



**Tip:**  
 When my concentration is heightened and I am in the zone, I am able to imagine that the image is being projected onto a screen in a darkened room. I ask myself, do I like what I have & how can I improve on it!  
 Martin Edge

# HUPS Annual Christmas Party & Creative Photo Contest

Submitted by Greg Grimes



Dennis Deavenport—Creative

Well, it is hard to believe that another year is almost over and a new one will soon begin. With that in mind, it is time once again for HUPS to celebrate the season with our annual Christmas Party. This year as in the past, we will be enjoying a wonderful pot luck dinner provided by the club members as well the club. Please plan to be at one of our most attended meetings and bring a dish to share. We know that there is always plenty of good food to go around.

Due to the Christmas Party, there will not be a speaker for this month. In lieu of a speaker, we will be presenting an extended photo contest presentation. The

December Photo Contest category is twofold. The first is "Best of HUPS" which includes any image taken underwater. This will include images that have placed 1<sup>st</sup> in this year's monthly contests. The second photo contest is the Creative category. This always brings out some interesting images. Anything goes in this category so feel free to Photoshop, or use any other digital manipulation programs you prefer. Cut-and-paste parts of one image onto another; feel free to distort, change color or texture, repeat, invert, rotate, etc. The only requirement is that you must have been the photographer or created the image that is the primary focus. Get those creative juices flowing!



M.L. Reid—Creative

Please send your creative images to Dennis as soon as possible if you have not already!

If possible, please plan to arrive early to help set up the dining room and socialize. Our meeting will take place at Bayland Community Center on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

# Membership Renewal

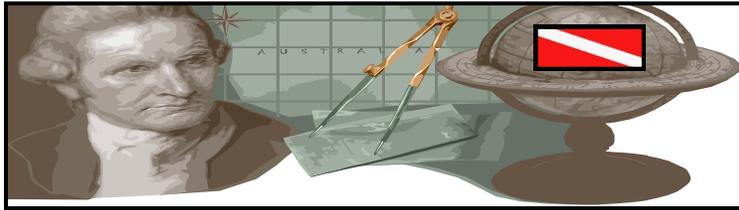
By Alicia Grimes

Well it is that time again to keep our club in the financial black by paying our annual dues. This year like in years past will be \$35.00 for individuals and \$45.00 for your entire family.

This is quite a deal when that includes 12 monthly presentations as well as specialized workshops, website forum and a monthly newsletter. We have three ways to renew your membership:

- Pay at the next few HUPS meetings in person.
- You can renew using this link on **PayPal** the [hups.org](http://hups.org) website (PayPal is safe, fast & secure.)
- Print and fill out and mail your completed form and check to: P.O. Box 270056 Houston, TX 77277  
 If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [alicia@theworldinaflash.com](mailto:alicia@theworldinaflash.com)





## President's Message

I just wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays! A couple of weeks ago, for the Thanksgiving Holidays, many of us gathered with family and friends to celebrate and give thanks. As we all travel half way around the world most years in our scuba and adventure travels, it becomes easy to see and realize that we have so many blessings in this country to give thanks for. Our country's freedom and liberty did not come easy and we are forever thankful for the ones that have come before us and for the ones that are present with us now that have given their all for us and our country.

Come and share the joys of the Christmas season with us at our annual Christmas Holiday party at this Monday's general meeting December 3, 2012. HUPS will provide the main course, and we are asking you all to bring your favorite dish and beverage. In addition to the great food and fun, we'll also get to find out who the Photographer of the Year is for each of our 3 categories and we'll get to show our appreciation by selecting our Member of the Year. We'll also all get to judge the winners of the BEST of HUPS Photo competition as well as get a glimpse into the more imaginative minds of some of our fellow photographers who show us their pictures in the Creative Competition.



Finally, congratulations to our next year's new Officers and Board members. President-Greg Grimes, Vice President- Terry Moore, Secretary- Tammy Allyn, Treasurer- Tom Collier, Board Members: Jan Baughman, Bess Bright, Frank Burek, Martin Daniels, Dennis Deavenport, Lance Glowacki, Alicia Grimes, Mike Grueter, Gary Harris, Ken Knezick, Jim Mensay, Henry Ragland, Russell Ramsey. The talents of these folks are only out paced by their dedication to serving the club and making it a success.



At the party this Monday night, take a few moments to share with us what your favorite stocking stuffer might be. As I have packed for several scuba trips this year, I realized I had just about any piece of photography gear that I could think of, so maybe the only thing I need, want, or could use is

just a bigger camera bag to put it all in. Or maybe a fancy homemade camera jacket vest like Terry Moore has. If you don't know what I am talking about, catch up with Terry this next week and have him describe it to you. You may find that you might have room for a stocking stuffer after all.



Happy Holidays and I hope to see a bunch of you under the boat next year.

*Scuba Jim*

## Divers Save a Whale Shark

Submitted by Alicia Grimes



In my continuous attempt to spotlight the good work being done by our fellow divers I present to you the following [video](#). This video played recently on ABC evening news and shows a group of divers as they helped rescue a whale shark that was tangled up in a fishing rope. This is very inspirational!



# Archive Article Camera Storage



Submitted by John Wayne Leek

## Editors Note:

As the weather turns cold it is time to put the gear aside for a few months. I found this particular article very informative from a former HUPS member. I hope you do as well.

Some of you may be planning to put your gear up for the next few months. If you aren't going to use the camera for a few months there are a few precautions that you should consider.

1. Clean it thoroughly. Soak it in warm water for an extended period of time. Parts have a way of freezing up if all of those little salt crystals aren't removed.
2. Clean all lens.
3. Remove all o-rings for storage. Keeping them in the camera for an extended period of time wears them out faster. They flatten and lose their effectiveness.
4. If you take the O-rings out make sure to place a reminder note of some kind so you don't forget them when you're ready to take pictures underwater again.
5. Store in a cool dry place.



## November Photo Contest Results

Novice	
1st	Mike Fernandez
2nd	Bess Bright
3rd	Bess Bright

Intermediate	
1st	Mike Greuter (2)
2nd	Debbie Mensay
3rd	Jim Mensay

Advanced	
1st	Tom Collier
2nd	Tom Collier
3rd	Tom Collier

## 2012- End of the Year Winners

Novice		
1st	Mike Fernandez	689
2nd	Greg Grimes	665
3rd	Bess Bright	617
4th	Lance Glowacki	549
5th	John Van Atta	295

Intermediate		
1st	Jim Mensay	728
2nd	Debbie Mensay	712
3rd	Mike Greuter	588
4th	John Petty	178
5th	Monica Losey	103

Advanced		
1st	Tom Collier	756
2nd	Ken Knezick	686
3rd	Terry Moore	683
4th	Dennis Deavenport	663
5th	Ken Bean	556





# 2012 Meetings

## Meetings & Presentations

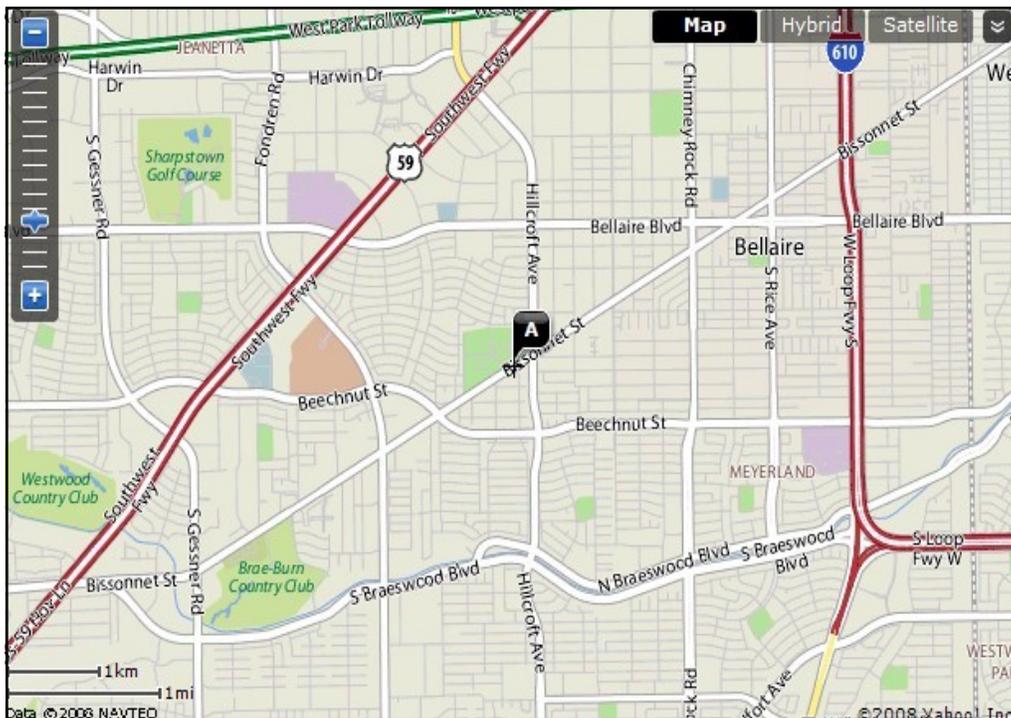
Month	Date	Presenter	Show Title & Synopsis	Contest Topic
January	9th	Terry Moore	Terry Moore presents Afghanistan to Bon- aire	Turtles
February	6th	Jesse Cancelmo	Capturing & Publishing Cave Images of Texas: (Goodenough Springs)	Angelfish & Butterfly Fish
March	5th	Dennis Deavenport	Underwater Composition	Two or More of a Kind (but less than a dozen)
April	2nd	Dr. Brian Tulloch	Safari Serengeti—Tented camp safari	Nudibranchs & Worms
May	7th	Mike Greuter	How HUPS has Improved My Composition	Real Small Macro
June	4th	Kandace & Jim Heimer	Lembeh Resort & Buyat Bay	Wide Angle
July	9th	Frank & Joyce Bu- rek	New Zealand & Creatures of the Night	Fish Portraits
August	6th	HUPS Members	Under Water Video Night	Leading Lines
September	10th	HUPS Members	All In Night	Gobies, Blennies, Jawfish, Triplefins
October	1st	HUPS Members	Philippines Trip Recap	Cute/Funny
November	5th	Jesse Cancelmo	USS Hatteras	Divers & Snorkelers
<b>December</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>HUPS Members</b>	<b>HUPS Christmas Party</b>	<b>Best of HUPS &amp; Creative</b>

Keep up to date with all workshops at <http://www.hups.org/Workshops/Workshops.htm> and on the forum at <http://www.hups.org/forum/index.php?board=5.0>



*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets at the Bayland Community Center starting at 7:00 PM.  
(Social time begins at 6:45)*

*(6400 Bissonnet, near the Hillcroft intersection)  
Visitors are always welcome.*



## **2012 HUPS Officers**

### **President:**

Jim Mensay

### **Vice President:**

Greg Grimes

### **Secretary:**

Tammy Allyn

### **Treasurer:**

Tom Collier

### **Membership/ Newsletter:**

Alicia Grimes

### **Photo Contest:**

Dennis Deavenport

### **TGCC Rep:**

Frank Burek /  
Debbie Mensay

### **Web Master:**

James Heimer

### **Workshops:**

Greg Grimes

### **Trip Coordinator:**

Alicia Grimes

### **Historian:**

Frank Burek

### **Special Events:**

Jan Baughman

## ***HUPS on the Web***



<http://www.hups.org/>



<http://www.youtube.com/user/HUPSdotORG>



<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?%23!/group.php?gid=174168478778>

## **Board of Directors**

Mary McDonald

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