



Heard Nature Photographers

“Photography takes an instant out of time,
altering life by holding it still.”

Dorothea Lange

Still Summer

Meeting Date: Saturday, August 14, 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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TORRES DEL PAINE (THE HORNS) Linda Grigsby

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

I'm going to keep this month's letter short and simple. With the dramatic increase in COVID infections due to the DELTA variant among unvaccinated individuals and the resultant break-through infections in vaccinated people that are on the rise due to the high-viral load they can potentially carry and transmit, I am going to err on the side of caution and say that we will continue to conduct our meetings virtually for the next few months, and potentially through the end of the year.

I would like to commend all of you on your participation in our Zoom meetings over the last 18 months. We are social creatures by nature and the isolation we have had to go through has been difficult on all of us. It is always enjoyable to "see" all of you on the calls, and I truly love the participation in discussions that come about organically on them.

So, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for being such a wonderful group of people and for making our club the best there is!

I look forward to our upcoming meeting...and I hope you will enjoy the following article:

Elisabeth

Photography Location: Avery Island, Louisiana

A photography friend of mine recently took a trip out to Avery Island in Louisiana with his wife and told me that it would be an excellent birding site called "Bird City", but also had historical roots in being the "home" of Tabasco Sauce. First, a little background on this location. Avery Island (historically [French](#): Île Petite Anse) is a [salt dome](#) best known as the source of [Tabasco sauce](#). Located in [Iberia Parish, Louisiana](#), it is approximately three miles inland from [Vermilion Bay](#), which in turn opens onto the [Gulf of Mexico](#). A small human population lives on the island. The island is listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#).

The island was named after the Avery family, who settled there in the 1830s, but long before that, [Native Americans](#) had found that Avery Island's verdant flora covered a precious natural resource—a massive salt dome. There, Native Americans boiled the Island's briny spring water to extract salt, which they traded to other tribes as far away as central [Texas](#), [Arkansas](#), and [Ohio](#).

According to records maintained prior to 1999 in the [Southern Historical Collection](#) at the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#), Petite Anse Island, renamed Avery Island in the late 19th century, was purchased by John Craig Marsh of New Jersey in 1818. Marsh operated a sugar plantation on the island's fertile soil. His daughter, Sarah Craig Marsh, married Daniel Dudley Avery in 1837, thus uniting the Marsh and Avery families. Daniel Dudley Avery hailed from [Baton Rouge](#), and was a [jurist](#). In 1849, Daniel became co-owner of his in-law's sugar plantation, and in 1855 he became sole owner.

During the [American Civil War](#), a mine of pure rock salt was founded on Avery Island in May 1861, which subsequently produced more than 22 million pounds (10,000 metric tons) of salt for the [Confederacy](#). According to the historian [John D. Winters](#) in his *The Civil War in Louisiana* (1963), the rock salt mine had been well-protected, until [Union](#) General [Nathaniel P. Banks](#) began a push up [Bayou Teche](#). After an all-night march, Union Colonel W.K. Kimball, in Winters' words, "advanced to the beautiful little island and, without opposition, burned eighteen buildings, smashed the steam engines and mining equipment, scattered six hundred barrels of salt awaiting shipping, and brought away a ton of gunpowder left behind by [Confederate General] [Taylor](#)'s men."

Before the Civil War, [Edmund McIlhenny](#) joined the Avery family, by marrying Mary Eliza Avery, daughter of Daniel Dudley Avery and Sarah Marsh Avery. In 1868, McIlhenny founded McIlhenny Company, and began manufacturing [Tabasco brand pepper sauce](#). In 1870, he received letters patent for his sauce processing formula. That same basic process is still used today.

In 1938, E.A. McIlhenny established a [nutria](#) farm on Avery Island, Louisiana, within shouting distance of the factory where the company that bears his family name makes Tabasco sauce. According to company history, McIlhenny bought his stock of nutrias from a farm in New Orleans, so he was not the first to introduce the creature, a native of southern Brazil, Argentina, and Chile, to North America. That dubious honor belongs to another. What is certain, though, is that McIlhenny, for reasons unknown, released an unknown but probably large number of nutrias into the wild from the confines of Avery Island, and from there they fanned out and proliferated.

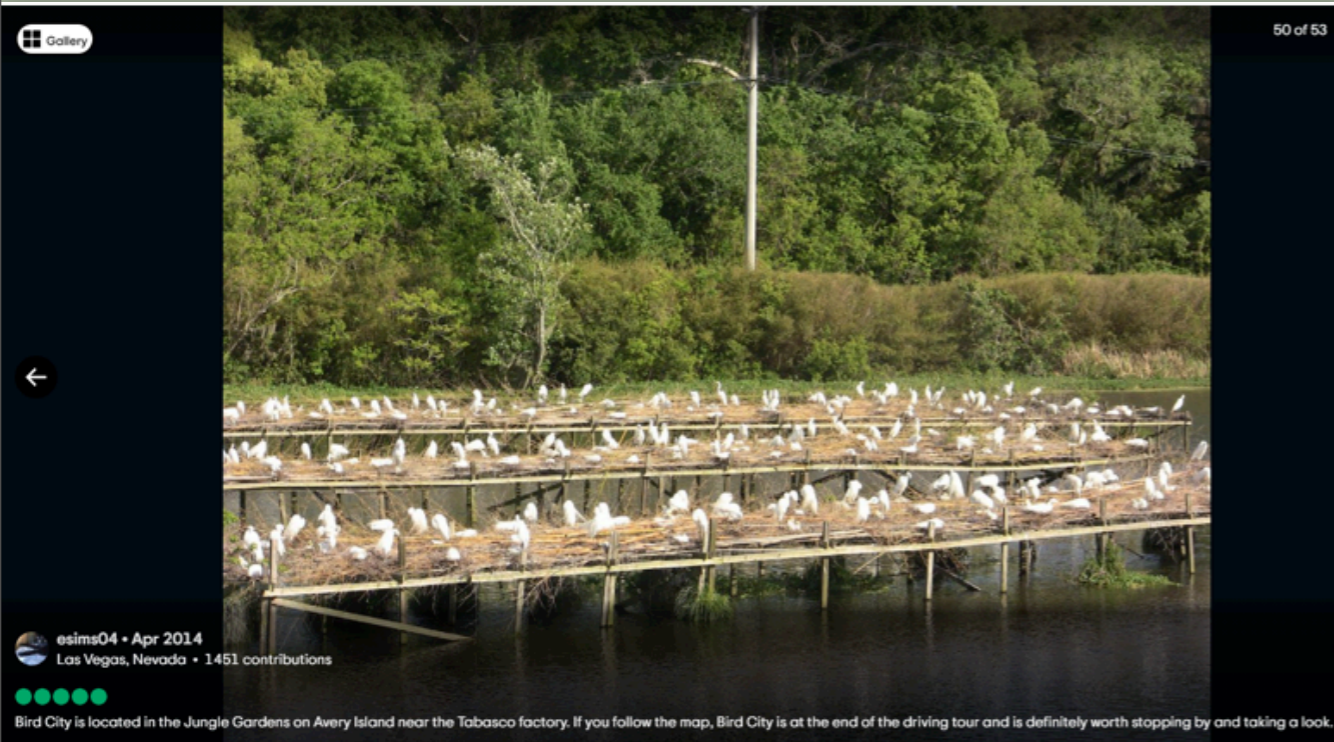
Avery Island was hit hard in September 2005 by [Hurricane Rita](#). According to [The New York Times](#), the family spent \$5 million on constructing a 17-foot-high levee, pumps, and back-up generators to ensure that future hurricanes will not disrupt Tabasco sauce production.

Now that you have some background on the Tabasco Company, let's move over to "Bird City" located in the Jungle Gardens.

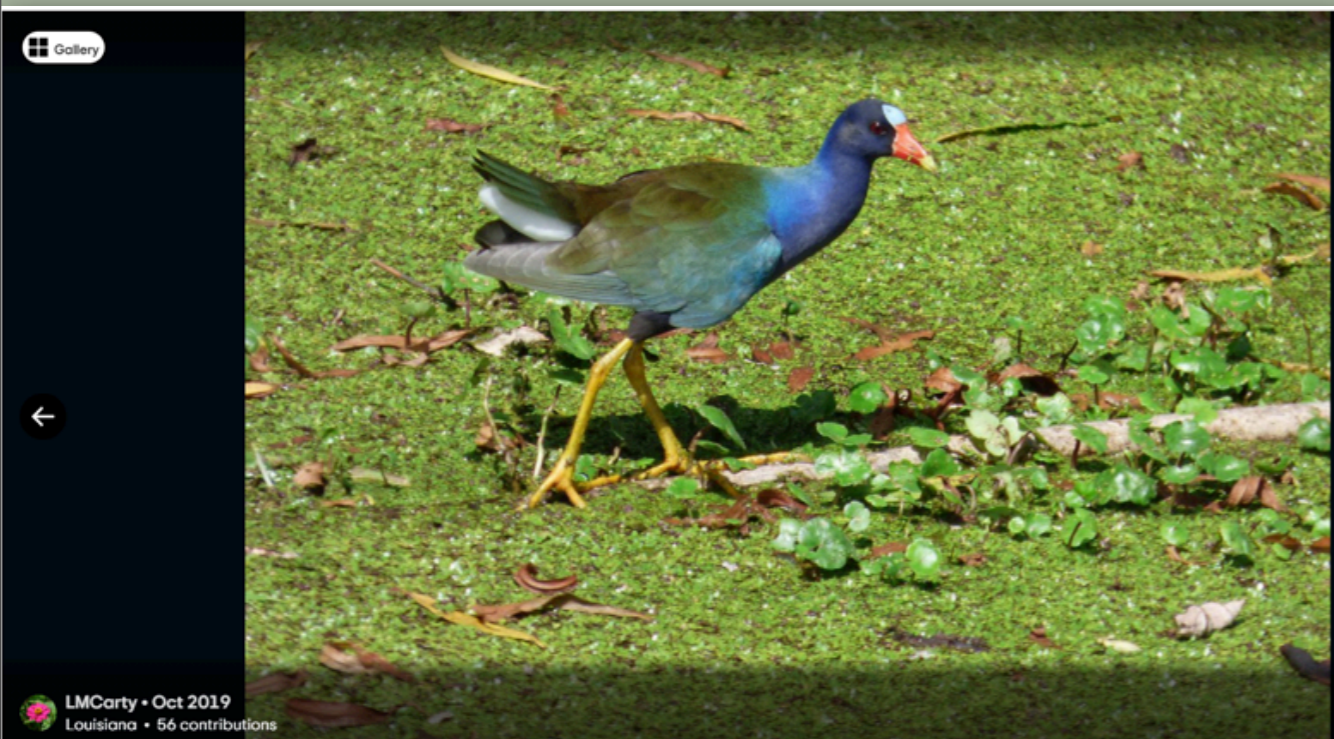
Under the Avery/McIlhenny family's management, Avery Island has remained a natural paradise, inhabited by many animal species, as well as by exotic plants from throughout the world. [Edward Avery McIlhenny](#), or "Mr. Ned" as he was affectionately known, founded this bird colony—later called Bird City—around 1895 after [plume hunters](#) had slaughtered [egrets](#) by the thousands to provide feathers for ladies' [hats](#). Edward gathered eight young egrets, raised them in captivity in an aviary or "flying cage" that he built on Avery Island, and released them in the fall to migrate across the [Gulf of Mexico](#) - and was delighted when six of the birds (and their mates) returned to nest in the spring, a migration that continues today.

Thus began a pattern in which each year, more and more snowy white egrets and other water birds joined the migration to and from the bird colony. Sixteen years after the colony was founded, in March of 1911, Mr. Ned estimated that one hundred thousand birds were nesting in what had by then become known as Bird City. This vast, protected rookery and the thousands of birds it shelters owe their existence to the conservation efforts of Mr. Ned. Today, there are an estimate 500,00-600,00 birds that return to their nesting site, which are platforms built over water to provide protection.





While famous as a refuge for snowy white egrets, there are a great many additional species that grace Bird City and other areas of the grounds. Springtime will bring many songbirds to the protected area - as well as the returning egrets, Louisiana herons and little blue herons. A little later arrive the night herons, least bitterns and anhingas.



Larger birds like the white ibises, roseate spoonbills and great blue herons are more casual visitors - coming for a few days or just to rest a short time. Before the summer birds leave around August to migrate south, other species from the north begin to arrive. Blue-winged teals, pintails and gadwalls show up first, followed by ducks, geese, coots and wading birds.

As a year-round preserve for migratory birds, Bird City is a spectacular venue for the enjoyment of bird watchers and tourists alike.

Location/Contact Information:

Address: Hwy. 329, Avery Island, LA 70513

Phone: (337) 369-6243

Hour of Operation: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JungleGardensAveryIsland/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/junglegardens/>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/junglegardenla/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/junglegardensla>

Sources:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avery_Island,_Louisiana
- <https://www.junglegardens.org/bird-tours-1>
- <https://www.junglegardens.org/attractions>
- List of bird species found in "Bird City" / Jungle Gardens: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5625411ee4b07d7269159861/t/5698274157eb8d50e30ff8fe/1452812098101/Jungle+Gardens+Bird+List.pdf>
- <https://www.junglegardens.org/locations>

AUGUST SPEAKER

Cheryl Opperman

Topic: Expedition Antarctica

www.cherylopperman.com



Journey to earth's southern most continent through the eyes of award winning photographer Cheryl Opperman. Experience the wonders of Antarctica and it's nearby islands that offer photographers unparalleled opportunities to capture snow covered landscapes and polar wildlife. Combining inspiring imagery with helpful tips on how to prepare for the trip, Cheryl's insight will ensure you are ready for this once-in-a-lifetime expedition.

Cheryl Opperman is a nationally acclaimed nature photographer who has traveled to every continent in the world capturing spectacular images of nature, wildlife, and indigenous cultures. Widely published, her photographs have appeared in print, on the web, on television, and in solo and group exhibits, resulting in a list of clients or credits which include The American Humane Association, Overseas Adventure Travel, The Denver Post, the National Geographic Society, and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Cheryl's esthetic compositions, artistic use of light, and exquisite detail have been honored with several prestigious awards from organizations including The Earth Day Network, Nature's Best Photography, the International Photography Awards, and the National Wildlife Federation. She was also featured as a leading female nature photographer by Outdoor Photographer Magazine and has appeared in on-camera interviews by 9News Denver, the Luminous Landscape, and Smithsonian Earth. Using the power of photography to inspire interest in the environment and other cultures, she has presented slide shows or classes on various topics to schools, camera clubs, the Intermountain Regional Headquarters of the National Park Service, the Crane Trust, and the North American Nature Photography Association. Cheryl is a 1992 honors graduate of Brooks Institute of Photography holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial/Scientific photography.

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Dive Right In Penguins **CHERYL OPPERMAN**

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, August 14, 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

August 14	Cheryl Opperman www.cherylopperman.com	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

PATAGONIA

LINDA GRIGSBY

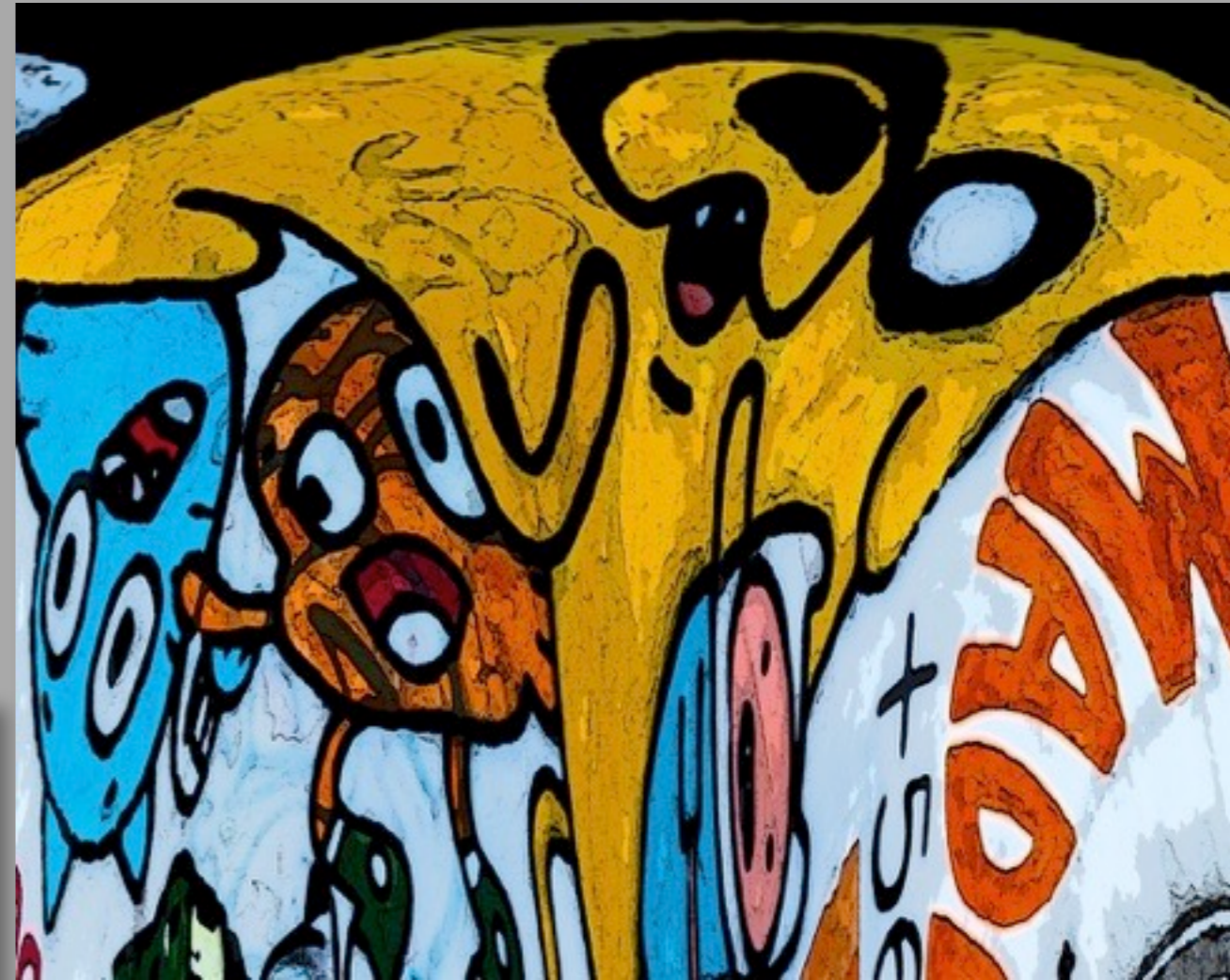
is this month's featured club member.

My husband, JD Luttmmer, and I love traveling and taking photographs of the places where we have been. I had seen photographs of Patagonia and really wanted to go, so in March 2019 we and another couple flew to Punta Arenas, Chile. We spent a day photographing the town before we set off on our journey.

Patagonia is a region encompassing the southernmost tip of South America. This region is shared by Argentina and Chile with the Andes Mountains as the dividing line. We visited the Chilean side with its glacial fjords.



INN ON LAKE PEHOE Linda Grigsby



REIMAGINED GRAFFITI #2 Linda Grigsby

One of my interests is photographing graffiti and reimagining it. In other words, I take a portion of the graffiti and add filters, change colors, crop, and make changes depending on my mood at the time of processing the photo. There were plenty of murals and graffiti in Punta Arenas.



REIMAGINED GRAFFITI #1 Linda Grigsby

We hired a local photographer/naturalist to take us around the park. We stayed in Hotel Rio Serrano just outside the Torres del Paine (Blue Towers) National Park. Fortunately for us the sunsets were beautiful right behind our hotel.

In the park we saw birds, foxes, wild horses, and guanaco, which are camelids that are native to South America. They are closely related to llamas. They are so used to tourists that they are not bothered by people. They seem to know that they are protected.



GUANACO MOTHER AND CALF Linda Grigsby

PATAGONIA refers to a geographical region that encompasses the southern end of South America, governed by Argentina and Chile. The region comprises the southern section of the Andes Mountains, lakes, fjords, and glaciers in the west and deserts, tablelands and steppes to the east. Patagonia is bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and many bodies of water that connect them, such as the Strait of Magellan, the Beagle Channel, and the Drake Passage to the south.



The following links are listed merely to illustrate the photographic terrain and features that Linda references. They are not an endorsement for any travel agency. If any member is interested in further discussion, please contact Linda directly.

[Punta Arenas, Chile](#)

[Torres del Paine \(Blue Towers\) National Park](#)

[camelids](#)

[Serrano River and Valley](#)

[Los Cuernos \(The Horns\)](#)

[Pia Glacier in Glacier Alley](#)

[Hotel Rio Serrano](#)

(click top right for English translation)

[Patagonia and Antarctica](#)

[Inn on Lake Pehoe](#)

[Cordillera del Paine mountain range](#)

[Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina](#)

[Tierra del Fuego](#)

[Australis](#)
(cruise tours)

[Strait of Magellan](#)

[Glacier Alley](#)

[Cape Horn](#)



SERRANO RIVER AND VALLEY Linda Grigsby



HORSES IN THE SERRANO VALLEY Linda Grigsby



LOS CUERNOS (THE HORNS) Linda Grigsby

Included in the park is the Cordillera del Paine mountain range with its majestic views of the towers and granite horns. Blue and white icebergs can be seen in the turquoise waters.

After several days touring the park we went back to Punta Arenas and boarded the ship, Australis, to tour the fjords of Tierra del Fuego (Land of Fire) all the way to the Magellan Strait. In Glacier Alley we boarded a zodiac to get a better look of Pia Glacier.



PIA GLACIER IN GLACIER ALLEY Linda Grigsby



LOS CUERNOS (BLUE TOWERS) Linda Grigsby



LOS CUERNOS AT SUNSET Linda Grigsby



SUNRISE IN USHUAIA Linda Grigsby

Near the end of the excursion, we saw Cape Horn where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans meet. We landed at Ushuaia, Argentina where our trip ended. This is a beautiful area that I highly recommend seeing and photographing it.



SUNRISE IN USHUAIA Linda Grigsby

Larry Petterborg and Bud Mallar Photo Outings

Need a reason to get out of the house and take pictures? Come join us.

We (see below) go out and shoot just about every week and end up having lunch somewhere afterward. Being part of a group is a great way to motivate yourself into getting out and using your camera.

Along with just having fun shooting, it could be a good opportunity to get answers to questions you may have, to try alternative ways to take a picture, share your skills/ experience, and/or engage in some suggestions on taking 'better' images.

To keep up with COVID precautions, fees, times, reservation info, locations, last minute changes, as well as letting us know who is coming, sign up beforehand with Bud at budmallar@gmail.com

Planned outings: (so far)

Allen Skate Park Sat, Aug 7th, 9:00 AM

Dallas Arboretum Thursday, Aug 12th, 9:30 am

Dallas Heritage Village Sat, Aug 21st, 10:00 am

Dallas Zoo, Wed, Aug 25, 9:00 am

Dates and locations subject to change at the last minute due to any number of reasons.

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Slide Show Themes and Locations

Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

Field Trip Notes

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. Images are to be submitted to Ron Marabito at 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.

Images Due	Meeting	Location or Theme	Address
August 31	September 11	Black and White Beauty or any previous photos of Lewisville Lake Environmental Center	Lewisville Lake Environmental Center is not a good place to visit now due to repairs on the dam. If you haven't been out there you shouldn't go. If you have and you were able to get pictures please send 3-5 to Ron Marabito at remarabito@gmail.com
September 30	October 9	<u>Clark Gardens</u>	567 Maddux Road, Weatherford, TX
October 30	November 13	<u>Fort Worth Nature Center</u>	9601 Fossil Ridge Rd, Fort Worth, TX
November 30	December 11	<u>Members Choice Awards</u>	Special instructions coming later
December 31	January 8	<u>Ft. Worth Botanical and Japanese Gardens</u>	3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Fort Worth, TX

If you are planning to go on our Caddo Lake trip in December, please sign up now. You can get more information and sign up at: <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1>

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.

Elisabeth, eshore738@gmail.com



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 August meeting member slideshows. Please submit your images to Ron Marabito at remarabito@gmail.com by no later than Tuesday, August 31, so he has time to create the slideshow for our meeting on September 11.

1) Black and White Beauty

or

Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Center

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 e-mail either:

Steve Earles (Field Trip Coordinator)
steven.earles@yahoo.com

for location/image content questions

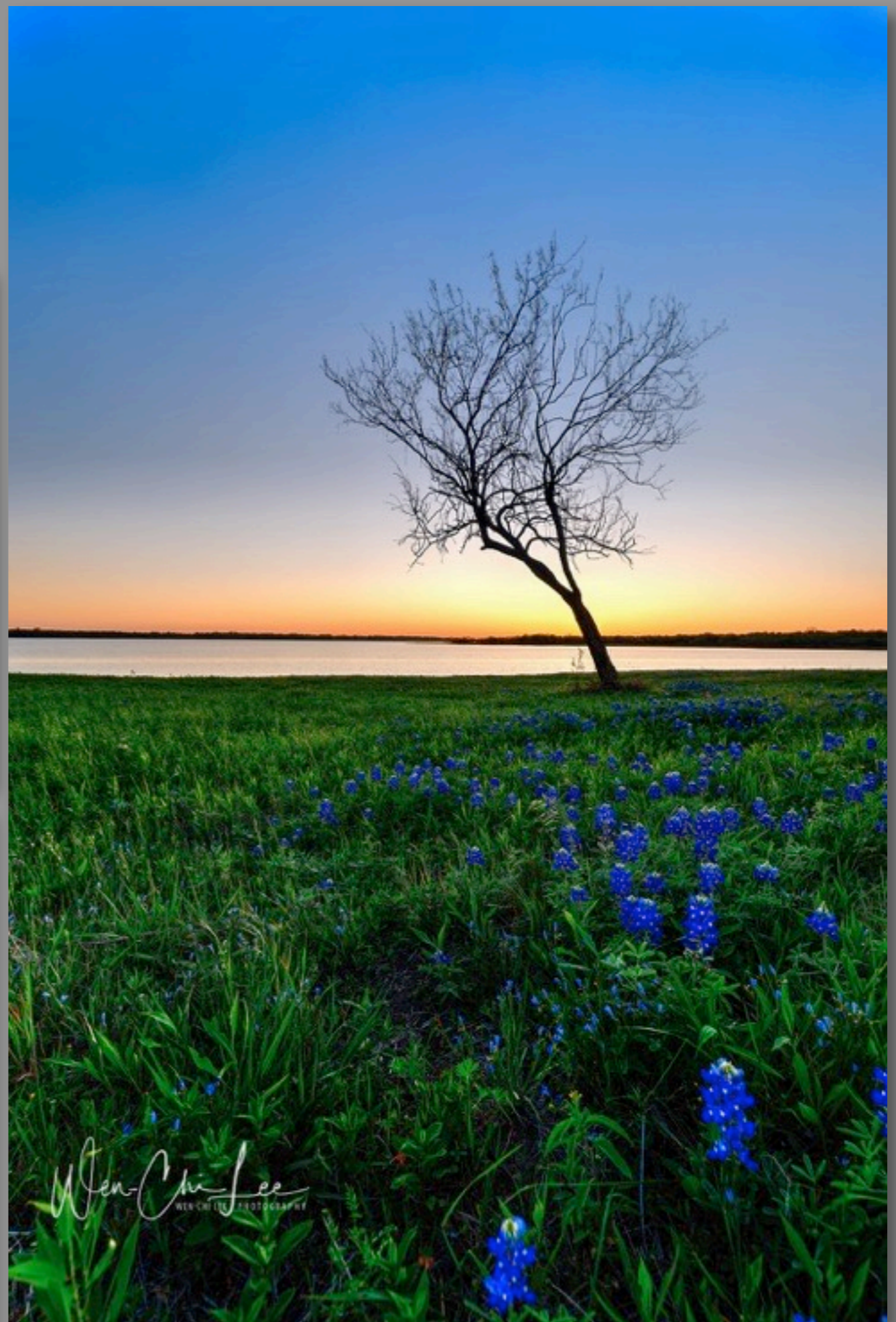
Ron Marabito (Slideshow Coordinator)
remarabito@gmail.com for image sizing/formatting/
submission questions

Elisabeth Shore (President)

eshore738@gmail.com

WILDFLOWERS

The following pages feature a selection of wildflower portraits taken by members for the spring challenge slideshow.









FIELD TRIPS

CADDO LAKE December 3, 4, 5

The club will be traveling to Caddo Lake to photograph brilliant fall colors of the largest bald cypress forest in the world. It is possible to photograph Caddo Lake from the shore, but it is not the best way. Most of the banks are located on private land and closed to the public. The best way to photograph the lake is by boat. We will have four boat tours scheduled, two sunrise tours, two sunset tours based out of the Shady Glade Marina located in Uncertain, TX. Members will have the freedom to choose some or all the tours.

The Basics

- Must be a current member of the Heard Nature Photography Club with a liability waiver on file to participate.
- Boat tours will depart from Shady Glade Marina, Uncertain TX
- Boat tours have been arranged for two sunset tours and two sunrise tours.

- Times
 - o Sunrise is approximately 7:00 am
 - o Sunset is approximately 5:10 pm
 - o New moon Saturday
 - o Exact boat departure times will be determined later but if you are planning to go on the Friday afternoon sunset tour you should plan to be at the dock no later than 3:00 pm.

- Group meals will be planned and announced later.
- Will need a firm commitment from everyone in September. I'll push the date as late as I can.

Lodging

- Uncertain Texas
 - o Most convenient for the tours but limited dining options
 - o Shady Glade Resort
 - ♣ shadygladeresort.com
 - ♣ 903-789-3295
 - ♣ Walk to the boats
 - o Hodge Podge Cottages
 - ♣ hodgepodgecottages.com
 - ♣ 903-789-3901
 - ♣ Walk to the boats
 - o Spatterdock
 - ♣ spatterdock.com
 - ♣ 903-789-3268
 - ♣ Short drive to the boats
 - o There are several AIRBNB and VRBO options
- Jefferson
 - o 30 minutes from the boats
 - o Numerous lodging and dining options
- Caddo Lake State Park
 - o 15 minutes from the boats
 - o RV, camping or cabins

The boat tours

- Each boat tour will be two hours
- Each boat tour will cost \$50 per person plus a guide tip. Fees for the trip will be collected in advance.
- Exact departure times TBD
- All boat tours will be on pontoon boats with up to six photographers
- Go-Devils are smaller boats that carry two photographers. They can get to areas the pontoon boats cannot. If you desire to try one of these trips you will need to book it yourself. Feel free to make your own plans.

Sign up for the trip

- Online – <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1>
- Email – heardphototrip@gmail.com
- Call Steve Earles – 713-898-5204



To whet your appetite for this spectacular fall trip, here are some amazing photos from the 2019 trip. From sunrise to sunset and starry nights to beautiful birds, CADDO LAKE offers something for every photographer.



CADDO LAKE MEMORIES 2019



2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$20 PER YEAR



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



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

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.

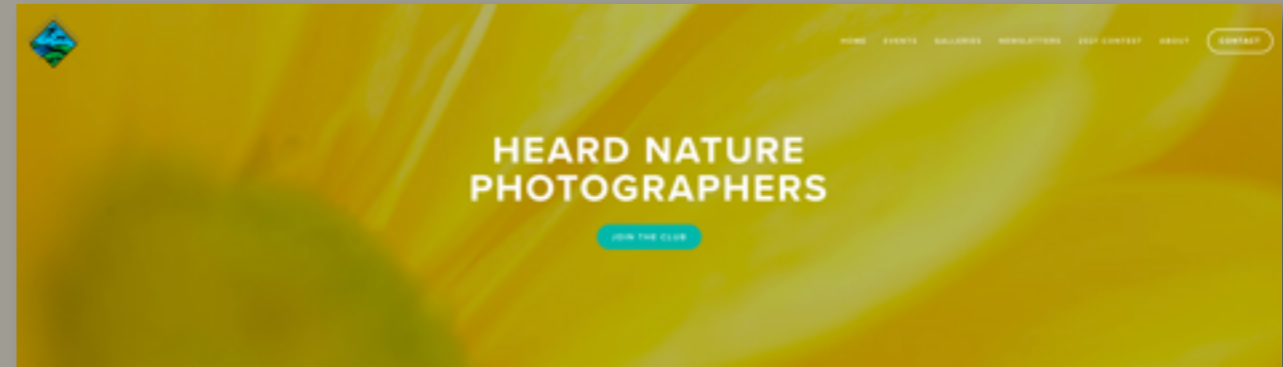
The club was established in 1981 and has served the and has served the nature photography enthusiast ever since. We are an affiliate of the [Photographic Societies of America](#) and focus our attention on nature photography.

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/>

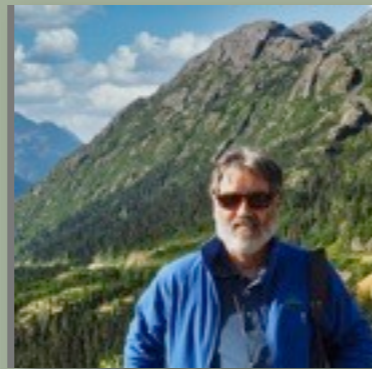
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**Refreshments
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Refreshments	Open until we return to in-person meetings



SERRANO VALLEY Linda Grigsby

Wednesday, August 4, 21