

“There is one thing the photograph must contain, the humanity of the moment.”
— Robert Frank

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2023 Overall Best of Show

May 2023 President's Message

First off, the Annual Photo Contest was a big success, we were able to donate over \$6,000 to the Heard Nature Museum this year. Especially great was the participation of youngsters. I think the youngest winner must have been about five years old and there were several families there to applaud their photographers. Thank you to all the team and judges for making the Photo Contest a success.

We're trying something new for field trips this year. Instead of having one single organizer run everything, we're asking for a volunteer to run each one. One person goes ahead and scouts out the location, finds a place to eat, where to meet, what the hours and rules are (tripods?) and takes care of checking off who shows up. Shouldn't be too much work for a single field trip. See the list of upcoming field trips to see if there are any you're interested in. In addition to making it easier to have more field trips than we have been having, it also spreads around some of the responsibilities, it should give us some new opportunities. What's your favorite place to shoot photographs? Would you be interested in leading a field trip to your favorite place?

June Speaker

Randall Patterson

Randall Patterson has been an avid wildlife photographer for over 10 years. Photography was a natural fit for the love of birds and wildlife instilled in him as a child through his grandfather. He is always learning new techniques, then sharing them with everyone that shares his love of photography.

Randall has been featured on Cornell Lab of Ornithology website, Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine, Galveston Monthly print and online and the Texas Bluebird Society Magazine to name a few. His venture into macro photography was featured by a local photojournalist working for CBS News. Through his career as a wildlife photographer Randall has conducted many different workshops and has spoken at multiple photography events.



May Speaker, Randall Patterson



2023 Speaker Schedule

Date	Speaker	Topic
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

Date	Location	Address	Website
June 24	LLELA – See next page (Anita Leading)	201 E. Jones St. Lewisville	https://www.llela.org/
July 15	Dallas World Aquarium (Doug Boone Leading)	1801 N Griffin Ave. Dallas	https://dwazoo.com/about-dwa/
August	TBD – Probably a tabletop workshop		
September	TBD (Terree Stone leading)		
October 27-29	Petit Jean State Park	1285 Petit Jean Mountain Road, Morrilton, AR	https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/petit-jean-state-park

June 24th! LLELA - Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Center



With over 6 miles of hiking trails, LLELA is positioned where the Blackland Prairie mingles with the dry upland forests of the Eastern Cross Timbers. The Elm Fork of the Trinity River, with its surrounding bottomland forests, winds through the middle of these two ecosystems. This lucky collision makes LLELA a perfect place to find a diversity of wildlife and plants. Well over 360 vertebrate species make a home at LLELA, from river otters to peregrine falcons, along with more than 500 plant species and uncounted dragonflies, butterflies, and other invertebrates.

June 24th! LLELA - Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Center



Image credit : Steve Harbula



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May Field Trip – Succulents and Cacti

Jackie Ranney

Compliments of Irwin Lightstone, once again Heard Nature Photographer members spent a morning photographing cacti and succulents in Irwin's extensive collection. For those who have not yet met Irwin, he is a Dallas resident, retired from an active legal career and is now (among other things), Vice President of the National Cactus and Succulent Society of America and is President of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society. Irwin is also an excellent photographer.



Arriving at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, the weather (although a bit breezy) presented us with clear skies and bright sunshine. Prepared with lawn chairs, tv trays (yes, they are perfect for elevating the plants), backdrops and tripods, we were able to select items from Irwin's collection that peaked our interests. As the morning progressed, some of the plants even had blooms starting to open.



May Field Trip (continued)

As mid-day approached, we left for lunch at Mattito's to enjoy more conversation.

The crew on this adventure included Victor Stamp, Brigitte Kiba, Terree Stone, Rob Hull, Tom Martin, Guy Huntley, Doug Boone, Brian Clark, Clive Fernando, Irwin Lightstone and Jackie Ranney.

Come join us in future field trips, a listing of which can be found on our website:
<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/field-trips-1>

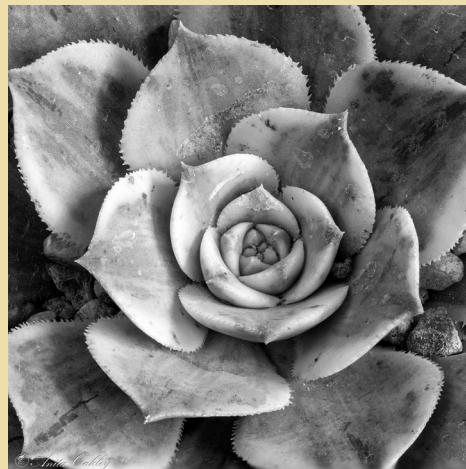


Photo Education Opportunity!

Russell Graves – Photo Day Camps

Each camp is held at or near Hackberry Farm in Dodd City, about half an hour NE of McKinney, and is an immersive experience designed to make you a better and more creative photographer.

At each session, you'll be provided a meal (breakfast, lunch, or supper, depending on the particular schedule), snacks and water throughout the day, and top-notch photography instruction.

You can find the dates and sign-up details at <https://www.wildlifephotoshow.com/camp>

Gulf States Camera Club Council Update



In the Gulf States Camera Club Council's May Competition, Ron Varley received 3rd Place for his Monochrome image "White Sands Minimaism". Robert Darby also won 3rd Place for his image "Three Brothers Reflected in Merced River" in the Nature category. Linda Grigsby received 1st Alternate for her Photojournalism image "What's Going On". Robert Green received 2nd Alternate for his image "Invisible Man" in Photojournalism. Congratulations to all!

We can always use mor images from HNPC members for future contests. 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 Winners



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.



Our Heard Contest Winners!

This year's Heard Photography Contest was very successful. We don't have a total after expenses yet, but we'll be cutting a check for something between \$6000 and \$6500. We had entries from several states, and even a couple of other countries.

Here are some of the winners from our club. If I missed you, please let me know, and I'll include yours next month!



Lee Hatfield

Our Heard Contest Winners!



Imran Shahab

Our Heard Contest Winners!



David Duckworth

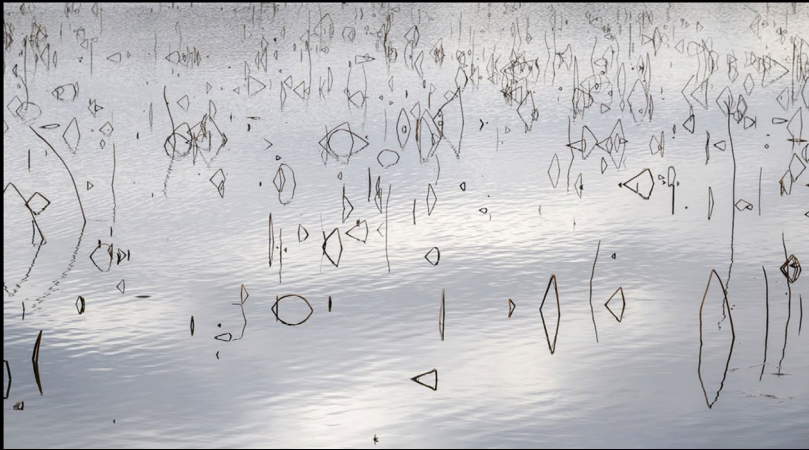
Our Heard Contest Winners!



Linda Barnes



Our Heard Contest Winners!



Alan Daniel

Our Heard Contest Winners!



Anita Oakley



Our Heard Contest Winners!



Anis Ansari



Our Heard Contest Winners!



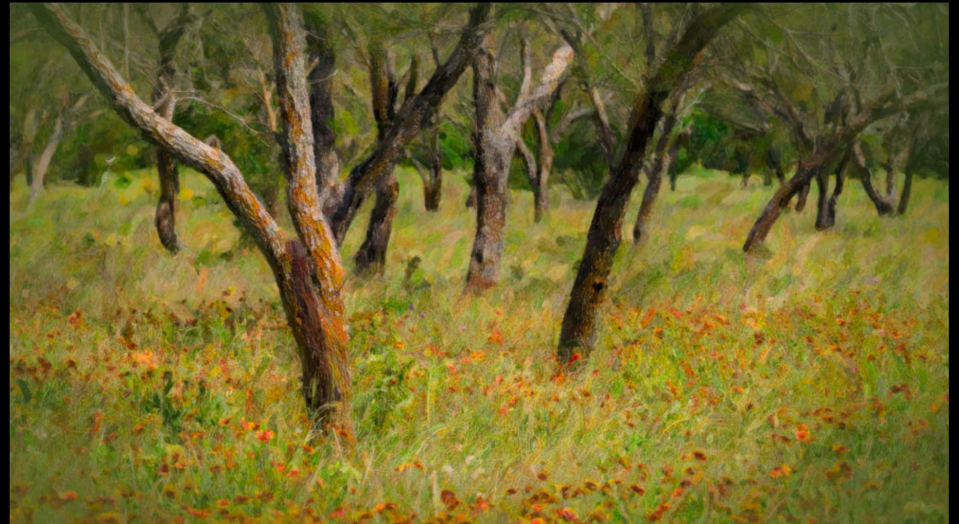
JD Luttmer

Our Heard Contest Winners!



Ron Varley

Our Heard Contest Winners!



Dennis Fritsche

Who's Who at the HNPC



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