



In Focus

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August Program- Photographing Weather by Eugene McCaul

How does Eugene McCaul, a research scientist specializing in thunderstorm morphology and lighting with a Ph.D. in Meteorology, spend his free time? Not surprisingly, he spends much of his spare time and vacations in pursuit of photogenic weather. His program will display a section of storms and other weather images, and will also discuss equipment, techniques and methodology for capturing weather related images.

McCaul's photos have been honored with first place prize in the 2008 Weather category at the Nature's Best Windland Smith Rice Photographic Competition, exhibited at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, and have been published in venues such as the Audubon Field Guide to Weather and the Weather Guide calendar. He maintains a website called "stormshooter.com" to share and market his photos. When storms are not in season, he also enjoys seeking out other forms of scenic beauty, as reflected in his other websites "dixiefoliage.com" and "boneyardbeaches.com." He hopes to get a chance to view his second total solar eclipse later this month, on August 21.

Eugene currently works for a nonprofit government contractor in collaboration with other researchers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL.

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From The President

July's photo walk was wonderful, and Cara Fuller's take on "Broken" made our July contest very informative and enjoyable. We also took steps toward a stronger relationship with the Library by creating some combined programs.

The 2017 HPS Members Exhibition at the Huntsville Museum of Art ends on August 6th. The topic for our 2018 Exhibit was slightly modified so please take note! The topic is "Unexpected Beauty". The official opening of the 2018 HPS Members Exhibition at the Museum will be on Sunday, May 20 and official closing on Sunday, August 5, 2018. The Exhibitor's reception is May 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Cliff Loehr

Nominations for 2018 HPS Board Positions

It may seem early, but it is time to start forming a slate of nominees for the 2018 HPS Board. We are seeking volunteers who would like to participate on the HPS Board and assist in the future of our organization. The slate of nominees must be presented to the membership and a vote conducted by the end of October for a smooth transition in January 2018. Descriptions of each position are in the By Laws at:

<http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org/about/about-us/laws>

If you have questions about a position please contact the current Officer (see last page of the newsletter), or if you would like to nominate yourself, send an email to Geri Reddy at hpseditor@bellsouth.net. At this time we have two positions that will be vacant (President & Digital Competition Officer), and several folks that would not mind stepping down, if there is someone else who is interested.

The Board recently approved adding two positions- Outreach Officer & Exhibition Director. These positions do not have an official description yet but in general, the Outreach Officer would assist with the new Memorandum of Understanding, coordinating HPS members who have volunteered to do programs for the Library, and the Exhibition Director would assist with the annual Museum of Art Exhibit and bi-monthly Von Braun Center exhibits, as well as developing relationships with other venues.

Great Dragonfly Shootout and Barbeque

About 20 people gathered at Doris and Charlie Leverett's home on Saturday, July 22nd, to make pictures of the dragonflies around their lake near Albertville. The dragonflies were cooperative, the barbeque was scrumptious, but most of all we had a great time being together on a beautiful summer day. Thanks to Doris and Charlie for their hospitality!

For those who took part in the Shootout, please select up to 3 of your best images and bring the prints to the HPS meeting on Monday, October 30th



(the next 5th Monday meeting). We will display the prints and ask HPS members to vote for their favorites. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prints will be selected. (This is an informal competition; HPS points will not be awarded.)



Photo Opps for August!

- Drummer's Night Out at Tangles String Studios, Lowe Mille. August 12, two shows at 6:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. An incredible concert with world-renowned all star drummers Marcus Pop, Will Kennedy, JS Blair, and Darrell Tibbs. They will perform with special guest Phil Lee on bass, Cedrick Draper on keys, and Mark Copeland on guitar.
<http://www.lowemill.net/event/drummers-night-out-iii-two-shows/>
- 6th Annual Habitat for Humanity Dragon Boat Festival, Riverwalk Park, Gadsden, AL, August 19, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Watch the spectacle of 46 foot Dragon Boats powered by 20 paddlers, rowing to the beat of the drummer as they race on a course on the Coosa River. <http://habitatdragonboat.com>
- Total Solar Eclipse, August 21. To find the best nearby location and other info on how to prepare for and shoot the Eclipse of 2017, <http://www.photopills.com/articles/solar-eclipse> or check out info from the July 31st HPS presentation by Dr. Gordon Telepun at <http://www.solareclipsetimer.com>
- Music on the Mountain Festival, Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville, AL, August 26, 6:00 p.m. Festival on the campus featuring the best bluegrass and gospel music groups in the South.

August Judge for Rural America: Joe Fikes



Joe Fikes is certainly no stranger to the Huntsville Photographic Society. He has judged for us every year since 2012. A distinguished scientist in the field of laser research, he has also created a successful business as a photographer. Joe's art excelled in attention to detail, creativity in composition, and rich color palettes. You will find pieces of his art in homes throughout North Alabama and southern Tennessee. If you are not familiar with his work, you can visit his site at www.joefikes.com/. We welcome Joe as our judge on August 28, at 7:00 pm, on the topic Rural America. As usual, competition will be held in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Main Branch.

Name	2017 points	2017 wins
Henry Norton	47	16
Margaret Phillips	28	11
Ron Atchley	24	11
Joy Henderson	23	7
Charles Leverett	22	9
Barbara Montgomery	21	8
Martha Teal	19	7
Sam Alexander	16	5
Barbara Staggs	15	7
Dave Edens	15	4
Sam Tumminello	14	8
Pete Van Hoff	14	8
John Shriver	13	3
Nicole Harper	12	3
Henry Smith	11	3
James Anderson	10	5
Alan Forney	10	2
Virginia Gilbert	10	4
James Williams	10	3
Doris Leverett	9	6
David Blue	7	3
Rosemary Davidson	7	2
Gayle Biggs	6	2
Charles Gattis	6	3
Tim Solomon	6	2
Tom Bryant	5	5
Barry Jackson	5	3
Luis Lebron	5	3
Nathan Robbins	5	1
Dorinda Tyler	5	2
Liz High	4	2
Carol Blue	3	1
Cliff Loehr	3	1
Richard Potter	3	1
Eddie Sewall	3	3
Diana Davidson	2	2
Liz Smith	2	2
Anna Bright	1	1
Jerry Green	1	1
Tom Johnson	1	1

Name	2017 points	2017 wins
John Kirwin	1	1
Jeanne McDowell	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
Emily Saile	1	1
Jeff Smith	1	1
Bill Snoddy	1	1
Jim Spinosa	1	1
Brian Boardman	1	1



HPS is now on Meetup! Join the group at <https://www.meetup.com/Huntsville-Photography-Group/>

Anyone with the love of photography and a desire to shoot more is welcome to join, to learn and share from each other.

2017 Meeting Calendar

- Aug 14 – Photographing Weather- Eugene McCaul
- Aug 28 - “Rural America” Competition Meeting
- Sep 11 – Program TBA
- Sep 25 - “Mystery” Competition Meeting
- Oct 9 - Program TBA
- Oct 23 - “Open” Competition Meeting
- Oct 30 - Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)
- Nov 13 - Program TBA
- Nov 27 - “Cabins” Competition Meeting
- Dec 11 - Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

July Competition Results
Subject- Broken
Judge – Cara Fuller

	Color Digital (49)	Monochrome Digital (45)	Color Print (31)	Monochrome Print (25)
1st	Dave Edens	Ron Atchley	Henry Smith	Alan Forney
2nd	Ron Atchley	Dave Edens	Sam Alexander	Doris Leverett
3rd	Barbara Staggs	Martha Teal	Henry Norton	Henry Smith
HM	Emily Saile	Ron Atchley	Barbara Staggs	Eddie Sewall
HM	Peter Van Hoff	Martha Teal	Barbara Staggs	Charles Leverett
HM	Tom Bryant	Peter Van Hoff	Henry Norton	Sam Alexander
HM	Sam Tumminello	Virginia Gilbert		
HM	Charles Gattis	Dave Edens		



Color Digital 1st Place
 by Dave Edens



Color Digital 2nd Place
 by Ron Atchley

Color Digital 3rd place by Barb Staggs



Monochrome Digital 1st place by Ron Atchley



Monochrome Digital 2nd place by Dave Edens



Monochrome Digital 3rd
place by Martha Teal



Monochrome Print 1st
place by Alan Forney



Monochrome Print 2nd place by
Doris Leverett



Monochrome Print 3rd place by
Henry Smith



Color Print 1st place by
Henry Smith



Color Print 2nd place by
Sam Alexander

Color Print 3rd place by
Henry Norton



2017 Officers of Huntsville Photographic Society

President	Cliff Loehr
Primary Competition Officer	Charles Gattis
Digital Competition Officer	Eddie Sewall
Competition Records Officer	Margaret Phillips
Program Officer	Henry Norton
Activities Officer	Bob Gower
Publicity Officer	Sam Tumminello
Treasurer	Sam Alexander
Communications Officer	Geri Reddy
Historian	James Burton II
PSA Representative	Lee Pratt
Webmaster	Luis Lebron

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
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)