

# HEARD

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR MAY

By the time you read this letter, several photographers and I will be at White Sands for a photo tour. We will be back in time for the May meeting however and will have the new PA system at the meeting. Everyone should now hear the speakers without a problem. Nellie, please take note of this and come to the meeting if you are able. The system has three microphones. One is wired and the other two are wireless making it possible to pass around in the audience for introductions and questions.

Hope all that attended last month's meeting enjoyed "Yellowstone". The projected images were not the best. Most appeared a little washed out and that was my fault. I had made some adjustments to the projector before the program that seemed good, but did not turn out that good once the show began.

We are adding a training program the morning of our regular meeting that will occur on a quarterly basis, provided the room is available. Occasionally it will be an outdoor activity on the Heard grounds. The first session will begin in June, titled, " **Photography 101**" and will be taught by Larry Wechsler. If you are new to photography or struggling with basics, this session is for you. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front table during the May meeting. I am open to suggestions for future training sessions, so email me, or talk to me at a meeting.

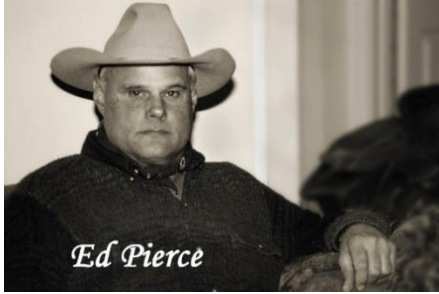
I will be bringing some **FREE** items to the May meeting. First come, first served. They include a photo backpack and several smaller miscellaneous bags, picture mats, universal printer stand, Pearlstone filter holder, Spyder 2 screen calibrator, Bell & Howell BF 35 Film camera, Canon CF Card Holder, Key Fonts software for PC, Sawyers Pana-Vue Automatic 2x2 slide viewer and (2) hot light holders for video or still life photography. Almost forgot: I have gobbs of cables and chords and a lot of old 120 Fuji film that may be good or not, as it is several years old, but stored cool.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting.

R.E. (Ron) Marabito, President

## Below are the MAY Refreshment Volunteers:

- John Yates
- Ed Pierce
- Additionally, the club will buy some refreshments using donated funds.



Be sure to sign up at the next meeting to bring snacks to a future meeting. If you would prefer to just give some **money** for refreshments, that's ok too. Please make donations to the club by way of Club Treasurer, **Peter Gilbert**. Thanks to all that contribute to making our meetings more enjoyable!

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## MAY MEETING SPEAKER

### FRANK RICHARDS

#### *Leading the Eye*

The photographer can make the viewer's experience more rewarding by using design elements to direct and hold the viewer's attention. I will talk about how we can help the viewer's eye to enter the frame naturally, be drawn to the center of interest and then provide paths to explore the entire image. This is an important part of creating a good composition and a memorable photograph.

After retiring 16 years ago, photography has provided a creative outlet and is an important part of my life. I joined the Dallas Camera Club in 2005 and participate in the club's monthly competitions in the masters group. I have won numerous club awards in all competition categories. I have also held several club offices and teach classes for the club and other local groups.

I recently spent several years working my way through the photography and art courses at the local community college. I have also been fortunate to attend quite a few workshops with internationally recognized photographers.

I have been fairly successful in competitions with winning images in the State Fair of Texas, Trinity River Contest, PSA International Exhibition, North American Body Painting Championship (yep, you read that right) and a few more. I have been fortunate to have been published in a few newspapers, magazines, calendars, websites and books. My photographic interests are quite eclectic. When asked, I generally say that I enjoy shooting anything that does not move. My favorite subjects are landscapes, places and things.



*Images by Frank Richards*



## **2017 SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS**

Date	Speaker	Subject
14-Jan	Jeff Parker	Jaguars and the Pantanal
11-Feb	Arlington Camera	GoPro and DSLR video photography
11-Mar	Dennis Fritche	Printing
8-Apr	Ron Marabito	Yellowstone
13-May	Frank Richards	Leading the Eye
10-Jun	Mike Mezeul	The Lava Experience - shooting the Big Island's volcano
8-Jul	Steve Reeves	National Parks
12-Aug	Larry Petterborg	Patagonian Pumas
9-Sep	Kathy Adams Clark	Travel Photography
14-Oct		
11-Nov	Dan Leffel	TBD

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### **FIELD TRIPS by Terree Stone**

I'm going to start rating our trips so that those of you that can't make the trip and want to go at a different time will have an idea of the pro and cons for that place. I'm going to be rating the places from 🏠 - may not be worth your time, to 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠 - must see. **This is based on my opinion only.**

#### **Field Trip Report**

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### **Field Trips Coming Up**

#### **Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

9601 Fossil Ridge Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76135  
(817) 392-7410

Fort Worth Nature Center is a gem of a place; it is comprised of forests, prairies and wetlands. At its current state, the FWNC&R covers 3,621 acres and includes over 20 miles of hiking trails, making the park one of the largest city-owned nature centers in the United States. In 1980 it was designated as a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. You can drive through most of the park to the different areas. Several of the trails are fairly easy to navigate and they have a boardwalk out the wetlands area that is great for viewing wildlife. The Hardwicke Interpretive Center is open daily and has some exhibits as well as a few animals, bird feeders and a water feature. They have an area near the entrance that has Bison as well as Prairie Dogs.





(Images from the Fort Worth Nature Center website)

Refuge is open from 7am-7pm May –September, **Hardwicke Interpretive Center open 9AM – 4:30PM**

\$5 Adults (13-64)

\$3 Seniors (65+)

\$1 Discount per person (with Military ID-Active/Retired)

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**Window to the Wild – Bird Photography Experience – May 21st at 8:30am**  
**Hutchins, TX** **PLEASE NOTE THE RE-SCHEDULED RE-SCHEDULED DATE!!!**

Cost: \$20 per person – additional \$5 to tour Rogers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

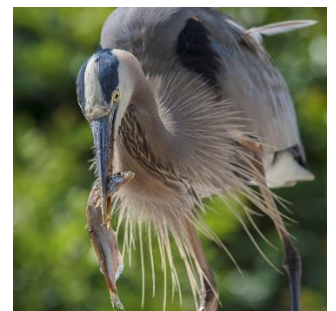
Window to the Wild is a company dedicated to training wildlife for public education. They use the natural instinctive behavior of birds for striking performances and to educate about conservation. We will have the opportunity to photograph birds in flight. We will be photographing birds as the trainers work with them and afterwards we will tour Rogers Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and have the opportunity to photograph some of the birds that are currently being treated. Rogers is one of the few facilities in the metroplex that specializes in rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned birds; as well as a sanctuary for those birds that are deemed non-releasable due to injuries. **If weather turns rainy, this outing will be rescheduled for another time. I will be contacting those who have signed up with any updates.**



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## Caddo Lake and Jefferson – June 16-18

This should be prime time for the water lilies to be in bloom. There is lodging in Caddo Lake State Park and in Uncertain that is on or near the water. You can also find lodging in Jefferson which is about 30 minutes away. I'm working on locating a list of boats that can take us out and around on the lake. There is also the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge near the lake that was an old ammunition plant, but has since been turned in to a wildlife refuge. The refuge is drive through with areas you can pull off if you want to shoot photos. It isn't very busy so traffic isn't an issue.

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### **“JUST ONE PHOTO” - May**

#### **“Three of a Kind”**

May's subject is three of a kind. Send me your best grouping of three like items. Please email to me by midnight of May 31<sup>st</sup>. You can put your name or initials on the photos if you'd like. This is not a contest to be judged, just an opportunity to show off your talent. Make sure you send your photo in a **.jpg** format, please resize to have longest side 2000 pixels. Email to: [t.stone3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.stone3@sbcglobal.net)



## **NORTH TEXAS NATURE NOTES**

**In this space, I plan to highlight things for North Texas nature photographers to see and do. Please feel free to send me items of interest to share with the club. Thanks.**

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From Peter Gilbert;

"The Club has now purchased a PA System that will allow us to amplify both music (accompanying slide presentations) and presenter's commentary. The system is portable, weighing about 40 lbs maximum including speaker stands and extra cables, wireless microphones etc. We need someone in the Club to be the "owner" of this equipment and bring it along to each Club meeting and set it up for presenters. If anyone is interested in this opportunity please see either Ron or me at the next meeting. I'll be happy to go over the setup and operation with you"

### **WEB SITES OF INTEREST**

1. <https://www.photographytalk.com/landscape-photography/7510-best-camera-settings-for-landscape-photography>. A lot of very good information to help you take great landscape images.
2. <https://www.dpreview.com/videos/2361324435/celebrate-international-dark-sky-week-with-a-night-sky-time-lapse>. An interesting depiction of the nite sky in the Pacific Northwest.
3. [http://www.getolympus.com/us/en/wildlife?utm\\_content=read&utm\\_campaign=em\\_earthday\\_us&utm\\_source=email\\_etprm&utm\\_medium=email&emid=lpetterborg@tx.rr.com](http://www.getolympus.com/us/en/wildlife?utm_content=read&utm_campaign=em_earthday_us&utm_source=email_etprm&utm_medium=email&emid=lpetterborg@tx.rr.com). Great wilflife photography tips from Olympus. *You don't need to shoot mirrorless to use these.*
4. <https://www.dpreview.com/videos/8056719035/how-the-heck-do-you-pronounce-bokeh-pgn-settles-it-once-and-for-all>
5. <https://photographylife.com/how-to-use-the-radial-filter-in-lightroom-video/>
6. <https://fstoppers.com/education/how-color-correct-photos-lightroom-170421>
7. <https://photographylife.com/how-to-use-the-spot-removal-tool-in-lightroom-video/>
8. <https://fstoppers.com/lightroom/optimize-lightroom-run-more-efficiently-these-seven-tips-169833>

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**If you have items to sale, stories to tell, or just want to express your opinion on topics related to nature and photography, please send me some words and pictures I can put in upcoming newsletters.**

## **FOR SALE**

From Ron Marabito ([remarabito@gmail.com](mailto:remarabito@gmail.com)): I have 3 items for sale

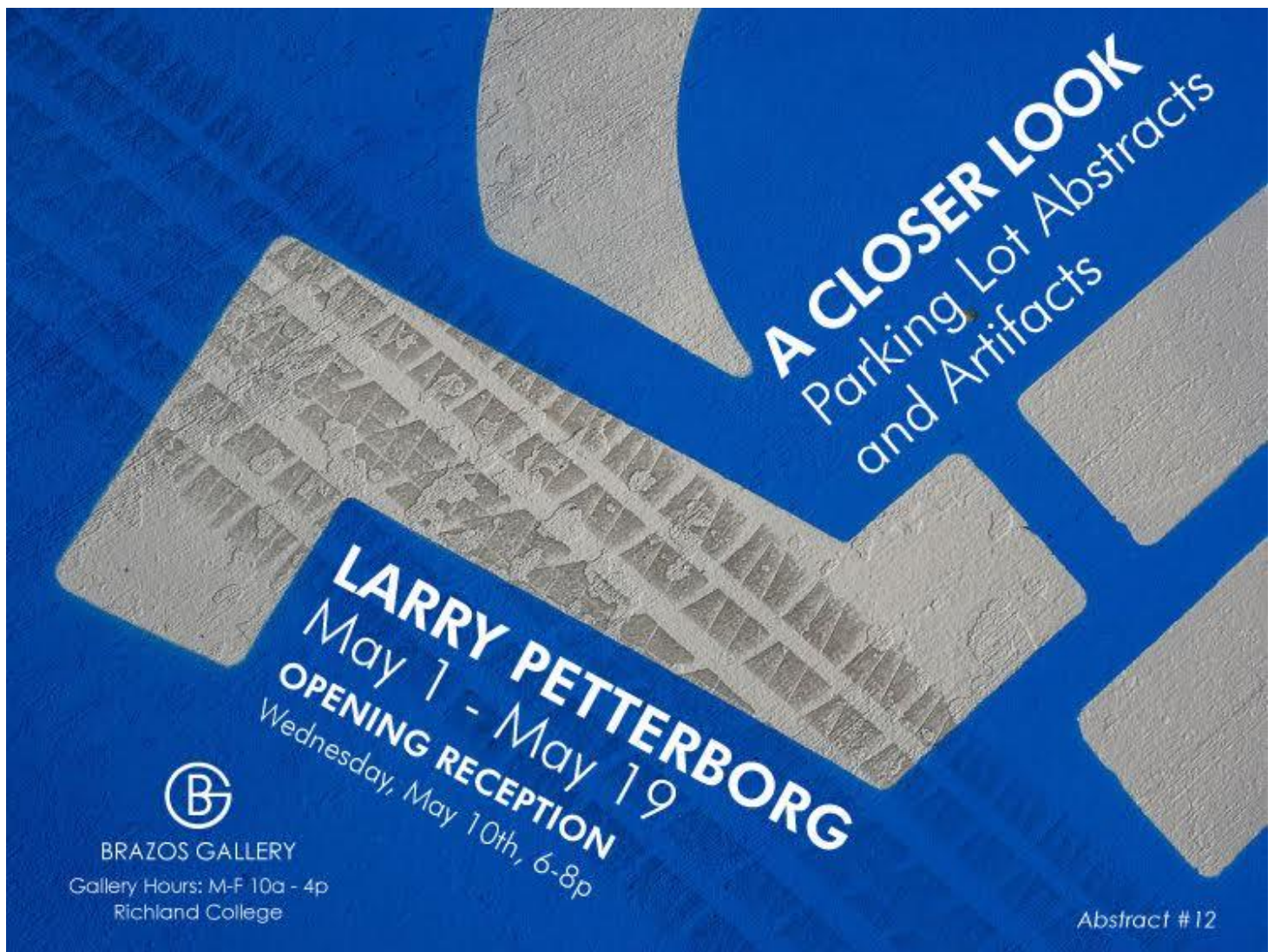
Used Manfrotto Aluminum Tripod - \$25.00

Used Manfrotto Ballhead & Plate 484RC-2 - \$25.00

New Manfrotto Ballhead & Plate 494RC-2 - \$50.00







(I know, this is shameless self-promotion. But, there will be refreshments at the reception. Hope you will come.)





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## **Monthly Meeting**

MAY 13, 2017

**1:30 PM**

Heard Natural Science Museum  
1 Nature Place  
McKinney, TX

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