

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

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MEETING DATE ***DECEMBER 12TH - 2PM***

• MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

New Officers for 2021

A huge thank you too all the officers that have served in positions this year and looking forward to a great 2021. The folks below have volunteered to lead us next year.

Officer Position	New Officer
President	Elisabeth Shore
Vice-President	Craig Rowan
Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Clark
Membership Coordinator	Guy Huntley
Field Trip Coordinator	Steven Earles
Newsletter Editor	Nancy Mack
Contest Coordinator(s)	Open (Primary) Debbie Nielsen
GSCCC Representative	Anita Oakley
Refreshments	<i>Open until we return to in-person meetings</i>

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Featured speaker:
Larry Petterborg

SPEAKER: LARRY PETERBORG

“My First African Safari”

BY: *Elisabeth Shore*

It's hard to believe our December meeting is almost here! Normally, we don't have a guest presentation, as we are enjoying being together at the SRC and partaking in everyone's delicious contributions to our Pot Luck Luncheon. However, circumstances have caused us to change things a little bit. So, I am excited to announce that Larry Peterborg will close out our 2020 programs with a presentation about a special trip he made at the beginning of this year.

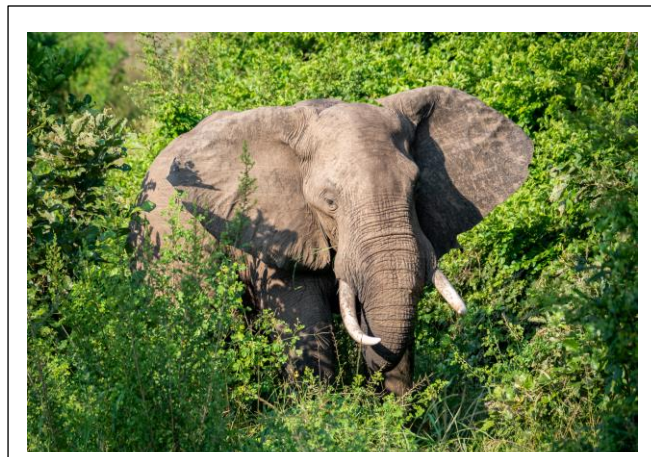
Going to Africa had been a long-time dream of Larry's. He initially trained as a field biologist with a special interest in mammals, and has devoured nature programming on television and in print. What a special treat it was to finally be able to go to Africa and see the land and animals he had only read about up close and personal!

In March of 2020, after many months of anticipation and preparation for this upcoming trip of a lifetime, the COVID-19 pandemic appeared and added a much-dreaded element to their plans. The closer the departure date got, the more anxious they became. While he continued to be resolute in his determination to go, Larry's wife, Mary, started having serious doubts. Just a day or two before their scheduled flight, half of the tour group cancelled. When they meet Tom Savage and his wife at DFW Airport for a midnight flight to England enroute to South Africa, the international terminal was as empty as he had ever seen it. Not a good sign for things to come.

They left their house around 7 pm on a Friday night and arrived at their lodgings in Zambia (Robin Pope Safaris' Safari House on the edge of South Luangwa National Park (<https://www.robinpopesafaris.net/>) about 40 hours later. That evening, as they were having dinner, a hippopotamus wandered through the front yard of the house. They really were in wild Africa!

In Larry's presentation, “My First African Safari”, he will describe their stay in Zambia, the animals they saw on their game drives, and talk about their hasty departure from Africa due to the growing global pandemic.

Larry is a long-time member of the Heard Nature Photographers Club, having served in various capacities, including Vice President and editor of the club newsletter. He is currently President of the Dallas Camera Club and has been recognized as a Plano Photography Club Photographer of the Year. Larry retired from Texas Woman's University in 2015 and lives in Dallas with Mary, his wife of more than 50 years.



More images by Larry Petterborg



African Wild Dog



Leopard



Yellow Baboon

FIELD TRIPS

By Steven Earles

Caddo Lake

Sixteen members of the club spent the first weekend in November photographing Caddo Lake. The weather cooperated with the group, but the fall colors were not as expected. The lake suffered a moth invasion earlier this year that left many of the trees without leaves. There were areas that rejuvenated after the moths left and those areas did have nice fall colors. Some of the group were able to get some photos of mature and juvenile bald eagles. Debbie Conard and Debbie Nielsen sent in these images. Our slide show will be ready for our December meeting.



FIELD TRIPS

DECEMBER CHALLENGE

Our challenge for December will be Vitruvian lights. Vitruvian Park is located at 3875 Ponte Ave, Addison. It is a 19-acre green space with concrete walking paths. LED lights are wrapped around more than 550 trees. The park will light up every evening from November 23 to January 1. Parking is available onsite at the Bella Lane Parking Lot, Park Road Parking Lot and Ponte Avenue Parking lot, all for free. You may go to the park and take your images any evening you like. I will also have a meetup scheduled for anyone interested Thursday night, December 3 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in the meetup, email me at heardphototrip@gmail.com. Images will be due to Ron Marabito at remarabito@gmail.com January 3. Details for the meetup will be provided to those who sign up as the date gets closer.





43rd Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest

**2021 SUBMISSION DATES:
February 1 – 22, 2021**

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Certificates awarded for Best of Show in each Division and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each contest category for each division.
- ❖ \$100 cash prize to Best of Show winners in each of the four contest divisions!
- ❖ All contest proceeds 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/
www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest

- ❖ Questions? Please contact:
Debbie Nielsen, Contest Coordinator
Heard Nature Photographers – 972-369-0480 (text or call) or
contest@heardnaturephotographers.com



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

3rd Place



John Wayne of NM by Linda Grigsby

Honorable mention - Monochrome

Contest Committee

Volunteers Still 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 or steven.earles@yahoo.com.



Presidents Thoughts:

Hello fellow shutterbugs,

As we round out this year, I would like to say that it has been my honor to serve the remainder of Peter's term as the club president. It was a rough year, starting with losing Peter Gilbert, our dear friend and a long-standing member of the club.

We managed to hold the club together through ten months of the worst pandemic in recent history, moving our meetings online and having a few socially distanced outings. Elisabeth did a great job finding us speakers who could deliver great presentations online, opening new possibilities for speakers from around the world, even after we can meet in person. We had three members place in GSCCC monthly contests. We even have found a creative way to hold our year-end Members' Choice contest. I know it's been rough, but things are looking up for the next year.

Thank you for all your support!

Stay safe

Anita

Members Choice

Voting is officially open. You can vote through December 8th.
We will decide the winner at our meeting.

DECEMBER 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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<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/>

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MONTHLY MEETING

12 DECEMBER 2020

ZOOM MEETING

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