



Heard Nature Photographers

I have seized the light.
I have arrested its flight.

~Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre / 1839

Springtime...maybe

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Meeting Date: March 13, 2021, 2:00 pm, online

A ZOOM link with be sent by e-mail prior to meetings
In-person club events are canceled until further notice

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White Sands 2009: Ron Marabito

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March brings signs of Spring - there is a weather proverb that states, "Bluebirds are a sign of spring; warm weather and gentle south breezes they bring." As the days gradually become lighter and temperatures start to lift (I think most of us have had our share of winter for this year!), the chorus of birdsongs will increase in numbers and become louder as the migrating birds return to our neck of the woods. I haven't been fortunate enough to see Bluebirds in my neighborhood here in McKinney, but I have certainly seen plenty of Cardinals, Blue Jays, Juncos, house finches and sparrows coming around of late.

I love getting out on my patio with my dogs in the early morning and listening to them sing me awake and put me into a happy mood. You may hear the knock of woodpeckers, too – I've heard their distinctive knocking around my backyard! Even the ducks have started to return to our ponds and lakes. I've watched them go bottom up as they feed – yet another little something that puts a smile on my face.

Other signs of spring include observing when the buds on your trees start coming out. Some of the first trees to bud are the willows and Bradford Pears. I've started seeing some signs of life on some of my little shrubs that made it through the freeze. These little buds made good subjects for around-the-home macro photography practice – who know what else you can see in those magical little worlds?

As the warmer weather returns, you may start to see butterflies and bumblebees return. Both are pollination wizards and help provide yet another backyard or neighborhood photography opportunity. I didn't know this until I started doing some research, but the first bumblebees are the queens who survived the winter months.

The day light hours are slowly starting to get a little longer and the temperatures a little warmer. I won't cross off another cold snap just yet, but at least I am more prepared for it this year than in the past! I hope you all take the time to enjoy the coming signs of Spring – take a deep breath and let nature soothe your soul... and maybe take a picture or two along the way!

All the best,
Elisabeth, eshore738@gmail.com

In Memoriam:

Theresa King was a founding member of Heard Nature Photographers

Theresa Anne Cangemi King, beloved Nonna and resident of Canton, TX passed after a brief illness on February 20, 2021 at the age of 70.

Theresa is survived by her husband of 47 years, David King Jr. of Canton, her children and grandchildren Aaron, Holly, Ty and Ella King of New Braunfels; Bryan, Rebecca, Grace, and Coleman Clemons of Salado; and Josh, Christal, Lathan, Casen, and Easton King of New Braunfels. She will also be loved and missed by her 6 brothers and sisters: Jo Marie, Vince, Michael, Yvonne, Jack and Karen; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and other family and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Vincent and Marvelle Cangemi. Theresa was born on January 24, 1951 in Houston, Texas. She graduated from Bishop Dunne High School in 1969 and Stephen F. Austin University in 1973. On June 23, 1973, she married David. She raised her three children and spent over 20 years as a teacher with Martins Mill ISD, mostly in fifth grade. Her faith and family were the most important parts of her life. Theresa was a devoted Christian, wife, mother, and friend. She enjoyed photography and loved to read. She liked to be outdoors gardening, landscaping, or getting exercise. She loved to cook and entertain her family and friends. After a service at Lakeside Baptist Church in Canton, she was buried in Blooming Grove, Texas.



Winter Friend: Anita Oakley

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Dawn Wilson

Topic: “Nature Photography From the Road”

In our March meeting, we will have Dawn Wilson, an accomplished wildlife photographer from Colorado. Here is a little information about her:

Bio: Dawn Wilson is a professional and award-winning nature photographer specializing in images and stories about wildlife of high latitudes and high altitudes of the Rocky Mountains and Alaska. Dawn's text and photography has appeared in numerous regional and national publications, including Colorado Life, Colorado Outdoors, Wyoming Wildlife, Outdoor Photographer, MotorHome Magazine, Nature's Best Photography, and many others. In addition to her editorial work, Dawn leads multiple workshops each year to photograph wildlife, such as brown bears in Alaska and birds of Louisiana. She also leads photo tours in Rocky Mountain National Park. She currently serves as President of the North American Nature Photography Association.

Join us for an interesting program on wildlife photography.



Barred Owl Lacombe 2016: Dawn Wilson



Brown Bear AH 2016: Dawn Wilson



RV at Tetons GTMP 2016: Dawn Wilson



Resurrection River RV 2016: Dawn Wilson



Firefall Yosemite 2016: Dawn Wilson



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Rainbow Over Sylvan Lake Pano: Dawn Wilson

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK, NEW MEXICO

R.E. (Ron) Marabito

Ron Marabito is this month's featured club member. Several decades ago Heard Nature Photographers established the honorary Life Membership Award to recognize and honor members who had made substantial (out of the ordinary) contributions to the photo club and to nature photography, spanning over a number of years.



Since its inception, we have honored many, including Ron Marabito in 2011. Ron served as our President, Field Trip Coordinator, presented numerous programs and field trip presentations, and has helped fellow club members to learn more about photography.

Ron is a frequent contributor to our Facebook page with his breathtaking landscape photos. The photos are even more distinctive because of the beautiful digital borders he often adds to his images. A few years ago he presented a training lesson on creating borders which was well-received by members.

This month Ron shares his experiences and photos from southwest Texas.

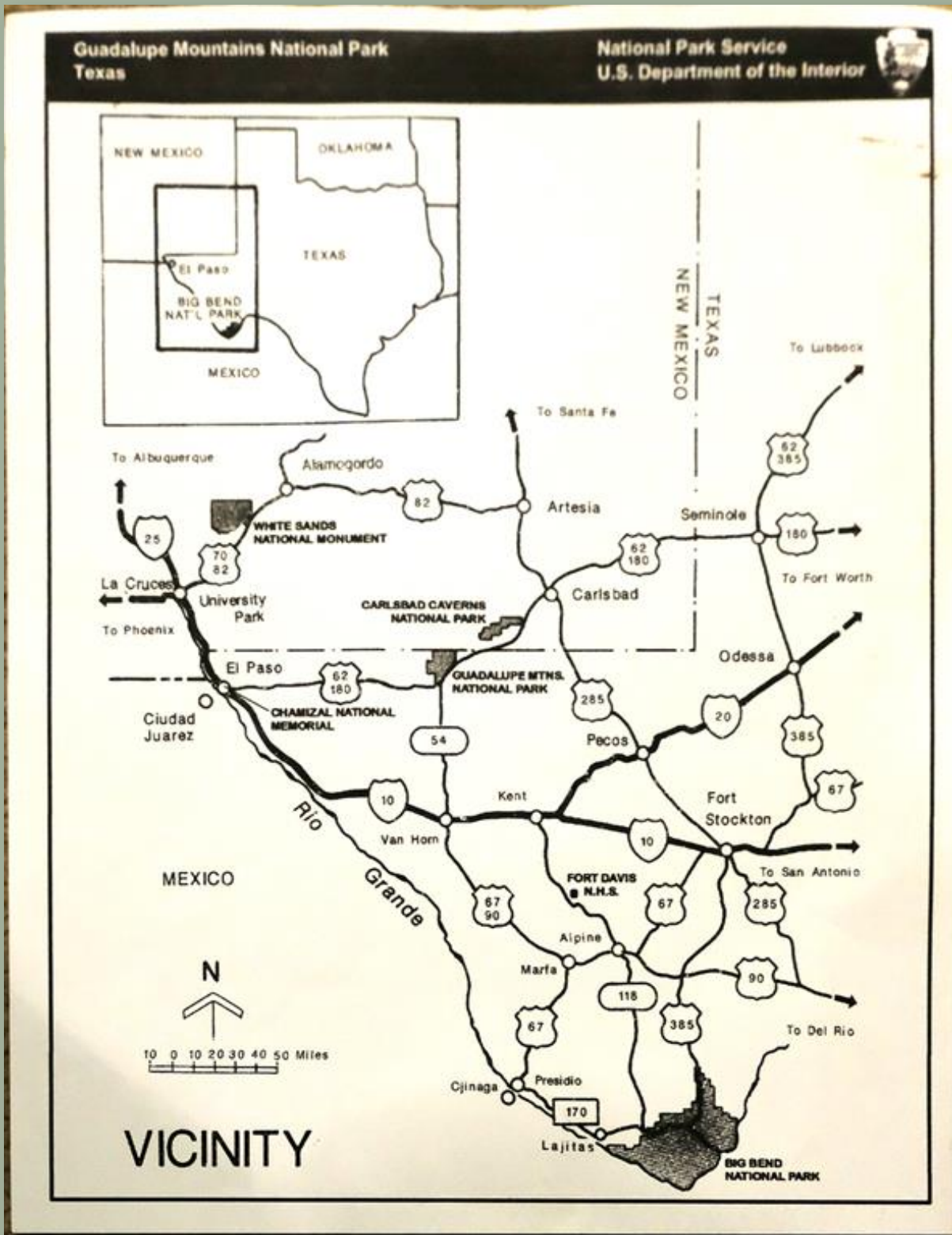
This happens to be my favorite photo destination which I have visited numerous times over the last 10 years. White Sands is located 15 miles southwest of Alamogordo on Highway 70. No public bus service is available so you have to go with your own conveyance. You can fly into El Paso and rent a car or you can drive there.

White Sands is about 583 miles from Dallas and a 9 to 10 hour drive.

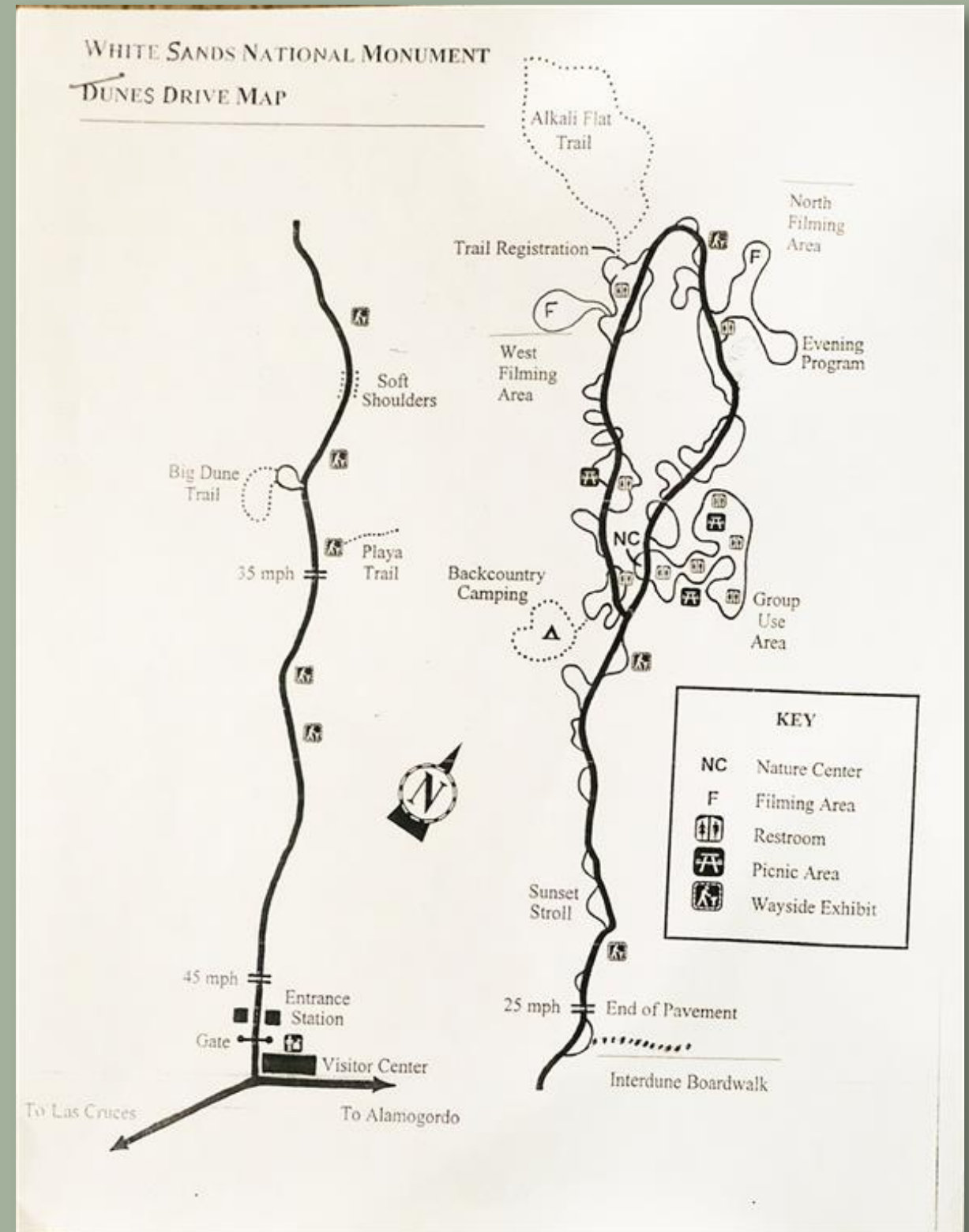
Alamogordo has several hotels and restaurants and also has a few campgrounds. I suggest you pick a location at the south end of town, closer to White Sands National Park.



White Sands 2017: Ron Marabito



Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas



White Sands National Monument Dunes Drive Map

Location Websites:

[Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas](#)

[White Sands National Monument, New Mexico](#)

I have not visited in the autumn months but I have been there in March, April and May. I prefer April for great skies.

Photography is mostly done early in the day or late in order to capture textures and contrast. Middle of the day is just plain white and very boring. Do something else then. I suggest visiting the Alamogordo Space Center or the Three Rivers Petroglyphs north of Alamogordo or a bit further to the Valley of Fires State Park, home of the Malpais lava flow. To the south, there is Las Cruces and the historic Spanish Village, Mesilla, founded in 1598. The village plaza has been restored to its 19th century appearance. Great place for Mexican Food. Just remember that it is 54 miles each way over the San Andres Mountains.

I suggest when you first arrive at the park, explore the visitor center and the entire loop road so you have a good feel for the area. If you want to capture a sunrise, talk to a Ranger about the paper work required along with fees. Plan to enter the park 2 hours before sunrise in order to find your spot and get set up. Scout the park during daylight because night in the park is pitch black.



White Sands 2011: Ron Marabito

Equipment: Take a wide angle lens, a telephoto and macro if you have one. This will cover just about anything you want to capture. Best to go in with 2 camera bodies to avoid lens changes in the dunes. Wear a vest or pouch rather than a backpack so nothing sets on the sand (gypsum). Use a good tripod. Use a polarizer to get great cloud images. Take a flash to accent lowlight foreground features. Make sure to take a flashlight or headlight. Bring a compass or GPS so you don't get lost. Most cell phones are equipped with tracking so you can retrace your steps back to your vehicle. Make sure everything has a fresh charge. Wear high top shoes if you can to avoid shoes full of sand.

Exploration: The prevailing winds are from the south. The dunes are easy to climb on the south face and gentle. They are steep and very difficult on the north face. The south is firm and the north is very soft.

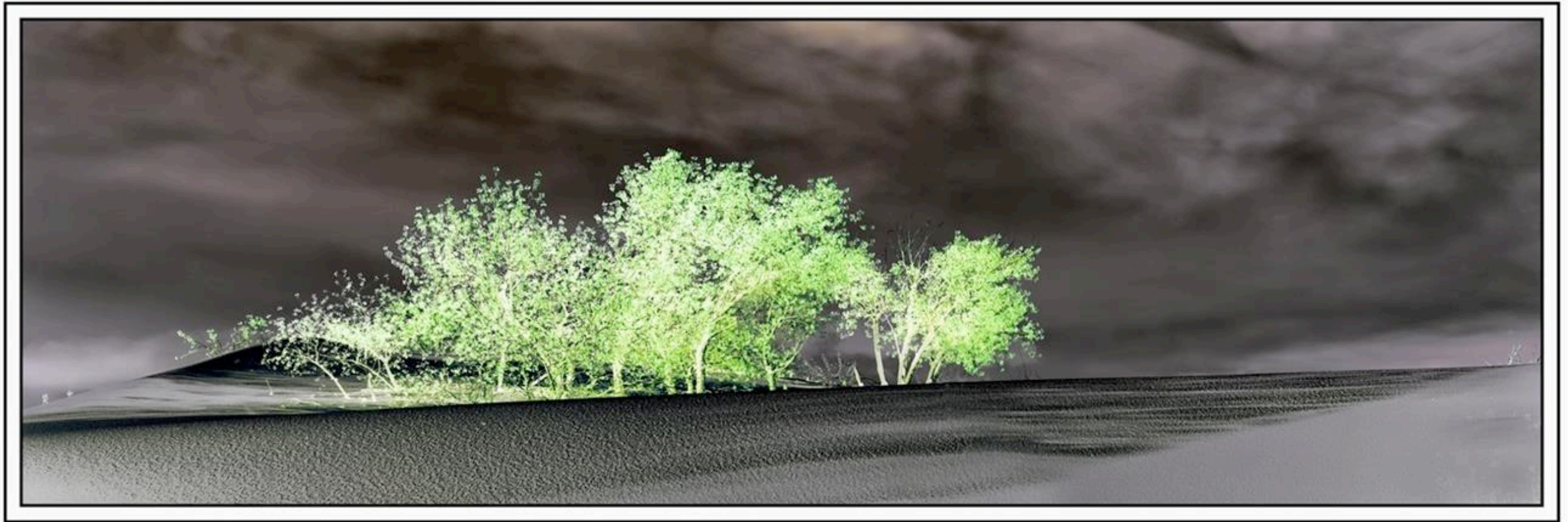
Go out at least 3 dunes from the road in order to eliminate foot prints from your images.



White Sands 2015: Ron Marabito



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Trees at White Sands: Ron Marabito

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 13, 2021, 2:00 pm
by ZOOM**

**A link will be sent to your e-mail address.
Please be sure your membership is current.**

Heard Nature Photographers Meeting Schedule

March 13	<u>Dawn Wilson</u>	Topic: Nature Photography From the Road
April 10	<u>Darrel Gulin, Canon Explorer of Light</u>	Topic: Cowboys and Cowgirls
May 8	Amy Shutt <u>www.amyshutt.com/</u>	Topic: Wild Canid Conservation Photography
June 12	Jennifer Hadley <u>www.jenniferhadleyphotography.com/</u>	Topic: Yellowstone
July 10	Elisabeth Shore	Topic: National Parks
August 14	Cheryl Opperman	Topic: Antarctica
September 11	Jon Fisher	Topic: From Stars to Storms - Capturing the Drama of Texas Skies
October 9	Chris Duple	Topic: Open
November 13	Nic Stover	Topic: Evaluating and Working with Light
December 11	No Guest Speaker	Member's Choice

FIELD TRIPS

Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

Field Trips

The club has not returned to in-person events. As COVID-19 vaccines continue to roll out and become more available, I am hopeful everyone who wants a vaccine will have it by this summer and we will feel safe getting out. Until then, we will continue to have monthly challenges to engage our membership. You can schedule the activity at your convenience. After you process your images send them to Ron Marabito at remarabito@gmail.com. Ron will create a slideshow for our virtual meeting.

The challenge for our April slideshow will be photographing the cats at In-Sync-Exotics. In-Sync Exotics is located at 3430 Skyview Drive in Wylie and their phone number is (972) 442-6888. They are open to the general public Saturday and Sunday, 11am-6pm. Founded by veterinary technician Vicky Keahey in March of 2000, they are a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of neglected, abused and unwanted exotic felines. Their story and directions can be found at insyncexotics.org. Please send your images to Ron by March 29.

Our May challenge and slideshow will be photographing the [Dallas Arboretum's Dallas Blooms](#). Event dates are February 21-April 11, 2021. Tickets and parking must be reserved online by calling Customer Service at 214-515-6615. A face covering is required for the visit. Please send you images for the May slideshow to Ron by April 23.

ONLINE LEARNING

From our President, Elisabeth Shore:

When it comes to online photography training, there are plenty to choose from. However, I enjoy the quick reads that fstoppers.com puts out on a regular basis. Below are a few links I thought might be of interest for you to take a look at and inspire you to think differently about what you normally do:

PROCESSING RELATED

<https://fstoppers.com/originals/clever-ways-speed-photoshop-and-lightroom-your-existing-hardware-545785>

<https://fstoppers.com/photoshop/8-reasons-never-use-levels-again-adobe-photoshop-545390>

<https://fstoppers.com/originals/accurate-white-balance-lightroom-every-time-545040>

<https://fstoppers.com/education/five-creative-editing-tips-lightroom-545438>

<https://fstoppers.com/education/difference-between-vibrance-and-saturation-545115>

PHOTOGRAPHY RELATED

<https://fstoppers.com/originals/forget-golden-hour-shoot-blue-moment-544572>

<https://fstoppers.com/education/how-do-you-make-photos-meaning-545675>

<https://fstoppers.com/education/whats-right-shutter-speed-photographing-sea-545422>

<https://fstoppers.com/education/editing-trick-might-change-how-you-photograph-forests-545017>

<https://fstoppers.com/originals/dynamic-range-important-landscape-photography-544584>

Happy learning!

CONTEST OPPORTUNITY

The Dewitt County Shutterbugs Photo Club is holding their Annual Photo Contest. Rules specify that the entries must be matted and shipped. If selected, the entries will be displayed in the print exhibition held at the Cuero Public Library and remain for the duration of the exhibition, March 22 - April 29.

The Dewitt Facebook Page has additional details.



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2021 DEWITT COUNTY SHUTTERBUGS

Photography Contest and Exhibition

CUERO MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
ALL PHOTOS WELCOME
SPECIAL CATEGORY FOR 2021:
DEWITT COUNTY HISTORY

For rules and information contact:
Michele Bennett
dcshutterbugs@yahoo.com
Dianna Bartosh
diannabartosh@icloud.com

Accepting Entries
Feb. 17-March 17

Judging March 20

Display March 22-April 29



Blue Jay: Anita Oakley



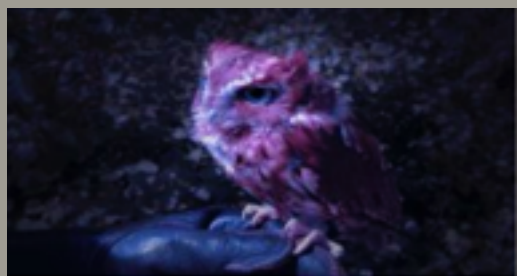
Bird on Ice: Anita Oakley

HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM PROGRAMS



Heard Natural Science Museum

Heard Natural Science Museum Upcoming Programs



Owl Prowl Night Hike

March 6, 2021
6:00 pm

Owl Prowl Night Hike



Wetland Canoe Trails

March 27, 2021
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wetland Canoe Trails



Zip Line Day

March 12, 2021
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Zip Line Day

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$20 PER YEAR

Thank You!! Thank you for being a supportive member of the Heard Nature Photographers Club. We really appreciate having you as a part of our growing family. Our association is better because of you.

Membership in the club is only \$20 each year. Use the [link](#) on this page to renew your membership.

Remember that, as a member, you can participate in some awesome field trips when the club once again meets in person. Our meeting speakers provide incredible insight into photography and our host, the [Heard Natural Science Museum](#), is an incredible facility.

Currently, members are able to take advantage of excellent speakers via ZOOM meetings and the club often meets in conjunction with area photography clubs while meetings are canceled.

If you are a first time member, you may want to read about the club. The [Heard Nature Photographers Club](#) is an auxiliary group of the [Heard Natural Science Museum](#), McKinney, Texas. [Click here for club bylaws and policies and procedures.](#)

[To renew, click on this link which will take you to the website.](#)

Membership is \$20. per year. You will be able to pay by credit card.

Dues can be paid via PayPal directly to membership@heardnaturephotographers.com

Other options are to send a check made payable to:
Heard Nature Photographers to:
Treasurer, Brian Clark
Heard Nature Photographers
441 Cherry Spring Drive
McKinney, TX 75072.



HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS

If you are a new member, or are renewing a long standing membership, you may want to visit our [“About”](#) Page. The Club is an auxiliary group hosted by the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney, TX. Here you will read the history of the club and see a map of the in-person (when available) meeting location on the Heard Natural Science Museum grounds.

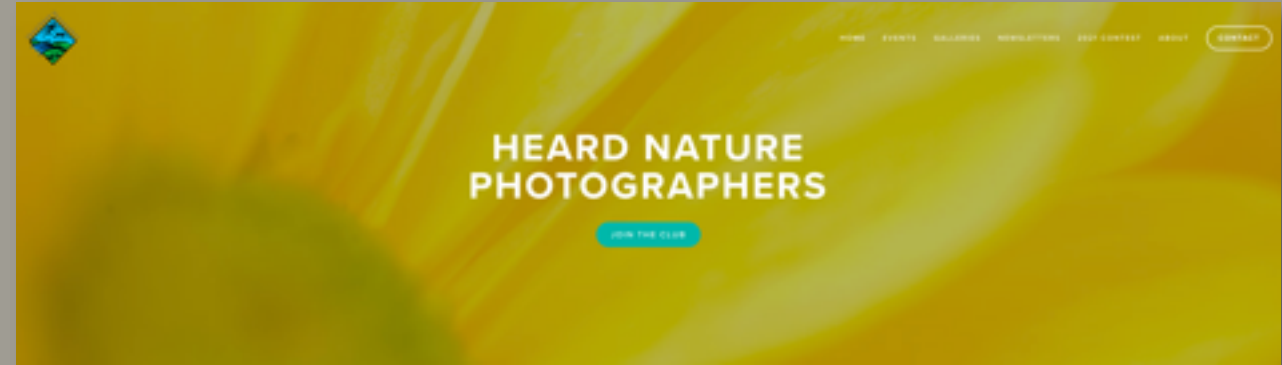
The club was established in 1981 and has served the and has served the nature photography enthusiast ever since. We are an affiliate of the [Photographic Societies of America](#) and focus our attention on nature photography.

We have a distinguished list of [Honorary Life Members](#) and all [Past Presidents](#) are listed.

The [Bylaws and Policies](#) are also available.

Although meetings cannot be in person at this time, the [Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary](#) is currently open and we encourage you to grab your camera and take a winter walk! Visit their [FACEBOOK](#) page for updated activities.

[Membership to the Heard](#) is available at different price levels, as well as activities for all ages.



CLUB WEBSITE

The [Club website](#) has a wealth of information for both the new member and longstanding membership.

The [Meetings Page](#) lists the guest speakers who have presented on ZOOM since March 2020. Commentary and often photos are noted as well as contact information for speakers. Since most speakers are unable to lead workshops in the field, many of these professionals are offering free and/or subscription workshops online for the time being.

Under the [Events Page](#) you will find a wealth of video clips and resources for the photographer.

[Galleries](#) features member photos from a variety of contests and events.

[Newsletters](#) are archived from 2015 through 2020.

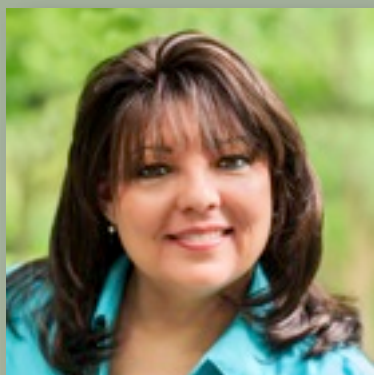
SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Our Facebook page (Members Only):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HeardNP>

Instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/heardnaturephotographers/>



**President
Elisabeth Shore**



**Vice President
Craig Rowen**



To be revealed in the
April Newsletter

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Brian Clark**

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Storms 'a Comin' 2009: Ron Marabito