

## March Program- Touring Alaska *by Henry Norton & Gary Stiger*

An Alaska trip to many will be a trip of a lifetime. The how-to and what-to-do generally left to someone else. For those intrepid souls who wish to strike out on their own, Henry Norton and Gary Stiger will give a presentation on how to do your own Alaska trip. The “what to see and do”, with route maps, will be explained and shown. Tips on packing the right photo gear with explanations of how to avoid some pitfalls will be presented. Topics include planning a trip, cost of trip, major attractions or must see sites, routes to travel and lessons learned the hard way.

Gary Stiger has been an HPS member for 3 years. He



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Gary Stiger (Left) & Henry Norton (Right)



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## From The President

I really enjoyed Pamela Keller's comments from the February contest. We all get so much more out of contests when the judge communicates what they like or dislike. Her discussion about the difficulties of judging topics that are also elements (like texture) was very interesting. In addition to her helpful critiques, it is always good to be challenged in ways we would not think to challenge ourselves and see how others tackle the topic.

Pamela also mentioned an interesting type of contest she used in her class, which was to give everyone tokens representing things like "time to create", "craftsmanship", or the "image you would like to have in your home". Her

class then awarded these tokens to images of their choosing. It might be fun to do something like this someday.

Just a reminder that the competition subject for this month is "Open" and digital entries are due by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Cliff Loehr*

## Panoply 2016 is coming soon!

Panoply is the Southeast's premier arts weekend where Huntsville's innovative spark shines through a festival of art, music, and more in downtown's Big Spring Park.

Dates: Friday, Apr 29- Sunday May 1

Apply now for a spot in the Art Marketplace or to Volunteer. Go to:

**<http://www.artshuntsville.org/panoply-arts-festival/>**

## March Program

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enjoys landscape, travel, street scenes, and some HDR. He grew up in the New Jersey area but has lived in Huntsville for the past 28 years. He is currently employed as a Systems Engineer in the Apache Project Office but is looking forward to retiring soon.

Henry Norton is a long time resident of Huntsville, and is in his first year as Program

Officer for HPS. He has been a member for about 1 ½ years. He is currently employed in the Apache Project Office as a Visual Information Specialist in charge of photography and has documented significant military developments throughout the U.S.

### Member News

Dave Edens had one photo selected for the 2016 Dogwood Arts Regional Fine Arts Exhibition. Here is the link for more info about the exhibition:

<http://www.dogwoodarts.com/regional-fine-art-exhibition/>



He also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the annual Outdoor Alabama Photography competition for his photo of an Eastern Fence Lizard.





**February Competition Results**  
**Subject – Texture**  
**Judge – Pamela Keller**

|            | Color Digital (79) | Monochrome Digital (59) | Color Print (42)   | Monochrome Print (32) |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Bill Snoddy        | Carol Blue              | Richetta Wilkerson | Tom Hix               |
| <b>2nd</b> | Susi Stroud        | Virginia Gilbert        | Henry Norton       | Tom Hix               |
| <b>3rd</b> | Diana Davidson     | Bill Snoddy             | Alan Forney        | Henry Smith           |
| <b>HM</b>  | Glen Romanczuk     | Cliff Loehr             | Nicole Harper      | Charles Levrett       |
| <b>HM</b>  | Margaret Phillips  | Joy Henderson           | Barry Jackson      | Eddie Sewall          |
| <b>HM</b>  | Waldy Cuevas       | David Blue              | Anna Bright        | Barry Jackson         |
| <b>HM</b>  | Daniel Little      | Jerry Green             | Richard Modlin     |                       |
| <b>HM</b>  | Carol Blue         | Alan Forney             |                    |                       |
| <b>HM</b>  | Barb Montgomery    | Emily Saile             |                    |                       |
| <b>HM</b>  | Barb Montgomery    |                         |                    |                       |
| <b>HM</b>  | Glen Romanczuk     |                         |                    |                       |

## *First Place Images*



Color Print by  
Richetta Wilkerson

Monochrome  
Digital by Carol  
Blue



Color Digital  
by Bill Snoddy



Monochrome Print by  
Tom Hix

## March Judge- Jose Betancourt



Jose Betancourt is an Associate Professor of Art in the Photography Department at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Music has had a large influence in his photographic style. His studies in jazz improvisation in college along with the study of the documentary genre of modern photography have inspired him to continue a spontaneous style of taking photographs. He has presented several programs in addition to judging for HPS in the past. We welcome him again in March.

| Name               | 2016 Points | 2016 Wins |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Tom Hix            | 14          | 3         |
| Nicole Harper      | 9           | 4         |
| Henry Norton       | 9           | 2         |
| Henry Smith        | 8           | 3         |
| Bill Snoddy        | 8           | 2         |
| Gayle Biggs        | 7           | 3         |
| Carol Blue         | 6           | 2         |
| James Burton       | 5           | 1         |
| Richetta Wilkerson | 5           | 1         |
| Waldy Cuevas       | 4           | 2         |
| Alan Forney        | 4           | 2         |
| Virginia Gilbert   | 4           | 1         |
| Susi Stroud        | 4           | 1         |
| Pete Van Hoff      | 4           | 1         |
| Don Wolfe          | 4           | 1         |
| Sam Alexander      | 3           | 1         |
| Diana Davidson     | 3           | 1         |
| Steve Mitchell     | 3           | 1         |
| Barbara Montgomery | 3           | 3         |
| Barry Jackson      | 2           | 2         |

| Name              | 2016 Points | 2016 Wins |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Charles Leverett  | 2           | 2         |
| Glen Romanczuk    | 2           | 2         |
| Tim Solomon       | 2           | 2         |
| David Blue        | 1           | 1         |
| Anna Bright       | 1           | 1         |
| Bart Fay          | 1           | 1         |
| Jerry Green       | 1           | 1         |
| Joy Henderson     | 1           | 1         |
| Daniel Little     | 1           | 1         |
| Cliff Loehr       | 1           | 1         |
| Richard Modlin    | 1           | 1         |
| Margaret Phillips | 1           | 1         |
| Emily Saile       | 1           | 1         |
| Eddie Sewall      | 1           | 1         |
| Barbara Staggs    | 1           | 1         |
| Randy Stephens    | 1           | 1         |
| Martha Teal       | 1           | 1         |
| Sam Tumminello    | 1           | 1         |
|                   |             |           |
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*The 50 selections for the 2016 Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA) exhibit can now be viewed on the HPS website. The opening reception is scheduled for May 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Additional information will be provided on how and when to submit prints for the display. Contact Cliff Loehr if you have questions.*

*<http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org/contest>*



## **Field Trip to Photograph Bioblitz at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve(TCNP)**

I would like to determine how many people would be interested in photographing a bioblitz in action and nature at TCNP near Pinson, AL on Saturday, April 16, 2016. So what is a bioblitz and what would we do as photographers?

A bioblitz is when people come together for a short period to survey the life which occurs on a particular area (flier attached). A good list of species that occur there can be created in a relatively short period of time, especially when experts with various organisms are present and can identify them in the field.

How can photographers contribute? I e-mailed the manager of the preserve and he stated that he has been so busy at past ones that he has very few photographs of the activities. Thus, we can take some of these for him. In addition, we can photograph plants, animals, etc. on the preserve. Given a release, he can use the various photographs in presentations and outreach/education efforts. I would encourage photographers to sign a release(s) for this purpose. It is a way of volunteering your time and effort to help conserve natural resources in the state. Some species photographed will occur in much larger areas and photos can be used to promote conservation in general. However, there is no requirement to do so.

**Please send me an e-mail message if you are interested.** Departure time would be 7 a.m. from Madison Blvd Walmart. Note whether you are willing to drive; if so, how many people you can take with you; I will

### **2016 Meeting Calendar**

Mar 14 - Touring Alaska by HPS members Henry Norton & Gary Stiger  
Mar 28 - "Open" Competition  
Apr 11 - Program TBA with Dury's Photography from Nashville  
Apr 25 - Roads In North AL Competition  
May 9 - Program TBA  
May 23 - Churches Competition Meeting  
Jun 13 - Wilderness Photography with Dusty Doddridge  
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 - Children & Portrait Photography with Erin Cobb Photography  
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

provide specific details in an e-mail to each person who expresses interest at a later date. So, mark the date and come join the fun.

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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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