup>th</sup>. They promise to keep the sales pitch to a minimum, so it should be informative! As soon as I have logon information, I'll send email.

If you are interested in doing a short class for our members later in August, please let me know. I've gotten some feedback that Thursday activities conflict with other clubs, so we will change our short classes to another day of the week.

Finally, I have one volunteer to help judge the August GSCCC contest, but need three! Please let me know if you can help with this!

### GSCCC

I'm pleased to report that we have two winners in the July GSCCC contest! Linda Grigsby took the 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention in the Monochrome category with "John Wayne of NM." I got a third place for Electric Sunset.

I'm still accepting entries for future contests. Each submission needs a unique title. I've been renaming the images as I get them, but if you could name yours to meet the contest rules it would ensure that we have the title and photographer's name correct. So – the naming convention is as follows:

Title~photographer name (Spaces are allowed in the file name, so... )

Beautiful Sunset~Joe Smith

Is perfectly acceptable. Please resize to 1400 pixels on the long side.

We cannot enter the August contests because we are judging. Please volunteer to judge or I will be forced to beg!

Stay safe

*Anita*

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Speaker: Robert Shreve



Humpback whale & offspring – Open water by Robert Shreve

## SPEAKER: Robert Shreve



### “Landscape and Wildlife Photography around the Globe”

August brings us a new speaker from the north Texas area: Robert Shreve.

Growing up in the deserts of West Texas, Robert pursued and explored photography more formally during the summer before his senior year of high school. After attending Texas Tech Photography School in the summer of 1979, he became one of the Annual Staff Photographers for his high school, shooting everything from sports action to portraits and candid shots.

Robert enjoyed his exploration into the world of photography during his last year of high school but decided to no longer pursue it. He attended University and Graduate School to become a CPA, pursuing corporate work during his 20's, 30's and 40's with a heavy emphasis in Mergers and Acquisitions, Real Estate, Oil and Gas and Emerging Software Technology.

In 2005, the world of numbers was not a very creative outlet, so in an effort to change things up, Robert started looking to explore other adventures. He had already become an Instrument Rated Private Pilot in 2002. He reacquainted himself with the photographic world and picked up a digital camera and started shooting. Transitioning from film proved to be an opportunity and right around the same time, he began traveling extensively all over the world. His eyes were opened up to a whole new and colorful planet, landscapes and nature. Robert saw the beauty in the subtle nuances of each location/culture and began to capture it with his camera.

Before long, Robert found himself immersed in equipment research and photography education – studying every great book and write up he could get his hands on. After 2005, he took his photography to the next level, purchasing professional grade lighting and equipment, as well as the best cameras he could buy including Nikon, Canon, Leica, Hasselblad and Phase One professional gear.

During the next few years, Robert explored new genres in photography – everything from lifestyle, to landscapes, to stock and bridal photography. After years of shooting, Robert found that landscape and wildlife photography was his passion, a passion he pursues to this day, by traveling the world to capture remote locations in timely light, and by creating beautiful landscapes. His struggle is the timing and the departure from family to pursue these interests.

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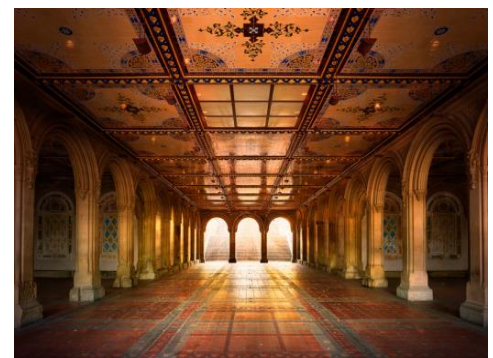
Seven Walking – Camargue France



Abandoned Station - Australia



Cracked Eggs – Bisti Badlands, NM Sunset



Stairway Daybreak, Central Park NYC

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Robert has been able to travel a great deal of the United States, and has been to Mexico, Iceland, Australia, New Zealand, China, SE Asia, Canada, Central America, Europe, Africa and many other global destinations. He continues to travel extensively to find those moments of beauty and light in a world of landscapes and wildlife. Through his travels, Robert has developed a heightened awareness of global issues and interest in the preservation of the planet and its beautiful wildlife and is an advocate of the escalated global awareness of planet preservation.

The presentation topic for our August meeting will cover “Landscape and Wildlife Photography around the Globe” and is sure to be an exciting adventure you don’t want to miss!

You can see Robert’s work at: [www.robertshrevephotography.com](http://www.robertshrevephotography.com).

Don’t forget that this meeting will be held via Zoom, so make sure you get comfortable for this adventure... no passport required for this trip!

*Elisabeth Shore*



Bass Harbor Lighthouse by Robert Shreve

**Here is the current list of future speakers:**

Month	Day	Guest Speaker	Presentation Topic
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](mailto:heardphototrip@gmail.com) or sign up at our meeting.

## 2020 Field Trips

Date	Location
AUGUST	Your yard
11/6 through 11/8	Caddo Lake Fall Colors

### Your Yard

Until we are able to safely have group field trips, we are going to have a monthly activity everyone can do on their own and share. For the month of **August**, please submit up to four images taken from your yard. The only rules are they must be of nature and they must be taken during the month of August. Please submit your images to Ron Marabito at his email address [remarabito@gmail.com](mailto:remarabito@gmail.com) by September 6. Ron will create a slide show for us to present at the September meeting.

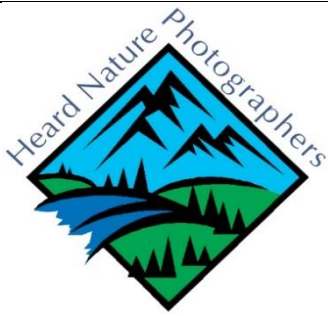
### Caddo Lake Fall Colors

Our November 6-8 Caddo Lake trip is still on the calendar. We will have to make a decision about that trip early September. There are 20 folks registered to go. If you are interested you may go to our website or email me at [heardphototrip@gmail.com](mailto:heardphototrip@gmail.com) and I will add you to the list.

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



**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](https://www.google.com/maps) 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](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](http://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](http://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](mailto:heardphototrip@gmail.com)

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



## Good news!

The Gulf States Camera Club Council has decided to resume contests starting in July, with strictly digital submissions. They have also increased the allowable pixel dimensions going forward, and they are asking for images to be at least 1400 x 1050 pixels. Most of the images I have available to submit are too small because they conform to the former requirements. Please send me a new selection of any images you want me to consider for submission to contests. Remember, they no longer must be strictly nature images. I can submit in other categories for you as well.

Don't worry if your images are too big for the GSCCC contests, because the submission website will downsize them if necessary.

Thanks,  
Anita

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Electric Sunset by Anita Oakley

3<sup>rd</sup> Place



John Wayne of NM by Linda Grigsby

Honorable mention - Monochrome

# NEWS

The board members had a meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> and voted to make another donation of \$1000.00 to the North Texas Food Bank on behalf of the club. With so many people still in need of essentials, we felt we needed to do something to help our neighbors.

## WANTED

Quarantine has had a lot of us thinking outside the box to fight boredom. Send me some of your images and stories on how you are staying creative during our current stay at home.

Has anyone created something from upcycled materials to use for photography?

Have you set up a “photo” area in your back yard to photograph birds, etc.

Have you practiced macro photography?

Have you tried to recreate any of the workshop stations, ie. Oil on water?

Anyone got some new equipment that they would recommend or need help trying to figure out how to use?

Share your experiences – send me the info for the newsletter.

I know several folks have done some short day trips – caravanning to locations and social distancing while out. Share your story! And images!

Send your information to me so I can use in future newsletters.

[t.stone3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.stone3@sbcglobal.net)

PLEASE NOTE IN SUBJECT LINE THAT IT IS INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER.



# 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.

## AUGUST Refreshment Volunteers:

### VIRTUAL SNACKS

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/>

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## MONTHLY MEETING

8 AUGUST 2020

**\*\*\*ZOOM MEETING\*\*\***

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