Heard Nature Photographers

"A good photograph is one that communicates a fact, touches the heart and leaves the viewer a changed person for having seen it. It is, in a word, effective."

Irving Penn

Happy New Year!

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Meeting Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022, 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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HEARD MEMBERS CHOICE AWARD: JACK HARRISON

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CHANGES

Hi everyone!

As we announced earlier, an overwhelming majority of members voted to go to quarterly meetings for the time being, so our next meeting is slated for March. We expect that to be over Zoom, but sincerely hope that by the June meeting we can go to an in-person format. We are dropping the yearly dues to \$10 for this year only, with no price break in June.

In the meantime, Jackie Ranney and Steven Earles are planning at least two shooting meetups/field trips each month, commencing with a trip on January 8th to Honey Grove. Since we aren't meeting monthly, we will post the field trip slideshows to Vimeo and post a link to them on our website, and on the FaceBook group page. Please continue to send your images to Ron Marabito. That way we can all share the great work we do.

Where officers are concerned, the results of voting are in. 45 out 153 (29%) of our members submitted their votes, and the unanimous decision was to accept the slate of officers proposed for 2022:

President:

Anita Oakley will take the president's responsibilities the first quarter,

Elisabeth Shore will for the second quarter.

Doug Boone has offered to take this position for the second half of the year.

Co-Vice Presidents:

Programs – David Duckworth Equipment - Craig Rowen

Secretary/Treasurer: Brian Clark

Membership: Guy Huntley

Newsletter: Nancy Mack

Field Trip Co-Coordinator:

Steve Earles
Jackie Ranney

Refreshments: Linda Grigsby

Gulf States: JD Luttmer

We are looking forward to a substantially different, but better year. Thanks everyone for voting, and offering to help lead the club in 2022.

Meetings

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, MARCH 12, 2022, 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, 2022

January	NO MEETING		
February	NO MEETING		
March 12, 2022	Geoff Axtell	Topic: Open	
April	NO MEETING		
May	NO MEETING		
June 11, 2022	Anita Oakley and Terree Stone	Topic: Grand Tetons/Yellowstone	
July	NO MEETING		
August	NO MEETING		
September	TBD		

Field Trips

Hello everyone! What a year 2021 was!

I'm excited to announce we will not only continue to offer field trips in 2022, but we are enhancing the program. Jackie Ranney and I (Steven Earles) teamed up and we are planning for the new year. Our goal is to have a weekend and a weekday trip for each month. The trips we plan may not be strictly nature. We will have a category of trips we will refer to as Nature Plus. In these trips the "hand of man" may be the prominent feature of the trip. An example is the trip planned to Honey Grove this month where we will be photographing historic buildings.

Announcements will be made by email blast to our paid membership and included in the newsletter. We are asking everyone to register through our website at https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-l.

By using this tool to register, it creates a database we can use to contact participants to announce changes or request images without blasting the entire club. Registering through the website will require you to agree to the Heard Nature Photographers liability waiver. Please use this process to help Jackie and I keep track of the trips. In some cases, we may have to limit the number of participants and the only way to get the exact meeting location and time is to enroll.

We have two field trips scheduled for January. The first is a trip to Honey Grove, Texas on Saturday, January 8th. Honey Grove has a large collection of historic homes and buildings. We will meet at Honey Grove Park at the corner of South 6th and Market streets, at 8:00 am. For more details and to sign up you can visit our website at https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/2022/1/8/honey-grove.

The second trip for January will be on Thursday January 13th at Texas Discovery Gardens – Butterfly House located at Fair Park. We will meet in front at 10:00 am. You can sign up for this trip at https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/2022/1/13/texas-discovery-gardens-butterfly-house.

Save the dates November 4-5-6 for an away trip planned to Beavers Bend State Park in Oklahoma. If you are interested in this trip, it is recommended that you make lodging reservations now. It is a very popular fall destination so hotels, cabins and campsites will book early.

Following is our schedule for 2022:

HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS 2022 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	WEBSITE
Saturday, January 8, 2022	Honey Grove, TX	Honey Grove, TX	+++NATURE PLUS+++ https:// www.heardnaturephotographers.co m/field-trips-1/2022/1/8/honey- grove
Thursday, January 13, 2022	Texas Discovery Gardens Butterfly House	3601 Matin Luther King Blvd, Fair Park Gate #6	https:// www.heardnaturephotographers.co m/field-trips-1/2022/1/13/texas- discovery-gardens-butterfly-house
Thursday, February 24, 2022	Dallas Zoo	650 S. R.L. Thornton Freeway	
Saturday, February 26, 2022	Keith Kridler Daffodil Farm	Pleasant, TX	
Saturday, March 12, 2022	Penn Farm & Cedar Hill State Park	570 West FM 1382, Cedar Hill, TX	
Wednesday, March 23, 2022	Breckenridge Park	3400 Park Vista Rd, Richardson, TX	
Saturday, April 9, 2022	Chalk Ridge Falls Park	5600 FM1670, Belton, TX 76513	http:// texashiking.com/Locations/ ShowLocation.aspx? LocationID=1675
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 NATURE PLUS	Mid America Flight Museum	602 Mike Hall Pkwy,Mount Pleasant, TX 75455	+++NATURE PLUS+++ www.midamericaflightmuseum.com
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	Ray Roberts State Park, Isle du Bois Unit	100 PW 4137, Pilot Point, TX	
November 4-5-6, 2022	Beavers Bend State Park	Southeast Oklahoma	

NATURE PLUS!

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS - HONEY GROVE, TX

- Saturday, January 8, 2022
- 8:00 a.m. meet in the pocket park in the historical area of Honey Grove (corner of S. Sixth Street and Market Street, Honey Grove, TX).

ROUTE:

Choose your own route! Our en-route/return route objective is to find something photo-worthy that others may not see! Honey Grove is about 1 hr/15 minutes from McKinney.

COST:

Your gasoline and your lunch.

OTHER PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES

Honey Grove has a large collection of historic homes in/around the city limits. The 2016 Driving Tour of Honey Grove published by the Honey Grove Preservation League and the Honey Grove Chamber of Commerce provides addresses. Some may no longer be in existence. (It is suggested that members bring a copy of this article with you. We won't be providing copies during the field trip.) https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/driving-tour.html

PARKING:

When shooting "downtown", please make every effort to park in the spaces around the post office to not interfere with anyone's shot!

LUNCH:

T/B/D

SIGN-UP

WE HAVE A NEW SIGN UP PROCESS:

Please go to https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/2022/1/8/honey-grove to select/sign up for the Honey Grove field trip. This is a new process and the honey-grove to select/sign up for the Honey Grove field trip. This is a new process and the https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/2022/1/8/honey-grove to select/sign up for the Honey Grove field trip. This is a new process and the honey-grove to select/sign up for the Honey Grove field trip. This is a new process and the https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/2022/1/8/honey-grove to select/sign up for the Honey Grove field trip. This is a new process and the https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1/2022/1/8/honey-grove to select/sign up for the Honey Grove field trip. This is a new process and the accompanying information on the website sign up page when signing up for any Heard Nature Photographers field trip.

- Why are we doing this?

 I. With each signup, the member is digitally completing a Release of Liability.
 - 2. The system will generate a report to the Field Trip Coordinators ensuring that they are aware of all attendees and that a Release of Liability has been digitally signed.

QUESTIONS (no signups via email please - only questions...):

- Steve Earles
- <u>heardphototrip@gmail.com</u>
- 713/898-5204







HISTORICAL BUILDINGS -HONEY GROVE, TX

January 13, 2022 Field Trip

Notes from Steve Earles, Field Trip Coordinator

DESTINATION: <u>Texas Discovery Gardens' Rosine Smith Sammons</u>

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/

info).

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 <u>Gate # 6 (the intersection of</u>

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: <u>www.txdg.org</u>

214/428-7676, x. 341

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ:

https://txdg.org/history/

SIGN-UP

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44th ANNUAL HEARD NATURE PHOTO CONTEST

SUBMIT YOUR BEST IMAGES

- Beginner and Experienced Photographers
- O Youth and Adult Levels
- O Nature-Related Categories

Contest fees are \$10/per submission for Adults or \$5/per submission for Youth

Awards for both Adult and Youth Divisions include 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each contest Category for each contest Division*

Cash awards of \$100 to the Best of Show winners in each of the four contest Divisions

Submission Dates Feb 1-25, 2022

All contest proceeds benefit the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney, TX

QR CODE FOR CONTEST INFO



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Our 2021 Best of Show Winners









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Steve Wright.

info@garlandcamera.net



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544 West Randal Mill Rd Arlington, TX 76011



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Katmai National Park

MICHAEL FARNHAM

is this month's featured club member.

My name is Michael Farnham and I became interested in Photography relatively late in life. I was 57 when I bought my first serious camera. I currently use a Canon R5 almost exclusively. At the time of my trip to Alaska I was using a Canon 7D Mark II and a Canon 5D Mark IV.

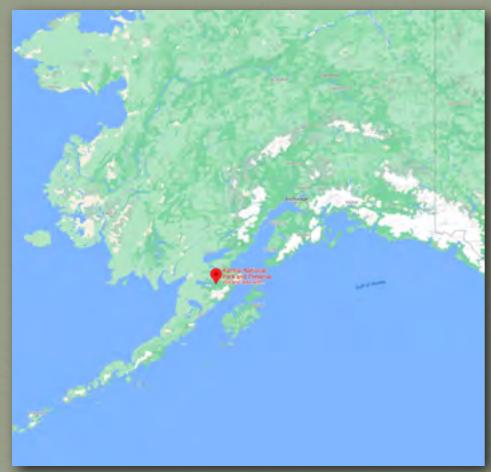
My favorite subject is wildlife and I have wanted to go to Alaska to get photographs of brown bears. When I heard through this club that Tom Savage was looking for somebody to replace a couple that had canceled on a trip to Katmai National Park I let him know that I was interested.



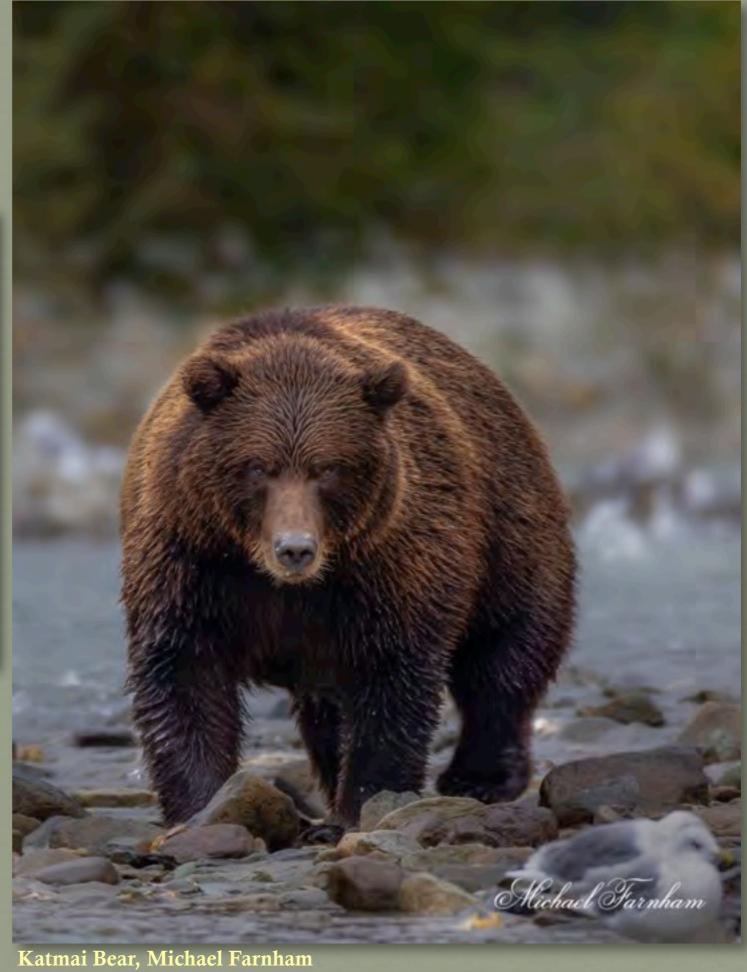
Temporary Home, Michael Farnham

This was our home while we were in <u>Katmai</u>. We left every morning and every evening to get photographs. A few times we shifted anchorages and visited different sites within the park.

MICHAEL FARNHAM at Katmai



This was one of the first images I captured inside the park. We saw some bears on the island of Kodiak before we boarded the boat but I was not able to get any images I liked from them.



This image shows a bear that is obviously aware of us and wants to make sure we know that the fish belongs to him.



Success!, Michael Farnham

I was lucky enough to capture this image just as the bear snagged a fish. My usual technique was to capture a burst of photos whenever I saw something that I felt had a chance of being interesting.



Dinner Time, Michael Farnham

I enjoyed seeing this bear taking some time out from the serious business of gathering calories.



At Rest, Michael Farnham

One afternoon we went out in a small boat looking for Eagles and found some Alaskan wildlife other than bears.

This was my first wild eagle. It was a long way away and the boat as not very stable but it has value to me because it was my first.



Katmai Eagle, Michael Farnham

These were not quite my first otters because we saw an otter in the harbor where we were staying on Kodiak.



The Curious Otters, Michael Farnham

This group of Oyster Catchers interested me because of the splash of color.



The Oyster Catchers, Michael Farnham

These bears did not actually attack each other but they spent a while trying to show that they were in charge.



The Grumpy Bears, Michael Farnham

These three cubs are siblings.



The Children, Michael Farnham

Here are the same three cubs with their mother.



The Family, Michael Farnham

Another shot of the family group with a meal they are sharing.



The Three Little Bears, Michael Farnham

This is the mother bear trying to feed herself and her family.



I See It, Michael Farnham

Another bear in the middle of a hunt. I find the eyes to be a compelling feature in this image.



The Eyes, Michael Farnham

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Splashing water plus visible prey attract my attention in this photograph.



Zeroed In, Michael Farnham

This time the claws are hard to ignore.



Here I Come, Michael Farnham

I feel this image shows how close the bears were to us and how little attention they paid us.



Crowded Territory, Michael Farnham

A bear charging through the water seemingly framed by the water that is flying around him.



The Chase, Michael Farnhan

I enjoy this quiet moment between a mother and her cub.



Tender Moment, Michael Farnham

Members took a DYI Field Trip to the Ft. Worth Japanese Gardens, November 2021



Steven Earles

Ft. Worth Nature Center LOCATION

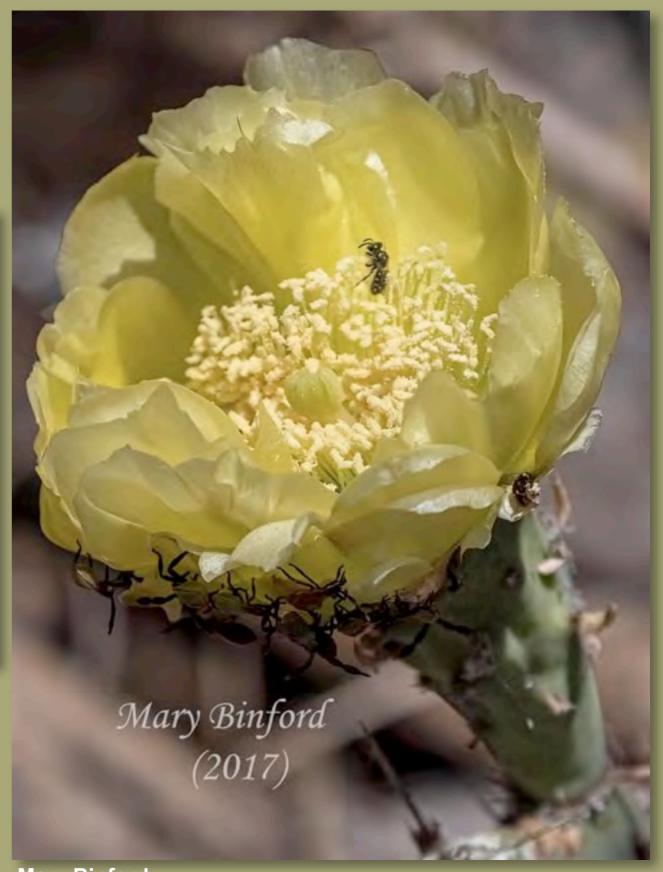
Our mission is to enhance the quality of life by enrolling and educating our community in the preservation and protection of natural areas while standing as an example of these same principles and values in North Central Texas.



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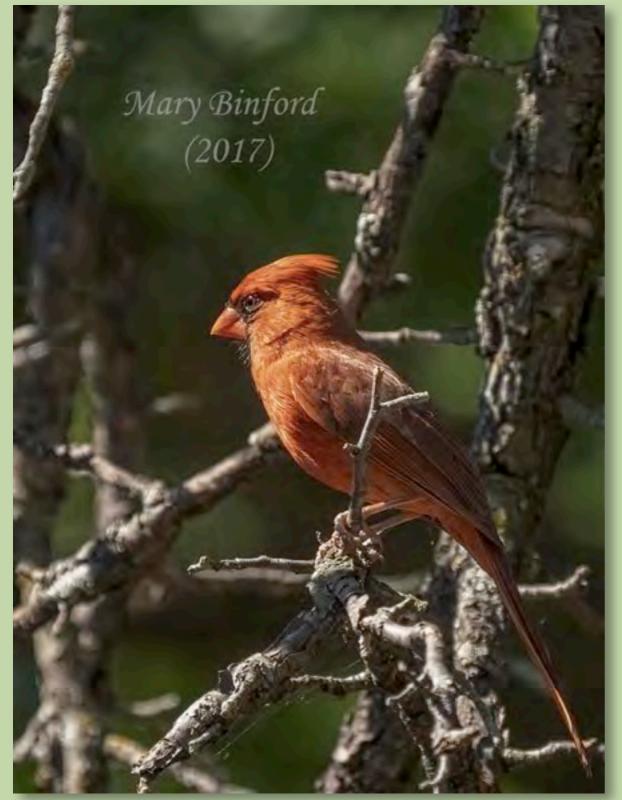




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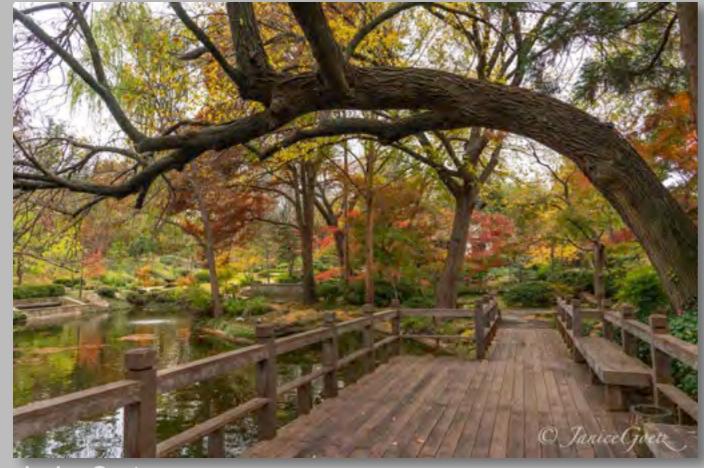


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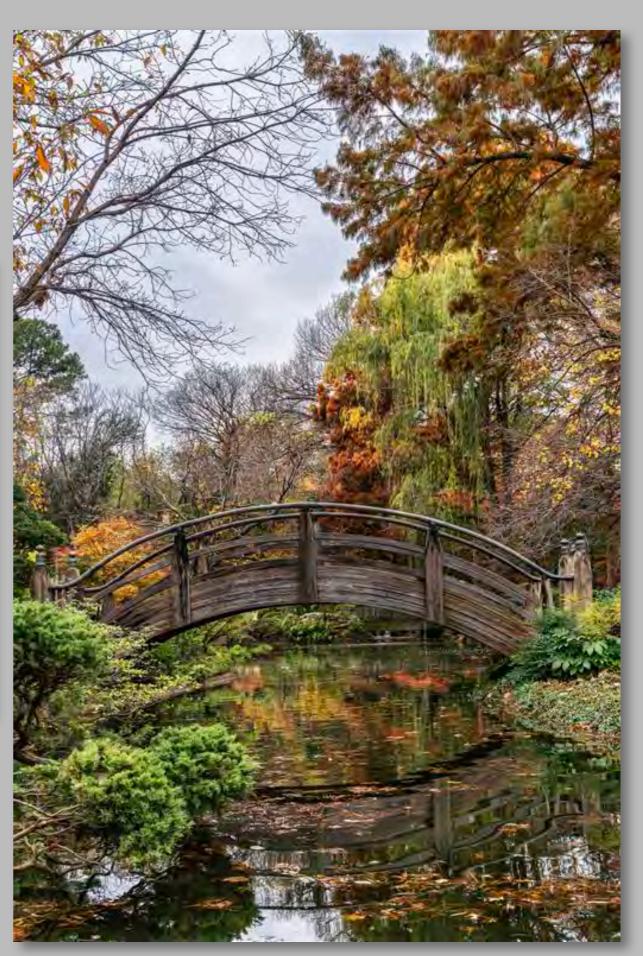
Japanese Gardens Explore the Garden

The Fort Worth Japanese Garden was completed in 1973. It is a traditional strolling garden with winding paths through the landscapes and around ponds. The garden consists of 7.5 acres filled with cherry trees, Japanese maples, magnolias, bamboo, bridges, and ponds filled with koi fish.

Except in the spring, there are few flowers blooming in the Japanese Garden due to the Japanese practice of Mono no Aware. Mono no Aware translates to "transient/ bittersweet beauty", meaning if the garden was always blooming, it would never be special.



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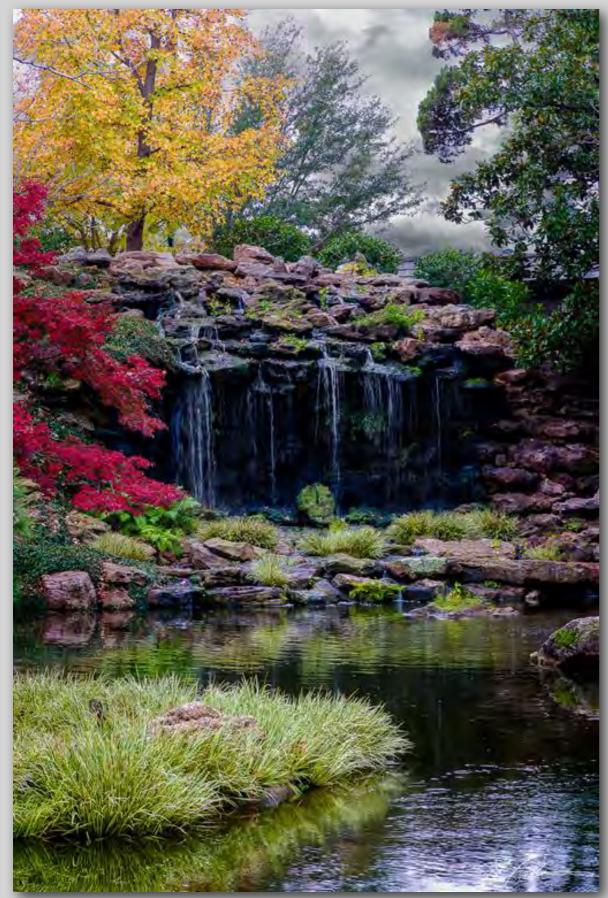
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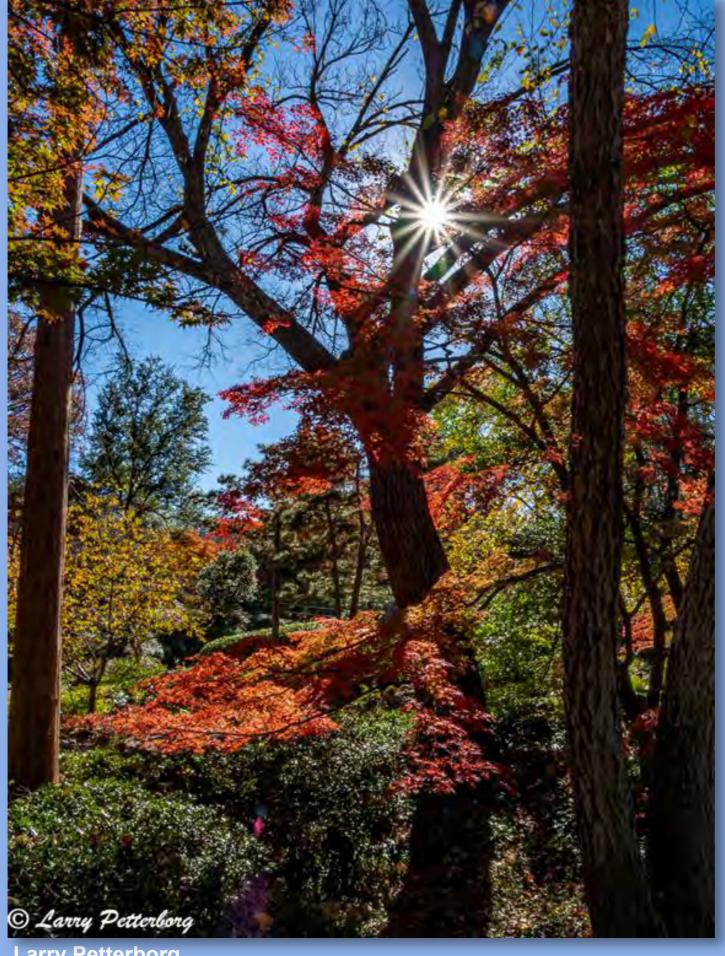


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Call for Slideshow Images

This is a reminder that we are looking for and accepting your images in the following categories to be part of the March meeting member slideshows. Please submit your images to Ron Marabito at memarabito@gmail.com by no later than Friday, January 28, so he can create a slideshow for our website.

- 1) Caddo Lake, Honey Grove, TX Discovery Gardens 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

NEW 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$10 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 \$10 each year. Use the <u>link</u> 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 <u>Heard Natural Science Museum</u>, 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 <u>Heard Nature Photographers Club</u> is an auxiliary group of the <u>Heard Natural Science Museum</u>, McKinney, Texas. <u>Click here for club bylaws and policies and procedures</u>.

To renew, click on this link which will take you to the website.

Membership is \$10. 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 <u>"About"</u> 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 <u>Photographic Society of America</u> and focus our attention on nature photography.

We have a distinguished list of <u>Honorary Life Members</u> and all <u>Past Presidents</u> 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 <u>Club website</u> has a wealth of information for both the new member and longstanding membership.

The <u>Meetings Page</u> 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 <u>Events Page</u> 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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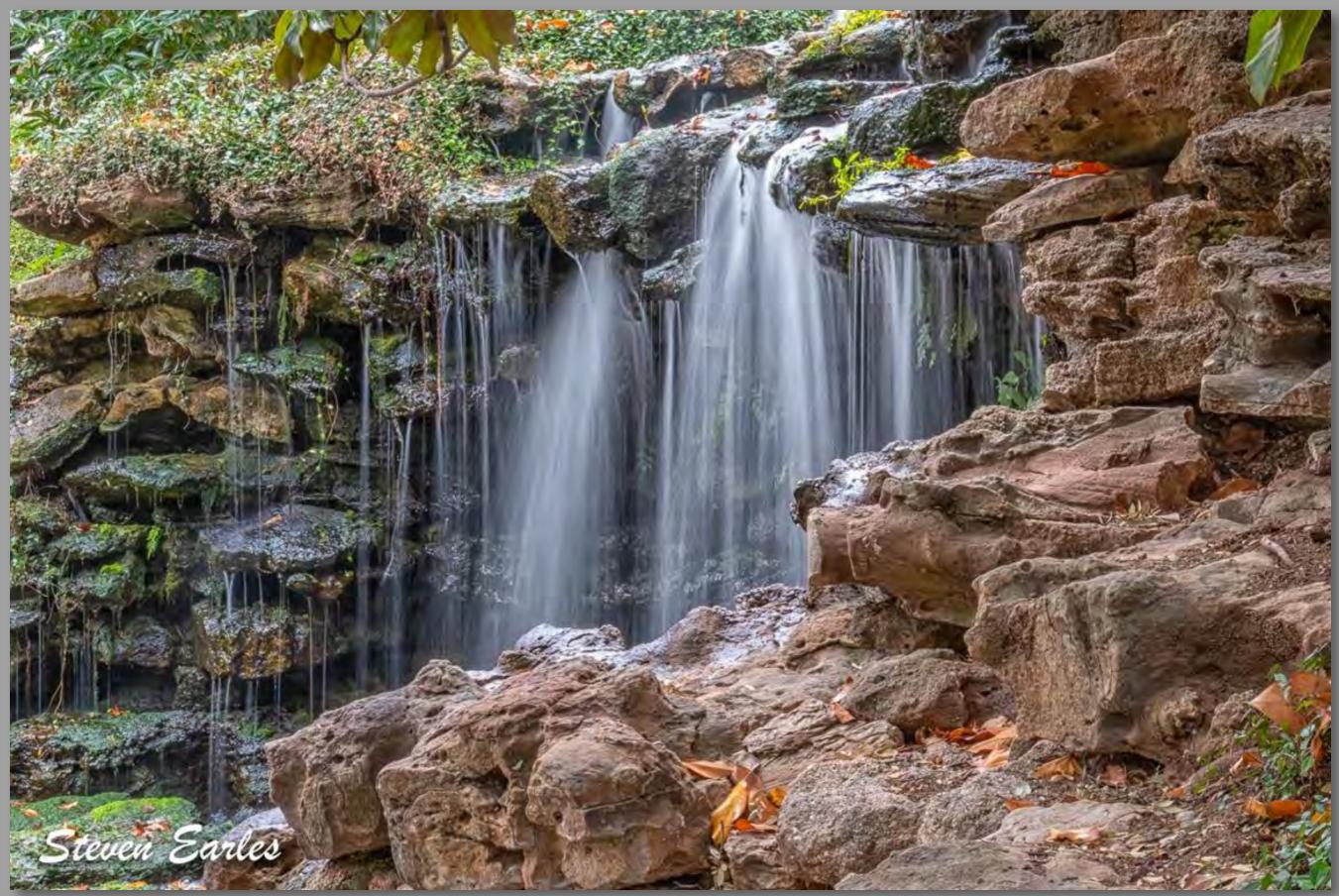
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CONTEST OPPORTUNITY



OFFICERS 2022

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Vice President	David Duckworth - PRIMARY	Craig Rowen - Equipment Coordinator/ Back-Up	
Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Clark		
Membership/Marketing Coordinator	Guy Huntley		
Field Trip Coordinators - Co-Chairs	Steven Earles	Jackie Ranney	
Webmaster	Rob Hull		
Newsletter Editor	Nancy Mack		
GSCCC Representative	JD Luttmer		
Photo Contest Coordinator	Debbie Nielsen - 2022	Sherree Shafer - 2023	
Refreshments	Linda Grigsby - once we are back in-person		
Slide-Show Coordinator	Ron Maribito		



Japanese Gardens, Steven Earles