



# Heard Nature Photographers

Always shoot it now.  
It won't be the same when you go back.

Jay Maisel

## Almost Summer

Meeting Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021, 2:00 pm, online

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

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South Dakota, 2020 Anita Oakley

Anita Oakley

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now moving into the month of May – 100 million (30.5%) Americans are now fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. With these numbers comes optimism and hope of the eventual return to some normalcy, especially since anyone older than 16 years of age is now eligible for vaccinations. This means that we can slowly start our discussions and planning for the eventual return to in-person meetings. No date established yet, but at least it is now something we can see on the horizon!

I know a few of our members have started venturing out on short road trips – several of you have been out searching for spring wildflowers, several have been taking pictures of the birds and other things... I am always encouraged to try new things by the images I see from so many of you. Don't forget that we have a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115902598449235>) for our members to share images, places to go or to ask questions!

If you happen to come across some interesting places to visit as you are out exploring, don't be shy about sharing that information with the club! Who knows what it can lead to? A new field trip location? New photographic opportunities?

All the best,  
Elisabeth, [eshore738@gmail.com](mailto:eshore738@gmail.com)

## Image Request:

**Image Request from Sy Shahid, Executive Director of The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary**

The Heard Museum, <https://www.heardmuseum.org/> unveiled their brand-new web site on Monday, March 1, 2021 after 6 months of effort. It has been well-received, as it is totally re-designed with up-to-date features. If you haven't been out there yet, you should definitely check it out!

The Heard is trying to build up a library with images to refresh the new website and rotate the pictures on an on-going basis, with the intent being to highlight the Heard assets. Sy's request from our Club Members is to get as many as of the Heard sanctuary pictures that have been taken by you over the years as possible.

Please send the images to me and I can package them up and send them on to Sy. It can be something that you have taken in the past or, if you go out on the Heard property during 2021 and take images and want them to be included, just send them to me at any time throughout the year. I just ask that you title it "Heard Website Images" so I know to send it on.

As a side note, I am following up with Sy on the image format, size and dimensions he is looking for. I am assuming no branding/ watermarks will be allowed, but I am checking on where image credits will be shown. I will follow-up to everyone with an email update once I get the details.

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## MAY SPEAKER

Amy Shutt

Topic: Wild Canid Conservation Photography



Amy Shutt

Amy Shutt is a photographer based in Louisiana. In university she was trained in black and white analog-based fine art photography and has worked in the industry for over a decade. Amy has been leading photographic tours for 5 years. In addition to her tours in Africa, the USA, and Canada she has led photography classes at botanical gardens, nature institutes, natural science museums, and wildlife rehabilitation centers in Louisiana, Colorado, Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona.



Amy is the Director of The Canid Project, a 501c3 non-profit, founded in 2017, that focuses on photography, photo-ecotourism, and community outreach to educate on the world's wild canids. She has also recently launched a new retreat company for creatives of all disciplines via Wild Creative Retreat that features in person as well as online classes, workshops, and retreats.

Amy's work has been published in books and magazines and her work has been awarded by the Nature's Best Windland Smith Rice International competition and has been shown in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC. Amy's goal with her photography and her educational photography tours is to educate and inspire fellow humans and to help conserve the wild animal species and spaces of the world. [amyshutt.com](http://amyshutt.com)





Amy Shutt

## Slow Photography: A Creative Approach to Nature Photography

Don't be afraid to change the way you see the world. You may find that by doing so will also change how you communicate through your art and the way you photograph. Sometimes we can become obsessed with achieving technical perfection in this digital camera age. Although technical perfection is important, exercising your creative vision is part of being an artist.

Through this talk Amy will expand on the idea of Slow Photography, showing you how to approach places, even your backyard, with a sense of wonder and creating unique creative photographs from that space. When you have the creative capacity – whether through the equipment you use or a composition style all your own – there are moments of magic and mystery awaiting you.

Approaching nature photography with this sense of play, experimentation, and ways of seeing will expand your tools and challenge you to be a better artist.





Amy Shutt





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# CORRECTIONS FOR THE 43RD ANNUAL HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Heard Newsletter Editor apologizes for the following errors:

Seen below: Thomas Vijayan not only won Best of Show for “The World is Going Upside Down” in the Adult Experienced Animals category, but this image also won Best of Show Overall for the 43rd Annual Contest.

The two images to the right shown here were ascribed to the wrong photographer. Please note the corrections:

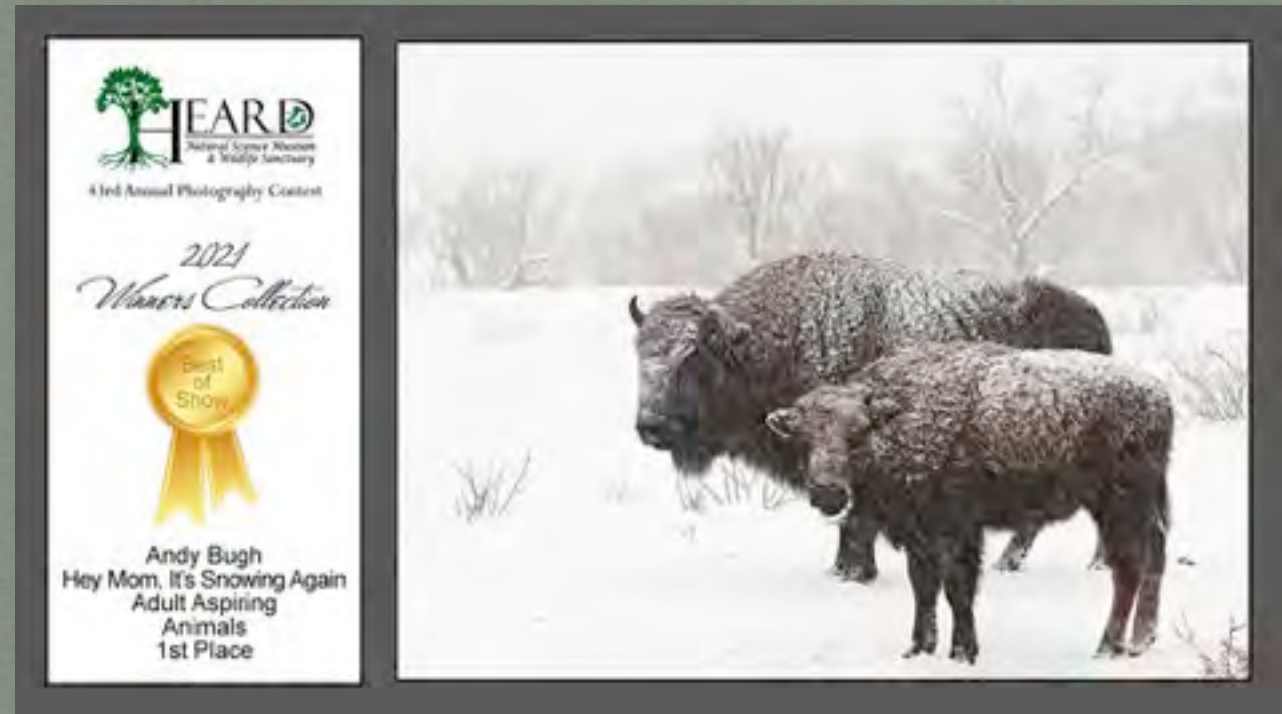
Andy Bugh for “Hey Mom, It’s Snowing Again” winning First Place in Adult Aspiring Animals category

and

Harrison Oberg for “Collecting Pollen” winning First Place in the Youth Senior Creepy Crawlies category.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

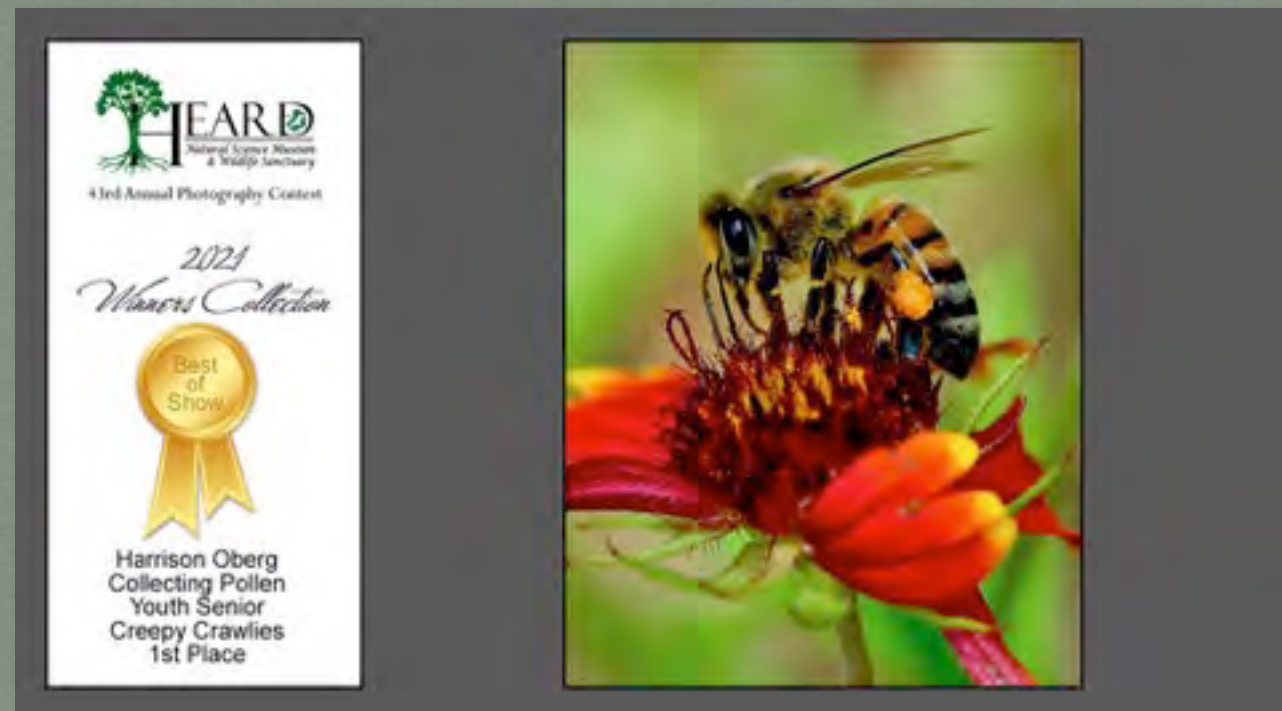
To view other contest winners: [Heard Nature Photographers](#)



Hey Mom, It's Snowing Again: Andy Bugh



Best of Show Overall: 43 Annual Heard Photography Contest  
Best of Show: Adult Experienced Animals:  
The World is Going Upside Down: Thomas Vijayan



Collecting Pollen: Harrison Oberg



# STORM CHASING THE CENTRAL PLAINS

Anita Oakley



Anita Oakley 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 have made substantial (out of the ordinary) contributions to the photo club and to nature photography, spanning over a number of years.

Anita Oakley received the honor in 2017. Anita joined the club in July, 2008 and has served the members in a variety of ways. She is a past club President. She has also spent years helping coordinate club field trips and most recently has worked tirelessly on the annual photography contest. Anita helped the club get online with contest entries, opening the contest to a whole new audience.

This month Anita shares experiences and photos from her storm chasing in the central plains.

My interest in storm photography began many years ago when I was in my 20s and lived in Oregon. Someone gave me a coffee table book of storm pictures and I was fascinated by the drama depicted in the images. However, storm chasing is a prairie activity, so I set that aside and forgot about it.

In 1992 I moved to Texas for my dream job, not thinking about the fact that it's in Tornado Alley. Years later Mike Mezeul II came to the Heard Nature Photographers to talk about severe weather and photography. This reminded me of the book and how much I was interested in trying storm photography myself. When he started doing workshops, I was the first to sign up. My first trip out was May of 2019. It was amazing!



Chasing Pano 2020, Anita Oakley



# STORMS

The very first day out, the very first storm out, we happened to be in the right place to see a tornado spin up near Tahoka, TX. It turned out to be an EF2 tornado, though you never know for a few days what the storm is rated because the experts have to get in to investigate. Then for three more days we picked up storms between west Texas and Kansas. There was a lot of driving and a whole lot of waiting for the storms to initiate, but I was hooked.

After we got home, I decided to take it seriously, and studied meteorology, did some armchair chasing, and prepared for my second chase season. In 2020 we traveled up to South Dakota and Nebraska, and even ventured over to Wyoming. We spent a couple of days around Badlands National Park, and I must say that watching a supercell storm move in over the Badlands is pretty impressive! Tornadoes are all well and good, but I have to say that the structure of the storms is my favorite part.

This year, I'll be chasing with Mike again, as well as going out with another friend for single day chases. I'm so looking forward to seeing what we find! If you are interested in chasing storms, I'd encourage you to find a good tour. You definitely don't want to go out on your own without training. I have a reference sheet with some tour group names as well as links to meteorology and training sources. Just email me at [anitaoak@outlook.com](mailto:anitaoak@outlook.com), and I'll send it to you.



Nebraska 2020, Anita Oakley





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**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 8, 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

<b>May 8</b>	<b>Amy Shutt</b> <a href="http://www.amyshutt.com/">www.amyshutt.com/</a>	<b>Topic:</b> <b>Wild Canid Conservation Photography</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Jennifer Hadley</b> <a href="http://www.jenniferhadleyphotography.com/">www.jenniferhadleyphotography.com/</a>	<b>Topic: Yellowstone</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Elisabeth Shore</b>	<b>Topic: National Parks</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Cheryl Opperman</b>	<b>Topic: Antarctica</b>
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Jon Fisher</b>	<b>Topic: From Stars to Storms - Capturing the Drama of Texas Skies</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Chris Duple</b>	<b>Topic: Open</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Nic Stover</b>	<b>Topic: Evaluating and Working with Light</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>No Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Member's Choice</b>



## FIELD TRIPS

We have a field trip to Caddo Lake scheduled for December 3,4,5. There will be opportunities for boat tours:

Friday Sunset

Saturday Sunrise and Sunset

Sunday Sunrise

Each boat tour will be \$50. You can get more information and sign up at our website

<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/fieldtrips-1>

or you can send me an email at [heardphototrip@gmail.com](mailto:heardphototrip@gmail.com)

If you think you would like to go, please register so I can get a headcount to reserve enough boats. I will not be asking for a firm answer until September. I have been told the lake looks great now and fall colors should be good.

Caddo Lake State Park

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caddo-lake>

Stephen Earles



Jack Harrison

Jack Harrison



## FIELD TRIPS

### Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

The table below is a calendar of slide show locations and themes for the remainders of the year. This is an opportunity for our members to share their work with others. To participate in the slideshow all that is required is to visit the location at your convenience and submit up to five images.

All of the months are locations with the exception of the June show which is themed Texas Wildflowers. You may take these photos anywhere in Texas you like. Images are to be submitted to Ron Marabito at [remarabito@gmail.com](mailto:remarabito@gmail.com). Images should be no larger than 2,000 pixels on the long edge and should be named with your initial followed by the image number. Example SE01.

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS SLIDESHOW SCHEDULE			
Images Due	Meeting	Location or Theme	Address
April 23	May 8	Dallas Arboretum	8525 Garland Rd, Dallas, TX
May 30	June 12	Texas Wildflowers	Your favorite location
June 30	July 10	Prairie Creek Park in Richardson	2600 West Prairie Creek Dr, Richardson TX
July 31	August 14	Heard Wildlife Sanctuary	1 Nature Place, McKinney TX
August 31	September 11	Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Center	201 E. Jones St, Lewisville Tx
September 30	October 9	Clark Gardens	567 Maddux Road, Weatherford, TX
October 30	November 13	Fort Worth Nature Center	9601 Fossil Ridge Rd, Fort Worth, TX
November 30	December 11	Members Choice Awards	Special instructions coming later
December 31	January 8	Ft. Worth Botanical and Japanese Gardens	3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Fort Worth, TX

**Our first field trip for 2021 will be at the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**From the Raptor Center website:**

#### **Raptor Photo Day – Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Raptor Photo Day is a great opportunity to experience taking photographs of our education ambassadors in a natural setting. We set up perching throughout our park and let photographers take pictures of the birds with different backgrounds and lighting. We work to make your shots beautiful. For all ages and photography experience. Some of the birds presented include American Kestrel, Screech Owl, Mississippi Kite, Harris' Hawk, Red-shouldered hawk and Red-tailed Hawk.

**When: Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 7:30am to 10am**

**Where: Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, 1625 Brockdale Park Road, Lucas TX 75002**

**Cost: \$20 pre-register and \$25 at the door.**

**Pre-registration will open up a month before the event.**

**Website: [www.bpraptorcenter.org](http://www.bpraptorcenter.org)**

## Call for Slideshow Images

This is a reminder that we are looking for and accepting your images in the following categories to be part of the June meeting member slideshows. Please submit your images to Ron Marabito at [remarabito@gmail.com](mailto:remarabito@gmail.com) by no later than Sunday, May 30, so he has time to create the slideshow for our meeting on June 12.

- 1) Texas Wildflowers
- 2) Raptor Photo Day (May 8)

Reminder to please make sure you:

- Submit a maximum of 6 images
- Remember to name them properly; e.x.: RM01 thru RM06
- And last, but not least, images can come from any time period.

Any questions, please let either

Elisabeth Shore [eshore738@gmail.com](mailto:eshore738@gmail.com) or

Ron Marabito [remarabito@gmail.com](mailto:remarabito@gmail.com) know.



Michael Farnham



Patrick McCormick



## MAY ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

This month's online training links come are some free trainings I found while bopping around online. There are FREE Eventbrite training sessions, training offered on YouTube, and I found a neat YouTube channel that offers some interesting interviews and learning discussions.

### FREE TRAINING EVENTS

May 6 @ 3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nikon-macro-photography-tickets-146658769327?aff=erelexpmlt>

May 13 @ 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/photography-how-to-maximise-your-mobile-phone-photography-tickets-145469438005?aff=erelexpmlt>

May 27 @ 7pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/composite-photography-a-new-perspective-on-landscape-photography-tickets-152407164933?aff=erelexpmlt>

### VIDEO TRAINING COURSES

No sign-up required – Free Photography Course: <https://karltayloreducation.com/free-photography-course/>

Chris Bray Photography (10 free courses): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujaCbzLwuB8>

Photoshop for Beginners: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyR\\_uYsRdPs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyR_uYsRdPs)

Adobe Photoshop Tutorial: EVERY Tool in the Toolbar Explained and Demonstrated: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cQT1ZgvgGI>

The Art of Landscape Photography: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=be0bpmClu84>

Fine Art Wildlife Photography with Lisa Langell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUiuVLeHpWI>

OOO LIVE Episode 5: Luminosity Masks with Greg Benz: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqlGDcrUFb4>

OOO LIVE Episode 6: Hidden Landscapes-North Dakota with Tony Reynes and Keith French: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6cP-qOuRx0>

Happy learning!

Elisabeth



## 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](mailto:membership@heardnaturephotographers.com)

Other options are to send a check made payable to:  
Heard Nature Photographers to:  
Treasurer, Brian Clark  
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441 Cherry Spring Drive  
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Wen-Chi Lee





<https://psa-photo.org/>



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

## GSCCC NEWS

It's time for the end-of-year contest. Each image that took an award during the year (July – March this year due to COVID) was automatically entered in the EOY contest. In addition, we had an extra image in Photojournalism and one in Nature, because we judged in those two categories. All in all, we have 8 images entered this year. Images entered were from Debbie Nielson, Linda Grigsby, Ron Marabito, Clive Fernando, Jack Harrison, Anita Oakley, and Frank Fosdick, Judging was scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all our photographers!

May begins a new year, so if you have any new images you want to have submitted, please get them to me at [anitaoak@outlook.com](mailto:anitaoak@outlook.com). Make sure there is no watermark, and size them at 4000 pixels on the long edge. The file name format should be Image Title-Your Name. For instance, one of mine might be: Yellowstone Falls-Anita Oakley.

Thanks,

Anita Oakley, GSCCC Representative

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## 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.

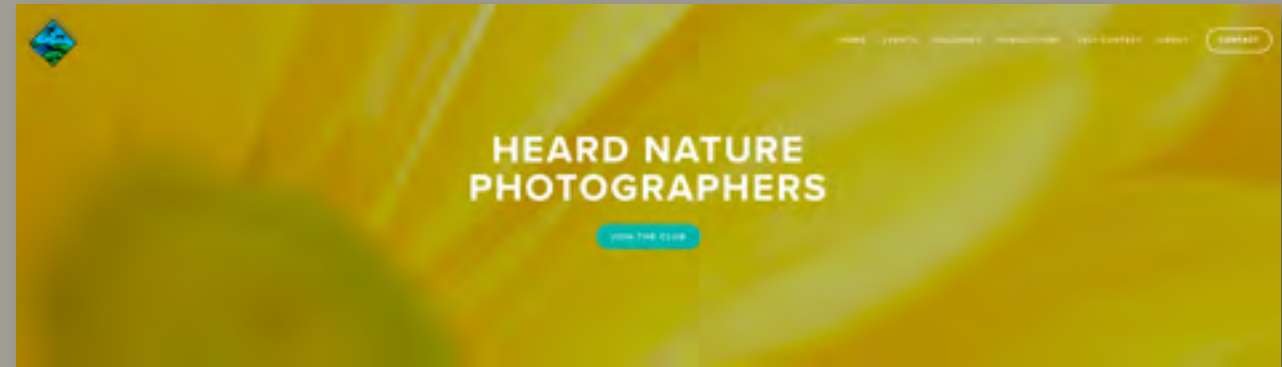
The club was established in 1981 and has served the and has served the nature photography enthusiast ever since. We are an affiliate of the [Photographic Societies of America](#) and focus our attention on nature photography.

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):

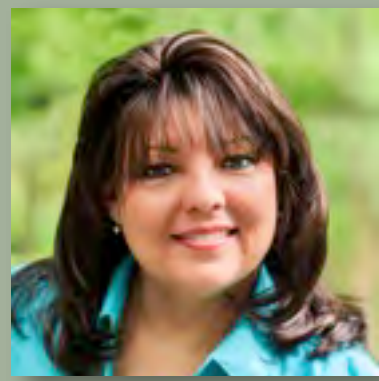
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HeardNP>

Instagram page:

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



## OFFICERS 2021



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