

## Points On A Curve - An Around the World Potpourri by Dennis Davenport at the HUPS Monday October 4, 2010 Meeting

*By Jim Mensay*

Do you remember going to someone's home recently? You are invited in and you catch a whiff of something that smells really sweet and refreshing. It's a mixture of various plants and spices, but you really don't know what's in it. It just smells great. This is called potpourri.

Well, at the presentation at the HUPS October 4, 2010 meeting, Dennis Davenport will be bringing his own version of a video & audio potpourri.

During the show, Dennis will show us that photography is not just the science, skill, and luck of getting good images. It is also an art form, and is shaped by many things, including the music running through your mind as you grab the next shot. And the selection of music you use for a show will also greatly influence what the format of the show will look like.

The show will be a 2 parter with some emphasis on how music is a major influence on the art that follows. One show will feature some of the shots from a recent Alaska cruise and this one may also have a few video segments. The other will be a merged Bali/Philippines show using shots that probably haven't been seen in previous shows. We may even see some special EFX shots.

By the way, if you haven't had time to Goggle It, the Points along the Curve refer to the great circle that can connect Bali, The Philippines, and Alaska.

See you all at 7 p.m. at the Bayland Community center.

As usual our meeting will begin at 7 PM- Bayland Community Center - 6400 Bissonnet. A map can be found on the back of this newsletter.

### **Recap of HUPS Philippines Trip Program**

*By Jim Mensay*

Many thanks to Tom Collier for bringing together the hundreds and hundreds of images taken on the HUPS 2010 club trip to the Philippines. For those you of who went, it looked like a great time was had by all. We got to hear about your great adventures and the ca-

maraderie you shared, and saw the awesome images you all captured. For those of you who missed this trip, maybe you can join the club on our next one.

# President's Message

## Time To Get Involved

By Tom Collier

It is almost time for HUPS' annual election of Officers and Directors. Each year in November we hold general elections for all the elected club positions. Now is the time for you to get more involved in the inter workings of HUPS. You joined HUPS because of your passion for u/w photography and what HUPS could do for you. Now is your chance to help shape the future direction of your club.

The old saying "you get out what you put in" is very true. The more energy you expend on HUPS, the more benefit you will receive from HUPS. I know this to be the truth because I have experienced it for myself. I have served the club as an officer for several years now and for the most part, I have only collected good friends, respect and self-fulfillment.

HUPS is a happening organization. We are the place to be for local u/w photography knowledge and expertise. Our organization is known and respected throughout most of the dive community. We have a growing list of members not only in the greater Houston area, but also throughout the State of Texas and outside the country. It is in everyone's best interests to keep the organization vibrant and moving forward and I believe that one of the best ways to accomplish this goal is with fresh faces with fresh ideas promoting new projects for our club.

A good way to slow down our forward progress is sticking with the 'same-ole, same-ole' people, plans and projects. Our past projects have been great and in most cases we want to keep those projects intact and moving forward. "If it isn't broken - don't fix it" is good advice but not always applicable. We should strive to constantly pursue new ideas; and new ideas will most likely require some new people.

Our current slate of officers has been on the job for the past two years. I think that they have done a terrific job. But it is time to move on and let some fresh ideas come to the forefront. This year, the positions for club officers are attracting several applicants so if you are interested in one of the leadership positions you should let the Nominations Committee chairperson know of your desire to be on the ballot.

All of the club officers and directors are elected by the general membership. The officers and directors make up the executive committee and they in turn appoint all of the committee chairpersons. The committee chairpersons (who may also be directors) carry out the different club functions with the help of their committee members.

If you have never been part of the 'club management' and would like to be, I would suggest that you start by volunteering to be part of a committee that appeals to you. Next, I would run for a BOD seat and see how the club functions from behind the scenes. And then I would seek election to one of the officer positions.

2011 is shaping up to be an exciting year with several good things already in the works. Come on - step up and bring some

more good ideas for us to tackle. Debbie Mensay will be the Nomination Committee chairperson this year. If you would like to nominate someone or place yourself on the ballot for one of the 2011 Officer or Director positions, please contact Debbie before the November HUPS general meeting.

## 2010 Election Schedule

October 4<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Accept nominations and applications for club officers and directors for the 2011 year.

November meeting

General membership votes for the 2011 Officers and Directors

November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>

Accept nominations for the 2010 HUPS Member of the Year Award. Nominations must be in writing and will be read by the club secretary to the general assembly at the December meeting.

December meeting

General membership votes for the 2010 Member of the Year.

Debbie Mensay will be this year's Nomination Committee Chairperson. Nominations, applications and Member of the Year letters should be forwarded to Debbie; either by person, email or postal service. Debbie's email and home address are listed on the membership roster. She can also be contacted via the HUPS forum.

## Call for Photos - HUPS Gallery at Moody Gardens

By Tom Collier

As per our agreement with the Moody Gardens Aquarium, soon we are going to change out the prints in the HUPS Gallery on display at the aquarium. Our agreement with MG calls for a semi-annual re-refresh of the prints. We are scheduling the change-over for January 2011. During the month of October we will be soliciting digital images from the HUPS membership.

Moody Gardens has requested a theme of Seahorses, Pipefish and Weedy Sea Dragons for the next rotation of prints. (I know where to find a couple of Sea Dragon images.) The themed panel at Moody Gardens is on the short wall but we will be changing both panels for a total of 32 photographs. The un-themed panel is the larger of the two panels and those photos can be of any u/w subject.

This rotation of photographs will be chosen from past photo contest entries as well as new entries submitted to the MG Selection Committee chaired by Dennis Deavenport. Dennis will collect the entries and submit them to his committee for selection of the final 32 photos for the gallery.

If you have a photograph you would like to have considered for selection into the gallery, please email your digital entry to Dennis during the month of October. Remember that your photo can be of any subject but photos with subjects in the Syngnathidae family will be preferred.

# Dive Trip News

By Tom Collier

## RIVIERA MAYA, YUCATAN, MEXICO Oct 23 - 30, 2010

All inclusive, including airport ground transfers. Airfare not included.

3 days of reef diving, 2 days of cenote diving

More information available on HUPS forum

\$1,385.00 per person (double occupancy)

Trip leader - Mike Grueter

Closed

## BALI, INDONESIA May 27 - June 5, 2011

Scuba Seraya Resort

All inclusive, including 2 nights in Ubud

6 days of diving with Scuba Seraya

More information available of HUPS forum

\$1,250.00 per person (dbl occp), Airfare not included

Trip leader - Tom Collier

Sold Out - Waiting List started

## FLORES - ALOR, INDONESIA June 5 - 15, 2011

Komodo Dancer live-aboard

9 days of adventure diving

\$3,355 & up per person (dbl occp), Airfare not included

Trip contact - Island Dreams

10 spaces available



Intermediate 1st Place - Debbie Mensay, © 2010

# Howard & Michele Hall on Vimeo

Many of you may have seen the recent cover of Alert Diver Magazine featuring an image of schooling sailfish shot by Howard Hall in Isla Mujeres. The image was actually a still image taken from video shot with the Red One camera. See article on the Red One camera below.

Howard and Michele Hall are the leading underwater cinematographers of our time. They have directed four IMAX films and been the director of underwater photography on several others. In addition to IMAX work they have produced numerous films for the PBS Nature series, National Geographic and the Ocean Realm. To see some of their amazing work check out their Vimeo page here: <http://vimeo.com/user3495913> I especially enjoyed the Sailfish Drama video.

# Red One Camera

The Red One is a mega high resolution digital video camera intended for professional cinematographers. At \$25,000 for the basic camera it is doubtful that many HUPS members will be shooting with them any time soon. But it shows what technology is available for consumers in the near future. Numerous full length motion pictures and television shows have been shot with this camera. One of the most recent being The Social Network which is the movie about the creation of Facebook currently in theaters. Check out the camera here <http://www.red.com/> or just google up 'red one underwater' and you will find tons of information.

# Galveston Art Walk Features Jesse Cancelmo

Don't miss the Galveston Art Walk on Saturday October 9th from 6-9 p.m. And be sure to visit Island Divers at 525 25th St near the Strand (corner of 25th and Church St.). Hosted by the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary you can enjoy the Sanctuary's exhibit, chat with their staff and see the Texas Coral Reefs photographic print exhibit by HUPS Member Jesse Cancelmo. He will also have copies of his Texas Coral Reefs book at the Art Walk. [www.galveston.com/artwalk/](http://www.galveston.com/artwalk/)

# Important Dates

Put them on your calendar

## October 4

HUPS Meeting - Jackie & Mary Lou Reid - topic TBA

## November 1

HUPS Meeting - Alicia & Greg Grimes - Sipadan & Mabul, Malaysia

## January ?

HUPS Meeting - TBA

## October 16

HUPS Workshop - Roundtable on creating slideshows using Pro Show Gold/Producer

## December 6

HUPS Meeting - Holiday Dinner pot luck and Best of HUPS Contest

## February 7

HUPS Meeting - TBA

## Ocean Art Photography Competition 2010

The Underwater Photography Guide is proud to announce it is accepting entries for the first annual Ocean Art Photography Competition 2010.

There is over \$63,000 worth of prizes including over 25 liveaboard and scuba diving resort packages, dive equipment and much more. Grand prizes include 12 days on the Arenui boutique liveaboard, 9 days on the Solmar V, and 18 nights in Papua New Guinea including a stay on the Febrina. This is one of the largest underwater photography competitions held in terms of prizes.

The competition has 11 categories, including a Novice dSLR category, and 3 compact camera categories – giving underwater photographers of all levels a chance to win a great prize. Unique categories include Supermacro, Nudibranchs, and Divers / Fashion – a category that will allow pool shots. The more traditional categories include Wide-angle, Macro, Marine life Portrait, and Marine Life Behavior.

Winners from each category will be awarded a fantastic resort or liveaboard package. Winners will be able to rank the prizes they would like to receive, which means they are more likely to end up with a prize that they want.

Judges include world-renowned underwater photographers Martin Edge, Marty Snyderman, Chris Newbert, and Bonnie Pelnar. Martin Edge is the author of “The Underwater Photographer”, a top-selling book on underwater photography. Chris Newbert is the author of “Within a Rainbowed Sea”, a book selected by the White House as an official Presidential Gift of State.

Photos must be submitted before the November 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 deadline. Information can be found on our [Ocean Art Competition page](http://www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photo-contest): [www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photo-contest](http://www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photo-contest)



*Advanced 1st Place - Tom Collier, © 2010*

## Why Do You Dive?

*The article below was submitted by Kathy Long. It was written by her friend's daughter, Shelley Townsend. Perhaps you share similar motivations for diving.*

Why I dive? Because there is unlimited freedom, peace, beauty, colors and textures, the feeling of flight, adventure and discovery, trust in and sharing with my fellow divers joined with the chance for communication with other creatures I like to bond with who resemble aliens from far away places. It is a place for meditation, serenity, love and respect so often missing from our daily lives. If one has no desire or inclination or belief in God, if they dive, they will still know that there is a higher power out there who has placed this ocean realm before us, the relatively privileged few who are continuously pulled by a force so strong ~ into the sea...

- Shelley D. Townsend



*Intermediate 3rd Place - Kay Collier, © 2010*



*Novice 3rd place - Kandace Heimer, © 2010*

## Upcoming Monthly Photo Contests

Each month we will have Advanced, Intermediate and Novice contests. For complete contest rules checkout: <http://www.hups.org>

October - Things Only a Mother Could Love

January 2011 - Eyes and/or Teeth

November - Wide-angle

February 2011 - Seahorses & Pipefish

December - Best of HUPS

March - Blue Water

## October Contest

The October contest topic is “Things Only a Mother Could Love”. According to the HUPS website that means - “The odd, the ugly, the strange & misshapen. Angelfish, dolphins, tuna, etc. need not apply.” Shots must be taken underwater.” You can’t win if you don’t enter!

Descriptions of all 2010 & 2011 contest topics and rules can be found on [hups.org](http://hups.org).

Entries for the monthly contest should be emailed to [photocontest@hups.org](mailto:photocontest@hups.org) at least **48 hours prior** to the meeting. This mailbox is reserved for entries only. If you have a question regarding the digital contest send your email to [ddeavenport@comcast.net](mailto:ddeavenport@comcast.net) or [underh2o@mac.com](mailto:underh2o@mac.com). Complete contest rules can be found at <http://www.hups.org>. **Please be sure to adhere to the file naming instructions.** If you do not follow all the rules for digital entries your images will not be judged.

## Contest Results

September - Anything with Lungs

### Advanced

1st Tom Collier

2nd Jackie Reid

3rd Dennis Deavenport

### Intermediate

1st Debbie Mensay, Kay Collier, Paul McDonald (3-way tie)

2nd Mike Greiter, Debbie Mensay (2-way tie)

3rd Kay Collier, Jim Mensay (2-way tie)

### Novice

1st John VanAtta

2nd John VanAtta

3rd Kandace Heimer (2), Lance Glowacki (2), Monica Losey (5-way tie)

## Upcoming HUPS Workshops

A couple weeks ago we completed another successful workshop. The most recent workshop featured David Lenderman sharing how to stop taking snapshots and start creating images. Seventeen members attended and we had a new member join at the workshop. We have one more workshop for 2010.

**October 16th - Using ProShow Gold & Producer** - Oct. 16, 2010 (12 noon - 3pm) Have you ever wondered how to make

those really cool slideshows that you see at the monthly meetings?

On Saturday October 16, 2010 HUPS will have a round table share and learn at the Bayland Community Center to discuss the software ProShow. This very dynamic and rich in content software is available in both Gold and the even more powerful version known as Producer.

## Online UW Photo Magazine

One of the best sources for underwater photographers on the web is <http://www.uwpmag.com/>. That is the home of Underwater Photo Magazine. The magazine includes equipment reviews, articles on technique, info on dive destinations, you name it. Issues are downloadable as a pdf. Articles of interest in the current issue include: Shooting SLR video with Berkley White By Peter Rowlands and an article on shooting Over/Unders. Go check it out and learn something.

## More Chips and Salsa Please

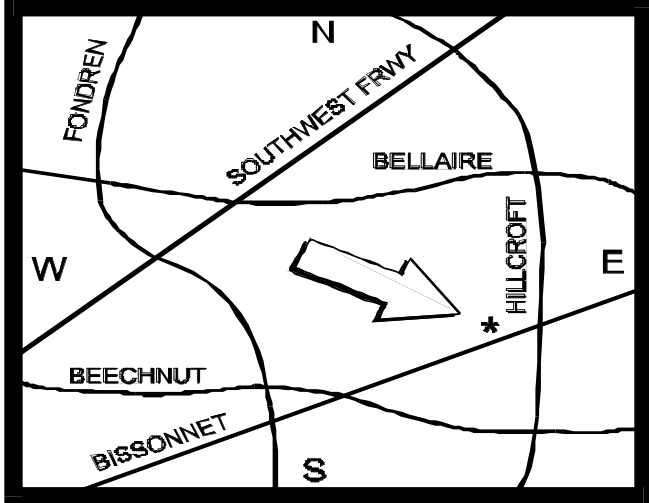
Everyone is welcome to join us for some Tex-Mex following HUPS meetings. A number of us meet at Don Carlo’s Mexican Restaurant. It is on the 59 Northbound feeder just North of Hillcroft. Exiting Bayland Community Center go left on Bissonnet, left on Hillcroft and then right on the 59 feeder. It’s about 100 yards on your right. You can’t miss it.



Novice 1st Place - John Van Atta, © 2010

*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, near Hillcroft. Social time begins at 6:45. Visitors are always welcome.*

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