



Heard Nature Photographers

“Any photograph is a journey in perception,
an exploration in seeing.”

— David Muench

Mother’s Day
Cinco de Mayo
Spring, Part II: Warmer

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Next Meeting Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022, 2:00 pm

This meeting will be our first “in person” meeting for 2022
ZOOM will also be available as an additional choice
A ZOOM link will be sent by e-mail prior to meeting

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Natural Science Museum
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44th Annual Photography Contest

2022

Winners Collection

Best of Show
Youth
Junior

Henry Oberg
Backview of Sunflower
Youth - Junior
Floral
1st Place



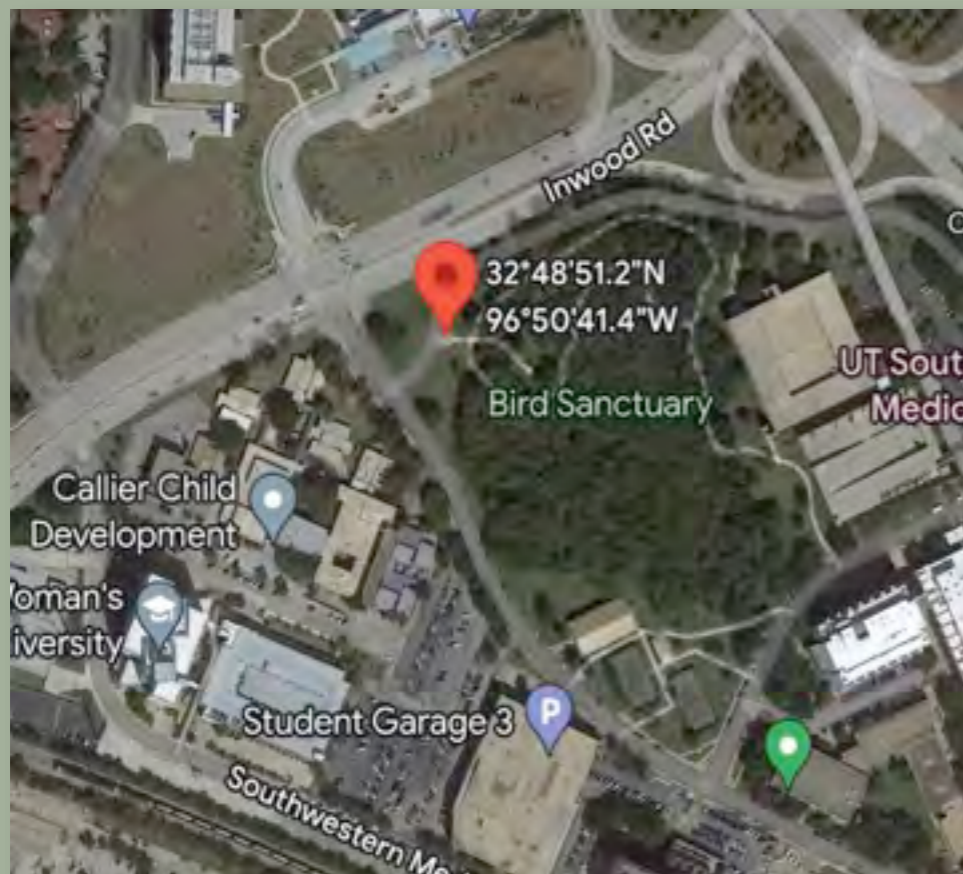
**BEST OF SHOW: JUNIOR YOUTH DIVISION
BACKVIEW OF SUNFLOWER, HENRY OBERG**

President's Message

President's letter:

Hi everyone!

Spring is busting out all over here in the Dallas area, so I thought I might make some suggestions for good places to go shooting that you may not have considered. There's a rookery at UT Southwestern, and you can get some great shots there of herons, egrets, and their babies. It's just off Inwood. See the map below:



*****“Check with the Friends of Colleyville Nature Center on FB to see if the babies are still in the nest.”*****

Then at the Colleyville Nature Center, 100 Mill Wood Dr, Colleyville, TX 76034, there are nesting owls and water birds. Once you park, take the walking trail through the woods. Ask anyone along the way where the owl tree is, and they'll point you in the right direction. There are likely to be several photographers, but it's worth being patient. The babies are just adorable. They come out and sit on the edge of the nest and sometimes you can get a parent and baby together. To see what I mean, look at the Friends of Colleyville Nature Center Facebook page!

There's a lake next to the Carrollton Senior Center where you can shoot all manner of water birds, bunnies, etc. I've seen blue herons, green herons, egrets, Canada geese, ducks, etc. The egrets and herons fish in the shallows near the walkway, so it's not unusual to capture them catching and eating fish not 30 feet from your car. The Senior Center is at 1720 Keller Springs Rd, Carrollton.

Don't forget our own Heard Museum grounds! There are wildflowers, birds, coyotes, bobcats, snakes, lizards, bullfrogs, turtles, and much more.

May 15th we will have a lunar eclipse – so practice your moon photography, and find a good place to shoot the eclipse. Try several shots and overlay them to show the progression, or shoot a long telephoto. Happy shooting!

Anita Oakley



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BEST OF SHOW JUNIOR YOUTH DIVISION: HENRY OBERG – BACK VIEW OF SUNFLOWER

I was excited about my photo winning **Best of Show Youth Junior Division**. This photo also just received **Reserve Champion** at our **4-H County Fair** and was chosen to go to the **4-H State Contest**. I was in my mom's garden taking photos of her sunflowers and bugs. While photographing bugs I noticed the backside of the sunflower was interesting. Our county fair photography contest has a black and white category so we were going through my photos looking for something to turn into black and white. That's when we discovered the black and white sunflower. I'm a freshman in high school and have been entering photo contests since I was 5, including **4-H, State Fair of Texas, North Texas Fair & Rodeo**, and a few local contests. My mom was searching for other photography contests for my brother and me to enter when she found out about the **Heard Nature Photography Contest**. I think this was my 4th year to enter the Heard contest.



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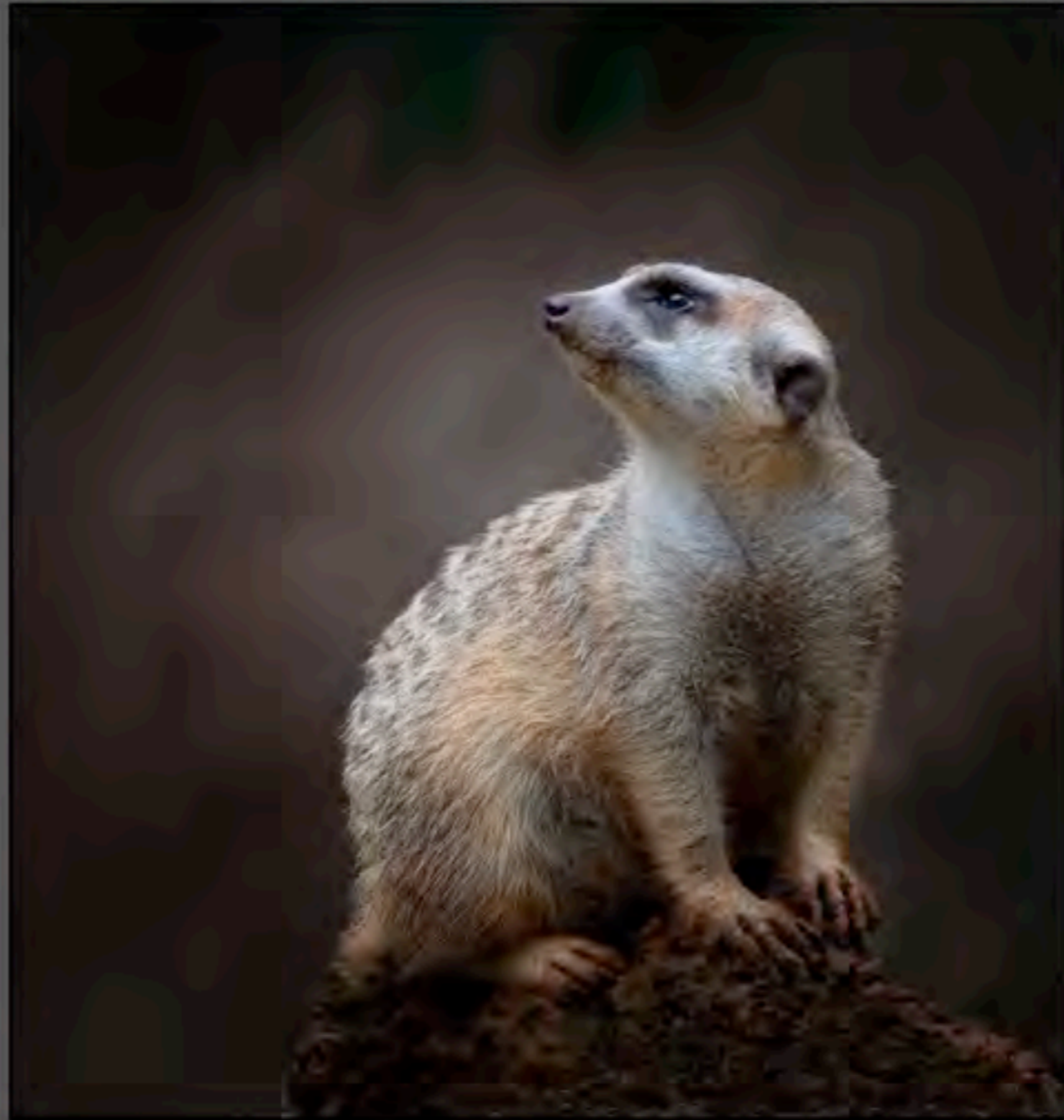
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Best of Show
Adult
Experienced

Overall
Best of
Show

Chandra Brooks
Did You Get My Good Side
Adult - Experienced
Animals
1st Place



OVERALL BEST OF SHOW ADULT EXPERIENCED DIVISION:

CHANDRA BROOKS — DID YOU GET MY GOOD SIDE

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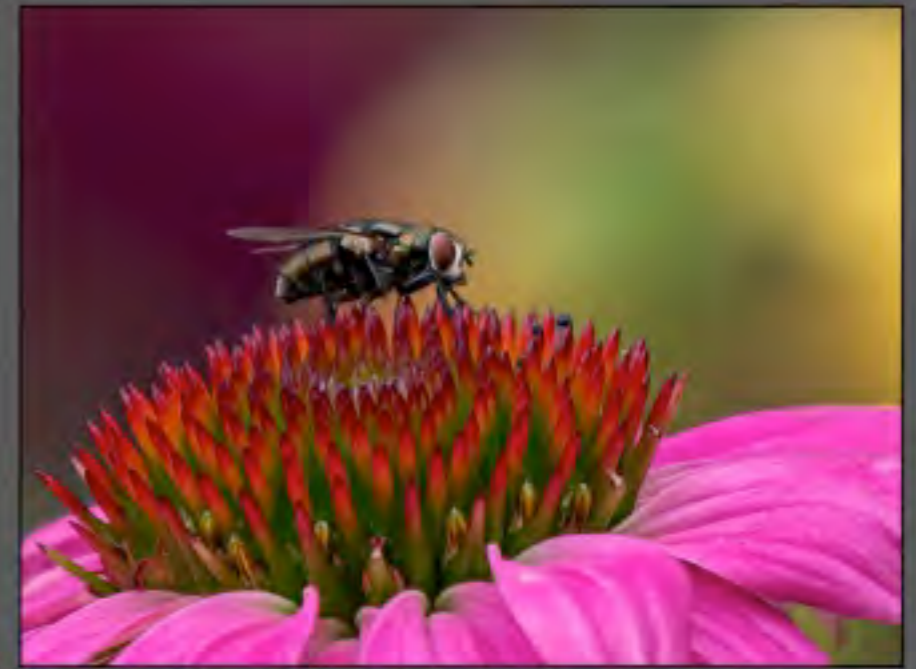
Melissa Mitchell
Foggy Day on the Lake
Adult - Experienced
Black and White
1st Place



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Winners Collection

Mary Binford
Flies are Beautiful
Adult - Experienced
Creepy Crawlies
1st Place



**ADULT EXPERIENCED: FIRST PLACE:
BLACK & WHITE, CREEPY CRAWLIES,
EXPRESSIVE IMPRESSIONS, FEATHERED FRIENDS**

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Michael Sweatt
Silent Ripples
Adult - Experienced
Expressive Impressions
1st Place




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2022
Winners Collection


Thomas Vijayan
Emperor Penguin with Kids
Adult - Experienced
Feathered Friends
1st Place





44th Annual Photography Contest
2022
Winners Collection

Nancy Mack
Twisting
Adult - Experienced
Floral
1st Place





44th Annual Photography Contest
2022
Winners Collection

Evan Carpenter
The Badlands
Adult - Experienced
Focus on the Sky
1st Place




**ADULT EXPERIENCED: FIRST PLACE:
FLORAL, FOCUS ON THE SKY
SCENICS, UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**



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2022
Winners Collection

Robert Darby
Three Brothers
Reflected in Merced River
Adult - Experienced
Scenics
1st Place

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2022
Winners Collection

Clive Fernando
Honey Sucker
Adult - Experienced
Up Close and Personal
1st Place



ADULT EXPERIENCED: FIRST PLACE: WATER



ADULT ASPIRING: FIRST PLACE: ANIMALS, BLACK & WHITE





**ADULT ASPIRING: FIRST PLACE:
FLORAL, FEATHERED FRIENDS
EXPRESSIVE IMPRESSIONS, CREEP CRAWLIES**





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2022

Winners Collection



Best
of Show
Adult
Aspiring

Barbara Vance
Coneflower Crystal Forest
Adult - Aspiring
Up Close and Personal
1st Place



**ADULT ASPIRING: BEST OF SHOW & FIRST PLACE:
UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: BARBARA VANCE**

ADULT ASPIRING: FIRST PLACE: SCENICS, FOCUS ON THE SKY



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2022
Winners Collection

Barbara Vance
Frio River Reflections
Adult - Aspiring
Scenics
1st Place




44th Annual Photography Contest
2022
Winners Collection

Barbara Vance
Star Trails over Creede
Adult - Aspiring
Focus on the Sky
1st Place




YOUTH SENIOR: FIRST PLACE: SCENICS, FOCUS ON THE SKY



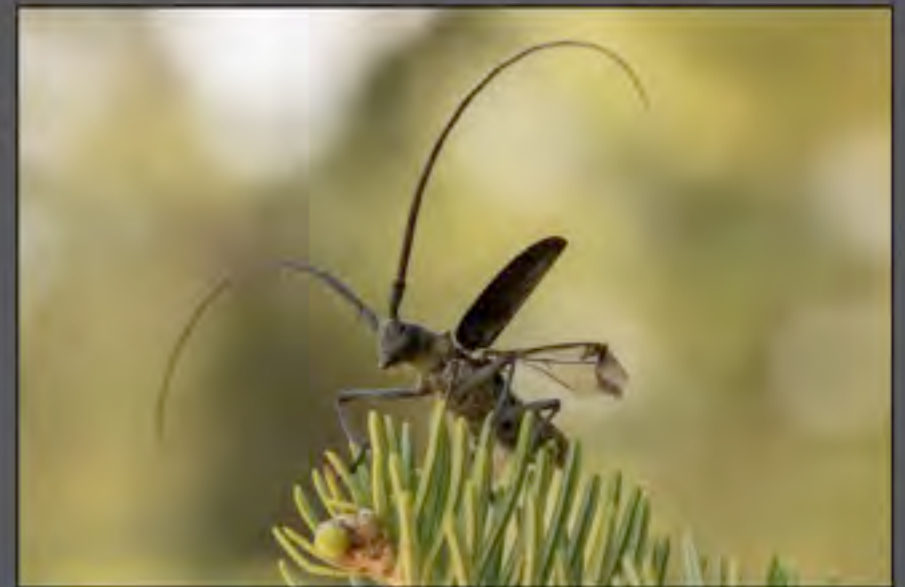
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Winners Collection

Anna Magnuson
Toby
Youth - Senior
Animals
1st Place




44th Annual Photography Contest
2022
Winners Collection

Maddie Nolan
Long Horned Beetle
Youth - Senior
Creepy Crawlies
1st Place




YOUTH SENIOR: FIRST PLACE: FEATHERED FRIENDS, SCENICS


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Nicolas Mukherjee
 Hovering Hummer
 Youth - Senior
 Feathered Friends
 1st Place





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Nicholas Heilman
 Snowed Over
 Youth - Senior
 Scenics
 1st Place




YOUTH JUNIOR: FIRST PLACE: ANIMALS, CREEPY CRAWLIES

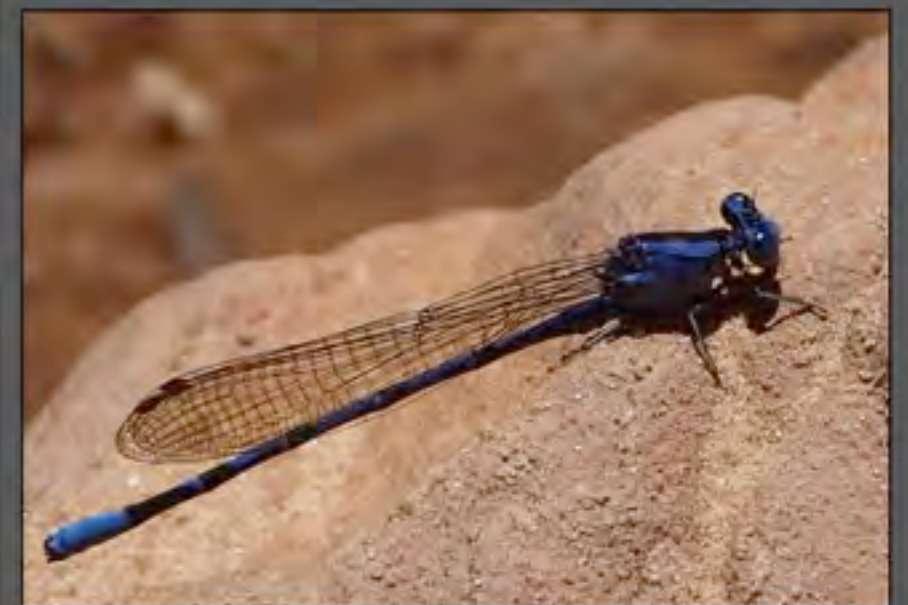

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Rosalie Rains
 Giraffe!
 Youth - Junior
 Animals
 1st Place




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Winners Collection


Myka Swain
 Dragonfly
 Youth - Junior
 Creepy Crawlies
 1st Place





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Best of Show
Youth
Senior

Anna Magnuson
Magical Ice
Youth - Senior
Floral
1st Place



**YOUTH - SENIOR: BEST OF SHOW & FIRST PLACE:
FLORAL: ANNA MAGNUSON**

Meetings

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, JUNE 11, 2022,
2:00 pm TBD**

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

Heard Nature Photographers Meeting Schedule, 2022

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
May	NO MEETING	
June 11, 2022	Geoff Axtell	A Technophile's Path to Becoming a Better Nature Photographer
July 9, 2022	<u>Mike Olbinski</u>	Time Lapse Photography
August 13, 2022	<u>Shari Hunt</u>	Astrophotography
September 10, 2022	<u>David Downs</u>	The Artist Within
October 8, 2022	<u>Alan Murphy</u>	Ingredients of Great Bird Photography
November 12, 2022	<u>Carol Highsmith</u>	Library of Congress Photography
December 10, 2022		Members Choice

JUNE SPEAKER

Geoff Axtel

Topic:

A Technophile's Path to Becoming a Better Nature Photographer



This talk will provide an understanding of the various tools and techniques I've explored in order to hone my abilities and eye as a nature photographer. I'll focus on both the things a photographer can do with the camera itself and also the animal- and area-specific research necessary before going into the field. Items I will cover may include light consideration, choosing the right lens, using tools like [eBird](#), (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), Flickr and even social media to find animals to shoot, assembling gear, and the post-shoot cull.

I have been an avid lover of the outdoors since I was a child walking through the woods around Scranton, PA. As I grew up, that appreciation for nature expanded to a specific interest in the animals that call the outdoors home. I began taking pictures as a hobbyist four years ago with no specific goals or expectations other than to marry my enjoyment of animals and their behaviors and habitats with my equally keen fascination with technology and specifically all the ways a camera could be manipulated to create pictures that reflected how I feel in nature. Since that time, I have taken post-graduate classes, attended international photography shows, spoken to photography groups, and challenged myself to hone my craft so that my hobby has matured into a potential second career.

Some of my favorite photography locales have included the Oregon coast, Death Valley, the Pine Barrens, Amsterdam, the Everglades, and a wide range of locales in northern Colorado. I shoot with Olympus and I remain a dedicated studier - and collector - of the many gadgets, gizmos, and geegaws that salve the technophile in me, while also expanding my photography toolkit.



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HEARD NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS 2022 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	TRIP/LOCATION	ADDRESS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	8am - 12pm	<u>Ray Roberts State Park, Isle du Bois Unit</u>	<u>100 PW 4137, Pilot Point, TX</u>	Registration link active on website for this event: www.heardnaturephotographers.com or email to jackieranney@aol.com
Saturday, May 21, 2022 NATURE PLUS	8am - 10pm for Heard members only	Museum of the American Railroad www.historictrains.org	Frisco, TX	limited to 20; Registration link active on website for this event: www.heardnaturephotographers.com or email to jackieranney@aol.com
Saturday, June 18 NATURE PLUS		<u>Mid America Flight Museum</u>	<u>602 Mike Hall Pkwy, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455</u>	To register: email to jackieranney@aol.com
NEW DATE Saturday, August 27, 2022 (Saturday Night)	overnight	Ft. Griffin State Historical Site: Milky Way Photography Hi everyone! David Duckworth brought a great training opportunity to my attention. It would be terrific for those who haven't had a lot of experience with Milky Way photography, especially if you plan to attend the Ft. Griffin field trip. It's a free course on milky way photography from Kristine Rose Photography . The classes are 4/29, 5/3 and 5/5 at 6:30 PM. You would have to join her Facebook group. Kristine Rose Photography Facebook . Have a great day, y'all! Anita	<u>1701 N. U.S. Hwy. 283</u> <u>Albany, TX 76430</u>	Registration link active on website for this event: www.heardnaturephotographers.com or email to jackieranney@aol.com
November 4-5-6, (Fri/Sat/Sun 2022		<u>Beavers Bend State Park</u>	<u>Southeast Oklahoma</u>	Recommend making lodging reservations ASAP.

*****NATURE PLUS** is a designation for a field trip that includes "the hand of man" subject matter, in addition to nature

Courtesies of Field Trip Travel

As we continue another year of field trips, let's review a few items that will make our trips even more successful both for the leaders and the participants. It's a time to share our love of nature photography while strengthening our relationships with each other in pursuit of our passion!

- Sign up for the field trip (even if you decide to go at the very last minute). Sign up can be done on our website! Frequently our field trip destinations request group size or other information about our group. Without adequate information, making arrangements for large groups can be tricky.
- When signing up for a trip, provide your name, your cell number and your email address. If your spouse/ designated family member is joining you, please list them as a guest. Complete information is essential since all correspondence/notifications with field trip participants is by email.

- Reminder that anyone going on our field trips is required join our club (which includes acknowledgement of the Waiver of Liability) and pay the membership fee.
- If your plans change and you are unable to go on the trip (local or out of town), don't just not show up. Let the Field Trip Coordinator know - preferably by telephone or text.
- Carpooling – offer to share in the expense whether it be gasoline or parking charges at the destination.
- If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Field Trip Co-Coordinator:
 - ♣ Jackie Ranney
 - ♣ 214/478-2107
 - ♣ jackieranney@aol.com

REMINDER ABOUT FIELD TRIPS READY FOR REGISTERING:

- May 4 – Ray Roberts State Park
- May 21 – Museum of the American Railroad
- June 18 – Mid America Flight Museum
- August 27 – Fort Griffin - Milky Way Photography

RAY ROBERTS STATE PARK ISLE DU BOIS UNIT

Wednesday, May 4, 2022
FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

DESTINATION: Ray Roberts State Park - Isle du Bois Unit
Pilot Point, TX 76258
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/ray-roberts-lake>

Map of the Isle de Bois Unit:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4503_137n.pdf

Photography by Jackie Ranney



Trails Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4503_0137aa.pdf

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 8:00 am

DISTANCE: Ray Roberts State Park is about an hour from the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney. Please check **your chosen mapping program** to determine your travel time. This event is a day trip.

TICKETS: Either your Texas Parks and Wildlife annual pass or \$7/per person (not “per vehicle”).

TIDBITS:

- Multiple trails - some are paved! Opportunities to shoot in the woods and at the shoreline.
- Restrooms are available in different locations throughout the park.
- When I went to the park on the scouting trips this past December, there were deer in the parking lot!
- One of our members has been to the Greenbelt Trailway across the highway and reports seeing deer, heron and egrets. She says there were some pretty wildflowers in the spring between the parking lot and the bridge.
- There are two areas of the park available within a short distance - the Isle du Bois Unit and the Greenbelt Trailway across the highway. Your park entrance fee covers both.

LUNCH: Bring a picnic-type lunch for you/yours or pick up lunch on the way to the park! The exact location in the Isle du Bois Unit will be provided to registrants as the time gets closer. Weather should be nice and “lunching picnic-style” will be different way for us to enjoy lunch together. The picnic area where we will be is adjacent to restrooms, too!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Review the park websites listed above to familiarize yourself with the layout and the individual trails.

REGISTRATION:

Please go to our website to sign up for this field trip!
If the trip is not listed for registration yet, please e-mail:

Jackie Ranney
Field Trip Co-Coordinator
214/478-2107
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Final details will be sent to registrants a few days before the event.



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RAY ROBERTS STATE PARK ISLE DU BOIS UNIT

Photography by Jackie Ranney



MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN RAILROAD

Saturday, May 21, 2022
FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

DESTINATION: Museum of the American Railroad
Frisco, TX (off the Dallas North Tollway south of Cotton Gin Road)
www.historictrains.org

Map:

8004 N. Dallas Pkwy, Frisco, TX 75034

Because so much construction is going on in the immediate areas, up-to-date direction will be provided with the “last minute notes” before our visit.

DATE/TIME: Saturday, May 21, 2022 Arrive: 8:00 am

COST: For our private two-hour photographic opportunity, the cost is \$10/pp.

If you wish to also visit TrainTopia (the indoor model train exhibit) after our photographic time, the cost is an additional \$5 (\$15 total). TrainTopia opens at 10:00 a.m.

Payment will be made upon arrival. Cash is preferred to facilitate a quicker entry; credit card payments will also be accepted.

RESERVATIONS: THIS EVENT IS LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE. Please familiarize yourself with the information on their website before signing up for this field trip.

LUNCH: Not planned at this time since our photographic time ends at 10:00 am and some may prefer a longer visit.



Photography by Nancy Mack

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

- Our tour will be “guided” during our visit with appropriate stops for photographing.
- Wandering is not part of the policy of the Museum.
- Tours are outdoors over uneven surfaces with no cover from the sun.
- There are no paved sidewalks at this point in time.
- When close to the trains, the surface is ballast (a loose granite) which is used to keep the train rails in place - THIS COULD BE A PROBLEM FOR SOME (SEE PHOTOS)
- Steps will be provided for the two train cars we will be allowed to go inside to photograph.
- Please dress for the terrain, heat, and bring plenty of fluids. (There are no restrooms or water fountains available at the site at this time.)
- Some of the trains have been restored, some have not.

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT:

Tripod/monopod; a selection of lenses, comfortable walking shoes, bottled water, sun protection

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If publishing or selling your photographs of the trains showing their logos, it is not up to the Museum to grant copyright permission. All photographs in this announcement have been used with permission.



Photography by Jackie Ranney



Photography by Nancy Mack

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN RAILROAD

REGISTRATION:

Please go to our website to sign up for this field trip!
If the trip is not listed for registration yet, please e-mail:

Jackie Ranney
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BEAVER'S BEND STATE PARK
NOVEMBER 4-5-6, 2022

FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT
FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6, 2022

DESTINATION:

Beaver's Bend State Park
Broken Bow, OK

This is far out, it's hard to predict the exact change of colors so we are taking our best shot! So much will depend upon Mother Nature!

DATE/TIME:

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6, 2022
ARRIVE: Ideally Friday afternoon/evening

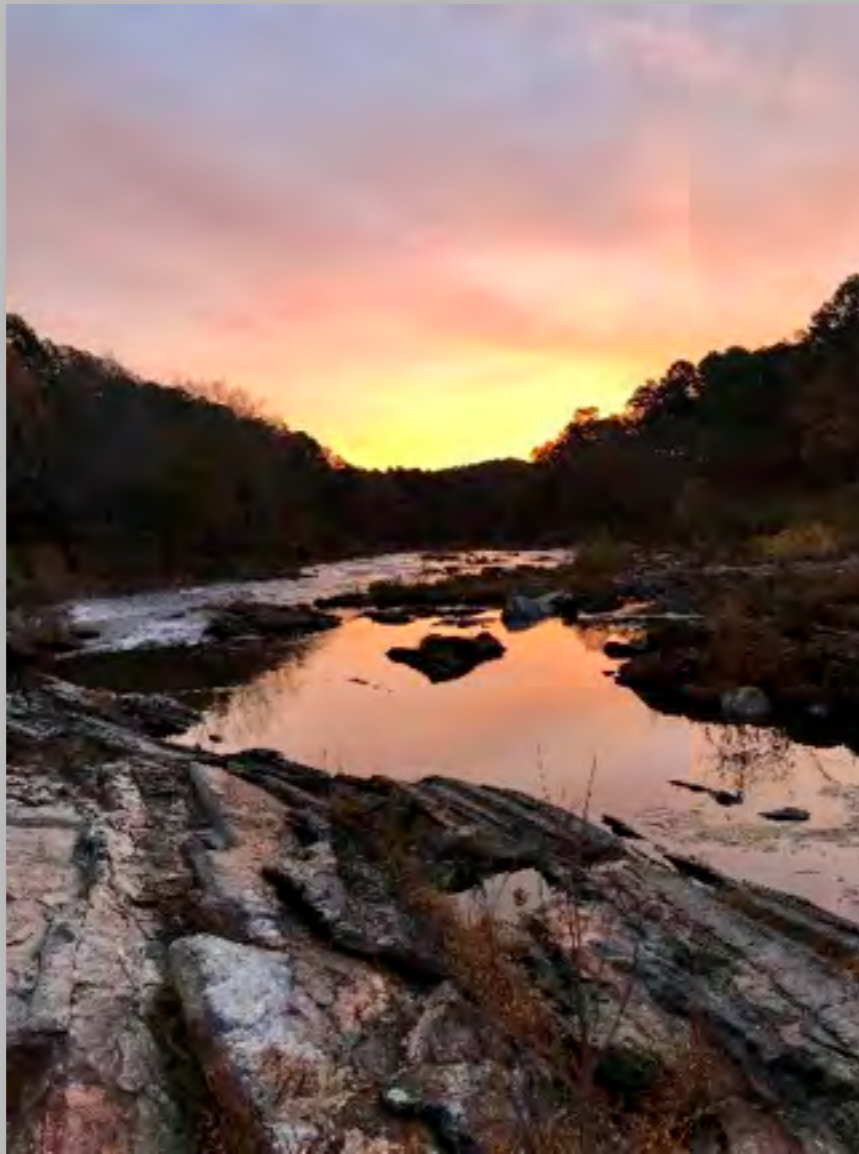
PLANS:

Still being formulated, but here's a general idea:

- Saturday morning - sunrise photography (about 7:40 am). Continue shooting in the park until lunchtime.
- Saturday lunch - based on past experience, some of us will have lunch at Foggy's, the in-park restaurant.
No organized group lunch plans.
- Saturday afternoon - on your own; no "club-organized" activities.
- Saturday evening - group dinner - location TBD.
- Sunday – departure at participant's option.



Photography by Jackie Ranney



Photography by Jackie Ranney

LODGING:

- Beaver's Bend State Park has cabins (reservations 580/494-6300) or go to their website. (The website is not showing much availability; different than calling!) • Lakeview Lodge (inside the park)– still under renovation as of 3/6/2022. Projected completion is September 2022 – they are not yet taking reservations.

- Check VRBO, Airbnb, booking.com and other vacation rental sites for houses/cabins. Search Hochatown, OK or Broken Bow, OK.

- <https://guestrez.megasyshms.com/TTPRB/beavers-bend-state-park?ga=2.55111145.375172306.1646529802-356434746.1646529801>

STATE PARK PARKING PASS:

Using the link provided above, please review the policy about fees and a parking pass to be inside of this park.



REGISTRATION:

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UNUSUAL FIELD TRIPS FOR THE HEARD

By Jackie Ranney

We have recently had two field trips with unusual experiences! This isn't the norm but such fun to experience!

Keith Kridler Daffodil Farm – March 19, 2022

Unfortunately, Mother Nature wasn't exactly thinking of photographers and flowers when planning the late winter/early spring weather again this year. Thus, 21 of us arrived at the Keith Kridler Daffodil farm in Mount Pleasant only to experience a less than bountiful daffodil bloom.

Not to be discouraged, our host Keith Kridler had already decided to take us on an adventure!

After lunch at Laura's Cheesecake & Café, off we went with our nine-car caravan on the back roads of Mount Pleasant only to discover a friend of Keith's rounding up his cattle! Thanks for Keith's request, while mounted on his trusty ATV, Mr. Ashley Parr dropped feed/treats for his cattle bringing them close to the roadside for us to photograph! What a fun experience!



Image by Sherre Shafer



Photo by Jackie Ranney

Not to be outdone, Keith took us to the perfect spot to photograph flying squirrels. (He builds bluebird boxes for surrounding areas which are also inhabited by the flying squirrels. And yes, before anyone asks, he is very experienced both at monitoring the bluebird nests and those of the flying squirrels.)

Mama Squirrel quickly scurried up the telephone pole keeping a close watch on us as Keith opened the nest and brought the babies out for us to photograph. He explained what he was doing and told us some pretty funny stories about his time with the flying squirrels and student groups! Once the babies were returned to their nest, Mama Squirrel quickly returned to care for her little ones.



Keith telling us his “flying squirrel stories”



© Janice Goetz
Keith Kridler, our host.
Photo by Janice Goetz

From there, Keith took us to an abandoned farm building – perhaps it was a small home at one time. Over the years, Keith had planted multiple daffodils there but unfortunately, few were blooming. We had a good time shooting anyway.



Photo by Jackie Ranney



Photo by Eddie Warren



Photo by Jackie Ranney

That was it for our “daffodil field trip”. Such a different experience than our previous field trips. But.....that’s not all! Continue reading.....

HONEY GROVE FIELD TRIP – April 9, 2022

Fourteen of us went to Honey Grove to photograph historical architecture. After a quick gathering in the downtown Square, we scattered all over. At one point, a couple of us were photographing a small white frame church when we were approached by a local police officer, Sergeant Greg Hughes, in his patrol vehicle. He smiled then commented “I’m not being nose-y but WHAT ARE Y’ALL DOING???”

After introducing ourselves, we explained that we were there to photograph historical buildings. That peeked his interest and he then told us there were churches here we might like to photograph inside and to give him a bit to find someone to let us in! He called the mayor – no answer. Called one of the ministers – she wasn’t home. Called the lady who cleans the churches...she wasn’t home either! THEN, Mayor Claude Caffee returned the officer’s call!! Once Officer Hughes explained what he was trying to accomplish, the mayor told him to gather us and meet him in the Square. WOW – a personal tour by the mayor!!!!

We started at St. Marks Church – a beautiful building that is now an event venue:

<https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/st.-mark-the-evangelist-episcopal-church.html>



Photography by Mike Wolfe



Photography by
Jackie Ranney

Everything had been left by the last congregation – hymnals from the 1940's, the pews, organ, minister's robes.... The church is now used as an event venue (mainly for weddings) and the mayor's son plays the organ for the weddings!

Next we went to the McKenzie Methodist Church, built in 1912. While we were photographing the interior, the mayor sat down at the organ, turned it on and we had hymns playing while we were there. As we finished, he even turned on the church bells for us!



Photography by George Vardas



Cell phone photo by Jackie Ranney

After the tour, most of us headed to Windom for lunch at the Windom Feed Sack. Fun to compare notes and have face-to-face time again!



That was it!

Come join us on our field trips. No promises they will have the personal attention from others that these two have had but it's a good way to get to know each other better!

IRWIN LIGHTSTONE MACRO WORKSHOP

Saturday morning, April 30 found 20 Heard members at Irwin Lightstone's home and succulent/cacti greenhouse.



Images by Jackie Ranney



Images by Jackie Ranney



Images by Jackie Ranney





Images by Nancy Mack





Images by Nancy Mack



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 remarabito@gmail.com by no later than Friday, May, 27, so he can create a slideshow for our website.

1) Macro Workshop, Ray Roberts State Park, Museum of the American Railroad

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:

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or

Steven 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

2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

\$10 PER YEAR

2023 MEMBERSHIP REVERTS TO

\$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 \$10 this 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 \$10. per year for 2022 and reverts to \$20. per year for 2023. 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.

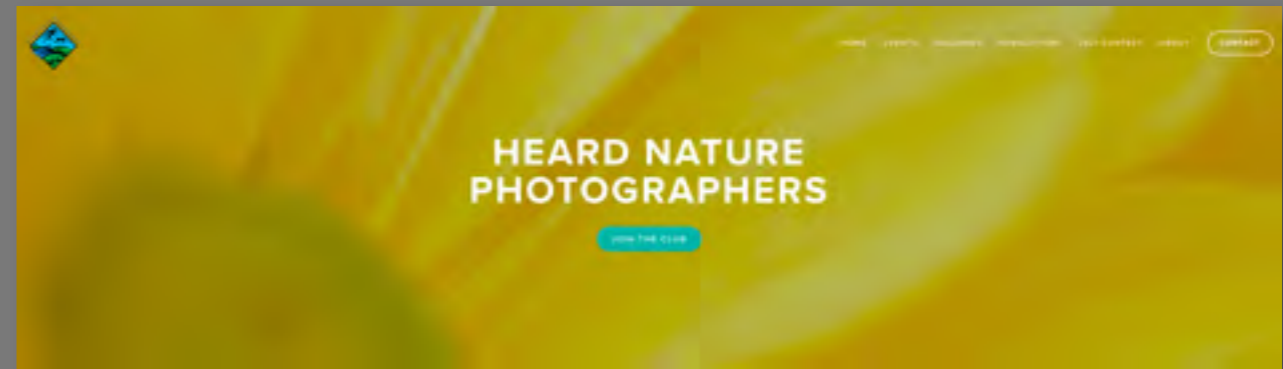
The club was established in 1981 and has served the nature photography enthusiast ever since. We are an affiliate of the [Photographic Society of America](#) and focus our attention on nature photography.

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](#) has videos of 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 [Videos: Educational Presentations](#) 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:

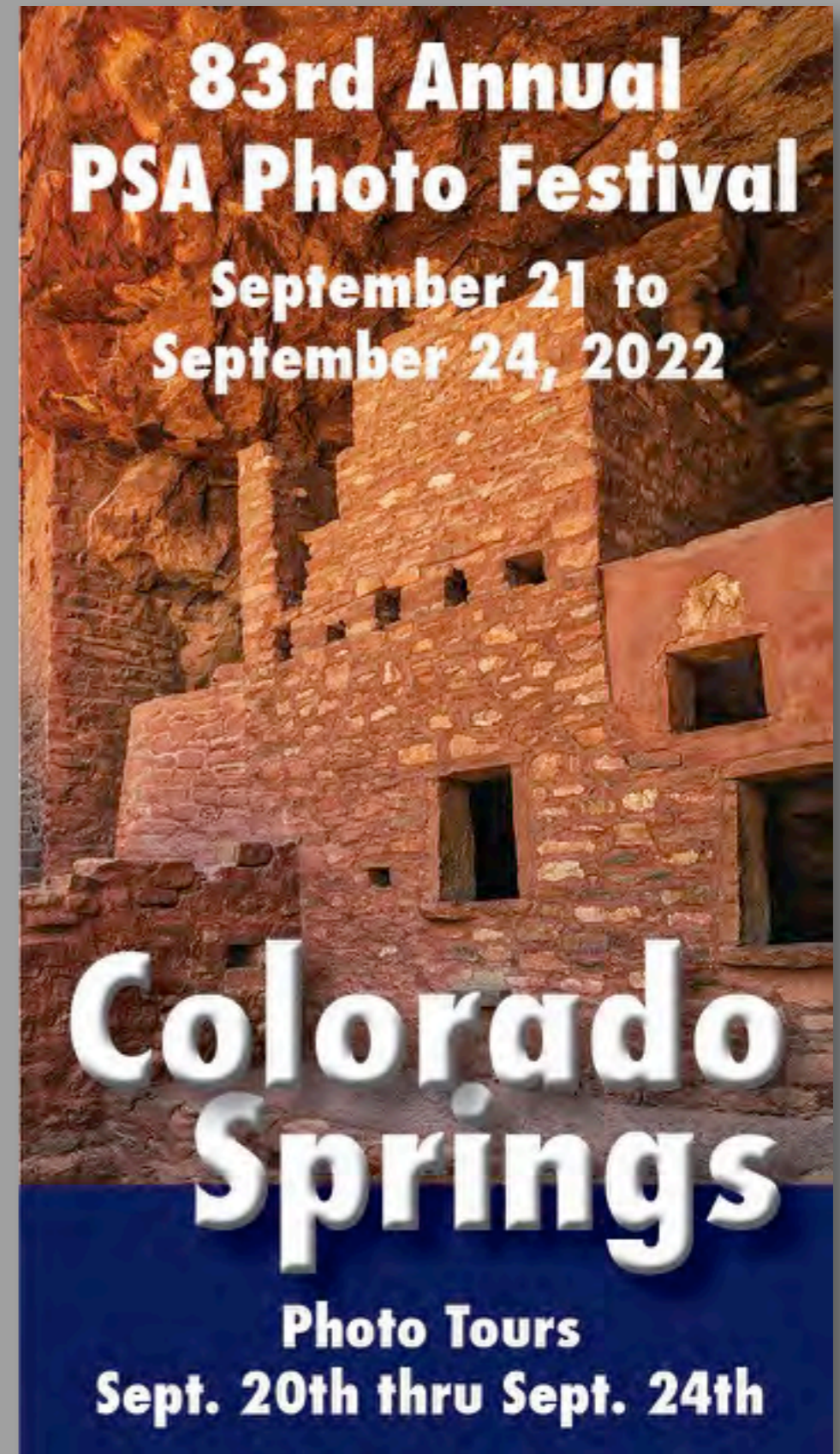
<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/heardnaturephotographers/>

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA



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

The Photographic Society of America (PSA), founded in 1934, is a world-wide organization providing abundant resources for photographers, from the novice to the professional. PSA offers on-line learning, webinars, study groups, competitions, mentors and consultants. Membership is in over 80 countries, 5,000 members, 460 Camera Clubs and 12 Chapters across the United States.



83rd Annual PSA Photo Festival

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

GULF STATES CAMERA CLUB



GSCCC has selected two HNPC members' images for entry into the National Photographic Society of America Councils Challenge.

These are Larry Petterborg's image "Dunes and Clouds" and Anita Oakley's image "Caddo Fog".



Dunes and Clouds, Larry Petterborg

GULF STATES CAMERA CLUB



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

The GSCC Heard Representative is JD Luttmer.

He can always use more images to submit. Remember, we may be a nature club but there's no reason you can submit other images. The four categories are Nature, Monochrome, Photojournalism, and Color. If you have primarily nature-related images that show the hand of man (like a fence, bridge, or road) I'll enter it in Color or Monochrome. Please send JPG images, 4000 pixels on the long side, and name them with the following naming convention:

Image Title~Your Name. Just email them to me at:

JDLuttmer@gmail.com.

The Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) was organized at a meeting in Baton Rouge, LA in October, 1954 at the Old Louisiana State Capitol. This meeting took place on the occasion of the First Annual Gulf States Camera Club Photographic Exhibition held under the sponsorship of the Louisiana Art Commission. This annual photographic competition was continued by the Louisiana Art Commission until 1966.

Today 35 clubs from Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas continue the organization and the convention tradition.



Caddo Fog, Anita Oakley

OFFICERS 2022

OFFICER POSITION	REPRESENTATIVE	REPRESENTATIVE	REPRESENTATIVE
President	Anita Oakley - MARCH	Elisabeth Shore - JUNE	Doug Boone - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER
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	<u>Rob Hull</u>		
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		



44th Annual Photography Contest

2022

Winners Collection

Rosalie Rains
Flamingos!
Youth - Junior
Feathered Friends
2nd Place

