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Nature

# Photographers

Adopt the pace of nature: her  
secret is patience.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Next meeting date: January 14, 2023, 10:00 AM



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Wapiti Wolf Pack, Yellowstone – Ron Varley

# January 2023 President's Message

Hopefully Santa Claus brought you lots of new toys to play with this year. You can never have too many lenses.

The "Member's Choice" meeting went well, especially considering how long it had been since the last time the club had one together in the SRC. There were lots of good time catching up with people, good food, and great photographs. Many thanks to Linda Grigsby and JD Luttmner for all the help setting up the food, all the people who brought food to share, Rob Hull for presenting the competition, David Duckworth, Craig Rowen, and Brian Clark for setting up and tearing down the tables, chairs, and projection screen.



# President's Message (continued)

There were so many excellent photographs in the competition this year. I wish we'd had more time to go through more of them so that the photographers could get an opportunity to share where, when, and how many of the photographs were taken. Be sure to check out the newsletter and club website for more of the photographs from this year's competition.

See you all on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 AM!





# Members' Choice 2022

Our 2022 Members' Choice winner was Ron Varley, with his Yellowstone Wolf image. Ron shared:

*I captured this image of a Gray Wolf at the Wolf & Bear Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. It took some time to get the image I wanted in order to keep hand of man objects out of the image. I used a Canon R5 with Canon 100-400 lens @ 312mm, f/10, ISO 1250 and 1/320 sec. The lighting was poor due to snow falling but that in my opinion added to the image.*

We all agreed! The second place images was also Ron's. Look farther down the newsletter for more images from him!





# 45th Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest



<http://tinyurl.com/2p864ewr>

Youth and Adult Divisions  
Wide choice of nature-related categories  
\$100 cash prize for Best of Show in each division  
Certificates awarded for all winners

Submit your images between March 25th and April 15th

# 2023 HEARD CONTEST UPDATE

We are coming right up on the 2023 Heard Museum Photography Contest! Remember, all of the money collected goes to the Heard Museum, and compensates them for our meeting place.

Contest lead, Anita Oakley. Publicity, Jackie Ranney

If you have any questions about the contest, please feel free to contact either of us. If you belong to photography-oriented Facebook groups, other photo clubs, or have photographically inclined friends please let them know about the contest!

We have some exciting new categories in addition to the ones we had last year:

- People and Nature – Images depicting a person or people interacting with nature. May include people enjoying nature or the way people affect nature.
- Seen at the Heard – Images captured anywhere outdoors at the Heard Museum, including along the wildlife trails, in the butterfly exhibit, or at the Dinosaurs Live exhibit.
- Aerial Images – Images captured from a drone, helicopter, or plane. Must be nature-related.

Submissions begin: March 25, 2023

Submissions end: April 15, 2023

Last day to accept payments: April 17, 2023

Judging: Negotiable, but around April 21, 2023

Awards Ceremony: May 14, 2023



# January Speaker

## About Sy:

I served on the Heard Museum board of directors for few years. I then became the board president. I took on the role of the Executive Director for the last 16 years.

The title of my presentation is the State of The Heard Museum and what it offers. I will be giving an update on the current status of the museum as well as some of the exciting capital campaign elements.

The annual photo contest which is totally done by the club members represents one of the best win-win situation. First, the club engages its members and the general public to contribute to a worthy cause by promoting the art of photography and creating an engaging environment for all. Second, the contest provides a sizable donation to the Heard Museum to promote our mission which is to “Bring people and nature together thru education”.





# 2023 Speaker Schedule

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 14	Sy Shahid	All about the Heard
February 11	TBD	
March 11	Russell Graves	Wildlife Photography
April 8	Craig Rowen	Photoshop Updates
May 13	TBD	
June 10	TBD	
July 8	TBD	
August 12	TBD	
September 9	Jen Stroger	Above water tidepool photography
October 14	TBD	
November 11	Jason Weingart	Tornado Adventures
December 9	Members' Choice	No Speaker

# Field Trips



Date	Place	Address	More Info
January 1-28	Discovery Gardens Butterfly House	Fair Park	DIY field trip any time during the month. Send images to Ron by 1/31
April 21-23	Mowdry Mustang Ranch	16280 Oklahoma Hwy 31, Coalgate, Oklahoma 74538	<a href="https://mowdryranch.com/">https://mowdryranch.com/</a>
October 27-29	Petit Jean State Park	1285 Petit Jean Mountain Rd, Morrilton, AR 72110	<a href="https://www.arkansastateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park">https://www.arkansastateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park</a>

More to come soon!

# Membership Update



It's January, and time to renew your membership. (Twelve of us already have!)

Since we are going back to all in-person meetings, membership dues are back to \$20. You can pay Brian Clark in person at the meeting or pay through PayPal on our website. Brian will let Guy know who all is up to date on membership dues.



# Congratulations to all Members' Choice Finalists



Ron Varley (Second Place)



Alan Abair (Third Place)



Mary Binford

# Members' Choice Finalists



Andy Franklin



©Vastamp



Jackie Ranney



# Members' Choice Finalists



Alan Daniel



Ron Marabito



# Members' Choice Finalists



Anita Oakley



Andy Franklin

# Gulf States Camera Club Council Update



The next photo competition for Gulf States Camera Club Council members will be held in late January, with entries due by January 16. Please send your images to our GSCCC representative, JD Luttmmer (JDLuttmer@gmail.com). The categories include Color, Nature, Monochrome and Photojournalism. The images should be in JPEG format, with dimensions up to 2000 pixels on the long edge. GSCCC holds photo contests each month except April and December.

Details about GSCCC and the monthly competitions were outlined in the September 2022 HNPC newsletter.

# More from Ron Varley!



I joined a photo workshop by John Gerlach Nature Photography the week of Jan 30-Feb 5, 2022. I had been wanting to do this trip for several years but could not find anyone else to join me so went as a single supplement.

Many people I talked to were not interested in the cold weather, but I found it was not bad as the wind did not blow and following John's suggestions for clothing worked fine. John has been doing three weeks in Yellowstone every year for about the last 20 years and does a great job.

You can find complete information on his web site at: <https://www.gerlachnaturephoto.com/>. I have also attended his Michigan Upper Peninsula Fall Photo Workshop.





Coyote Hunting

This image was captured by shooting out the top of the old snowcat vehicle (below).







RVarley

Lone Tree in Hayden Valley



RVarley

Hoarfrost Walk



RVarley

Into the Valley





RVarley

Winter Stream



RVarley

Grand Canyon of  
the Yellowstone



# Who's Who at the HNPC



Position	Contact
President	Doug Boone
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Slide Show Coordinator	Ron Marabito

If you need to contact anyone, fill out an email form at <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/contacts-summary>.  
If there isn't a specific link to email your contact, email Doug, and he'll forward.

# One Last Word

January is covered, but we need volunteers to bring refreshments for the rest of the year. Just turn the page on the sign-up sheet...



Got Yummy  
Goodies?  
Share 'em!