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“ How I Zoo “ by Jackie Bartels



By about the first of March, I begin to get what I call “Zoo Fever”. I am not a cold weather person so until the weather becomes warmer, I hibernate. When I pick up my camera by the first part of April, there is not a cat to be found ó posing is not their thing after a winter of photo shoots.

I usually go out to the Zoo around 2:00 in the afternoon since you know I’m not a morning person. Also, if you go early in the mornings, the animals are not usually out as well as you have all the daycare and preschool-aged kids running around everywhere making it difficult at times to photograph some subjects. Later in the year when it gets too hot, the buildings are well air conditioned where the big cats (my favorites) and the gorillas are located. The reptile building is also a good place to retreat from the

summer heat. The buildings are usually open until dusk in the summer.

I generally travel light ó one camera, two lenses and extra batteries. Depending on which camera is being used, I may have extra rolls of slide film consisting of Kodak Pro Ektachrome 200 and Provia 400. When using my digital camera, I also make sure I have extra memory cards. My cameras are Pentax ZX10 for slide film and the digital Pentax DST. The lenses used are the Pentax 18-55mm macro, the Tamron 100-300mm, and a telemacro lens. Using a tripod is optional but I can usually find a post or fence to stabilize my camera.

When using my flash and lenses, there are some tricks for shooting pictures at the Zoo. In the exhibits with glass, you can use a flash without getting the flash reflection by placing the lens against the glass with the flash on the hot shoe. The flash will go through the glass instead of spreading out over the glass causing the flash reflection. When using the macro lens, set the camera on F11 to make the main subject sharp. The 300mm lens needs to be set for action with a fast shutter speed.

It is best to select a reasonable section of the zoo to cover since our Oklahoma City Zoo has grown so much it would be difficult to cover it all in a single day. Also, you are able to spend more time with the animals in that section and can wait for that “special” shot. I have learned some of the habits of the animals such as 1) in the late afternoon, the gorillas gather at the windows waiting to go into the interior of their exhibit for dinner and 2) the bobcats and other carnivores become more active in the afternoon, as well as the tiger, who is usually in his hide out, will come down for his afternoon runabouts.

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October 2006 Competition Results

October 10 Competition

Color Prints AA

Debbie Devonshire 1 2

Color Prints AAA

Ed Lamb 3
Jan Lee 2 1
Wally Lee 3 2

Monochrome Prints AA

Debbie Devonshire 1 2

Monochrome Prints AAA

Jan Lee 1 1

Nature Prints

Jackie Bartels 1 2
Jan Lee 3 2
Wally Lee 3 2

PJ Prints

Paul Johnson 2 3
Maxey Pinson 1

October 24 - Competition

Digital Creative

Marles Bradley 3
Jaci Finch 3 2
Jan Lee 1 2
Tom McCreary 1 2
Charles Taylor 3

Digital Nature

Marles Bradley 3
John Key 1 3
Jan Lee 2
Wally Lee 2
Pam Meyers 2
Charles Taylor 2 2

Digital Open

Marles Bradley 2
Jan Lee 3 1
Wally Lee 2
Tom McCreary 1
Pam Meyers 3
Jonathan Stapleton 3
Carol McCreary 3 1

Digital PJ

Pam Meyers 3 3
Bob Scott 2
Jonathan Stapleton 3 1

GSCC Interclub Winners

Pictorial slides -

3rd - Jackie Bartels - Thru the Gate of Time

1st HM - Jan Lee - Fishing Village

Projected pictures -

1st - Jim Felders - Scotch on the Rocks

PJ Prints -

1st - Maxey Pinson - It was a New Hat

Nature -

3rd - Michael Mayberry - Resting Chameleon

B&W Prints -

1st - Jan Lee - Utah Desert Afternoon

2nd HM - Barbara Mueller - Winter Chill

Color Prints -

2nd - Doug Finch - Restful

Three Oklahoma Camera Club members received their PPSA certification during the Baltimore PSA Convention:

Betty Patterson, APSA

Tom McCreary

Carol McCreary



Article from front page



When I travel, I try to visit other zoos and I believe that the OKC Zoo is so far the best. Our animals have wonderful habitat areas and even if you don't see some of them right away, be patient and you will. The zoo is the one place I can go and feel perfectly safe. It is peaceful and restful. Sometimes, I like to just sit and watch the animals and listen to the sounds. It renews my spirit and erases all my worries. I love the zoo -- it is my summer place.

I hope everyone has a chance to "zoo" this year and don't forget the **Zoo Calendar Photo Contest - deadline is 08-15-07**. In the past years, our members have done quite well with many of their photos accepted and used in the zoo calendar. Also, if you plan to visit the zoo as often as I do, you may want to purchase a zoo pass, it is a lot cheaper.

Photo Opportunities

www.travelok.com/toDo/eventsSearch.asp

Doggie Strut Nov 4, 2006
Dripping Springs State Park
Okmulgee, OK

Attention dog lovers! This event includes a dog walk, games, vendors, food and more. A great day for you and your dog

Dripping Springs Rendezvous
Nov 9 - 11, 2006

Dripping Springs State Park
Okmulgee, OK

1830s reenactment with primitive skills demonstrations, a black powder shoot, bow shoot and crafts.

Honey Festival Dec 2, 2006
Town Wide

Minco, OK

The Honey Festival begins at 8am with the Minco Honey Run, a 5K road race USATF Sanctioned Event at the Minco Football Field. There will be more than 90 arts and craft vendors at the town Armory, including a blacksmith. The doors for the Quilt Show open at 9am with a variety of colors and styles. There is also a Kiddy Tractor Pull, starting at 12:30am. In the Minco City Hall is the Honey Bake Off and Dairy Products tasting of cheese, chocolate milk, eggnog & milk samples, and recipes provided by local milk producers. In the evening there will be a tour of homes within the Minco community with caroling presented by "The Spirit of Oklahoma" Show Chorus. Last year's event included 85 runners, more than 90 vendors and over 40 quilts on display.

ZOO Admission

Regular admission rates for the Zoo: Adults (12-64): \$7 Kids (3-11): \$4
Seniors (65 and older): \$4 Children two and under: FREE

Zoofriends annual membership - \$ 5 discount through December 31, 2006

Call **405-427-2461** or website: **www.zoofriends.org**

\$ 40 for one adult and guest

\$ 60 for two adults and up to five children

Naming for digital entries - NEXT DEADLINE - JANUARY 20, 2007

occ-tmccreary-a1-Water Fall

must use dashes and occ

occ-jlee-d2-Pretty Woman

NAME - first name letter + 8 char last name

occ (-) name (9 characters max) (-) category letter entry # (1 or 2) (-) Title (36 characters max)

category letter: **A-Nature, B-PJ, C-Creative, D-Open**

only two entries per category - email to **tmccreary@cox.net**



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Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church
5101 N. May, OKC

November 14 , 2006

Print Competition
Nature, Photojournalism, Color,
and Monochrome

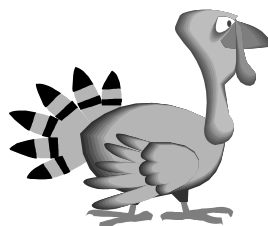
“ My Life in Photography “
Bill Odgers

**Judges: Carol McCreary, Tom McCreary
and Sandy Youngblood**

Refreshments: Joe Spence

November 23, 2006

Happy Thanksgiving



Workshops & Field Trips

PHOTOSHOP WORKSHOP - Meeting on Friday, November 10th, at the home of Carol & Tom McCreary at 7:00 pm. Our subject is “ Trees “ -- use any filter or process to improve to enhance your photo. Then come share these techniques at the workshop. We will discuss future topics. Everyone is welcome - call Carol or Tom -

NATURE WORKSHOP - Nature Workshop meeting will be Tuesday, November 21th at 7:30 pm at the home of Peggy & Darrell McClanahan, The slides/digital pictures will be selected for future Gulf States Camera Club Interclub competition. If you have other slides or digital images to loan to the club for interclub competition, please bring them to the meeting. We need your input

PHOTOGRAPHY 101 WORKSHOP - The Photography 101 Workshop will not meet in November and December. The next meeting will be January 20, 2007.

BOARD MEETING - Meeting will be Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm at the home of Jan & Wally Lee.