



## Borneo in Video & Stills

November 1, 2010 Program by Alicia & Greg Grimes

*By Jim Mensay*

Just when you were ready to settle down for a long winter's nap, we are going to whisk you away before you get too comfortable. This time it is on a trip to Borneo, Malaysia. We'll get to tag along with Greg & Alicia Grimes as they take a tour of Sipidan and the surrounding islands. We'll get to see their work flow on putting together this presentation, which will include every thing from picking the music, off loading the photo's while traveling, and we'll get a short class on how to use Lightroom, Pinnacle, and Proshow to make a show.

At other places, you may have to pay a high price for this type of show, but here you get it just for being a Hupster, like the rest of us. So come along and enjoy the journey as we once again get some helpful hints on how to experience an incredible location and then share it with others.

As usual our meeting will begin at 7 PM- Bayland Community Center - 6400 Bissonnet. A map can be found on the back of this newsletter.



*Photo of Greg Grimes by Alicia Grimes, © 2010*

### Dennis Does it Again

*By Jim Mensay*

Many thanks to Dennis Deavenport for his presentation last month on Bali, Indonesia, and Alaska. Dennis is an awesome and incredible photographer and he is able to put it all together to tell a really great story, with just the right choice of music. On top of all that, he is always willing to share his expertise with all of us.

Dennis,  
we truly appreciate your talent and skill and your ability to pass it on to us all. Thanks again.

# President's Message

*Drawing to a Close*

*By Tom Collier*

2010 is drawing to a close. It has been a difficult and yet fun year. The difficult part pertains to the economy and everything related to it. If you were trying to sell a house in 2010, it was a difficult year. But if you were shopping for a house, it has been a fun year. However, the difficult economy has not stopped our members from enjoying themselves with some great activities this year, spanning the gambit from motorcycling to ocean cruises and of course, most went diving. It has been an especially good dive year, highlighted by our club trip to the Philippines.

The November meeting will be the last regular meeting of the year. We have a great presentation on tap to be presented by Greg and Alicia Grimes. I can't wait to see what kind of pizzazz they come up with for their presentation. Their presentation will be the last one of the year, drawing to a close another year of attention grabbing monthly presentations. I am not sure how 2011 can top 2010 but I am sure that it will.

The November meeting will also feature the last photo contest of 2010 that counts toward the Photographer of the Year awards. A couple of the divisions are still in a tight race. It is amazing how close the photo contest point totals have been for the last couple of years. I think that we can contribute the close races as a testament to the fact that HUPS is doing a pretty good job teaching the proper u/w photography skill set to our members. The more we teach and share, the more proficient each of us becomes.

Our current selection of prints at Moody Gardens is also drawing to a close for this year. The current gallery has been an overwhelming success and we hope to continue that success with another round of gallery prints at the beginning of 2011. If you want an opportunity to showcase your images in the next rotation of prints, be sure to submit your images to the Moody Gardens committee.

At the November meeting we also will have our election of the 2011 club officers and the election will signal the end of the current officers' terms. We can look forward to some new faces next year presiding over our meetings. And fortunately for you readers, you can also look forward to some new material in this column.

Nominations for 2011 officers, directors and committee chairpersons have been coming in this month. Our next board meeting, at 5:00 pm, November 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately before the regular HUPS meeting will be an active meeting with many personnel changes to discuss as we are fortunate this year to have a growing pool of talent to tap. (If you are not a board member, you can still attend the board meeting as an observer; I encourage you to do so and see what goes on behind the scenes of your club.)

As 2010 is drawing to a close it is becoming apparent that 2011 promises to be an exciting new year for HUPS with many new personal changes that will be determined at the next BOD meeting and the November general election. I will have an opportunity to discuss what these changes will be in the December newsletter.

Tom

# 2010 Election Schedule

*By Tom Collier*

October 4<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Accept nominations and applications for club officers and directors for the 2011 year.

November meeting

General membership votes for the 2011 Officers and Directors

November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>

Accept nominations for the 2010 HUPS Member of the Year Award. Nominations must be in writing and will be read by the club secretary to the general assembly at the December meeting.

December meeting

General membership votes for the 2010 Member of the Year.

Debbie Mensay will be this year's Nomination Committee Chairperson. Nominations, applications and Member of the Year letters should be forwarded to Debbie; either by person, email or postal service. Debbie's email and home address are listed on the membership roster. She can also be contacted via the HUPS forum.

## Call for Photos - HUPS Gallery at Moody Gardens

*By Tom Collier*

As per our agreement with the Moody Gardens Aquarium, soon we are going to change out the prints in the HUPS Gallery on display at the aquarium. Our agreement with MG calls for a semi-annual re-refresh of the prints. We are scheduling the change-over for January 2011. During the month of October we will be soliciting digital images from the HUPS membership.

Moody Gardens has requested a theme of Seahorses, Pipefish and Weedy Sea Dragons for the next rotation of prints. (I know where to find a couple of Sea Dragon images.) The themed panel at Moody Gardens is on the short wall but we will be changing both panels for a total of 32 photographs. The un-themed panel is the larger of the two panels and those photos can be of any u/w subject.

This rotation of photographs will be chosen from past photo contest entries as well as new entries submitted to the MG Selection Committee chaired by Dennis Deavenport. Dennis will collect the entries and submit them to his committee for selection of the final 32 photos for the gallery.

If you have a photograph you would like to have considered for selection into the gallery, please email your digital entry to Dennis during the month of October. Remember that your photo can be of any subject but photos with subjects in the Syngnathidae family will be preferred.



Advanced 1st place - Ken Knezick, © 2010

## Member Spotlight - Lynn Nicklo

By Alicia Grimes

I am once again opening up the HUPS roster and putting a spotlight on one of our lifetime members. This month's article shines the light on Lynn Nicklo, all though not born with an "adventurer gene" an adventurer none the less.

Lynn is a true native Texan who grew up on the Texas, Mexico border in the town of Harlingen. She began her water career before diving as a lifeguard and swim teacher following in the footsteps of her mother. In 1985 she began diving after she was encouraged to give it a try while dating her soon to be husband, Joe. She later began adding photography to her skill set of diving and is currently making underwater memories with an Olympus camera. When asked what underwater creature has evaded her lens, Lynn stated the beautiful Mandarin fish. Although she has been on several dives that where specifically for "Mandarin fish" she has up to know not been able to see them let alone photograph them.

Since the Nicklo's are both lifetime members most of us know what avid travelers they are but most of us probably do not know that before traveling Lynn becomes a nervous wreck with her stomach in knots and questioning what ifs. In comes Joe to

save the day like a knight on a white horse. He is the one who encourages her get on the plane and enjoy another one of life's amazing experiences.

As in previous articles I ask the lifetime members to give us a travel story that we can all relate to, Lynn indulged us two. The first one takes place in Makassar Indonesia. While traveling they were placed at the "Transit Hotel". Lynn stated that it was so bad that even Joe was apprehensive as he does not require a lot of fuss. It was dirty; the plumbing from the sink drained to the floor, mosquitoes everywhere and the a.c. continuously dripped on the bed but the good news is they did serve a to-go box catered dinner in the reception area. Lynn ate the still in the shell hard boiled eggs which looked o.k and gave the rest of the dinner of chicken and rice to a starving mother cat that was standing outside their hotel room door looking for a hand out. Lynn and Joe still laugh about that inedible dinner.

The second travel story takes place in Fiji. Joe had hired a driver to take them from one side of the island to another. While traveling, Joe asked the driver to find a "nice" place for lunch, his treat. The driver took them to the dirtiest Chinese restaurant they had ever seen. Lynn said she felt she could not eat there as she stated to Joe while the driver was using the restroom. Joe did not want to offend the driver so he suggested she order something that she thought was safe, she went with the prawns. While she waited, Joe used the restroom and told her she might want to "hold it" as this was an experience she may want to skip. The prawn dish as Lynn described was one of the best of your life.

I think we can all learn from both of those stories. When we travel we sometimes have such excitement about the destinations and may sometimes overlook some of the best experiences if we are not open to what is coming next. Even if it turns out to be a dirty Chinese restaurant with great food you still are left with a memories to share with your friends and family when you return.

I would like to thank Lynn for giving of your time for this article and we hope you enjoy you current adventure as you travel to

Indonesia for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. We are sure you will have some great memories to share. Lynn in return would like to thank the members of Hups for the invaluable lesson that she has learned from them. She really loves the photo contest at Hups and believes that the "amateurs" are really close to pros because of the quality of their work. Thank you again Lynn and next month article will feature Joe.

## Important Dates

Put them on your calendar

### November 1

HUPS Meeting - Alicia & Greg Grimes - Sipadan & Mabul, Malaysia

### January 10

HUPS Meeting - Whale Sharks of Holbox, Mexico - Gary Harris

### March 7

HUPS Meeting - TBA

### December 6

HUPS Meeting - Holiday Dinner pot luck and Best of HUPS Contest

### February 7

HUPS Meeting - TBA

### April 4

HUPS Meeting - TBA





## Best Point & Shoots of 2010

Backscatter is an underwater photography equipment store in Monterey Bay, CA. They have an informative review of the best point & shoot digital cameras and housings on their website. It includes strobe suggestions, accessory lenses and price estimates for the whole rig. If you are interested in a new compact digital set up go check out the article. It includes some great pics created with point & shoots. Here is the link:

<http://www.backscatter.com/learn/article/article.php?ID=80>

## Census of Marine Life

In the year 2000, the scientists founding the Census of Marine Life converged on a strategy, a worldwide Census to assess and explain the diversity, distribution, and abundance of marine life. The founders organized the Census around three grand questions: What did live in the oceans? What does live in the oceans? What will live in the oceans? They designed a program to explore the limits to knowledge of marine life. They agreed to report in the year 2010.

What they discovered can all be found on the COML website: [www.coml.org](http://www.coml.org). Just a little tease: The Census encountered an unanticipated riot of species, which are the currency of diversity. It upped the estimate of known marine species from about 230,000 to nearly 250,000. Among the millions of specimens collected in both familiar and seldom-explored waters, the Census found more than 6,000 potentially new species and completed formal descriptions of more than 1,200 of them. It found that rare species are common.

As divers and photographers we know that there are tons of amazing critters to be found underwater. This survey proves that there is so much still to be discovered. Take a look at the report and read about some of the awesome discoveries made by the 2,700 scientists from 80 countries that went on 540 expeditions to seek out new life.

*Novice 1st place - Lance Glowacki, © 2010*

## Dive Trip News

*By Tom Collier*

### **BALI, INDONESIA**

**May 27 – June 5, 2011**

Scuba Seraya Resort

All inclusive, including 2 nights in Ubud

6 days of diving with Scuba Seraya

More information available of HUPS forum

\$1,250.00 per person (dbl occp), Airfare not included

Trip leader – Tom Collier

Sold Out – Waiting List started

### **FLORES – ALOR, INDONESIA**

**June 5 – 15, 2011**

Komodo Dancer live-aboard

9 days of adventure diving

\$3,355 & up per person (dbl occp), Airfare not included

Trip contact – Island Dreams

10 spaces available

## Flower Gardens Draft Management Plan

*By Frank Burek*

The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS) “Draft” Management Plan (DMP) has been released in the Federal Register. It provides for a comment period thru January 20, 2011 and has a public meeting on the topic on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

This “DMP” is very important for recreational divers and our clubs. Each club and all our individual divers should take the time to e-mail [fgbmanagementplan@noaa.gov](mailto:fgbmanagementplan@noaa.gov) and comment on the program, or at least commend them on trying to expand the diving opportunities in the Gulf while improving the safety of our sport.

Copies of the “DMP” can be downloaded from the sanctuary website <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov>.



*Advanced 2nd place - - Tom Collier, © 2010*

## Upcoming Monthly Photo Contests

Each month we will have Advanced, Intermediate and Novice contests. For complete contest rules checkout: <http://www.hups.org>

November - Wide-angle

February 2011 - Seahorses & Pipefish

December - Best of HUPS

March - Blue Water

January 2011 - Eyes and/ or Teeth

April - Negative Space

## November Contest

The November contest topic is "Wide Angle". According to the HUPS website that means - "Classic W/A shots. Must be taken with wide angle lenses or zooms set a wide angle. Images can be close-focus/wide-angle shots, also." Shots must be taken underwater." You can't win if you don't enter!

Descriptions of all 2010 & 2011 contest topics and rules can be found on [hups.org](http://hups.org).

Entries for the monthly contest should be emailed to [photocontest@hups.org](mailto:photocontest@hups.org) at least **48 hours prior** to the meeting. This mailbox is reserved for entries only. If you have a question regarding the digital contest send your email to [ddeavenport@comcast.net](mailto:ddeavenport@comcast.net) or [underh2o@mac.com](mailto:underh2o@mac.com). Complete contest rules can be found at <http://www.hups.org>. **Please be sure to adhere to the file naming instructions.** If you do not follow all the rules for digital entries your images will not be judged.



*Advanced 2nd place - Jackie Reid, © 2010*

## Contest Results

October - Things Only a Mother Could Love

### Advanced

1st Ken Knezick (2 tied)

2nd Jackie Reid, Tom Collier, Dennis Deavenport (3 tied)

3rd Jackie Reid, Tome Collier (2 tied)

### Intermediate

1st Paul McDonald

2nd Paul McDonald

3rd Mary McDonald

### Novice

1st Lance Glowacki

2nd John VanAtta

3rd Kandace Heimer

## Contest results through October 2010

### NOVICE

1st	Kandace Heimer	590
2nd	Lance Glowacki	532
3rd	John VanAtta	426
4th	Mike Brower	325
5th	Jan Baughman	311

### Intermediate

1st	Kay Collier	633
2nd	Paul McDonald	614
3rd	Debbie Mensay	561
4th	Jim Mensay	559
5th	Mike Greuter	540

### ADVANCED

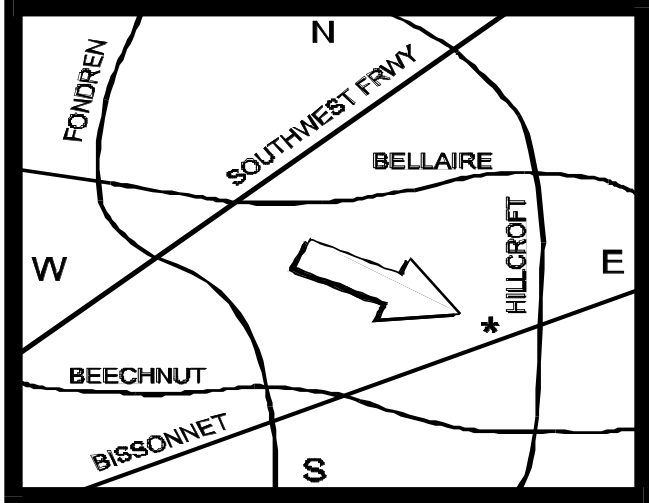
1st	Jackie Reid	677
2nd	Ken Knezick	661
3rd	Tom Collier	659
4th	Dennis Deavenport	627
5th	Ken Bean	333

## More Chips and Salsa Please

Everyone is welcome to join us for some Tex-Mex following HUPS meetings. A number of us meet at Don Carlo's Mexican Restaurant. It is on the 59 Northbound feeder just North of Hillcroft. Exiting Bayland Community Center go left on Bissonnett, left on Hillcroft and then right on the 59 feeder. It's about 100 yards on your right. You can't miss it.

*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, near Hillcroft. Social time begins at 6:45. Visitors are always welcome.*

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<http://www.hups.org>

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