



Tip:  
**Macro Photography:**

*To get good at underwater macro photography, it's time to think about moment and presentation. You want to watch your subject.*

[uwphotographyguide.com](http://uwphotographyguide.com)

# Clint Moore Takes Us to the Island of Yap to Dive With the Mantas

Join us at 7:00p.m on May 6th at the [Bayland Community Center](#) when HUPS will be treated to a presentation by Clint Moore as he takes us to the island of Yap to dive with the mantas. Yap is known as a very eco-friendly destination to the manta's since passing a law in 2008 protecting their inhabitation. This is wonderful for not only the manta's but allows the divers to get closer to the mantas without causing damage to their environment. Besides the manta's, Yap is also known for its beautiful coral reefs that are teeming with sharks, a variety of fish species and nudibranchs that are a photographers dream. Don't miss this great presentation by Clint.



We always encourage you to arrive early to help set up the room and as always visitors are welcome. If you are able to attend, there is an open invitation to those of you who would like to join in for food or drink after the meeting at Don Carlos. Hope to see you all there!



David McCracken—Novice



Jim Mensay—Advanced



Terry Moore—Advanced

# Photo Day At Enchanted Forest

Submitted by Greg Grimes

One of the most popular yearly events for HUPS is the annual Stop and Smell the Flowers hosted by David Lenderman. This year's events will take place in [Enchanted Forest](#). This location is different from previous years so please make sure you check out the website and put the correct address in your GPS. This is a great opportunity to work on your macro photography that comes in very handy when you are underwater.



Photo Enchanted Forest

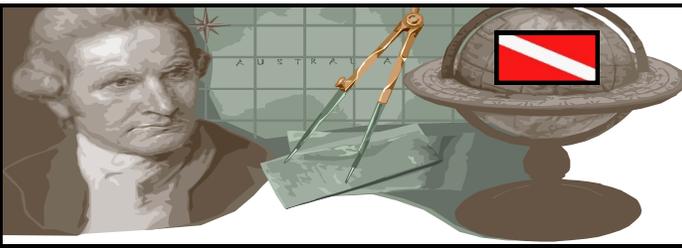
As in years past, we will begin at 8:00 a.m. to get the best light. David wants everyone to go to the **back gate** as the front gate will be locked as the nursery is not open to the general public until 10:00 a.m.

Afterwards David has offered the outdoor demo kitchen area for us to share a meal so plan on bringing a dish to share. If for some reason you get lost or can't find the group my cell number is 713-898-5379 or Alicia's is 281-380-2727. Hope to see everyone there!





David McCracken—Novice



Dennis Deavenport—Advanced

## President's Message

### HUPS is not just about Underwater Photography?

You may ask yourself for the real definition of "HUPS"... Houston Underwater Photography Society. Let's take a moment to look at all four words and see what makes our club one of the best in town!

The first word is **Houston**. Now, I know that we have to take a plane to find a place to dive but we do have many places in our town to work on our photo skills while we are waiting for our next dive trip. For example this weekend we have a wonderful opportunity to work on our skills by attending our annual Stop and Smell the Flowers at Enchanted Forest. A chance to not only spend time with fellow HUPS members but to also watch what some of your fellow divers are doing to capture those great photo moments when they are not in the water. This is just one example we have in Houston. Houston has so many opportunities so go out there and work on those skills in the city.

The second word is **Underwater**. All of us in the club are divers and share a love of the sea. We are all so privileged to get to see a world that only divers understand and that others only get to experience while watching the Animal Planet or Discovery Channels. How lucky are we!

Word three is **Photography**. When you get to experience an underwater world that others only dream about, you want to share it through your camera. In our club, we get a chance to not only participate in photo contests but take advantage of the club's photo opportunities, like this weekend's outing where our underwater photography skills will no doubt improve. You will also see other member's gear and maybe consider other pieces that you may also want to add to your wish list.

The final word is **Society**. If you Google the word society the definition states: a community, grouping of people having common traditions, institutions, and collective activities and interests. This is a perfect word for HUPS as we share so much in our hobby and our love of all of the other 3 words, which I hope you agree.

HUPS is a unique club but one I say again is not just about underwater photography but a club that allows us to share our love of travel, good friends and commodity that only divers understand and that we all always look out for our fellow dive buddies.

# April Photo Contest Results



Ken Knezick — Advanced

Contest results through April 2013		
<b>NOVICE</b>		
1st	Jan Baughman	289
2nd	Craig Beasley	76
3rd	David McCracken	75
4th	Joe Holden	74
5th	John Scheldt	63
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
1st	Mike Greuter	260
2nd	Greg Grimes	253
3rd	Lance Glowacki	226
4th	Bess Bright	190
5th	Debbie Mensay	193
<b>ADVANCED</b>		
1st	Ken Knezick	307
2nd	Dennis Deavenport	292
3rd	Ken Bean	213
4th	Jim Mensay	205
5th	Terry Moore	144



Mike Greuter—Intermediate



Jim Mensay—Advanced



Craig Beasley—Novice



# News from the Reef

Submitted by Alicia Grimes

Here are two ways that divers in Florida are helping to handle the lion fish problem where it is a eat or be eaten world under the sea.



Please follow the links:

- 1) [Divers hunt Lionfish in South Florida](#)
- 2) [Lionfish Cookbook: Lionfish ruin the ecosystem so why not eat them?](#)

What do you think?

## Sponsors & Donors Needed for Texas Marine Mammal Network Fundraiser

Submitted by Barbara Clay

In the past, HUPS members have very generously donated photos for the TMMSN annual fundraiser. This year, we are soliciting any donations that you may have available. **John Van Atta will be collecting photos at Monday's meeting so please bring your donations at that time.** Please also consider attending the event or being a sponsor on the 18th of May aboard the Moody Garden's Colonel. The Colonel's lower level will be transformed into an exciting casino. Sure to be a good time for all.

### Event Details:

Date: May 18th, 2013  
Cost: \$75 per Person  
Dinner: New Orleans Style Fare prepared by Moody Gardens  
Cash Bar: Beer, Wine & Spirits  
Sail: Promptly at 7:00PM • Return to Dock: 10:00PM

Details will be soon available on [TMMSN website](#).



### HUPS 2013 Club Trip—Bonaire

Submitted by Jim Mensay



Join HUPS in a return trip to Captain Don's Habitat, Bonaire in October 2013 (<http://www.habitatbonaire.com/>). We would depart on Friday, October 11 on the United overnight flight, arriving in Bonaire early morning Saturday, October 12, 2013. We would return to Houston on Saturday, October 19. Airfare is NOT included, but is currently available from United for around \$600 per person.

The package includes: 7 nights accommodations, daily breakfast, 12 boat dives, free Nitrox, 6 days unlimited shore diving, airport transfers, and taxes.

\$904.00 per diver double occupancy Deluxe Oceanview Room (these are the rooms around the pool where most of us stayed during the last HUPS trip to the resort, with two queen beds)

\$988.00 per diver double occupancy Deluxe Junior Suite (these are the newest rooms that were under construction during our last HUPS trip to the resort, with one king bed)

Additional costs not included: other meals, vehicle rental (can be arranged individually for pick-up at the airport or you can rent at the resort after we arrive). Optional travel insurance is available for \$59 per person.

To confirm your space, a \$200.00 deposit is due at this time. The final payment will be due by the end of July.

Remember, passports with minimum six months validity past your return date are required for international travel. C-Cards are required for diving.



# Oceanographer's warnings about Gulf deserve prime-time attention

*Originally in the Houston Chronicle | February 22, 2013 Submitted by Jack Allyn*



By now, most of us have seen those feel-good television spots featuring a Louisianan, an Alabaman, a Mississippian and a Floridian, all smiling and boasting good-naturedly about the relative advantages of their home state as a tourist destination. with a clear emphasis on the many pleasures of the coastline of the Gulf of Mexico shared by all. The object is to draw visitors to spotless beaches and crystal waters, along with historical attractions, golf courses and, of course, food! Endless buffets of mouth-watering dishes served fresh from the bounty of the Gulf. The message to prospective tourists is that the widely publicized miseries brought by the April 2010 BP spill are a thing of the distant past. A homegrown BP spokesman proclaims that things are better than ever, and urges one and all to come on down!

The ads are sponsored and paid for by BP, as part of its settlement for the harm caused to these same waters and fragile coastlines by the 2010 Maconda spill offshore Louisiana. And they're very effective. We'd guess they've raised the visibility and favorable images of all four states by a measurable amount. We don't for a minute believe that the Maconda spill, which claimed 11 lives and spread its tarry mess across environmentally sensitive areas for hundreds of miles, was a good thing in any way, shape or form. It was a nightmare that must not be repeated. But we concede the spill may have served one unintended but constructive purpose: raising national and international awareness of the Gulf of Mexico's many valuable uses – as home for a large and prosperous fishing industry, host to oil and gas rigs that supply 30 percent of our nation's petroleum needs and not incidentally, as a place of subtle natural beauty that is attractive as a tourist destination.

If our neighbors to the east get an economic boost from the BP ads, and the Gulf itself claims a place in more people's minds, so much the better. Up to a point..That point is the one at which we make a 180-degree swivel to embrace the quite different views of oceanographer Sylvia Earle concerning these ads and the larger consequences of selling the Gulf to tourists. For more than half a century, Earle has served as the conscience of the Gulf. Explorer-in-residence at the National Geographic Society, the diminutive Earle is referred to by her legion of admirers as "Her Deepness," for both her skills as an intrepid diver and her depth of thought about vital issues such as the long-term health of the Gulf and all of the world's oceans.

If Sylvia Earle had her wish, the tone of BP's advertising campaign would look and sound quite different: It would make the case for creating a national parks system in Gulf waters that would mirror those inspired on land by the likes of President Teddy Roosevelt and the conservationist/photographer John Muir. During the administration of George H.W. Bush, the small but biologically rich Flower Garden Banks 100 miles south of the Louisiana/Texas border were declared a marine sanctuary, and George W. Bush used his power as president to establish the largest area in the ocean where even the fish have a safe haven around the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. It is an idea whose time has come. It would de-emphasize gorging on shrimp, tuna, grouper, snapper and other native Gulf species in favor of "fish watching," a la the bird watching done on the North American flyway on the coast not far from Houston. It would make the case for giving what she calls the Great Blue Engine of the Gulf of Mexico a break from fishing and other extractive activities in special, vital areas. Giving back to the ecosystem that has given us so much. It would showcase the bigger picture: Nearly 60 percent of the freshwater rivers, streams and creeks in North America eventually flow into the Gulf – and that is not always a good thing. Agribusiness in the Midwest on a huge scale has yielded enormous deposits of fertilizer that create seasonal "dead zones" downstream at the mouth of the Mississippi. These dead zones could soon spread as far west as Galveston Bay, harming highly valued recreational and fishing resources in this area.

We could elaborate. But Earle's reputation speaks for itself. And she speaks ably in defense of the health of the Gulf of Mexico.

Through her work with the National Geographic Society and her association with the Harte Research Institute for the Gulf of Mexico at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, she already has a sizable megaphone with which to communicate needed warnings about the dangers facing our aquatic front porch. Wouldn't it make for interesting viewing if BP chose to do a series of commercials featuring Sylvia Earle and some of her warnings about the Gulf? We think so. In the interests of full disclosure about the problems still facing the Gulf of Mexico, those views deserve the kind of prime-time television platform a BP-sponsored ad campaign would offer. What say, BP?

Even though most of us do not dive in the area of the BP oil spill, pollution indeed is all our business. For your information, Dr. Sylvia Earle is a friend of the Houston diving community. Ken Knezick invited her several years ago to be the keynote speaker for Seaspace.

Please share this with your friends and co-workers, to dispel the BP b.s. about this oil spill. The future of our Gulf of Mexico's health depends on it.





# 2013 Meetings

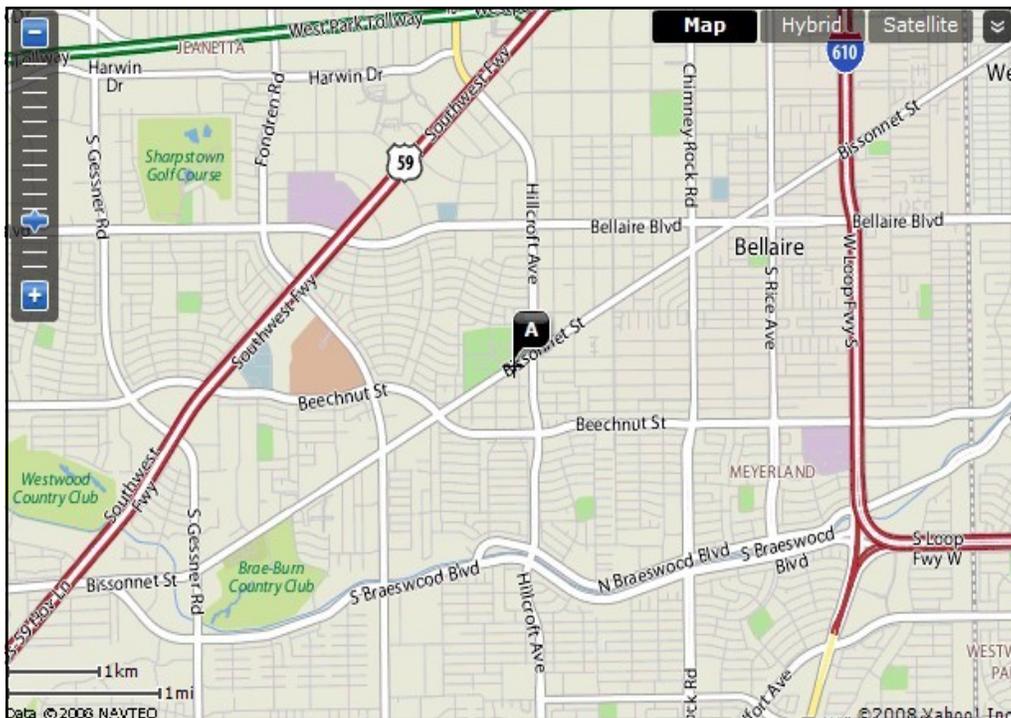
## Meetings & Presentations

Month	Date	Presenter	Show Title & Synopsis	Contest Topic
January	7th	Variety	New Year New Ideas for HUPS	Eels
February	4th	Terry Moore	Fiji - Bega Lagoon Dive Resort	Wide Angle Wrecks
March	4th	Ken Knezick	Diving Successfully with Underwater Camera & Strategies to Prevent Flooding	Starfish
April	1st	Jackie, Mary Lou Reid, Dennis Deavenport	Ambon	Cephalopods (octopi, squid, cuttlefish, nautilus)
May	6th	Clint Moore	Yap Mantas	Schools of Fish
June	3rd	Kandace Heimer, Monica Losey	Africa/Arctic-Polar Bears	Syngnathidae (pipefish & seahorses)
July	8th	John Anderson	TBA	Silhouettes
August	5th	Toby Presteghrd	Komodo	Sharks & Rays
September	9th	Variety	Gear Night- Bring in your Camera Systems for Tips	Juveniles of Any Species
October	7th	Mary Lou Reid/ Dennis Deavenport	Ambon	Ugly Critters
November	5th	HUPS Members	Club Trip Review	Close-Focus/Wide Angle
December	2nd	HUPS Members	HUPS Christmas Party	Best of HUPS & Creative



*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets at the Bayland Community Center starting at 7:00 PM.  
(Social time begins at 6:45)*

*(6400 Bissonnet, near the Hillcroft intersection)  
Visitors are always welcome.*



## 2013 HUPS Officers

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## *HUPS on the Web*



<http://www.hups.org/>



<http://www.youtube.com/user/HUPSdotORG>



<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?%23!/group.php?gid=174168478778>

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