



Heard Nature Photographers

“Embrace light.
Admire it.
Love it.
But above all, know light.
Love it for all you are worth
and you will know
the key to photography.”

George Eastman

a bit of **Fall** - a bit of **Winter**

Meeting Date: Saturday, December 11, 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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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Dry camping near Goblin Valley State Park, Utah, Wen-Chi Lee

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.” – John Boswell

Hi everyone! How did we already get to December?!

I want to start off by saying a HUGE thanks to all of you for the honor of serving as the Club President this past year. The 2021 Officer Board has been an absolute pleasure to work with and we have been able to stay stable in our attendance in this second year of our pandemic posture. It has been a wonderful experience but, unfortunately as much as I would love to, I will not be able to continue in this role next year.

I appreciate everyone's support and know that you will provide the same support to the new incoming Officers who will work hard to put their own stamp on their positions.

December also brings us to the close of the year, which means that we have the choosing of our Member's Choice image for the 2022 year and it brings us one month closer to our annual Photography Contest. As usual, I encourage you all to dig deep into your image libraries and archives to find pictures to enter in the contest. We have such a breadth of talent amongst our members – don't be afraid to show off all of your hard work and passion! Remember, everything raised gets donated directly back to the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, who could definitely use the funds as a result of the impact from the pandemic.

I am fervently hoping that all of the vaccinations are paying off and going forward, we see significant declines in the number of infections as we look to determine when the Club will return to in-person meetings. I know we all want to see each other again, and not just on a Zoom screen!

I wish all of you a safe and wonderful holiday season. Be kind and compassionate to and supportive of each other. I leave you with a couple of quotes to keep in mind:

“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.” – Kahlil Gibran

“The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.” – Anonymous

Elisabeth



GATLINBURG, TN, Elisabeth Shore



Caddo Lake, Guy Huntley

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 11, 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

December 11, 2021	Elisabeth Shore, President	National Parks, Park II Members Choice voting during the Meeting
January 8, 2022	<u>Craig Rowen</u>	Lightroom and Photoshop newest features
February 12, 2022	Geoff Axtell	Open
March 12, 2022	<u>Anita Oakley</u> and Terree Stone	Grand Tetons/Yellowstone

DECEMBER SPEAKER

Elisabeth Shore

Topic: National Parks, Part II



Our speaker for the December meeting is our own President, Elisabeth Shore. We are doing things a little differently this month in that this presentation is not based on her work, but is a reflection of the work and talent of our club members.

Between 2019 and 2020, Elisabeth was looking at the images various speakers throughout the year were showing from their trips to the National Parks. She decided to showcase the images from our membership who had traveled to the National Parks, and was interested in seeing how many parks had been visited by our members, the stories they had about their locations, and any fun facts they had to share about their experiences. Her goal was not only to inspire our fellow members to travel to some of the beautiful locations but more to give us an opportunity to recognize the sheer amount of talent we have in our club.

Our National Park system's purpose is to conserve the scenery, the natural and historic objects and the wildlife on the lands and to provide for the enjoyment of the lands in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. As photographers, we have a unique opportunity to tell the stories of each location we visit, to document and share the beauty we have seen and experienced and, by our images, to encourage others to explore these breathtaking and magnificent places we have in our country.

We had 18 photographers submit their beautiful images across 40 of our National Parks. Please join us as we take a very unique journey across the United States through the eyes of our club!



Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND **BARBARA STONE**



Zion National Park, UT **CLIVE FERNANDO**



Great Sand Dunes National Park, CO **TOM HEATH**



Grand Canyon National Park, AZ **SUDHA KANKIPATI**



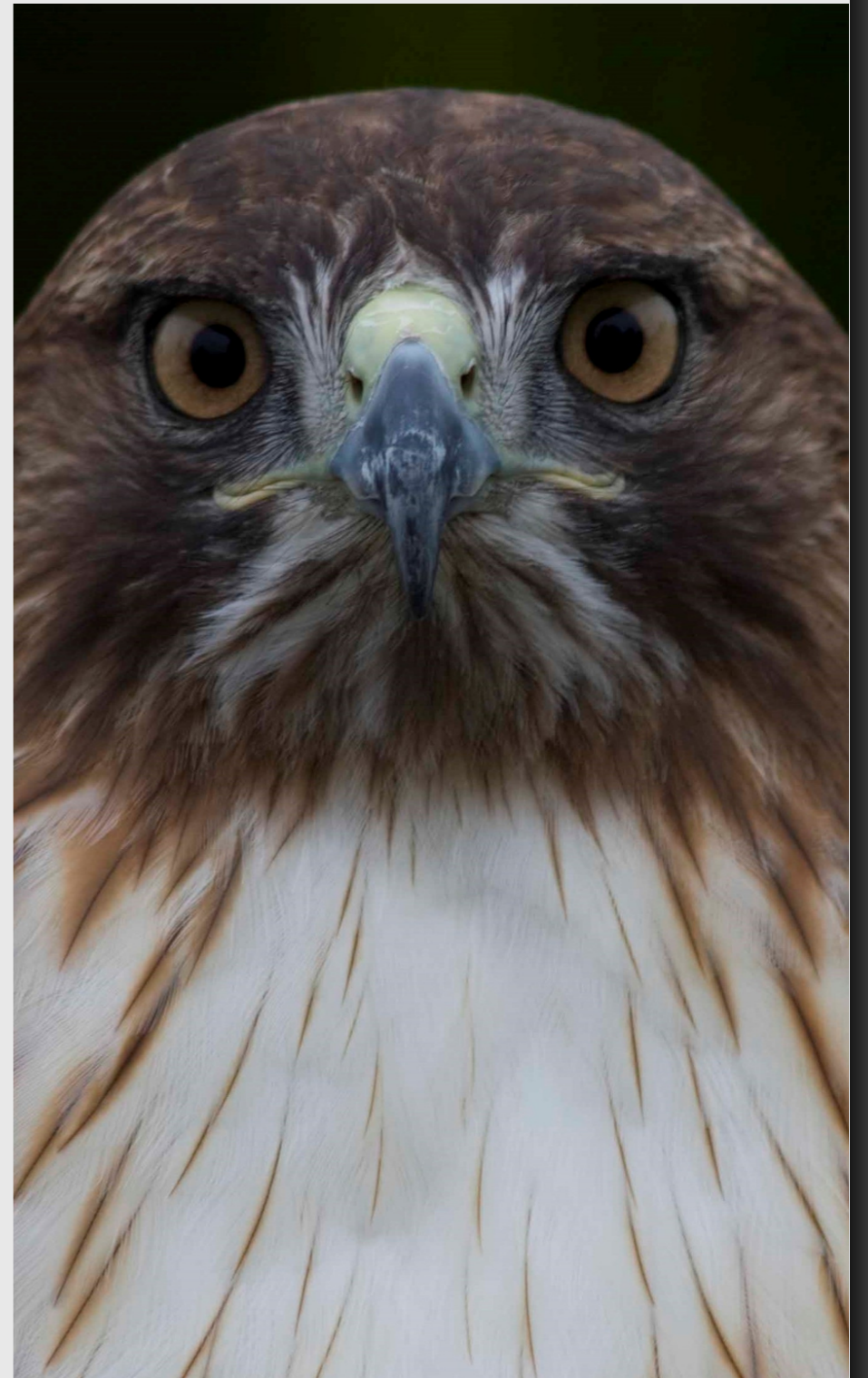
Arches National Park, UT **ROBERT GREEN**

2022 HEARD PHOTO CONTEST

Time to start thinking about the
annual Heard Photo Contest.

Make a note of those beautiful
images you wish to submit -
February is right around the
corner!

Submissions begin in
February 2022



44th Annual ABOUT THE CONTEST Heard Nature Photography Contest



- 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
 - **NEW CATEGORY - UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** (Adult division only)
- Entry fees: \$5/photo for Youth, \$10/photo for Adults
- \$100 cash prize to Best of Show winners in each of the four contest divisions!
- Certificates awarded for Best of Show in each Division and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each contest category for each division
- All contest profits to benefit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney, TX
- Use the QR Code or check the contest website listed for contest details and instructions for preparing and submitting entries

Questions? Contact Debbie Nielsen
2022 Contest Co-Coordinator
Call or Text me at 972-369-0480



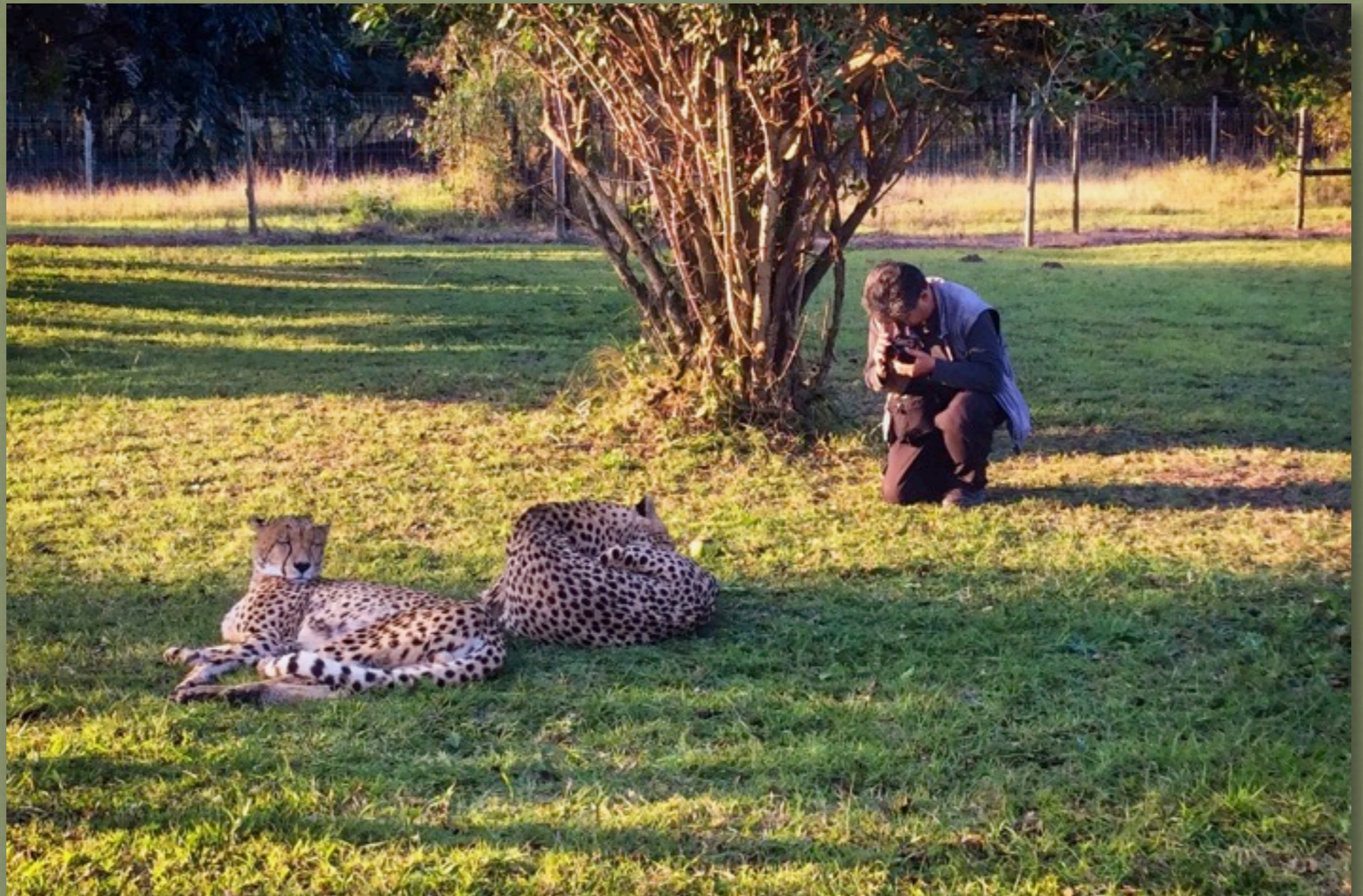
My National Park Journey

Wen-Chi Lee

is this month's featured club member.

I have visited very few national parks before 2020. I plan to start my American journey to visit as many as places I can. To travel around the USA, I decide that a road trip would be more economical and effective for both traveling and photography.

Wen-Chi Lee
photographing Cheetahs
while staying at the
Emdoneni Lodge with the
Cheetah Project,
Hluhluwe, South Africa,
during their 15-day Smart
Tour South Africa trip in
August 2018. The photo
was taken by his wife.



Wen-Chi Lee

I retired from Ericsson in 2017 as a software/support senior engineer.

Photography is my major hobby. My other hobbies are traveling, table tennis, and listening to music.

I am a member of the Plano Photography Club and the North Texas Asian Photographers Association (NTAPA).



Doe and Fawn, Wen-Chi Lee

MY GEAR:

MICRO FOUR THIRDS

Olympus OM-D EM-1X

Olympus OM-D EM-1 Mark II

Olympus M.Zuiko Digital ED 7-14mm f/2.8 PRO Lens

Panasonic Leica DG Vario-Summilux 10-25mm f/1.7 ASPH. Lens

Olympus M.Zuiko Digital ED 60mm f/2.8 Macro Lens

Olympus M.Zuiko Digital ED 12-100mm f/4 IS PRO Lens

Olympus M.Zuiko Digital ED 40-150mm f/2.8 PRO Lens

Olympus M.Zuiko Digital ED 300mm f/4 IS PRO Lens

L MOUNT

Panasonic Lumix DC-S5 Mirrorless Digital

Sigma 14-24mm f/2.8 DG DN Art Lens for Leica L

Sigma 105mm f/1.4 DG HSM Art Lens for Canon EF with MC21 adapter

RANGEFINDER

Leica M Monochrom (Typ 246) Digital Rangefinder Camera

ZEISS Distagon T* 35mm f/1.4 ZM Lens with red, orange and yellow filters

POINT & SHOOT

Leica Q2 Digital Camera

DRONE

DJi Mavic 2 Pro

Olympus gear is light-weighted with good image stabilization for all-around photography. It has time composition mode, HDR, high-resolution, focus stacking features. For birding or other sports photography, it has pro capture and AI object features.

Leica cameras are good for street photography and sometimes for landscape photography, but not for astrophotography.



Muskrat, Wen-Chi Lee

Camper Selection

Normally, the RV or motor home would be the ideal method for a long road trip. Based on the following reasons, I have decided to make the decision to add a pop-up camper on a Toyota Tacoma.

- avoid driving big RV or motor home
- avoid towing a trailer or another car/Jeep
- capable to run some off-road trails if required
- lower center gravity, compact and low profile
- quicker set up to rest and fold back on the go

I purchased a new 2019 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road long bed truck, and put my order of the new slide-in truck bed pop-up camper at the end of 2019. My new camper was eventually installed in June 2020.

I have had several road trips from July 2020 till August 2021 and have traveled over 15 States, 14 National Parks, 11 National Forests, 12 Wildlife Refuges/Areas, 11 Recreation Areas, 24 State Parks, and 4 National Monument/Grassland/Seashore/Landmark.

My wife has been with me on the first road trip to Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier. She did not travel with me for the next few trips as she doesn't like cold weather. She also prefers a shorter trip. My road trips are solo for long periods of time, two to three months.

During my trips, I stayed in well maintained RV parks and campgrounds. However, I would normally prefer to do "boondocking" (dry camping) in a remote area so I can fall into nature to enjoy the solitude and take my photos.

My camper is the Bobcat model made by All Terrain Camper (the same design concept as for the 4 Wheel Camper's Fleet model)

More information about the truck bed pop-up camper can be found at the following links:

Camper rental available at Jackson, WY:
<https://tetonbcrentals.com/truck-campers/>

Exterior video (specific for Grandby model by 4 Wheel Camper):
<https://youtu.be/1hhZPAfkVJc>

Interior video (specific for Grandby model by 4 Wheel Camper):
<https://youtu.be/D-R1rTPkPX0>



Dry camping near the [North Rim, Grand Canyon](#), Wen-Chi Lee



Camping at North Campground in Bryce Canyon National Park, Wen-Chi Lee



Dry camping at Shiprock Peak, a National Natural Landmark, Navajo Nation, New Mexico, **Wen-Chi Lee**

Death Valley National Park, CA, NV

Every photographer should visit Death Valley. It is indeed a photogenic National Park. The formation of mountain, valley, stones and salt flat are truly artistic.



Telephoto View #1 of the valley from Dante's Point, Wen-Chi Lee



Telephoto View #2 of the valley from Dante's Point, Wen-Chi Lee



Sunset at Zabriskie Point, Wen-Chi Lee



Zabriskie Point, Wen-Chi Lee

Racetrack Valley

It is recommended to use a high-clearance 2WD vehicle to drive through the 34-mile long Racetrack Valley Road to get to the Racetrack. I stay overnight at Homestate Dry Camp nearby the Racetrack.



A "Sailing Stone" on the Racetrack, Wen-Chi Lee



Startrails at Racetrack Playa, Wen-Chi Lee

Tuweep/TorowEEP Overlook on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon

It is recommended to use a high-clearance 4x4 off-road vehicle to reach the TorowEEP Overlook. I take the 61-mile long Sunshine Route off from AZ State Route 389. The last two-mile driving conditions are a little rough as it is in a large flat boulder type of road. I stay at nearby Tuweep Campground for morning and night photography.



Canyon light reflections on the Colorado River during sunset, Wen-Chi Lee



Star trail at dawn, Toroweep Overlook, Wen-Chi Lee



Sunrise, [Toroweep Overlook](#), Wen-Chi Lee

Thor's Well and Spouting Horn, Oregon

Thor's Well on the Oregon coast is a natural hole that seems to be draining the sea. The Spouting Horn is a salt water fountain driven by the ocean's power. The Horn puts on its best show at high tide and during winter storms. I visited the Oregon coast in July 2021 when the marine layer condition stays on the coast most of the summertime. There is almost no sunrise or sunset to view as the sky is covered by a cloud layer.



Thor's Well, Oregon, Wen-Chi Lee



Spouting Horn, Oregon, Wen-Chi Lee

Grosvenor Arch

Grosvenor Arch is two sandstone arches towering 150 ft/45m above the ground located in the northwester corner of the **Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument**. I camp in nearby **Kodachrome Basin State Park** to take photos of the Arch in the morning and at night.



Flying Clouds, Utah, Wen-Chi Lee

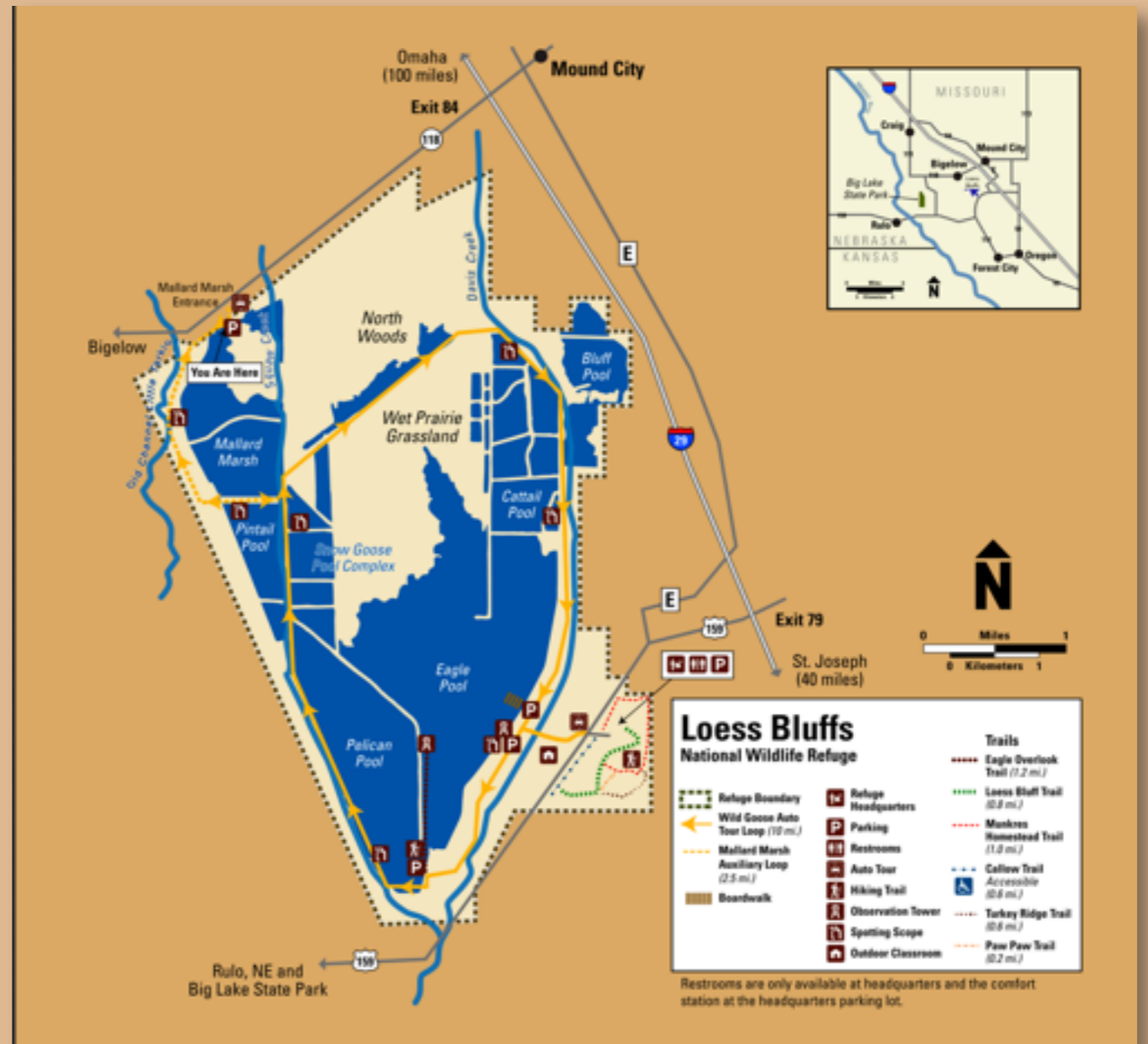


Startrails, Utah, Wen-Chi Lee

Loess Bluff National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri

I have located this wildlife refuge (near St. Joseph, MO) where I plan my winter trip for bald eagle photography. The refuge is just on the way to Lock and Dam No. 14 (Le Claire, IA) which is a very popular dam for viewing bald eagles.

The peak number of bald eagles (two to three hundred) staying in the refuge is during December when thousands of snow geese are also migrating to the refuge. The bald eagles will catch the snow geese for their food. I visit in late January when there are about 50 bald eagles at the site. However, i am not disappointed because I can view either bald eagles or other wildlife. I highly recommend visiting this refuge, especially during the wintertime.



Loess Bluff National Wildlife Refuge Map
Auto Tour Map



Trumpeter Swans and one Canadian Goose, Wen-Chi Lee



Juvenile in Flight, Wen-Chi Lee



Bald Eagle catches a Male Mallard, Wen-Chi Lee

Destinations where Wen-Chi Lee visited for this story:

[How do I travel to North Rim, Grand Canyon](#)

[How do I travel to Goblin Valley State Park, Utah](#)

[How do I travel to Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah](#)

[How do I travel to Shiprock, NM](#)

[How do I travel to Death Valley National Park, CA, NV](#)

[How do I travel to Dante's Point, Death Valley, CA](#)

[How do I travel to Zabriskie's Point, Death Valley, CA](#)

[How do I travel to Racetrack Playa, Death Valley, CA](#)

[How do I travel to Toroweap Overlook, North Rim, Grand Canyon, AZ](#)

[How do I travel to Thor's Well, OR](#)

[How do I travel to Spouting Horn, OR](#)

[How do I travel to Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, UT](#)

[How do I travel to Grosvenor Arch, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, UT](#)

[How do I travel to Loess Bluff National Wildlife Refuge, MO](#)

Destinations where Wen-Chi Lee has visited, 1:

National Parks (14):

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Yellowstone NP WY

Glacier NP MT

Grand Teton NP WY

Grand Sand Dune National Park and Preserve CO

Capitol Reef National Park UT

Death Valley National Park CA

Yosemite NP CA

White Sand National Park NM

Bryce Canyon NP UT

Zion National Park UT

Mount Rainier National Park WA

Olympic National Park WA

Crater Lake National Park OR

Badlands National Park SD

National Forests (11):

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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest CO

White River National Forest CO

Uncompahgre National Forest CO

Gallatin National Forest MT

Bridger-Teton National Forest WY

Upper Payette National Forest ID

Gifford Pinchot NF WA

Siuslaw National Forest OR

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest OR/CA

Six Rivers National Forest CA

Black Hills National Forest SD

State Parks (24):

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Trinidad Lake State Park CO

Lathrop State Park CO

Highline Lake State Park CO

Seminole State Park WY

Flathead Lake State Park MT

Antelope Island State Park UT

Goblin Valley State Park UT

Kodachrome Basin State Park UT

Cave Lake State Park NV

Valley of Fire State Park NV

Bodie Historic State Park CA

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park CA

Inks Lake State Park TX

Mustang Island State Park TX

Brazos Bend State Park TX

Sea Rim State Park TX

Steptoe Butte State Park WA

Palouse Falls State Park WA

Moran State Park WA

Fort Townsend State Park WA

Fort Stevens State Park OR

Nehalem Bay State Park OR

Silver Falls State Park OR

Bear Butte State Park SD

Destinations where Wen-Chi Lee has visited, 2:

Wildlife Refuge/Areas (12):

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San Luis State Wildlife Area CO

Desert National Wildlife Area NV

Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge NM

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge MI

Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area ID

Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge WY

Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness AZ

Smith Oaks Sanctuary TX

Sabine Woods Sanctuary TX

Saddle Mountain State Conservation Area OR

Pressey State Wildlife Management Area NE

Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area KS

Recreation Areas (11):

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Lake Meredith National Recreation Area TX

Curecanti National Recreation Area CO

Oh Be Joyful Recreation Area CO

Lahontan State Recreation Area NV

Water Canyon Recreation Area NV

Beals Point Recreation Area CA

Sawtooth National Recreation Area ID

Sunset Beach Recreation Area OR

Dungeness Recreation Area WA

Red Bluff Recreation Area CA

Rim Lake Recreation Site WY

Slide Show Themes and Locations

Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

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.

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS FIELD TRIP/SLIDESHOW SCHEDULE

Date	Slideshow Images Due	Meeting	Location or Theme	Address
November 27	December 31	January 8	<u>Ft. Worth Botanical and Japanese Gardens</u>	3220 Botanic Garden Blvd Fort Worth, TX
December 3, 4, 5	December 18	January 8	<u>Caddo Lake</u>	<u>Uncertain, TX</u>

January 2022 Field Trip

Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

DESTINATION: Texas Discovery Gardens' Rosine Smith Sammons Butterfly House & Insectarium

3601 Martin Luther King Blvd, Fair Park Gate #6
Dallas, TX

DATE: January 13, 2022

BUTTERFLY HOUSE HOURS:

Wednesday through Sunday - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. We will meet at the ticket office of the Butterfly House.

12:30 p.m. Lunch TBD

TICKETS: Adults - \$10.00
Seniors (60+) - \$8.00
Children 3-11 - \$5.00

ACCESS: Tickets allow entrance to the two-story butterfly house and the 7.5-acre gardens (<https://txdg.org/gardens/>).

Re-entry is allowed the full 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. hours on the day of purchase.

Reminder to keep your ticket just in case you lose the “sticker” received when entering.

After lunch, for those who choose to stay longer, the grounds of Fair Park also offer lots of photo ops.

PARKING: Enter Fair Park at Gate # 6 (the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. & Robert B. Cullum Blvd). Just inside the gate, turn right on Second Ave.

Enter the parking lot on your right. There is not a parking charge on the day we are going.

LIST OF RESIDENT BUTTERFLY SPECIES:

<https://txdg.org/tropical-butterflies>

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES:

Tripods are ok as long as they don't impede other visitors. Monopods best.
Photographs taken should be for personal use/not for sale.
No models – that would put us into a “fee” situation.

WEBSITE: www.txdg.org
214/428-7676, x. 341

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ:

<https://txdg.org/history/>

SIGN-UP

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2022 Field Trips

Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

Happy holidays everyone. It is hard to believe this year is almost done. Three of us met at the **Fort Worth Japanese Gardens** Saturday the 27th to capture their fall colors. The day started out not looking good with an overcast sky and the threat of rain, but we were able to spend a couple of hours in the garden. The slide show is planned for our January meeting. If you were able visit the gardens on another day or if you have some fabulous photos from previous years, send up to four to Ron Marabito at remarabito@gmail.com. Images should be sized no larger than 2,000 pixels on the long edge and named with your initials followed by a number for example: SE01.

Planning for next year is underway. We have our first field trip planned for January 13 at the **Texas Discovery Gardens Butterfly House**. This is an indoor event, so we don't have to worry about inclement weather. Details have been posted to the field trip section of our website. Another trip is planned to the **Dallas Zoo** on February 24. More details on this trip later. And finally, we are planning a weekend at **Beavers Bend State Park** in Oklahoma for November 18,19 and 20. Mark your calendars.

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Location
Thursday, January 13, 2022	<u>Texas Discovery Gardens Butterfly House</u>	<u>3601 Martin Luther King Blvd, Fair Park Gate #6</u>
Thursday, February 24, 2022	<u>Dallas Zoo</u>	<u>650 S. R.L.Thornton Freeway</u>
November 18,19, 20, 2022	<u>Beavers Bend State Park</u>	<u>Southeast Oklahoma</u>

Additional Photography Events:

Holidays at the Heard Museum

Photo Outings with Heard Members: Larry Petterborg and Bud Mallar

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 afterwards. 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, BUT SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DROP OF A HAT (so check with Bud Mallar budmallar@gmail.com or Larry Petterborg lpetterborg@gmail.com ahead of time:

Dec - Hagerman Wildlife Refuge - depending upon migrating waterfowl arrival

Dec 10th Saturday - Lonestar State Classic AKC Dog Show - 10ish

Dec 11-12th Saturday or Sunday - depending on weather - CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS at Dallas Heritage Village

Dates and locations subject to change at the last minute due to any number of reasons.
BEST TO E-MAIL LARRY OR BUD TO CHECK BEFORE YOU GO!

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/lpetterborg/albums>

lpetterborg@gmail.com

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/bmallar/albums>

budmallar@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 October meeting member slideshows. Please submit your images to Ron Marabito at remarabito@gmail.com by no later than Friday, December 31, so he has time to create the slideshow for our meeting on January 8.

1) Japanese Gardens, Caddo Lake

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

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.

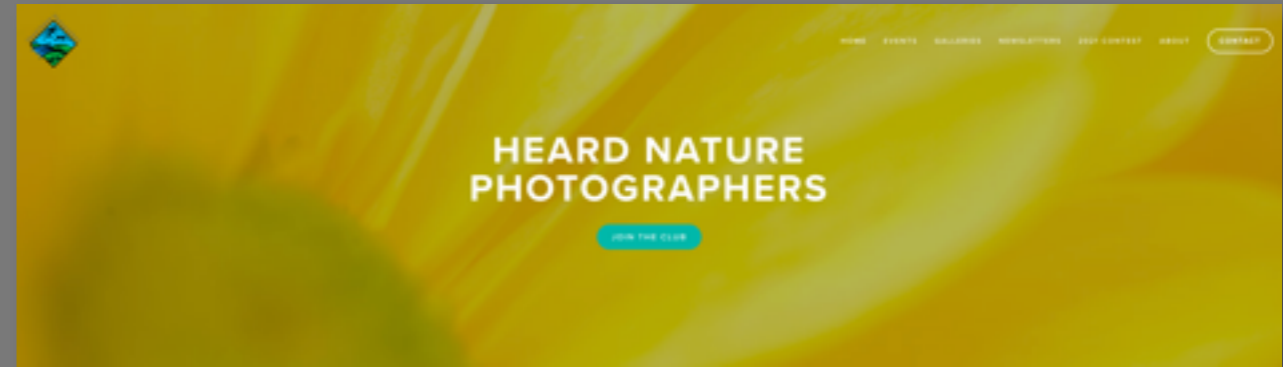
The club was established in 1981 and has served the nature photography enthusiast ever since. We are an affiliate of the [Photographic Society of America](#) and focus our attention on nature photography.

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/>

Members took a DYI Field Trip to Clark Gardens in October, 2021



Clark Gardens

LOCATION

THE MISSION of Clark Gardens, in Weatherford, “is to inspire and demonstrate the many rich horticulture and nature-based possibilities of North Texas to tourists and residents alike. This breathtaking 50-acre oasis awakens the senses, stirs the spirit and relaxes the mind. From the first spring blossoms to the colorful fall, there is a sense of magic.”

“Waterfalls sparkle in the sunlight, splashing down into ponds and lakes where black and white swans, along with other waterfowl, glide in the shimmering waters. You may see peacocks strutting, or get a glimpse of blue herons or great egrets swooping down, their huge wingspans casting shadows over the lakes. Join us and experience the beauty of nature, all four seasons of the year.”

Clark Gardens Flickr Group



Mary Binford





Mary Binford (2013)

Mary Binford



Mary Binford (2016)

Mary Binford



*Mary Binford
(2016)*

Mary Binford



*Mary
Binford
(2016)*

Mary Binford



Mary Binford (2013)

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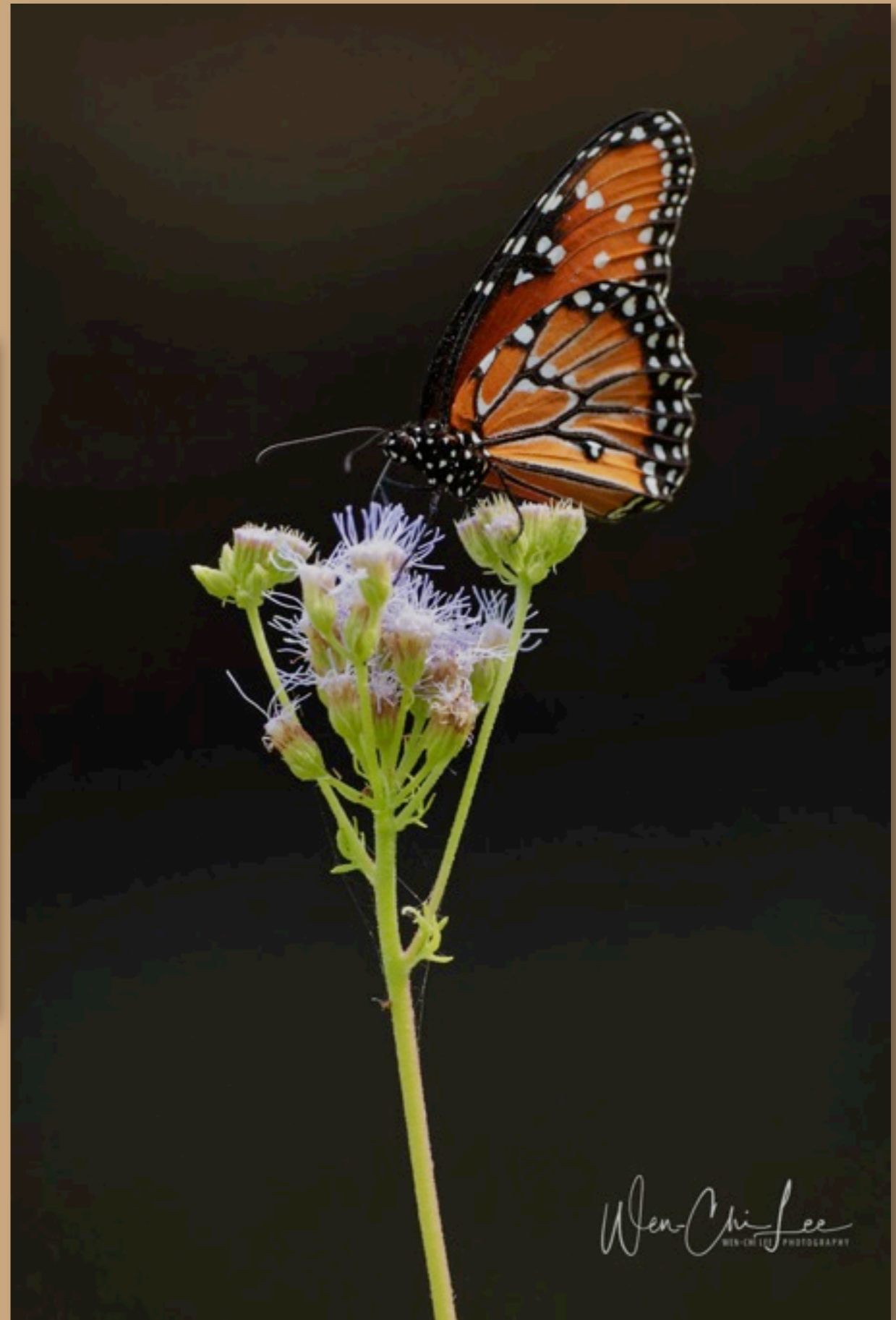


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Mary Binford (2012)

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA



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

Photo Festival

2022 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
September 21 through September 24, 2022
Hotel: Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

<https://www.facebook.com/Photographic.Society.of.America>

GULF STATES NEWS



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

We have nine entries in the November GSCCC contest. Three in Color, four in Nature, and two in Monochrome. Remember that any color images that are natural subjects but show the hand of man can be entered under Color. Two of the three Color images fit that description, so feel free to send in any pictures that can't legally be entered in Nature anyway. I can always submit them as Color or Monochrome.

Send any images you want to have entered in the Gulf States contests to anitaoak@outlook.com. They should be sized at 4000 on the long side, and use the following naming convention:

Image Title~Your Name

For instance, one of mine might be:

Horses in the Snow~Anita Oakley

GULF STATES NOVEMBER WINNERS



GRACEFUL LANDING, Mike Sweatt

NATURE: Honorable Mention

Gulf States Camera Club Council:
additional winners



DAWN AT WHITE SANDS, Jack Harrison

NATURE: 2nd Place

THANK-YOU

As we enter the Holiday Season and end another year,
a big thanks to the Heard membership who contributed
to the success of a club that has not met in person for months.

Did we take lots of photos despite?

We have enjoyed reading the feature stories contributed by:

Ron & Sharlott Hasty - February - *Winter Wildlife in Japan*

Ron Marabito - March - *White Sands National Park, NM*

Anita Oakley - May - *Storm Chasing the Central Plains*

Mary Binford - June - *Birds of the Pandemic*

Clive Fernando - July - *Birds of High Island, Bolivar Peninsula*

Linda Grigsby - August - *Patagonia*

Barbara Stone - September - *6000 Miles, Route 66*

Janice Goetz - October - *Pond Stories*

Bud Mallar - November - *ALL Subjects Interest Me*

Wen-Chi Lee - December - *My National Park Journey*

Ron Maribito - every issue - for sending field trip photos

Everyone who sent a “filler” photo for last minute empty spaces!

Board members who sent all the information that kept us going

FEATURE STORIES NEEDED

And so, sounding like a fundraiser pitch for PBS,
THE HEARD NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR STORIES!

- some of you traveled far and wide

- some of you took photos in your backyard

- some of you ventured locally

Let's fill every issue of the Heard Newsletter
for 2022 with your adventures!

Where did you go?

What did you see?

What did you photograph?

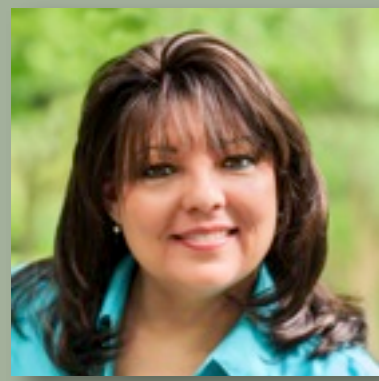
Why did you go, see, photograph?

Please share your adventures with members
by volunteering to write a feature story for the
Newsletter

If interested, contact:
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nmack1@icloud.com

because if you don't, I will find you!

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**Refreshments
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Sunset at Racetrack Playa, Wen-Chi Lee