



October BOOsletter

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Hearing the Call of the Wild

Whether it be bushwhacking their way through the jungles of Rwanda in search of the illustrious mountain gorillas or diving the depths of the oceans around the world, Jim & Debbie Mensay seem to always be hearing the call of the wild. As scuba divers since 1989, they have logged over 1,000 dives and most of them have been buddied up with some kind of camera rig. Their underwater photography has garnered them the yearly Photographer of the Year award in the competition for the HUPS Intermediate category and they now compete along with other accomplished photographers in the Advanced category at HUPS. Some of their images have also been on previous display along with the nearly 40 yearly images that the Hupsters have previously had mounted on the rotunda walls of the Aquarium at Moody Gardens.



On Monday October 1, 2018 please join them as they share with us their search for and photographs of the great humpback whales. These travels and images will start in the warm lush waters off the coast of Maui, Hawaii where the humpbacks make their yearly migration to give birth to their new calves and will end in the frigid water off the coast of Juneau, Alaska where they feast on the abundant supply of krill and herring. This video presentation could not be complete with out the sights and SOUNDS that one experiences when you encounter these enormous creatures of the depth. Their personal and photographic stories will also include the exciting moments of these whales bubble-net feeding and breaching through the surface to explore the atmosphere above.



President's Potion

Now we are hurtling through the Holiday Season and this is entertaining; I just found out that I will probably not be able to attend the November meeting (I will likely be heading to Baku to teach a course on Flanged Bolted Joints. My other passion that pays the bills.)

We have several important activities coming up.

One, we will be electing the executive committee in November (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer)

Two, we will be asking you all who you would like to nominate for the Member of The Year (MOTY).

Nominations for the MOTY award must be in writing and received by me, the President (lornas.lens@outlook.com) before the November meeting. Your letter(s) will be published in the December Newsletter, posted on the website, and read at the December meeting (but your name will remain anonymous).

A quick run down on important dates and activities:



October Meeting	Oct. 1	Accept nominations for officers
Halloween	Oct. 31	
November Meeting	Nov. 5	Elect officers & MOTY nominations
Thanksgiving	Nov. 22	
December Meeting	Dec. 5	Enjoy a feast with our friends
Christmas	Dec. 25	
January Meeting	Jan. 7	Watch awesome videos

Please let us know during the October meeting this Monday if you are interested in being part of the BOD. Nominations are also being accepted for the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions. The nominations committee will work to fill the slate for our elections in November. Participating directly with HUPS is a rewarding experience.

This month's presentation is "Hearing the Call of the Wild" about humpback whales.

I'm looking forward to learning about the lenses that the Mensays use. This month's presentation will be fun and educational. We will also be taking suggestions and volunteers for presenters in 2019. Do be shy!

After the presentation our photo contest will feature spots, spots, and more spots.

Don't forget to join us at JAX's after the meeting. (6510 Rice Ave, Bellaire)

We have now touched on every aspect of our CORE MISSION:

Underwater photos through Education, Participation, and Entertainment

I sincerely believe that our photography brings the oceans to life for the public. And through our website, social media, and Moody Gardens our work is being shared more widely than ever before.

--Lorna Carpenter

Announcements from the Afterlife

Flower Garden Banks Natural Marine Sanctuary October Update

HI-A-389

In July 2018, Partial Removal of HI-A389A was completed by W&T. Platform was mechanically cut at 70 ft below the surface. Structure and associated marine community remains intact from 70 ft to 410 ft. An "aid to nav" buoy is place. Will soon be replaced with a std Sanctuary buoy

Expansion Process

The process to expand the Sanctuary by adding 15 banks to the three currently protected banks is moving forward. Several steps remain to complete. Earliest finish could be late 2019. The Advisory Council accepted the recommendations from the Expansion Work Group on "revised boundaries" for the new banks. The Sanctuary will expand from current 56 sq mi to 206 sq mi. This expanded area is a reduction from the 383 sq mi recommended by the Sanctuary. Push back on boundary sizes mainly by Offshore Energy interests.

Mass Mortality

Uncertainly remains in identifying the cause of the July 2016 mass mortality on a portion of the EFGB reef. Low O2 level is the most likely "contributor" (not necessarily the cause) to the mortality.

Monitoring and studies remain ongoing.

Request to Divers to Disinfect your Dive Gear

A "coral disease" detected in the FL Keys reefs in 2014 rapidly spread across 200 linear mi. of FL reefs leaving thousands of colonies of coral dead. Marine scientists still don't know what caused it but there is

great concern that it may be a contagious pathogen that could be carried in wetsuits & other dive gear. The FGBNMS is asking divers to disinfect their dive gear before diving in the FGBNMS. The Sanctuary has provided

Fling Charters w/ disinfectant. Disinfectant is a chlorhexidine solution, eg. Dynahex, Beta Sep, Durvet. An alternate is Odo Ban sold at Walmart. (5oz/gal, rinse for 10min) Better safe than sorry!

PLS HELP TO PROTECT THE REEF.

SANITIZE YOUR GEAR!

Attention WOMEN Divers!!!

2019 Women Divers Hall of Fame

Scholarships & Grants

The Women Divers Hall of Fame is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring & raising awareness of the contributions of outstanding women divers. WDHOFF provides educational, mentorship, financial, and career opportunities to the diving community throughout the world. Each year, WDHOFF awards scholarships & training grants that provide financial and educational support to individuals of all ages, particularly those who are preparing for professional careers that involve diving. The deadline for receipt of applications is

October 31, 2018, at midnight U.S. EDT.

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First Ever Female-Only Photo Contest

Girls That Scuba has announced the first ever female-only underwater photography contest.

The competition will feature four categories: Beginners, Macro, Wide Angle, and Videography.

Not only will be the contestants be all female, but the competition will also be judged by an all-female panel. You need to submit your entries

by **October 13, 2018**. Entrants can enter one image per category. If you are interested in

voting for the winner, you can vote for one entrant per category. Beginners can enter &

vote [here](#), macro photographers can enter & vote [here](#), wide-angle shooters can

enter & vote [here](#), & videographers can enter and vote [here](#). You can find the full rules

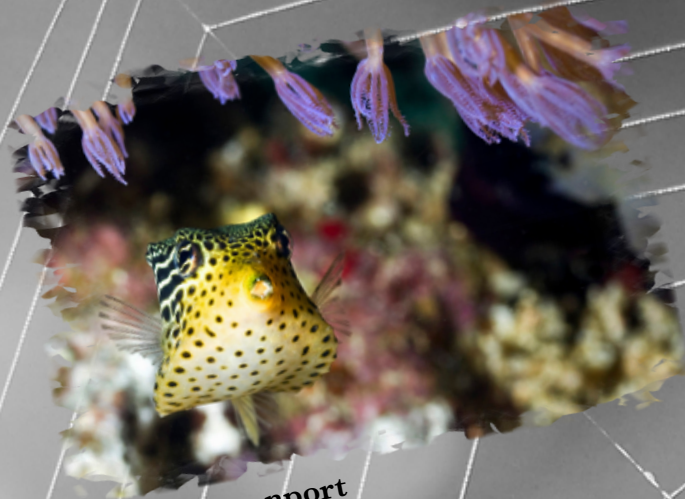
of the competition [here](#).

Texas Adopt-A-Beach 2018 Coastwide Fall Cleanup

The Texas General Land Office postponed the beach clean up that was originally planned in conjunction

with World Clean Up Day on Sep 15 due to coastal flooding. It has been rescheduled to occur this coming **Sat, Oct 6th** at the same eight local Texas Gulf Coast locations as shown in last month's newsletter. I will be participating in either the one in Quintana or Surfside from 9am-noon if anyone would like to join me. Learn more, see more locations, or sign up for a clean up location [here](#).

2018 POTY Standings thru Spooktember



Dennis Deavenport
Advanced 3rd

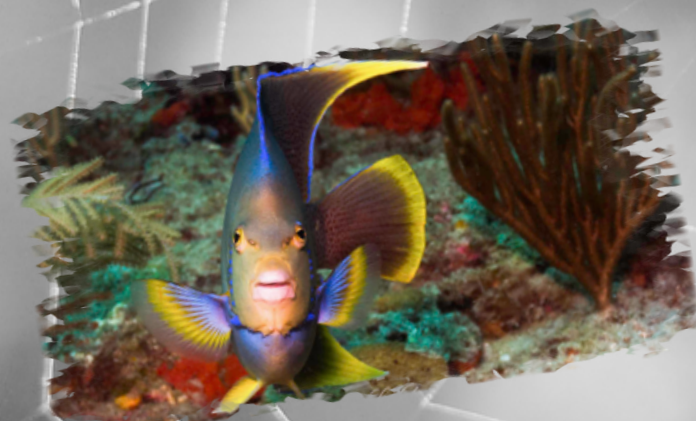


Bess Bright
Intermediate 3rd



Craig Beasley
Advanced 1st

NOVICE		
1st	John Van Atta	637
2nd	Betsy Beasley	549
3rd	Kathy Long	378
4th	Steven Anderson	316
5th	Lorna Carpenter	291
6th	Caffery Joseph	170
INTERMEDIATE		
1st	Bess Bright	609
2nd	Joe Holden	595
3rd	Russell Ramsey	546
ADVANCED		
1st	Dennis Deavenport	683
2nd	Craig Beasley	651
3rd	Beata Lerman	269
VIDEO		
1st	Craig Beasley	36
2nd	Betsy Beasley	33
3rd	Tom Collier	27



Joe Holden
Intermediate 1st



Kathy Long
Novice 3rd

2018 Witch's Spooks & Spells

Betsy Beasley
Novice 2nd

John Van Atta
Novice 1st

2018 Presentation Topics

	Presentation	Presenter
October	Pacific Humpbacks	Jim & Debbie Mensay
November	Diving LaPaz	Bess Bright & Joe Holden
December	Best of HUPS	Lance Glowacki

2018 Photo Contest Themes

Month	Themes	Description
Oct	Polka Dots/Fish with spots	Fish that have noticeable spots. Spot: small round or roundish mark, differing in color or texture from the surface around it.
Oct Video	General	1 to 3.59 minutes
Nov	Nudibranchs & Worms	Again, this is pretty specific but you may need to check your critter ID book if you're not sure.
Dec	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.

2019 January Meeting - Audience Participation

The January meeting is amateur night. Anything Goes video from any one and every one. Bring a video clip to show the group: 3 sec – 3 minutes, it doesn't matter. Since many of our members are now diving with a Go Pro or a camera with video capabilities, we want to see those clips! You probably have some strange critter behavior or fun diver shots – bring 'em to the meeting and we will throw it up on the big screen. No formal programs allowed, just random clips and short stories please. Bring as many as you want and if it is too many we will fast forward to the next batch. Load them on a thumb drive and format as mp4 video.

The **Houston Underwater Photographic Society** meets at the Bayland Community Center from 7pm - 9pm, the first Monday of each month (except for Monday holidays)
6400 Bissonnet (near Hillcroft), Houston, TX 77074
Visitors are always welcome!



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