

## January Program- Iceland *by HPS* member Barb Staggs

Just the idea of going to a place called “Ice”land makes me feel cold. But, going there in the winter, on purpose? Well, that’s exactly what Barbara Staggs and Diana Davidson did this past March. Barbara explained why she went this way: “Perhaps to see immense glaciers calving into lagoons filled with sparkling blue icebergs, or to enter an ice cave that is filled with undulating crystal blue ice, or go to a black sand beach filled with small icebergs that look like diamonds and large icebergs being pushed ashore by crashing waves, or to catch the biggest fantastical aurora display in years.”

OK, now I get it. And you can get it too because on January 11, Barbara is going to share some of the amazing images that she brought back from this trip. Remember to attend our first HPS meeting of 2016 at the Huntsville Public Library at 7:00 pm.



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## From The President

HPS has a long history which Sam Tumminello has worked hard to document here: <http://goo.gl/nq1JA1> (well worth a read). According to available records Eddie may in-fact be our longest running president to date! A simple "thank you" does not seem like enough to say how much we appreciate his contributions. Since Eddie and I are switching roles, I am working hard on a new photo contest tool, which (hopefully) will sustain Eddie's hero status but with much less work!

This new digital completion tool is part of our newly designed HPS website which includes a real members-area. Our members will now have some space to upload personal images, tell their photography story and interact with other members. If you do not frequent our website (<http://hpsphoto.org>) this is a good time to start. This all kicks off January 1st and lots more info on

this will be available soon.

The Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA) and HPS are continuing to build a strong partnership. Bill Snoddy and I met at HMA to talk with them about our 2016 & 2017 exhibitions. The HMA exhibit is moving to a slightly larger room, on the main floor and will run from May 15th to August 21<sup>st</sup> (tentative dates for 2016). Every HPS member is encouraged to participate with up to, two submissions starting January 1st (on our website). We will be showing 50 works of art from HPS and the entire exhibit will be juried by HMA. Peter (the curator who will jury our work) is also very interested in doing a full program night with HPS to talk about photography art. This program will likely be held at the museum so Peter can have plenty of real-world examples and we get treated with a back stage pass to the mind of art. FIELD TRIP!!

I am so excited to be stepping in as HPS president and hope we can both rekindle our joy of photography. If you don't know me, I have only been shooting for about 5 years. So, I still have a lot to learn. My son first got me interested in photography after my point-n-shoot failed to capture memories of a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Australia. Drawn in by all the dials and buttons on a DSLR, I slowly learned "photography" is not about "taking pictures" at all, it is about telling a story which turned a passing interest into a life mission. While Youtube taught me how to take pictures, HPS is teaching my how to be a photographer.

*Cliff Loehr*

## HPS History

Do you know about the "The Huntsville History Collection: A Portal to Huntsville's Past?" It's a digital history resource of the Huntsville Madison County Main Library. "Our" HPS history is now available there. It may be viewed at this link: [http://huntsvillehistorycollection.org/hh/index.php?title=A\\_Brief\\_History\\_of\\_The\\_Huntsville\\_Photographic\\_Society](http://huntsvillehistorycollection.org/hh/index.php?title=A_Brief_History_of_The_Huntsville_Photographic_Society)

Additionally, John Kubilis Jr, who was instrumental in starting our organization all those many years ago, died October 19, 2008, at the age of 90 at his residence in Meridian [Mississippi]. John grew up in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated High School with an Art degree and continued his love for art by attending the Chicago Art Institute. His working career was in the Technical Illustration field working for the Navy for the Naval Ordnance Test Station in California then later for the Army at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama for the missile program.

He later combined photography and his art. He earned the degree of Fellow of the Photographic Society of America for his contribution to the Art of Photography. He served as a staff member of the Photographic Society of America. He has published a book compiling ten years of published cartoons in the Photographic Society of America Journal. During the 1983-84 season his photography and art work was featured at the Meridian Museum of Art.

### New Board Members



**Program Officer** - Henry Norton is a long time resident of Huntsville AL, currently employed by Quantitech, Inc as the Army Apache Project Office's Visual Information Specialist in charge of photography, video production and graphics.

Previously employed by SAIC, he was the Photographer/Videographer and had been assigned to document significant military developments throughout the U.S.

An early advocate of digital photography, switching from film to digital in 2000, Henry rarely uses film except in use of a 4x5 camera. Although a Nikon user since 1969, he finally succumbed to the allure of Fuji XT-1. He looks forward to this new office and will try to carry on with the good programs which Roger arranged for HPS.

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## 2015 Best of Year First Place

(Color Print not available.)



Monochrome Digital by  
Gayle Biggs



Color Digital  
by Jerry Green



Monochrome Print by  
Charles Leverett

### New Board Members

(Cont. from page 3)



**Historian-** James Burton II has been curious about photography for some time, but a couple of years ago, he decided to start actively learning photography. Through the taking of *many* pictures, he has decided that his artistic interests lie mostly in architectural and sports photography. James interest in joining the board is to help the group attract a wider audience, specifically in the young adult demographic."

	Color Digital	Monochrome Digital	Color Print	Monochrome Print
<b>BOY</b>	Jerry Green	Gayle Biggs	Henry Norton	Charles Leverett
<b>2nd</b>	Geri Reddy	John Kirwin	Alan Forney	Charles Gattis
<b>3rd</b>	Eddie Sewall	Joy Henderson	Charles Leverett	Barb Staggs
<b>HM</b>	Jerry Green	Charles Gattis	Henry Norton	Margaret Phillips
<b>HM</b>	Martha Teal	Bill Snoddy	Michael Cox	Henry Smith
<b>HM</b>	Peter Van Hoff	Garth Fraser	Gayle Biggs	Alan Forney
<b>HM</b>	Gary Stiger	Don Wolfe	Charles Leverett	Leta Hix
<b>HM</b>	Glenn Romanczuk	Joy Henderson	Barb Staggs	Tom Hix
<b>HM</b>	Diana Davidson	Sam Tumminello		
<b>HM</b>	Margaret Phillips	Barb Hitt		
<b>HM</b>	Garth Fraser			
<b>HM</b>	David Blue			
<b>HM</b>	Alan Forney			

**President's Award (tie)**

Joy Henderson  
Charles Leverett



**January Judge-**



Tony Triolo is our judge for the January Competition, on January 25 at 7:00—the topic, “Streets and Alleys.” Tony Triolo is a commercial, architectural, and fine art photographer. Based in Athens, Tony provides photographic services to all of northern Alabama, concentrating on the cities of Huntsville, Madison, Athens and Decatur. You can see his work at <http://www.triolophotography.com>.

# More 2015 Awards

## New Masters of Photography

Tom Bryant                  Don Wolfe

## New Silver Fellow

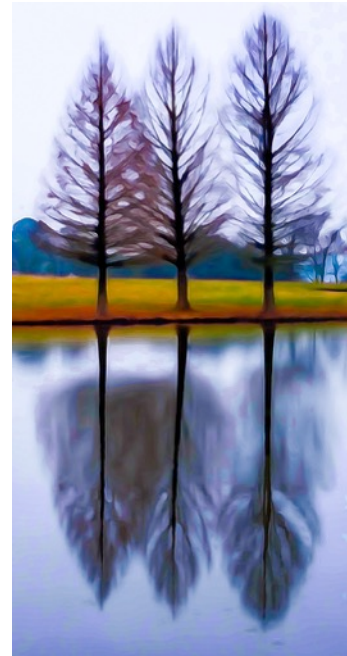
Charles Leverett          Margaret Phillips

## New Bronze Fellow

Sam Alexander              Charles Leverett

## New Fellow

Alan Forney                  Charles Gattis  
Cliff Loehr                      Glen Romanczuk  
Eddie Sewall                  Bill Snoddy



## **Member's Choice Award**

(selected by those who attended the End of Year Dinner) -

Color Print by Charles Leverett

## **Wheeler NWR Festival of Cranes**



Join us as we celebrate the majesty of the Sandhill and Whooping Crane. Events include birding walks, Rachel Carson tours, Operation Migration film, live raptors, and children activities...And of course thousands of Sandhills and a few Whoopers to view up close! Festival will begin at Saturday at 6:30 A.M. and Sunday at 7:00 A.M. at the Wheeler NWR Visitor Center.

The Schedule of Events includes a Sunrise Breakfast at 6:30 am on Sat with an early morning birding walk and Auburn University's Southeaster Raptor Center Presentation at 11:30 am and 3:30 pm. Auburn University will also be presenting at 11:30 am on Sun. For a full schedule and more info go to

<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147530985>

## Arts Council Gallery at VBC

The Arts Council gallery at the Von Braun Center is back. They have hired a new person (Tina) to coordinate it. They took down the Panoply art and opened a juried competition exhibit in the gallery. HPS members Don Wolfe and Barbara Staggs are currently on display as well as one of our recent competition judges, Joe Fikes.

One of the requirements for the Master of Photography level in HPS is an exhibit of their work. The Arts Council supports this by letting us use a portion of their gallery at the Von Braun Center. This is of particular interest to those who have achieved Gold Star Fellow. However, anyone who has achieved the rank of Fellow can exhibit there.

For more information, contact the HPS Coordinator, Tom Bryant at [ctbryant@hiwaay.net](mailto:ctbryant@hiwaay.net).

### 2016 Meeting Calendar

Jan 11- Iceland by Barb Staggs  
Jan 25 – “Streets and Alleys” Competition Meeting  
Feb 8 - Program TBA  
Feb 22 – “Textures” Competition Meeting  
Feb 29 - Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)  
Mar 14 - Program TBA  
Mar 28 - “Open” Competition  
Apr 11 - Program TBA  
Apr 25 - Roads In North AL Competition  
May 9 - Program TBA  
May 23 - Churches Competition Meeting  
Jun 13 - Program TBA  
Jun 27 - “Delicate” Competition Meeting  
July 11 - Program TBA  
July 25 - “Doorways and Walls” Competition  
Aug 8 - Program TBA  
Aug 22 - “Water’s Edge” Competition Meeting  
Aug 29 - Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)  
Sep 12 – Program TBA  
Sep 26 - “The Night Sky” Competition Meeting  
Oct 10 - Program TBA  
Oct 24 - “Open” Competition Meeting  
Oct 31 - Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)  
Nov 14 - 3D Stereography with Lee Pratt  
Nov 28 - “Smoke” Competition Meeting  
Dec 12 - Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

*It's that time of year again! Membership dues are due January 1. Dues must be up-to-date to enter January photo competition. Dues can now be paid online at HPS website under “membership” or mail a check to the address on page 8 of the newsletter. Individual- \$20 Family- \$30*

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**Meeting Information:** HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Library - Main Branch, 915 Monroe St.

**Website:** [www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)

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