

Heard  
Nature

# Photographers

“To photograph is to hold one’s breath when all faculties converge to capture fleeting reality. It’s at that precise moment that mastering an image becomes a great physical and intellectual joy.” – Henri Cartier-Bresson

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



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Ridgeway State Park - Janice Goetz

# March 2023 President's Message

I apologize for missing last month's meeting, we got Covid in our house at the end of January and didn't get negative Covid tests until the Wednesday before the meeting. I hope the meeting went well as well as the field trip afterward. I was looking forward to the field trip. Maybe this month I'll get out and tour the Heard after our meeting.

We'll have to start keeping a watch out for wildflower blooms. With all the rain we received this year there's a good chance that we'll have a good year. If you happen to see a good field of flowers be sure to share it on FaceBook.

Hope everyone is looking through their pictures for something to submit to this year's contest. We've gotten a couple of questions on the web site about whether or not people have to be members, and age limits.

Doug Boone

# March Speaker

## Russell Graves



After earning a degree in agriculture education from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce), Russell went out to the sparsely populated Texas Panhandle, where he was hired to teach agriculture science for the Childress Independent School District. He was named Teacher of the year three times. Upon leaving teaching in 2009, Russell continued his life's work by capturing the people and places outside of city limits in innovative and authentic ways.

In 2018, Russell started leading photographic workshops and sharing his knowledge and love of the outdoors and photography. Since then, Russell has led nearly 500 guests on adventures worldwide. Russell says he feels like he's come full circle by combining his love of photography with his teaching ability. He has authored six books and thousands of his images grace the pages of magazines and advertisements all over the world.

When he's not in the field teaching or doing projects for one of his clients, Russell is found on his beloved Hackberry Farm driving his tractor and doing tasks that benefit the land and her denizens therein. He now lives a mile from the small stock farm on which he was raised. Black dirt and creek water is a powerful poultice.

# March Speaker Russell Graves

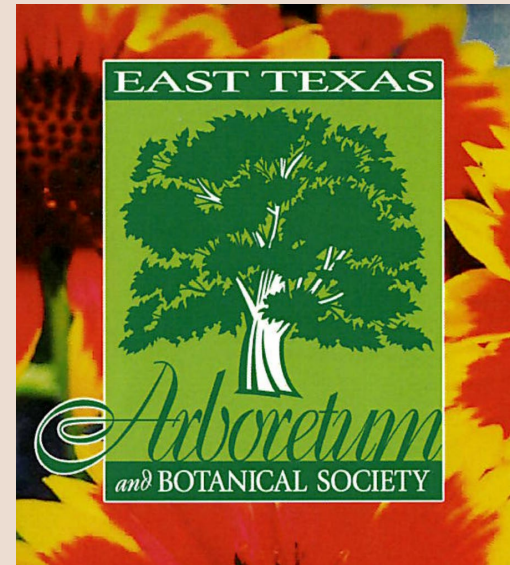


# 2023 Speaker Schedule

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
February 11	Competitive Camera	tbd
March 11	Russell Graves	Wildlife Photography
April 8	TBD	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

# Field Trips

By Steven Earles



**Our February field trip to photograph trout lilies at the Heard did not work out for us. It was too early in the season for the lilies to show themselves. They should be blooming soon, so keep an eye out!**

**We have two field trips organized for March. March 18 we will be going to the Dallas Arboretum during their Spring Dallas Blooms festival. (Leader, Steve Earl.) Admission is \$20.00 for adults, \$16.00 for seniors. Tulips, azaleas, and the Japanese cherry trees should be blooming. After a few hours enjoying the flowers, we will have lunch at the Restaurant DeGolyer.**

**On March 25<sup>th</sup> we will be going to the East Texas Arboretum in Athens, with over 100 acres of woodlands, streams, and trails. (Leaders, Terree Stone and Jackie Ranney) Admission is only \$5.00 for Adults, and \$4.00 for seniors. By then there should be many flowers, including poppies, dogwood, etc.**

**Register for these trips on our website, [heardnaturephotographers.com](http://heardnaturephotographers.com).**

# Field Trips



Date	Location	Address	Website
March 18	Dallas Arboretum – Dallas Blooms	8525 Garland Rd., Garland, TX	dallasarboretum.org
March 25	East Texas Arboretum	1601 Patterson Rd., Athens, TX	easttexasarboretum.org
April 21-23	Mowdy Mustang Ranch	16280 Oklahoma Highway 31, Coalgate, OK	mowdyranch.com
October 27-29	Petit Jean State Park	1285 Petit Jean Mountain Road, Morriston, AR	<a href="https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park">https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park</a>

More to come!

# 45th Annual Heard Nature Photography Contest



<http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com>

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! Encourage friends, family members, and their children to enter, too!

Be sure to check all divisions and categories on the club website. We have some exciting new categories in addition to the ones we had last year:

- For adults, *People and Nature* – Images depicting a person or people interacting with nature. May include people enjoying nature or the way people affect nature.
- For Juniors: *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.

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

# Membership Update



March is the last month to renew your membership without being dropped from email messages and field trips. Remember to renew online or through Brian Clark in person.

Since we are going back to all in-person meetings, membership dues are back to \$20.

# Gulf States Camera Club Council Update



We haven't received the results from January's competition, as there has been a delay on the judging. JD is always accepting entries, though. 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 – MARCH 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 Luttmmer and he submits them to the GSCCC for you. See recent winners below! These were published in February as well, but since we have no more recent results, we'll share them again.

Ron Varley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Photojournalism –  
“In Tight”



## Gulf States – Cont'd



JD Luttmer – 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Photojournalism –

“Samurai Swordsmith and  
Apprentice”

Ron Varley – 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention

Nature –

“Yellowstone Wolf”

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



# 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.



# Photo Contests

**Dewitt County Shutterbugs  
– Enter until March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**The 2023 National  
Wildlife® Photo Contest –  
Enter until March 26th**

**Audubon Community  
Nature Center - Deadline  
for submissions is Sunday,  
July 2, 2023.**



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**25th Annual  
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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

# Featured Member – Janice Goetz

The end of September, John and I set out on a journey to Ouray, Colorado. It was a perfect time of year to see the Aspens in full yellow color. Traveling from Texas, we visited Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Ridgway State Park, and explored the trails and waterfalls in and around Ouray.



Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP



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During our stay, we drove down the Million Dollar Highway with its many twists and turns, stopping at Crystal Lake to capture the gorgeous reflection of the trees on the lake. We also saw some of the abandoned mining areas along the Million Dollar Highway. From there, we traveled to Silverton for lunch and to greet the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Train as it arrived at the station.

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As an added bonus, the Rocky Mountains received their first kiss of snow for the season. The bright yellow Aspen leaves against a background of white snow on the peaks of the mountains was simply breathtaking. One of my favorite adventures on the trip was the 18.5 mile drive down Owl Creek Pass Road near Ridgway, Colorado. The only downside to that drive was the misty rain throughout the entire day. It was a little mysterious looking with the foggy, grey clouds. The scenery was spectacular!

There was so much more to see, but at the end of 10 days, it was time to head home.



Box Cañon Falls

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Uncompahgre River



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Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad



Crystal Lake

# Who's Who at the HNPC



Position	Contact
President	Doug Boone
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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.