



In Focus

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April Program- Video Capture and Editing *by Henry Norton*

If you have purchased a new camera, you probably know it's video capable; maybe you've captured some vacation scenes or sporting events. April's presentation will be about video capture and editing presented by Henry Norton, Apache Helicopter's photo and video expert. Discussion will be directed to getting better capture and editing techniques, along with information on tomorrow's trends. A short 10 minute on-screen intro to editing in Adobe Premier Pro will be presented. Various editing functions and tools along with tips about saving videos will be explained.

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.

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From The President

The weather is making it so much easier to get out and shoot so I'm getting excited to see what April has in store for us and our photography.

This past month, I've been researching the benefits of using wide and long lenses and trying to quantify when to use one over the other. As for wide angle lenses, it seems the key benefit is their ability to include elements of surroundings environmental with your subject. While longer (telephoto-type) lenses are better at masking (or blurring) out the environment so the subject gets the most attention.

So, deciding to go long or wide should be based on if the stuff around your subject adds to and takes away from the

story of your image. So, a portrait is not always best with a 200mm f/2.8 and a landscape may not be best with a 15mm f/16. Considering how the subject and the environment interact is the key to telling the story with an image and as a photographer, it's important to think about this.

This month's competition subject is Roads in North Alabama. Our judge is Eric Mittman. Just a reminder that digital entries are due April 18.

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/>

The Pelicans of Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge **by Joy Henderson**

Photographing American White Pelicans at Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge on a recent trip to Sanibel, Florida I noticed one bird among the many that looked a little different. Although it was a distant shot I photographed it because of its unusual appearance. The next day the bird was much closer and I was told it was a Great White Pelican whose normal range is Africa and Asia. I took many photos including the bird in flight. The flight photo appeared in the Ding Darling Newsletter.



We see the American White Pelicans on migration through the Huntsville area. Their wingspan is near 8 feet. The wingspan of the Great White Pelican can reach near 12 feet. The Great White Pelican has a pink color, a gold mask and a bump on the front of the head - easily identified. The Pelican was at Ding



Darling two days and left on the third day. The origin of this bird has not been discovered. Possibly it escaped from a private zoo. Experts say the odds of this bird being a natural vagrant are very long and there has never been a reported sighting in this area that it is not considered to be impossible.

March Competition Results
Subject – Open
Judge – Jose Betancourt

	Color Digital (76)	Monochrome Digital (53)	Color Print (69)	Monochrome Print (45)
1st	Diana Davidson	Diana Davidson	Tom Hix	Rosemary Davidson
2nd	Gail Patton	Kathy Seeds	Nicole Harper	Charles Leverett
3rd	Dave Edens	Bill Snoddy	Nathan Robbins	Barry Jackson
HM	Barbara Staggs	Randy Stephens	Henry Smith	Henry Norton
HM	Joy Henderson	Waldy Cuevas	Barbara Staggs	Doris Leverett
HM	John Kirwin	Daniel Little	Henry Norton	Tom Hix
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Dorinda Tyler	Leta Hix	Sam Alexander
HM	Garth Fraser	Dave Edens	Sam Alexander	Nicole Harper
HM	Sam Tumminello		Sam Alexander	
HM	Martha Teal		Barry Jackson	
HM	Gail Patton			

First Place Images



Monochrome
Digital by
Diana Davidson



Monochrome Print by
Rosemary Davidson

Color Digital by
Diana Davidson



Color Print by
Tom Hix

April Judge- Eric Mittman



Eric is the Photography Program Director at Sparkman High School and teaches just about all aspects of photography including traditional black and white 35 mm, medium and large format photography as well as digital photography, studio lighting and digital manipulation with Adobe Photoshop.

If you would like to see some of his work, go to
<http://www.emphoto.org/>

Name	2016 Points	2016 Wins
Tom Hix	20	5
Diana Davidson	14	4
Nicole Harper	14	6
Henry Norton	11	4
Bill Snoddy	11	3
Henry Smith	9	4
Gayle Biggs	7	3
Sam Alexander	6	4
Carol Blue	6	2
Barry Jackson	6	4
Charles Leverett	6	3
James Burton	5	1
Waldy Cuevas	5	3
Rosemary Davidson	5	1
Gail Patton	5	2
Richetta Wilkerson	5	1
Dave Edens	4	2
Alan Forney	4	2
Virginia Gilbert	4	1
Barbara Montgomery	4	4
Kathy Seeds	4	1
Susi Stroud	4	1
Pete Van Hoff	4	1
Don Wolfe	4	1

Name	2016 Points	2016 Wins
Daniel Little	3	3
Steve Mitchell	3	1
Nathan Robbins	3	1
Barbara Staggs	3	3
Joy Henderson	2	2
Glen Romanczuk	2	2
Tim Solomon	2	2
Randy Stephens	2	2
Martha Teal	2	2
Sam Tumminello	2	2
David Blue	1	1
Anna Bright	1	1
Bart Fay	1	1
Garth Fraser	1	1
Jerry Green	1	1
Leta Hix	1	1
John Kirwin	1	1
Doris Leverett	1	1
Cliff Loehr	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Margaret Phillips	1	1
Emily Saile	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Dorinda Tyler	1	1

FOR SALE

Canon 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6L IS ULTRASONIC Lens, included with sunshade, front and rear lens caps and tripod mount ring. \$925..00

Tamron AF 28-300mm F3.5-6.3 XR Di LD Aspherical (IF) lens for canon mount. Includes front and rear lens caps and packed in original box. \$225.00

Contact Susi Stroud at susistroud@comcast.net.

Canon Pixma Pro9500 printer and 10 assorted PGI-9 ink cartridges (worth over \$100 themselves) that I will give to the highest bidder. Prints up to 13x19. **Contact Don Wolfe at donsdropbox@aol.com**

Update for Field Trip to Photograph Bioblitz at (TCNP) from Bill Gates

The Bioblitz at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve is coming up soon- Sat., Apr 16, 2016. The plan is to meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Walmart Supercenter on Madison Blvd in Madison. Meet in the parking lot across from the gas station. Specifics in regards to ride sharing to/from the site and where to eat will be determined at that time. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and spending time photographing the preserve with you. There should be lots of flowers blooming!

From last month's newsletter: 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.

Bill Gates

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2016 Meeting Calendar

Apr 11 – Video Editing & Capture with Henry Norton

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

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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.

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