

Heard
Nature

Photographers

“What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that’s gone forever, impossible to reproduce”
- Karl Lagerfeld

Next meeting date: February 11, 2023, 10:00 AM



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Caprock Canyon by Larry Petterborg

February 2023 President's Message

In January we had Sy Shahid, Executive Director of the Heard Nature Museum as our speaker. I thought there were many opportunities for the Photography club to interact with the museum. For example, they'd be interested in someone taking pictures from the same location throughout the year to show how the environment changes throughout the year, and if anyone has a drone, he'd like to work with them to take some video and photos for the museum's advertising and grant proposals.

After the February meeting, we'll have a field trip at the Heard Nature Museum to look for Trout Lillies. The Heard Nature Museum has a bird walk every second Saturday, just before our meetings that we can take advantage of any time. Sy also pointed out the number of environments and some of the wildlife that call the 289 acres of the Heard Museum home. It isn't just the building where we meet every month.

The annual contest is getting started so I hope you're going through your photos to find some great photos.

Doug Boone

February Speaker

Competitive Camera:

A representative from Competitive Camera will be speaking about current trends in the camera industry. They have been in business since 1982 and are one of the last major specialty camera stores left in the Southwest. It is a family operation. Competitive Camera stocks the best brands including Canon, Fujifilm, Olympus, Nikon, Panasonic, Sigma, Sony, Tamron, Manfrotto, Gitzo, Mefoto, Promaster, Profoto, Elinchrome, Godox, Epson, Sandisk, Think Tank Photo, Tamrac, Tenba, LowePro, Tether Tools, Rode Microphones, Sennheiser, Small HD, Atomos Recorders and many, many more. They also offer equipment for rent.



2023 Speaker Schedule

Meeting	Speaker	Topic
February 11	Competitive Camera	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 Strogen	Above water tidepool photography
October 14	TBD	
November 11	Jason Weingart	Tornado Adventures
December 9	Members' Choice	No Speaker

45th Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest

It's time to start
thinking about the
Heard Photo Contest!

Make a note of which
beautiful images you
want to enter!

Submissions begin
March 25th, 2023!

Contest Info



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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 21, 2023***** new date

45th Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest

Have you been somewhere exciting lately? Visited a national or state park? Been to a zoo or aquarium? Visited your local arboretum? How about horseback riding in the woods? Been to a desert, the mountains or on a cruise? There are lots of nature photography ops out there and chances are you've already taken advantage of them.

Now's the time to begin collecting new images and reviewing your past nature photography to submit in the 45th Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest in March 2023. After all, winning \$100 cash for a Best of Show in your appropriate division isn't a bad deal! And even better, it's all digital.....no printing, matting, delivery or pickup! What could be more convenient?! And there's something for everyone!

Youth Divisions

Junior Youth - Young photographers up to the age of 14.

Senior Youth - Young photographers between the ages of 15 - 18.

Adult Divisions

Beginner

Photographers with very limited experience. May shoot on automatic or program. May be new to photography or have just returned to photography after several years. Still learning to use the camera and techniques.

Intermediate

Familiar with the camera, composition and techniques, but not fully proficient. Have not regularly won awards in previous contests.

Advanced/Professional

Have been photographing for several years and are proficient in the use of the camera, composition and techniques. May have won several awards in competitions. May be a professional photographer.

Categories

There are separate categories for the Adult and Youth Divisions.

Contest cont'd

Fees Adults - \$10/per image submitted.

Youth - \$5/per image submitted.

(Fees must be paid in order for an image submission to be submitted for judging.)

Awards

Certificates may be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each contest category for each Division. Awards are at the discretion of the judges.

\$100 cash prize & certificate to Best of Show winners in each of the contest Divisions.

Overall Best of Show. This image will be printed and displayed at the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary.

Sponsor Gifts

We will also have a drawing at the Award Ceremony for sponsor-donated gift items - one chance for each paid submission. (Photographer must be present to win drawing items.)

Important Dates

Submissions accepted: March 25 - April 15, 2023

Award Ceremony: May 21, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

1 Nature Place, McKinney, TX

Curious about past winners?

Winning images from the 2022 contest may be seen on our website. See "2022 Contest Winners" on our home page.

Complete details about the contest (including submission requirements and payment information) are available on our website: <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-2023>

Questions? Contact contest@heardnaturephotographers.com

Field Trips

By Steven Earles

Our January field trip was an on your own trip to the Texas Discovery Gardens Butterfly House at Fair Park. I hope many of our members were able to go and send Ron some nice images for our slide show. Our February field trip will be a trip down the Heard Owl trail in search of trout lilies. We will be doing this after our February meeting. Bring your gear to the meeting, admission to the Heard is free for photo club members on meeting day. When we have finished, we will head to the Great Outdoors Sub shop for lunch. The sub shop is located at 1751 Eldorado Parkway, just a few minutes from the Heard. [Sign up for this trip is on our website.](#)

Registration is also open on our website for our Mowdy Mustang ranch weekend in April and our trip to Petit Jean state park in October.

Field Trips



Date	Place	Address	More Info
February 11th	Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary	1 Nature Place McKinney	We will head down the Owl trail after our meeting. Afterward meet for lunch at Great Outdoors Sub shop in McKinney
April 21-23	Mowdry Mustang Ranch	16280 Oklahoma Hwy 31, Coalgate, Oklahoma 74538	https://mowdyranch.com/
October 27-29	Petit Jean State Park	1285 Petit Jean Mountain Rd, Morrilton, AR 72110	https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park

More to come soon!

Membership Update



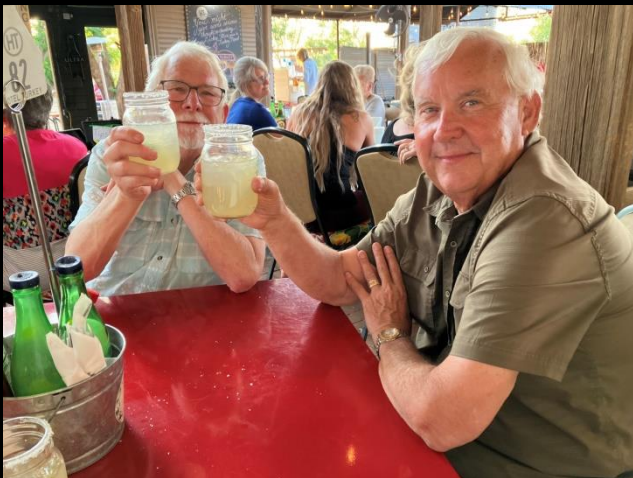
It's February, and time to renew your membership. (A few of us already have!)

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.

May 2022 Trip to Turkey, Texas

by Larry Petterborg

During May last year, Alan Daniel, Dennis Fritsche, and I made a trip to Turkey, Texas. Ostensibly, the trip was to visit Alan's childhood hometown of Floydada and see the family farm. On the way north, we stopped at Ft. Richardson in Jacksboro and saw the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie. Our accommodations in the Hotel Turkey were memorable and made for a very interesting stay. Springtime in the Texas Panhandle can be windy, well it's always windy but especially so during our visit. With howling winds moving a good part of the country around, we made several trips into Cap Rocks State Parks to photograph landscapes and critters. Turkey, TX is the hometown of music legend, Bob Wills and also makes for interesting photo opportunities. All in all it was a good trip with good friends and I think we got some nice photographs.



Turkey Texas – cont'd



Turkey, Texas - cont'd



Turkey, Texas – cont'd



Turkey, Texas
Cont'd



Turkey, Texas cont'd



Turkey, Texas cont'd



Gulf States Camera Club Council Update



The next photo competition for Gulf States Camera Club Council members will be held in late February, with entries due by February 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.

GULF STATES CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL – JANUARY COMPETITION

The Heard Nature Photography Club participates in the GSCCC contests monthly. See our latest winners! No money involved – all you have to do is send your images to JD Luttmer and he submits them to the GSCCC for you. **February deadline for submittals is February 16th.**

Ron Varley – 2nd Place

Photojournalism –
“In Tight”



Gulf States – Cont'd



JD Luttmer – 1st Alternate

Photojournalism –

“Samurai Swordsmith and
Apprentice”

Ron Varley – 1st Honorable Mention

Nature –

“Yellowstone Wolf”

(this also won our Members Choice
Image for last year!)



Other contests and news:



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and Exhibition**

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Accepting Entries
Feb. 8-March 22, 2023

Judging March 25, 2023

Display March 27-April 28,
2023

Got Snacks?

After the meeting is a great time to socialize and share a snack. We would like for members sign up to bring a snack to share one meeting a year. Sign up sheets are available at the meeting.



Who's Who at the HNPC



Position	Contact
President	Doug Boone
VP	David Duckworth
Equipment coordinator and backup VP	Craig Rowen
Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Clark
Membership/Marketing Coordinator	Guy Huntley
Field trip Coordinator	Steven Earles
Webmaster	Rob Hull
Newsletter Editor	Anita Oakley
GSCCC Representative	J. D. Luttmer
Photo Contest Coordinator	Anita Oakley
Refreshments	Linda Grigsby
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.