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Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful Houston weather, the birds, butterflies, flowers, and all of nature. This month we have the Macro Photography workshop with Kathy Adams Clark on the 13th and a trip to Brazos Bend State Park on the 29th. Both events should be educational as well as great photo opportunities for most of our membership. Check the information on the website for details. Brazos Bend will be a free bus ride if the club has the minimum of 10 participants, so consider taking the opportunity to experience this outstanding state park to appreciate nature, even if you don't want to take photographs.



Justin Branam's Underwater Photography presentation for the October general meeting was truly outstanding. Justin culminated his talk and .

demonstration about equipment used in underwater photography with a superlative slide show of his exotic underwater adventures. The 200 photos selected from over 5,000 he took on a reef in Indonesia were truly astonishing images of sea creatures. Justin also included photos of the indigenous people and their villages living in this remote location.

PHOTO CLASSES

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR TRAVELERS Tues, Oct 16 6-9 p.m North Harris College

The basics. Find out how easy it is to capture stunning images while traveling. Find out the couple of things to keep in mind and what few gadgets you can take in your camera bag which can make a big difference. Join professional photographer, Kathy Adams Clark for a short lesson on travel photography. Learn about your camera, how to take landscape photos that are a step-above the rest, how to capture a sense of place, and also gather some tips on cataloguing those photos when you get back home. Bring your camera and camera manual to class. Clark has been published in Nature's Best, New York Times, Texas Highways and Family Fun to name a few. Her photos appear every week in the "Wonders of Nature" column in the Houston Chronicle written by her husband, Gary Clark. The Clarks currently have two books on the market and three in the works that combine their photography and writing skills. www.kathyadamsclark.com Registration #:55018 (3 hours) **You may register by Phone** 281.618.5634 or 281.765.7947 \$15 North Harris College's Adult Lifelong Learning program.

Saturday, Oct 20th Gary will give a **Shorebird Identification Workshop** at Buchanan's Native Plant Nursery, 611 East 11th Street, Houston. 713-861-5702. Workshop is free. 10-12:00. No reservations necessary.

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge fall birding trip with Gary Clark, columnist for Houston Chronicle

On Saturday, Nov. 3, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., enjoy great fall weather and explore bird watching with Gary Clark, North Harris College dean of Business, Social and Behavioral Sciences and weekly columnist for the Houston Chronicle's "Wonders of Nature." Clark is the former president of the Houston Audubon Society and founder of the Piney Woods Wildlife Society and the Texas Rare Bird Alert. The class meets at the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, Anahuac, Texas. Bring binoculars, a pocket note pad and any popular field guide. Also, there are limited refreshments and restrooms at the Visitor Information Center, so you will want to bring your own snacks and water. You may also want to bring sun screen and insect repellent. The closest convenience stores are at I-10 and Hwy 61, as well as a McDonalds, about 20 miles away. The class will meet at the Visitor Information Center located at the entrance of the refuge. Please arrive promptly.

To participate in this field trip, participants must register with North Harris College's Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) for a \$15 fee, which covers a one-year membership into ALL. Members will continue to enjoy a wide-variety of classes being offered, such as this bird watching outing, throughout the year for free or very low supply cost, but residents must register in advance. ALL is geared toward adults 50 years young and above, but all ages are welcome to join. For more information, call Carole Wiater, ALL coordinator at 281.765.7947 or visit www.northharriscollege.com/all .

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Our program for November will be a presentation on Landscape Photography. Bill Franklin and his wife, Jean, went on a photo tour of Western Ireland this past August. Bill will discuss Landscape photography and use his images from Ireland to demonstrate his concept of Landscape Photography. He will discuss equipment, lighting, and composition. He will show a slide show at the end of the program with some of his favorite images. If you want to pick up some tips on improving your landscape photography, then this program may be for you.

Bill was a teacher, principal, and director of special education in HISD for 37 years. He retired in 1995 but continued with his part time portrait and wedding photography business which has been ongoing for about 25 years. He just recently started expanding his interest in nature and wildlife photography which is a never ending learning endeavor.

SIGS AND ELECTIONS

All the Special Interest Groups continue to draw attention and involvement. We are so fortunate to have excellent group leaders for all of our Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Check the schedule on the club website for topics of interest and participate if you would like to meet many nice people and gain computer knowledge.

Don't forget election of the 2008 Board in November. We still need additional slots to be filled. So consider running for office if you would like to make an impact and contribute to maintaining the quality of our club.

See you at a SIG or our next general meeting November 1, 2007

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