

Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest



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ATTENTION: IMPORTANT CONTEST INFORMATION Contest Ends: July 1st!

It has been brought to our attention that June 30th falls on a Saturday. In an effort to make the best use of travel time for photographers, the Rules Committee has agreed to extend the contest by ONE day to July 1st. The Submission Deadline will remain July 13th!

Photographer Field Notes! By Michelle Horine

Rain, rain go away.....has become a familiar tune in our office during the contest period. Photographers have been checking in to report on their latest adventure, mishap, and sighting. It is estimated that more than 100,000 photos will have been taken by the photographers during this year's contest. On July 1st, 2007 the cameras will be put away, and the computers will be kicked into high gear preparing images for submission. All images must be submitted to the contest office no later than 5:00 pm Friday, July 13th. Please be sure to refresh yourself with the submission guidelines prior to working your images.

Make sure all of your images contain your photographer ID number as specified in the rules. If you are shooting slides, you will need to give the office a call, so that slide labels can be sent to you. The Ranch Gate photo we asked that you take should be saved in a separate folder titled "Ranch Gate." This photo will not compete in the contest; however a "Top Shot" will be selected and announced at the Award's Banquet.

A wildlife biologist will be on call the week of submissions if any of you need assistance with identifying an animal. Just give us a call at the office and we can assist with

this process.

Judging will be the last week in July followed by a "Meet the Judges" party at the Fennessey Ranch on Saturday, July 28th.

Award Letters will be sent out in August to all participants who win at least one image.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the unveiling of the winning photos at the Award's Banquet, Aug. 25th.

Upcoming Events

Last day of Contest	July 1 st , 2007
Slides & Digital Images due at CBWPC Office	July 13 th , 5 PM
Judges Photo Series Workshop	July 25 th
Meet the Judges Party, Fennessey Ranch	July 28 th
Judging	July 25-28
CBWPC 2007 Awards Banquet(American Bank Center)	Aug. 25 th , Noon

Meet the Judges

We are honored to have such eminently qualified judges for the Wildlife Photo Contest. They donate their time and expertise as a show of support for our educational and conservational values.



photo: Theo Allofs

Susan McElhinney
Photo Director Children's Publications
National Wildlife Federation
Reston, Virginia

Susan McElhinney is the Director of Photography for Children's Publications of the National Wildlife Federation. As such, she photo edits *Ranger Rick*, *Your Big Backyard* and *Wild Animal Baby*. As a professional photographer for 25 yrs. she rarely photographed a bird or plant, except when she did a book for National Geographic Young Explorers on how to help wildlife. Rather, her focus was heads of state, Congress and other political happenings in the world. She did this as a staff photographer for *Newsweek* Magazine in the Washington DC bureau through the Carter and Reagan years. For many years hence she freelanced for corporate clients, *People*, *Life*, *Parenting*, *Fortune*, and *National Geographic* pubs among others. Later, in an effort to stay closer to home, she began part-time editing with NGS on their kids magazine *World*. In 2001 she moved over to RR, YBB and WAB and enjoys the daily challenge to entertain with nature stories, teach about plants and animals, encourage kids to get out each day to experience nature and bring wildlife news to two million kids each month.



Jim Carr
Photographer & Field Instructor
Houston, TX

Veteran Photographer, Jim Carr started teaching Film Camera Workshops at the Big Bend Ranch State park in 1982 for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Carr specializes in both beginner and intermediate skill levels, looking to capture some of Texas' top scenery in Big Bend Ranch near Presidio. The *Houstonian* switched to Digital Camera workshops in 2005 due to the technological demand. Most of Jim's free lance underwater work has gone to stock agencies. They have been used numerous times for calendars and advertisements. Jim is also known for his limited edition Landscape prints which he sells. Jim is a graduate of Brooks Institute for Underwater Photography and the Maine School of Photography in Large Format View Camera and Black and White printing classes. In 2004 Jim completed coursework from Houston Community College in Photoshop, ImageReady and Illustrator Classes. He is a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals.

Earl Nottingham
Chief Photographer
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Temple, Texas

Earl Nottingham has been involved in professional photography for almost 30 years, and for the past 11 years has served as chief photographer for the Texas Parks & Wildlife department and *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazine where he has won numerous state and national awards for his photography of conservation issues. His work has been published widely in regional and national publications such as *Smithsonian*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Texas Highways* and numerous calendar titles. Nottingham holds a B.S. degree in Photography from East Texas State University and attended the Photography Institute of America in Atlanta, Georgia. He also holds the Master of Photography degree from Professional Photographers of America. He lives in Temple, Texas with wife Paula and son Adam.

Judges'
Photo Series
Workshop

July 25th

The Layered
Photograph-
Adding Visual
Dimensions

Presented by:
Earl Nottingham

Digital
Photography
For Beginners

Presented By:
Jim Carr

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Seat Today!

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Hayrides □ Bird Watching □ Photo Blinds

Meet the Judges Party

Saturday, July 28th
Fennessey Ranch
(Between Bayside & Refugio)
4:00-8:00pm

- Tour ground level photo blinds
- Jump aboard a hayride 'round the ranch
- Stroll along Nature Trails
- Enjoy a WILD day with lots of food, fun, and beverages.

Dress for a day on the Ranch....
don't forget your binoculars.



Fennessey Ranch



RSVP by July 23rd

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Photos by: Sean Fitzgerald, Fennessey Ranch

Save Your Table Today!

Award's Banquet

American Bank Center

Saturday August 25th

Winning Photos unveiled at 11:30 am

Lunch & Banquet to Follow

Participant Discounted Tickets Available

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