

Heard
Nature

Photographers

We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children.

—Native American proverb

Next meeting date: May 13, 10:00 AM



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Patrick McCormick

May 2023 President's Message (Cont)



The trip to Mowdy Ranch was great. They have a very nice facility, with six rooms each with 2-3 queen size beds and private bath. We had a pot luck dinner on Friday night, and Saturday we went down to Reba's Place in Akota, really good food. We were taken out four times to locate the horses. As you'll see from the pictures there was a wildflower bloom so everything was green and colorful. The people who run the ranch said that if you go there in the Summer and get out at the right time, you can see the horses splashing in ponds. During the Winter they have to supplement the horses feed so the horses will come up fast to get theirs. Definitely worth another visit.

April 2023 President's Message

Be sure to make arrangements for the Petit Jean State Park in October. If you don't get a cabin in the park, or want to camp, you may be in a couple of hours drive each day.

I'm really looking forward to the upcoming speakers on growing butterflies and macro photography.



Doug Boone

May Speaker

Kathy Chassie

I am a landscape and nature photographer currently based in Frisco, TX. When our family relocated to Northern California in 2012 my passion for landscapes grew strong! We moved back to North Texas in 2016, and I was on a mission to learn everything about photography. To challenge myself, I completed a #365project for 2 consecutive years to learn everything about the camera, levels of light, predictions of weather, and how to track locations for sunrise, sunset, moonrise, and Milky Way. In 2020, I added the focus on macro photography and started raising butterflies!

I will bring the group through my journey in photography with macro subjects. My backyard is a special place, especially when butterflies or other pollinators stop by for a visit. I will share my tips and tricks to capturing these beautiful creatures, and will also cover the key steps I took to attract butterflies to my yard. I'll go through my journey of documenting their journey from the tiny egg, to a caterpillar, through the transformation to a butterfly! I look forward to sharing my stories.



May Speaker, Kathy Chassie



2023 Speaker Schedule

Date	Speaker	Topic
5/13	Kathy Chassie	Storytelling through Nature Photography
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 Strogon	Above water photography of tidal pools.
10/14/23	Sean Fitzgerald	Prairie Photography
11/11/23	Jason Weingart	Tornado Adventures
12/9/23	Members Choice	

Field Trips

By Steven Earles

Currently the only field trip definitely on the books is for October at Petit Jean State Park in Morrilton, AR. Steve is going to be looking for other opportunities, so keep an eye out for email.

2023 HEARD CONTEST UPDATE

Entries are in for the Heard Museum photo contest. I'm pleased to be able to tell you that it was a resounding success! We had 779 paid entries, totaling \$6889. In addition, members of the club donated another \$520. Once we pay any outstanding expenses, we should be able to donate at least \$6500 to the Heard!

Awards Ceremony: **May 21, 2023**

Gulf States Camera Club Council Update



In Gulf States Camera Club Council's End-of-Year photo contest, the Heard Nature Photography Club earned 1st Place in the Nature category with 457 points and 4th place in the Color category with 416 points. HNPC placed 6th in the Monochrome category with 394 points. The annual competition included winning images over the prior 12 months from twelve active camera clubs. Congratulations, HNPC members!

More images are needed from HNPC members for the May GSCCC contest. Few photojournalism category images are available for entry as of press time. Please forward your best to JD Luttmer, our GSCCC representative, to include in upcoming contests.

Gulf States Camera Club Council Update



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

Bird Photographer of the Year - www.birdpoty.com

[Nature Photographer of the Year](#)

Entries through December

Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards - www.comedywildlifephoto.com



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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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Who's Who at the HNPC



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