

“The most interesting part of the natural world are the edges, places where ocean meets land, meadow meets forest, timberline touches the heights”

– Galen Rowell

Next meeting date: April 8, 2023, 10:00 AM



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Spring Tulips – Brian Clark

April 2023 President's Message (Cont)



I'm looking forward to the Mowdy Ranch trip in April. I understand that all the slots were full, but the wait list is very short, at the March meeting there was no one on the wait list.

Be sure to tell your friends about the 45th Annual Heard Nature Photo Contest! And be sure to send in your submissions!

April 2023 President's Message

The two field trips we had in March were wonderful. The Dallas Arboretum was an explosion of tulips. I hope everyone gets a chance to go. The East Texas Arboretum was also good, although we may have been there a little early.

On the way to the East Texas Arboretum I saw a lot of paintbrush and on the way back there was a lot more blue-bonnets. Just a couple of warm days is making a big difference. Hopefully we'll have a good year. Be sure to share when and where you find fields of wildflowers on FaceBook or email. The problem I find is that there are so few places where there are wildflowers and you can park. It seems that the state mows around all the picnic and rest areas, and that seems to be the only places to park. Anyone have any good places? The only one I know of is the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center which has fields that they purposely don't mow until the flowers are done each year. You can also find a wide variety of butterflies, bees, and other pollinators there. And don't forget to look for Athena when you're there.

Doug Boone

April Speaker

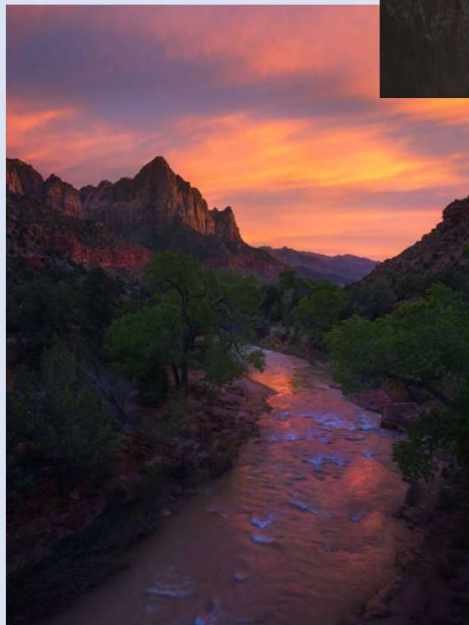
Mital Patel

Mital Patel is an internationally recognized nature and wildlife photographer who focuses on capturing beauty in all its forms—whether natural or manmade. From architecture and landscapes to the creatures of the wild, Patel has a distinct passion for capturing the most remarkable elements of life through his visual representation of movement, emotion and mood. From behind the lens, he strives to bring viewers his very unique view of nature, telling a story without words and conveying a feeling in the abstract. He challenges his audience to let their imaginations run free, taking the journey with him on his travels and opening their minds beyond the confines of static photography.

In each of his pieces, Patel hopes to offer his audience a way to view the world around them a bit differently – to appreciate the beauty of moments and places that are often overlooked. An intrepid traveler and lover of adventure, Patel's passion for creative and imaginative photography is a great asset to his exploration of the world, which spans six out of the seven continents. His work is admired worldwide for its unique and artistic perspective.



March Speaker Mital Patel



2023 Speaker Schedule

Date	Speaker	Topic
4/8/23	Mital Patel	Wildlife Photography
5/13	Kathy Chassie	Growing butterflies
6/10	Randall Patterson	Macro Photography - Insects
7/8/23	Kathy Adams Clark	Traveling Today – Options, Pickpockets, Crowds, and Covid
8/12/23	Craig Rowen	Lightroom/Photoshop Useful Tools
9/9/23	Jen Strogen	Above water photography of tidal pools.
11/11/23	Jason Weingart	Tornado Adventures
12/9/23	Members Choice	

Field Trips

By Steven Earles

Heard photographers visited the Dallas Arboretum to photograph their Dallas Blooms festival. It was a nice day even though it was cool. The blooms did suffer damage from some storms, but we were able to get some great photos. After a few hours of photographing, we met for lunch at the Restaurant DeGolyer. It was a nice day out for everyone.

Feedback Please

Our March speaker, Russell Graves, is willing to put together a field trip/workshop for the club to West Texas. The price point would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$700, not including lodging and food, but we would have Russell's undivided attention and instruction. Our options would be:

- Cowboys and Canyonlands of the Texas Panhandle
- Davis Mountains and West Texas Wanderings
- The Birds and Wildlife of the Rio Grande Valley

If you would like to participate, please let Steve know by contacting him at:

Steven.earles@yahoo.com

Thanks!



Field Trips

Date	Location	Address	Website
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, Morrilton, AR	https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park

More to come!

Extra Photo Opportunity!

The Hagerman photo club has arranged for a shoot with the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center on Saturday, April 22, at Brockdale Park in Lucas, and they have invited our club to participate.

Details at

<https://friendsofhagerman.com/event-5188971>.



Kestral from BPRC Shoot
Anita Oakley

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

Entries are open for the Heard Museum photo contest. I'm happy to report that early results are better than usual, thanks to the marketing subcommittee! *I'm writing this on the second day, and we already have 68 images entered!*

Contest lead, Anita Oakley. Publicity lead, 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.

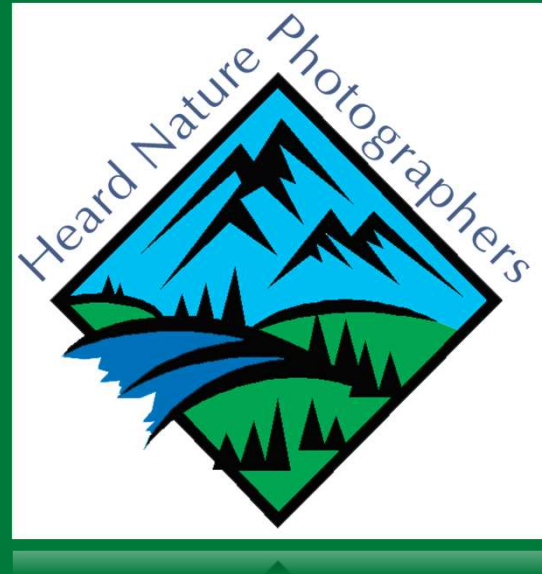
Submissions end: April 15, 2023

Last day to accept payments: April 17, 2023

Judging: Negotiable, but around April 21, 2023

Awards Ceremony: **May 21, 2023**

Membership Update



March was 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



The Heard Nature Photography Club was ineligible for the March GSCCC photo competition since our club judged that. Special thanks are extended to Anita Oakley, Ron Marabito and Linda Grigsby for doing this. The end-of-year GSCCC photo competition is held in April where the winners of the previous monthly competitions are judged against each other. Our club has several images that qualify for that event.

More images are needed for the May GSCCC contest, especially in the photojournalism category. Please forward your best to JD Luttmer, our GSCCC representative, to include in upcoming contests.

Cheers!

JD

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

[The Sony World Photography Awards](#) –
Images must have been
taken in 2022.

[Nature Photographer of the Year](#)
Entries through December

[RiBit Emerging Photographer Competition](#)
Macro photography, enter
through 4.30.23



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Accepting Entries
Feb. 8-March 22, 2023

Judging March 25, 2023

Display March 27-April 28,
2023

Featured Member – Patrick McCormick

- My wife will tell you, with a smile and a roll of her eyes, that I am fascinated by perspectives. I have to see and understand things from different perspectives. It's very prominent in my showcase of quirks. This is photography for me - exploring new perspectives - finding beauty in things I might normally take for granted - experiencing the world with eyes that are ever-watchful to seek the art hidden in plain sight all around me.
- Last year, my friend Marc Christensen and I spent a week hunting those perspectives in New Mexico. What an magnificent state! White sands, Valley of Fire, Bosque Del Apache, Whitewater Canyon, City of Rocks ... the list goes on and on. And that's just places that have names! Beauty is everywhere! If you've never explored NM, I highly recommend it. Happy Shooting!



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Celebrate Spring!

We had great response to the call for spring flower pictures! So many came in that I couldn't publish them all, but I think y'all will enjoy this wide selection of images from our members.

Dang, we do good work!





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Sharon Stanaland



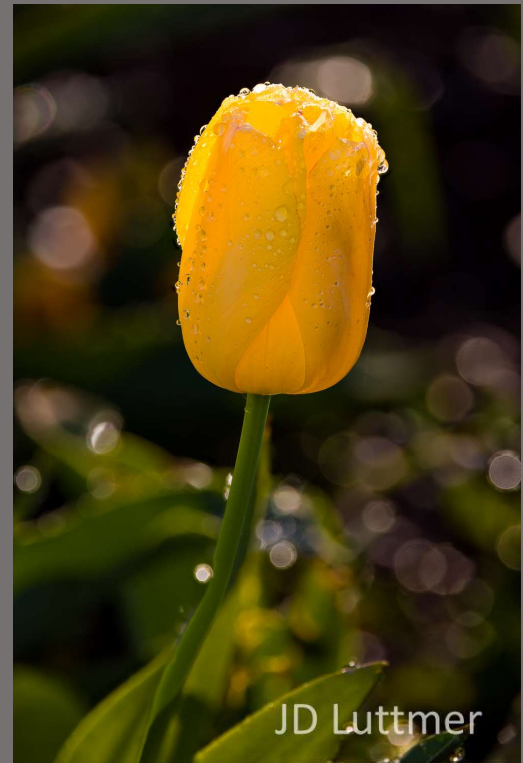
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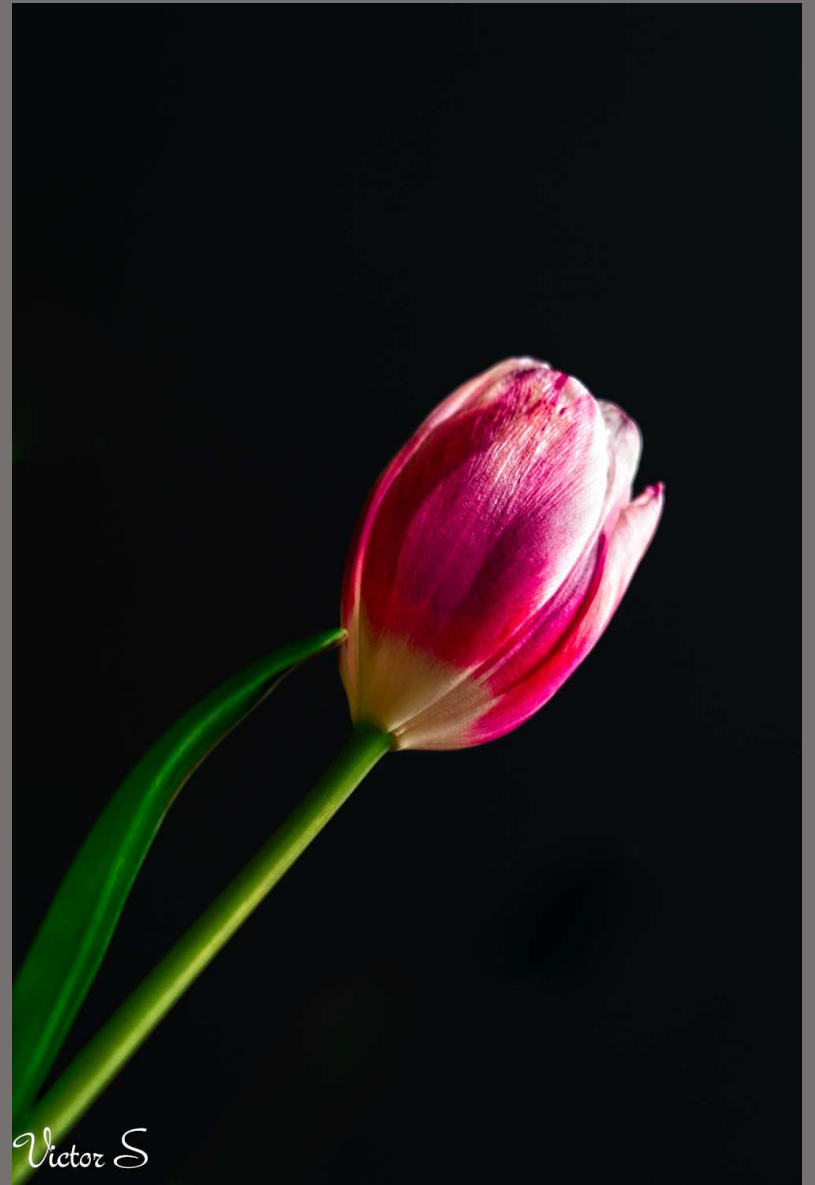
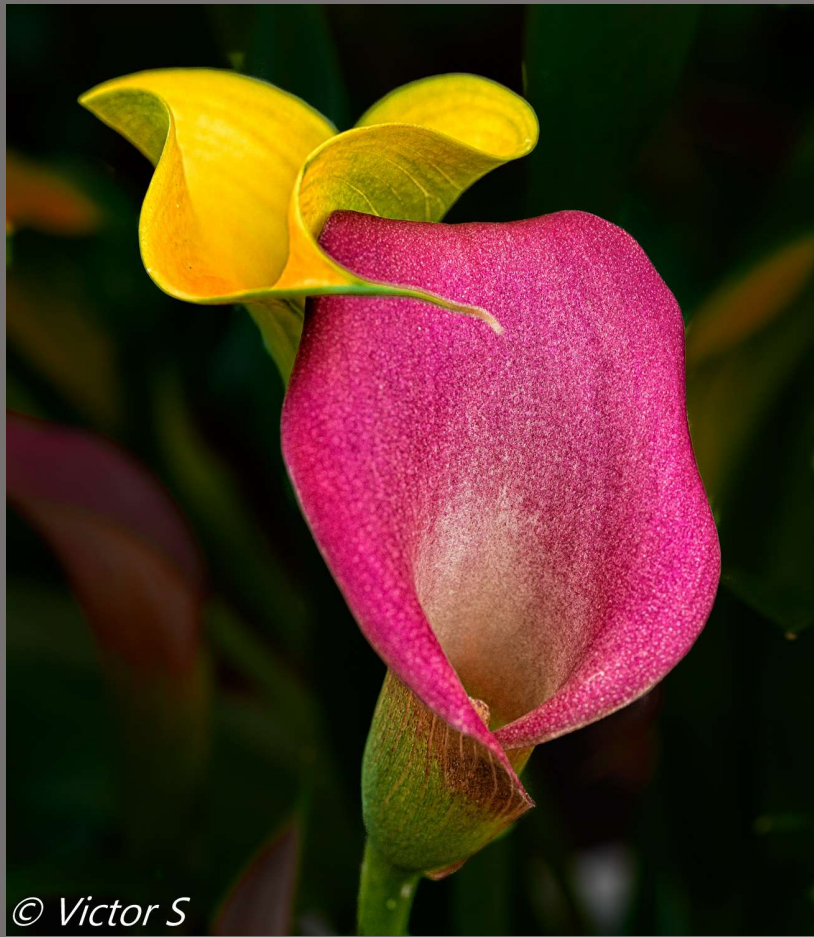


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If there isn't a specific link to email your contact, email Doug, and he'll forward.