

Woodlands Photography Club

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Mark Your Calendar:

- Sept. 9 — Regular Club Meeting
- Sept 28 & 29 — Photo Seminar by Darrell Gulin
- Oct. 12-13 — Big Thicket Field Trip
- Oct. 14 — Regular Club Meeting

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Kathy Adams Clark will be our Guest at the September Meeting

Kathy Adams Clark will talk about back yard photography at our regular club meeting on August 9. Kathy has been a professional nature photographer since 1995. She runs a small stock agency that represents the work of eight outstanding nature photographers. Kathy's work has been published in many magazines including Nature's Best, Ducks Unlimited, Birder's World, and Family Fun. Her photos have also appeared in a numerous books, Audubon calendars and the New York Times. Her photos appear every week in the "Wonders of Nature" column in the Houston Chronicle written by her husband, Gary Clark. Kathy teaches photography through a variety of outlets in the Houston area. She

gave over 50 slide presentations to clubs and organizations in 2001. She will lead photo workshops for Voyagers Photo Tour Network in 2002 to Ireland and Galapagos Islands. Kathy is on the board of the North American Nature Photography Association and is in charge of their annual convention. Join us at 6:30 at the Montgomery County South Branch Library (just west of The Woodlands Pavilion), 2101

Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, Texas.

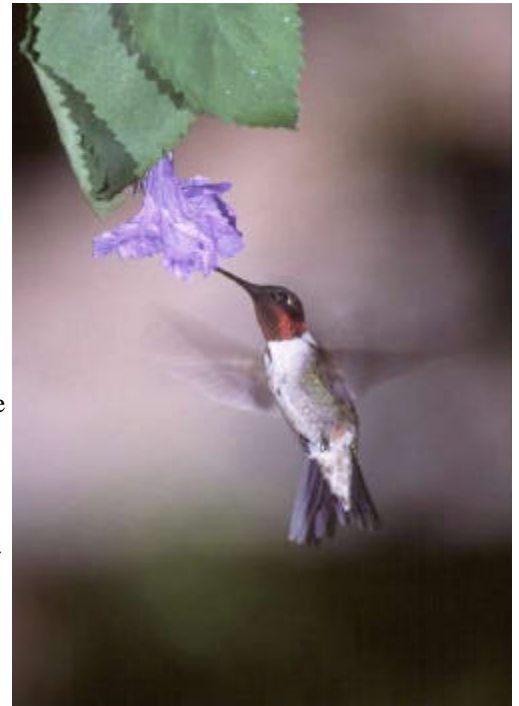


Photo by Kathy Adams Clark

Big Thicket Field Trip in October

On October 12-13, 2002, team up with your fellow photographers and join the Woodlands Photography Club in a unique experience of the Big Thicket. There are many trails to explore and photograph. We will meet at 7:30, October 12,

by the Visitor Center seven miles north of Kountze, at the corner of U.S. Highway 69 and FM 420. Here's a little history from the National Parks Service web site. "In October 1974 President Gerald Ford signed legislation establish-

ing the first National Preserve in the National Park System. The Preserve is composed of land and water units. In 1993, legislation was passed to expand the Preserve incorporating creek corridors and addi-

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Big Thicket Field Trip in October

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tional land areas. Today, the National Park Service manages over 97,000 acres of public lands in what was the original Big Thicket surveyed by Parks and Cory. Further recognition of the Big Thicket biological diversity came from the United Nations UNESCO Man and the Biosphere program. In 1981 Big Thicket National Preserve was added to the list of International Biosphere Reserves. On July 26, 2001, the American Bird Conservancy designated Big Thicket National Preserve a Globally Important Bird Area (IBA). The Big Thicket -- lands richly diverse in biological resources -- some of the

richest diversity in North America. The last Ice Age brought a character change on the natural systems found here. The cold environment "pushed" or encouraged species to move from separate ecological systems into a close "neighborhood." Today, species from the Gulf Coastal Plains, Eastern Forests, and Central Plains share space with species indicative of swamps and bayous. Baldcypress swamps are a short distance from upland pine savannahs and sandhills. Roadrunners watch eastern bluebirds fly to and from their nests in nearby trees. When you visit the Big Thicket, there will be no grand vistas or majestic mountain ranges to tantalize your eyes. However, you will

see, when you choose to look closely around you, a unique assemblage of species--some endangered or threatened. This is the place called The Big Thicket."

For more information, check out: <http://www.nps.gov/bith/>.



Big Thicket National Preserve

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OK all you writers out there, this is your chance to share you photographic knowledge with the world — share a favorite technique, write an equipment review, document a special photographic experience you've had. Send your article in plain text format (with any photos attached) by the 25th of each month to:
wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org

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Sept. 'Mini Contest': Fireworks & Night / Textures & Patterns

Betty Kody's Grasshopper photo was the winner at our August Mini Contest. Nice going Betty!
 The next assignments are (Pictorial / Nature):

September Meeting
 Fireworks & Night / Textures & Patterns

October Meeting
 Something Round / Sky & Clouds

November Meeting
 Motion / Animals

December Meeting
 Reflections / Marshes

Prints are easiest, but we will have slide viewers at the meetings as well. Each Print and / or Slide will have a number to identify it for a secret ballot. The photo getting the most votes will become the new home page photo for the next month.

Darrell Gulin Seminar Sept 28

Darrell Gulin is an accomplished Speaker / Teacher. He is a nature and wildlife photographer published in many calendars, stock agencies, and multiple magazines including Outdoor Photographer. He teaches frequent workshops and is a featured Speaker at NANPA and Fotofusion.

The seminar will include "The 5 S's for Successful Photography"

- * Skill
- * Seeing
- * Situation
- * Subject
- * Simplicity

Darrell will also discuss: Fill Flash, Creativity, Digital Scanning and Printing, and Editing in the field and on the light table.

September 28, 2002
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
The Woodlands, Texas

On Sunday the 29th, Darrell will lead a special photo field trip for WPC members only. Pre-register, space is limited.

For more information please contact:
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Photo by Darrell Gulin

Prints from USA's Greatest Photographers, only \$0.37?

Sometimes the U.S. government does something that really makes sense, this is an example. Recently, the U.S. Postal Service honored some of the greatest American photographers with a series of stamps entitled "Masters of American Photography". Each stamp is a classic image by a great photographer such as Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Paul Strand, Edward Steichen, and others, making up a set of twenty.

The set can be purchased as a block with a short description of each photograph on the back. You can find them at the post office, or www.usps.gov. Buy the set, study the images, and learn about the person who took the picture. To really appreciate photogra-



phy, learn about those who preceded us, and discover why their work will be remembered far into our future. Besides, where could you buy 20 fine prints, from our country's greatest photographers, for only 37 cents each! — George Carlson

Member Portfolios at woodlandsphoto.org



Photo by Paula Harper. Take a look at the rest of her portfolio at www.woodlandsphoto.org/~pharper

One of the many benefits of membership in the Woodlands Photography Club

is the free web space available to each member at woodlandsphoto.org.

Check out the 'Links' page to see the latest of the member portfolios. Paula Harper and Marty Phelix added their sites last month Who's next?

If you are a paid member of the Woodlands Photography Club, and would

like web space for your non-commercial, photography related web site, just send an email to webmaster@woodlandsphoto.org, and we'll set you up.

WWW.WOODLANDSPHOTO.ORG

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About Our Club

The Woodlands Photography Club meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 9 P.M. at the Montgomery County South Branch Library (just west of The Woodlands Pavilion), 2101 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, Texas.

We usually get together in the meeting room immediately to the left as you enter the front doors. Visitors and the curious are always welcome. Anyone interested in photography of any type, no matter what your level of experience (professional, amateur, or wannabe), is welcome to join our club. Membership is only \$1.25/month (embarrassingly miniscule, we should really charge a whole lot more), which is \$15 paid annually. That's the for-real bargain of the year, folks.

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The Woodlands Photography Club Newsletter is published each month by the club. If you have something of interest to share with the members, email your article by the 25th of each month to wpcnews@woodlandsphoto.org.