



Quote:
Life is like a camera:
Focus on what is important
Capture the good times
Develop from the negatives
and if things don't work out take
another shot!

Author: Unknown

HUPS Celebrate the Holiday with our Annual Christmas Potluck

Submitted by Jan Baughman

Don't forget about the HUPS Christmas party this coming Monday evening! It is potluck, so bring a favorite dish to share. Meat, drinks and paper products will be furnished. I could use some help ahead of time to set the room up. I plan to be there around 5:30–5:45. Merry Christmas y'all!



HUPS Photographer of the Year Winners

Hi Team,

Here is the announcement for the POTY winners in 2015.

Congratulations, Martin Daniels, Monica Losey, and Dennis Deavenport! It is our pleasure to announce that you are the winner of the 2015 Photo contest in your categories.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the photo contest 2015. Your chance to win is just around the corner. So look at the photo contest themes in 2016 and start preparing your submissions.

Sincerely,
Lance Glowacki



HUPS' PRESIDENT'S PAGE- End of the Year

2015 has been a great year for HUPS. We have had 3 exciting and thought provoking workshops, one DAN sponsored Basic Life Support: CPR, and First Aid Provider course that many members took part in, 11 great photo contests, 2 great HUPS sponsored trips to the BVI/St. Croix and the almost annual Bonaire excursion, and HUPS members removed and re-installed new pictures at Moody Gardens. 2016 looks to be even more exciting with trips to Palau sponsored by Island Dreams, a return trip to the BVI/St. Croix and the "almost annual trip to Bonaire" led this time by Lorna Carpenter.

The Moody Gardens re-installation went well and the new photos are presently in place until August 2016 when HUPS will take them down and then reinstall them as the Moody Gardens renovation moves forward.

The TGCC 2016 Banquet is now scheduled to take place January 30, 2016 at Bayland Community Center from 11 am when the social get together begins and the luncheon starting at 11:45. Tickets are \$15.00. See Frank for additional information. The sign-up sheet will be on the table next to the name badges.

Last month I commented on the **Oasis Photo Contest 2015**. I have now confirmed it is a legitimate contest pertaining to Nature and Wildlife Photography. All information concerning the contest for those of you who may be interested entering can be found at: www.oasisphotocontest.com.

Two other photo contests are the **Underwater Photographer of the Year 2016 (UPY LONDON)** which according to Alex Mustard "is a competition run by photographers for photographers-----to celebrate excellence in all branches of underwater photography". It also had a fee attached. Information concerning this contest can be found @ www.underwaterphotographeroftheyear.com. All images must be submitted by January 4, 2016.

The other competition is **Beneath the Sea's 2016 Open International Imaging Competition**. The contest deadline is December 31, 2015! Winners will be announced at the International Film Festival on the weekend of **Beneath the Sea's Ocean adventure Exposition and Dive Travel Show** held April 1, 2, & 3, 2016 at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey. For more information, please go to www.Beneaththesea.org.

The **BVI and St. Croix** trip scheduled for May 14-21, 2016 with the St. Croix add on scheduled May 21-25, 2016 is moving forward. It is time to get in your deposits in as the first payment to **Dive BVI** is due January 15th and the second payment is Due March 15th. We have made a deposit to **N2 the Blue**, the dive shop we will be using in St. Croix, and will be making individual deposits to **Cottages by the Sea** as the add on to St. Croix is almost full with one individual space open. The BVI has two houses we can still fill. Please complete the signup sheet if you are interested or see Lance or Russell at the December meeting.

The December meeting is the final meeting for 2015 when we will announce the winners of 2015 photo contests. Remember this is a POT LUCK dinner that Jan Baughman is in charge of but she can use help in set up and presentation. Come early and enjoy the camaraderie of your HUPS members.

Bess Bright recently sent me an email that is of importance to all of us who travel. Recently a newly married woman was denied passage on an airliner for her honeymoon due to "bent pages" in her passport. Apparently decisions pertaining to "damaged passports" are made on a case by case basis by airport staff. The damage was to the biological page which was peeling. The danger was by allowing a passenger to travel with a damaged passport, the passenger may not be allowed entry into the foreign destination. That passenger would be put back on the plane for a return to the US. If it looks like your passport is damaged it might be wise to get a new one.

Let's keep safe and keep on diving.

Russell Ramsey



Open Letter to HUPS Member from Lance Glowacki

"Dear Fellow HUPS Members,

It has been a pleasure working with the volunteer judges of the monthly photo contest this year. Please express your appreciation for all their hard work and time spend on their weekends judging the photo contest. The judges in 2015 are Tom Collier, Kenneth D. Knezick, David Lenderman, Mary Reid, Jackie Reid, and Jesse Cancelmo.

I am also writing to make a request of the membership for 2 new volunteer judges in 2016. This initiative requires the member to contribute 2-3 hours per month. You will need a computer and an internet connection as all the photo contest entries are digital. You will be viewing the entries using Power Point, scoring them in an Excel spreadsheet and saving the results in a Dropbox folder. This project lasts from January 2016 through November 2016. Please let me or Dennis Deavenport know if you are interested in being a judge.

Thanks

Lance"

November Photo Contest Results



Craig Beasey—Intermediate

Novice	
1st	Craig Beasley
2nd	Martin Daniels
3rd	Martin Daniels
Intermediate	
1st	Bess Bright
2nd	Monica Losey
3rd	Lance Glowacki
3rd	Monica Losey
Advanced	
1st	Dennis Deavenport
2nd	Jim Mensay
3rd	Dennis Deavenport
3rd	Jim Mensay
3rd	Mike Greuter



Bess Bright—Intermediate



Debbie Mensay —Advanced



Dennis Deavenport—Advanced





Photo Contest Themes 2016

Month	Themes	Description
1.	Shrimps, Crabs, Lobster	Just like it says... look it up in the book (crabs, shrimp, lobsters, etc.). When in doubt... Wikipedia can help you out.
2.	Black & White	Mono-color images (black & white, sepia, bluetone, etc.). Only shades of one color are allowed. Can be taken as a monochrome image straight out of the camera or edited down from full color.
3.	Toadfish, Scorpionfish, Lizardfish	A group of Odd-shaped bottom dwellers. Normally found resting on the sea bottom. All are consisted experts at camouflage
4.	Something Striped	A critter or fish that has noticeable stripes. A long narrow band distinguished, as by color or texture, from the surrounding material or surface
5.	Curves	Anything that is characterized by a curve. Can be fish, invertebrates, or even non-living. To have or take a turn, change, or deviation from a straight line or plane surface without sharp breaks or angularity
5a Video	General	1 to 3 minutes
6.	Barracuda, Tarpon, Spadefish	A group of fish ranging in color from silver to gray. May have a bluish, yellowish or greenish tints. In this theme we are only dealing with 3 types.
7.	Eyes	Any sea life that has an eye. Can be fish, invertebrates or mammal.
8.	Echinoderms (starfish of all kinds, urchins, sea cucumbers, etc.)	"The adults are recognizable by their (usually five-point) radial symmetry, and include such well-known animals as starfish, sea urchins, sand dollars, and sea cucumbers, as well as the sea lilies or "stone lilies".
9.	Textures	Texture, another element of art, is used to describe either the way a three-dimensional work actually feels when touched, or the visual "feel" of a two-dimensional work.
10.	Wild Faces	The face is front part of the head that extends from the forehead to the chin and includes the mouth, nose, cheeks, and eyes. The wild is going beyond normal or conventional bounds.
10a Video	General	1 to 3 minutes
11.	Hogfish, Wrasses, Parrotfish, Razorfish	A group of fish that have pectoral fins with large, even scales.
12.	Best of HUPS	NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED , and CREATIVE contests: First place winners from each month's Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced categories will be entered automatically for judging. The Creative category lets you enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing.



Open Letter to the Members

Changes and Reminders for the HUPS 2016 Photo/Video Contests

Changes:

1. The photo entry deadline day has been changed to the Wed 11:59 pm before the monthly meeting date. Reason for the change is to give the photo coordinator time to review the entries before submitting them for judging. This also allows the judges' time to judge the entries during the week days rather than on a weekend. Note this deadline is the last day your can submit entries early submissions are always welcome.
2. Video contest entries – The club wants to continue making progress on the video contest we started in 2015. To accomplish that goal the video contest will be scheduled for entries in the months of May and October.
Length of video accepted: 1 to 3 minutes
Subject: Must underwater or diving related
Content: Can include stills along with video
Format: Mp4, AVI and MOV
Deadline: Same as the Photo Contest
Filename: First initial and Last Name_x x= the number of your entry
Submissions will be to the Club's Dropbox because of the file size.
3. Email address for submitting your entries is hupsphotocontest@gmail.com the email systems will response with a message letting you know that your entry was received.

Reminders

1. If your entry has been a winner in a previous contest it will be disqualified. Remember this is a photography hobby contest and it just for fun.
2. The submitted photographs should be sized to 1920 x 1080 and 72 dpi. Note if you are using light room the crop setting 16x9 is 1920 x 1080.





2015 Meetings

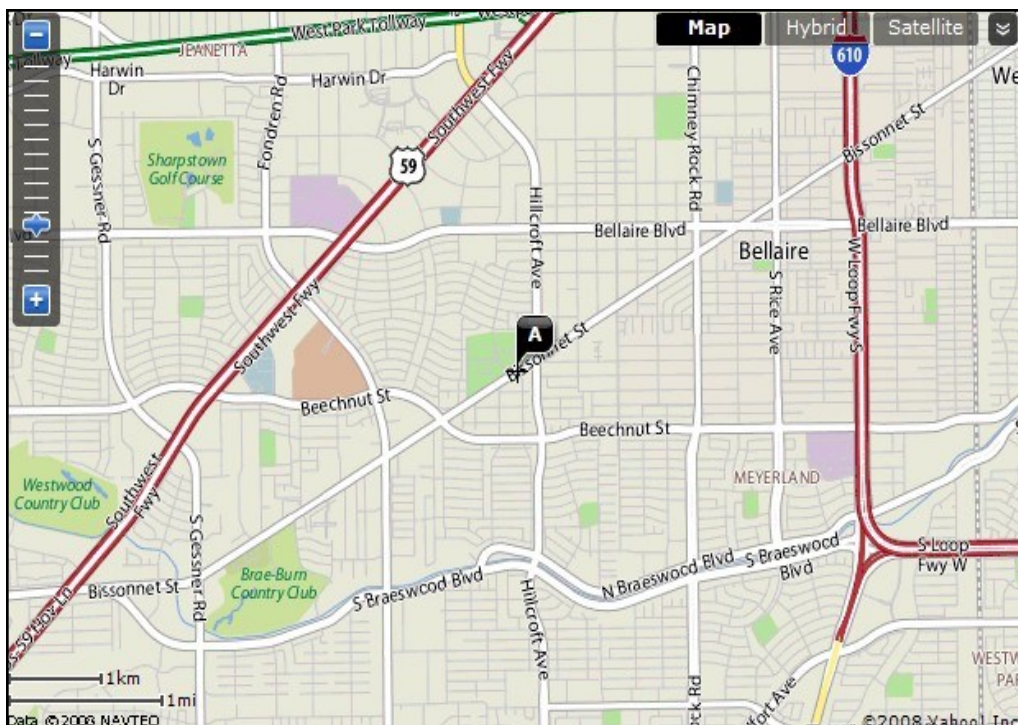
Meetings & Presentations

Month	Date	Presenter	Show Title & Synopsis	Contest Topic
January	5th	Dennis Deavenport	Costa Rica and Cocos Island (Okeanos Aggressor)	Two or More of a Kind
February	2nd	Tom & Kay Collier	Komodo	Toothy
March	2nd	Cecilia Clementi	Raja Ampat	Eels
April	6th	Bess Bright & Joe Holden	Underwater in the Bahamas	Gobies, Blennies, Jaw Fish, Triple Fins
May	4th	Beata Lerman	Gulf of Eilat	Long and Thin - Fish or Critters
June	1st	Mike Greuter	Mexico's Three Coasts	Patterns
July	6th	Ken Knezick	Don't just take photo's—compose your underwater images	Reef Scenes with Diver or Divers
August	3rd	Invited Members	My Best Shot4t's and Why I Like Them	Natural Light
September	14th	Monica Losey	South Africa Adventures	Unusual Shapes
October	5th	BVI participants	BVI Club Trip	Cephalopods
November	2nd	Lance Glowacki	Jim Church School of Underwater Photography	Night Life
December	7th	Christmas Party	Best of HUPS	Best of HUPS (monthly winners in Novice, Intermediate, & Advanced + Creative topics)



*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.*



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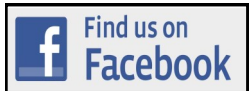
HUPS on the Web



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



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



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3. Remember to include your category NOV=Novice, INT= Intermediate, and ADV=Advance

