

# HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

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**MEETING DATE \*\*\*OCTOBER 10TH - 2PM\*\*\***

**• MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING**

## Presidents Thoughts:

Hi fellow photographers,

It's fall, and we can look forward to getting back outside without dealing with our Texas heat. The Caddo Lake trip is getting closer, so I thought I might share some hints for shooting fall color on the lake.

In the evening your best shots will come just before sunset when the low light kisses the trees. Look for groups of two or three trees {or single trees} that are lit up but have a dark background. Secondly, look for groves that are lit up red, but have a break like a pathway through the trees. See the images that I've included with this letter. Of course, look for sunset colors reflected in the lake.

If you are really lucky, you may get fog in the morning. The trees will be shrouded in mist and the colors will be muted, but the scene can be very dramatic. Sometimes the rising sun turns the fog pink.

## Call for officer volunteers

We are fast approaching the end of the year. If our club is going to continue into next year, we need people who are willing to step up and lead.

- We are looking for a new President. I am having a knee replacement soon, and recovery will take me at least six months.
- We need a new Membership Chair. Alan Daniels has taken on the presidency at the Plano club.
- We need a new Newsletter Editor. Terree Stone has been creating our newsletter for two years and she needs a break.
- Elisabeth Shore would like someone to co-chair programs.

We have 141 members. Which of you will be willing to volunteer your time?

Stay safe

*Anita*

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Caddo Lake image by Anita Oakley

## SPEAKER: PENDING

Elisabeth is awaiting confirmation and information from our speaker. She will send out information in a separate email.

Elisabeth Shore

Here is the current list of future speakers:

Month	Day	Guest Speaker	Presentation Topic
OCTOBER	10	PENDING	
NOVEMBER	14	PENDING	
DECEMBER	12	NO GUEST SPEAKER	MEMBERS CHOICE

# ROAD TRIP

In early August 2020, after an interesting night photoshoot with Anita Oakley, Guy Huntley, Clive Fernando and most of the Quanah law enforcement authorities, I decided not to caravan home with the others, but instead spend the night in Turkey Texas. The next morning, I was greeted with a rain shower on my 10-mile drive to Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque. I arrived early for sunrise photos, found what I thought would make a good location and waited. The rain had stopped and sunrise revealed a colorful landscape along with a few remaining storm clouds.

Red rock canyons, clouds, and some wildlife make for a great day of photography.

Alan Daniel



# 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
OCTOBER	Photo challenge – due November 5th
11/6 through 11/8	Caddo Lake Fall Colors

### Field Trip

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month’s challenge. The challenge for October is to take “close up” images. Not everyone has a camera or lens capable of true macro photography, me included, so close up will give everyone a chance to participate.

The nature image must be taken in October. Please have your images to Ron Marabito by Saturday, November 5. Ron’s email address is [remarabito@gmail.com](mailto:remarabito@gmail.com).

### Caddo Lake Fall Colors

We have 15 members registered for the Lake Caddo trip and it is still on. More updates will be coming.

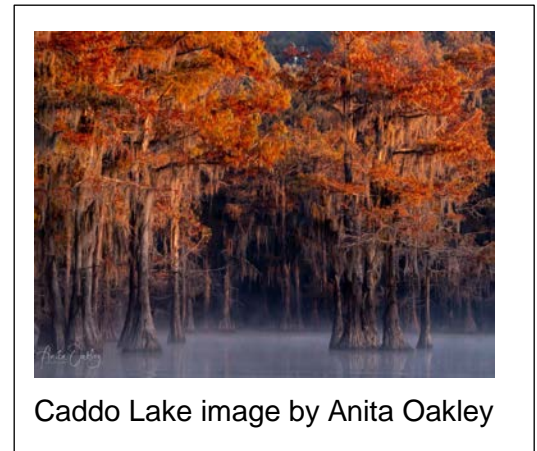
Our November 6-8 Caddo Lake trip is still on the calendar. We will have to make a decision about that trip early September. There are 20 folks registered to go. If you are interested you may go to our website or email me at [heardphototrip@gmail.com](mailto:heardphototrip@gmail.com) and I will add you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

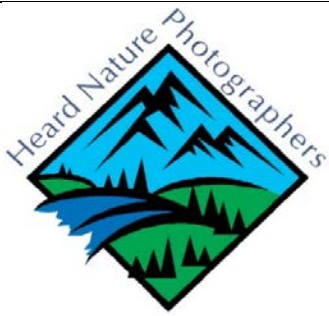
Steven Earles  
Field Trip Coordinator



Caddo Lake Image by Anita Oakley



Caddo Lake image by Anita Oakley



**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

# Contest Committee

## Volunteers Needed

The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary supports the Heard Nature Photographers by providing the club with a place to meet. This is a big savings that allows the club to maintain its low dues. Every year the club sponsors a photo contest with the profit from the contest donated to the museum. This year we donated \$7,000 at a time when the museum really needed it due to the impact COVID-19 had on their revenue. Debbie Nielsen and Steven Earles are co-chairing the committee for the 2021 contest. We are looking for volunteers to help us. The contest is early next year. If you are interested, please contact one of us at [debn654@gmail.com](mailto:debn654@gmail.com) or [steven.earles@yahoo.com](mailto:steven.earles@yahoo.com).

## Get involved

We are looking for people who want to be more involved with the club. If anyone is interested in an officer position – we have a few that are going to be available next year. We'll have more information at our next meeting. There is time to “shadow” the current person before the new year starts.

## Share

Need more “road trip” adventures to put into the newsletter. Send me your images and a few sentences and I'll add it to the next newsletter. There is still a lot to see out there – let us know what you've found!



# 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!

When in a Zoom meeting please remember to mute your audio and if you are going to move around or nap – please also stop your “video”, you will still be able to watch the meeting but we won’t see you.

## **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.

**OCTOBER 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.**





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## MONTHLY MEETING

10 OCTOBER 2020

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

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