



# In Focus

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## December Program- Best of Year Dinner and Awards Presentation

Our Best of Year Banquet will be held on December 19, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. You can park on the north-east side of the building and enter under the covered drive-through into the small downstairs lobby. We will be meeting in Wesley Hall, which is just inside that door. A map is provided below. Our dinner will be served at 6 o'clock, catered by Carrabba's Italian Restaurant and consisting of Marsala Chicken, Garlic Potatoes and Caesar Salad. You can make reservations for the meal at <http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org/activities/event/best-year-dinner?eID=103>. For those not attending the dinner, our program begins at 7 o'clock. We hope that all club members and their guests will join us for the evening.

This is our annual awards banquet where we recognize

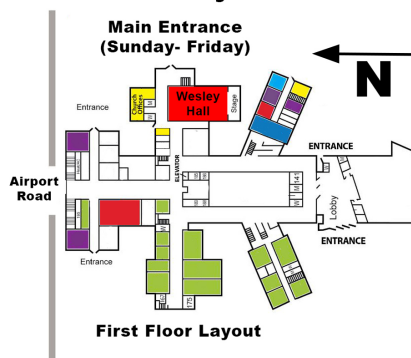
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### Location of HPS End of Year Banquet



### Enter 1st Floor Main Entrance Wesley Hall



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## From The President

Novembers photo contest of "Smoke", and Eric Schultz as our judge reminds of how professional photography has evolved so dramatically over the past 10 years. Nothing tells this story better than Eric's history as a photojournalist. I am inspired and humbled every time I get to talk with him. With 1.8 billion pictures taken every day, almost everyone possesses the tools needed to become a photographer. Our challenge is to separate the art of photography from simply taking pictures by capturing "life" in a single frame. Moreover, with the holidays right around the corner, it is my hope you all have lots of amazing life events to capture.

I look forward to seeing you all at our annual banquet!

*Cliff Loehr*

## BOY Dinner & Awards

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achievements during the year. Those who have attained Fellow, Star, and Masters levels will be recognized and receive certificates. We will also announce the Best of Year awards and give certificates and plaques for these. The coveted President's Award will also be presented to the club member who has attained the most total points in competition during 2016.

Any image that received a win during our competitions is eligible to be considered for the Best of Year Awards. This judging for the print images will take place on December 5, 2016, with professional photographers Bobby and Cheri Saint as our judges. As usual, the judges will select the digital winners on line.

In addition to these awards, we will also have the Member's Choice award again this year. Digital and print winners are also eligible for this competition. Members of the club can vote for their digital favorite on line up until and during the banquet. You will need to go to <http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org/contest/120>, select your favorite and simply click on it. Each club member gets one vote for the Digital Member's Choice.

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The Print Member's Choice will be selected at the banquet. You can preview the winning prints on the tables in the back of the room and make your choice by writing the number on a slip of paper, and placing it in the basket provided either before the meal or during. Everyone attending the banquet, members and guests, has one vote for the print category. Members are asked to please be sure to pick up your images at the close of the evening.

Both Member's Choice selections will be closed at 7 o'clock so we can tally the winners, which will be recognized at the end of the program. We will also announce competition topics for next year at that time. The banquet should be a festive time to end a great year for our club and we hope all members will be able to attend.

### Sparkman High School Photography Show

The Sparkman High School Photography Show will be open Dec. 5-9th from 8 am to 3 pm in the library and also on Thursday Dec. 8th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm for an Open House night for visitors to see the show and our photo labs. Lots of great work to see. Event is free to the public.

Photos will be for sale \$10 for 8x10's and \$20 for 12 x 18's prints. Proceeds will go to support our program. For more info or directions to the school contact Eric Mittman.

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**November Competition Results**  
**Subject – Smoke**  
**Judge – Eric Shultz**

	Color Digital (37)	Monochrome Digital (32)	Color Print (27)	Monochrome Print (16)
<b>1st</b>	Dave Edens	Diana Davidson	Barry Jackson	Barry Jackson
<b>2nd</b>	Ernie High	Ron Atchley	Tom Bryant	Charles Leverett
<b>3rd</b>	Barbara Montgomery	Sam Tumminello	Barry Jackson	Alan Forney
<b>HM</b>	Gayle Biggs	Ron Atchley	Charles Gattis	Barbara Staggs
<b>HM</b>	Peter Van Hoff	Sam Tumminello		Cliff Loehr
<b>HM</b>	Ron Atchley	Charles Gattis		
<b>HM</b>	Carol Blue			

*First Place Images*



Monochrome Digital  
 by Diana Davidson



Monochrome Print  
 by Barry Jackson



Color Print by  
Barry Jackson



Color Digital by  
Dave Edens

## Best of Year Judges- Bobby & Cheri Saint

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017

January 2017 Competition topic is "Gone with the Wind"

Name	2016 Points	2016 Wins
Diana Davidson	48	15
Joy Henderson	40	13
Tom Hix	36	10
Charles Leverett	33	13
Henry Norton	33	11
Barry Jackson	27	11
Charles Gattis	25	9
Martha Teal	25	12
Dave Edens	24	8
Henry Smith	24	9
Barbara Montgomery	20	10
Nicole Harper	18	7
Margaret Phillips	17	6
Alan Forney	15	7
David Blue	13	7
Waldy Cuevas	13	8
Barbara Staggs	13	9
Virginia Gilbert	12	4
Bill Snoddy	12	4
Gayle Biggs	11	7
Leta Hix	11	6
Jim Spinosa	11	3
Don Wolfe	11	4
Sam Alexander	10	5
Tom Bryant	10	5
Doris Leverett	10	6
Emily Saile	10	6
Kathy Seeds	10	4
Ron Atchley	9	4
Rosemary Davidson	9	3
Ernie High	9	4
Pete Van Hoff	9	6
Wendell Coleberg	8	3
Carol Blue	7	3

Name	2016 Points	2016 Wins
David Little	7	3
Liz Little	7	5
Sam Tumminello	7	5
Daniel Little	6	6
Gail Patton	6	3
Nathan Robbins	6	2
Eddie Sewall	6	2
Susi Stroud	6	3
James Anderson	5	2
James Burton	5	1
Trudi Gardner	5	1
Steve Mitchell	5	3
Richetta Wilkerson	5	1
John Kirwin	4	4
Alan Montgomery	4	2
Richard Potter	4	2
Tim Solomon	3	3
Nick Stanley	3	1
Jerry Green	2	2
Liz High	2	2
Cliff Loehr	2	2
Glen Romanczuk	2	2
Randy Stephens	2	2
Dorinda Tyler	2	2
Anna Bright	1	1
Dannye Drake	1	1
Bart Fay	1	1
Garth Fraser	1	1
Barbara Hitt	1	1
Marian Lewis	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Margaret Todd	1	1
Debbie Tromblee	1	1

## Photo Opps for December

- **Annual Parade of Lights, Dec 10, 6:00 p.m., Decatur, AL.** This Christmas maritime event is sponsored by the Riverwalk Yacht Club and features many boats of all types and sizes decorated with lights, holiday themes and other festive trimmings for the holiday season. The public is invited to stroll around the docks prior to the parade, 4-6 pm, for an up close look at the brightly lit boats.

The boat parade will make a few circles from the entrance of the Riverwalk Marina towards the west to the railroad bridge, east in front of Rhodes Ferry Park and then back into the marina. The best viewing will be at Rhodes Ferry Park, the Hard Dock Cafe or the marina launch and parking area.

- **Solstice Market at Flying Monkey Arts, Dec 17, 10 am-6 pm, Lowe Mill Arts Center.** The gypsy style market expands from its origins on second floor south building into the first floor connector space, by Logan Tanner's (studio #255) historic Lowe Mill A&E mural. Stroll through the diverse and eclectic resident studios set up in between visiting local and regional artists and craftspeople displaying works for sale from the traditional to the bizarre Saturday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The annual Solstice Celebration Concert featuring the Huntsville Feminist Chorus will be in the theatre at 4:30 PM and is free to attend.

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### Close-up & Macro Workshop with Tom and Pat Cory

Tom & Pat Cory will be holding a Macro Photography Workshop at their home in Signal Mountain, TN, on Saturday, Jan 14, 2017, 9:30 am-1:30 pm ET. The fee is \$89 and includes instruction, handouts, coffee and home made snacks. Register by sending check or money order to:  
Tom and Pat Cory  
P.O. Box 42  
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

### New Members

Paul Levick  
Glen Laird  
Laura Shiermeyer

Workshop topics will include: Selecting equipment for macro photography, lighting: natural and artificial, composing effective images, creative approaches in macro photography, and choosing subjects with emotional impact.

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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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