



# In Focus

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## September Program- Photographic Inspirations From The Fine Art World: Photographers That Have Changed The Way We Look At Photography *by Jose Betancourt*

This month's program night will feature an HPS regular, José Betancourt. While most of us have been on the receiving end of his judging at our monthly contests; this time he will present a conversation on "Photographic Inspirations, photographers that have changed the way we look at Photography". This will be a great way to learn about techniques, composition and insights from the masters that have pushed our craft forward.

José Betancourt is an Associate Professor of Photography at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Department of Arts. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Florida and his Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography from the City University of New York- Hunter College, where he studied with Roy DeCarava, Mark Feldstein and Juan Sanchez. Aside from his teaching duties, José judges photography competitions, artists' grants and also exhibits his work nationally and internationally.

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## From The President

I've been so out of touch with everyone because of a medical emergency but I sure look forward to getting back into the swing of things. I was not able to travel for the eclipse and did not even have my camera with me. I look forward to the entries for September's contest, "Mystery".

Keep an eye on the HPS website where we will be posting information about shared activities with the library. Also, if anyone is interested in filling a position on the HPS board, please let me know.

Sorry for the short letter, but it's been a strange month.

*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](mailto: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.

## 2017 Solar Eclipse



Photo by Margaret Phillips

Photo by Margaret Phillips



Photo by Rosemary Davidson

## Eclipse Pic Party

➤ **Saturday, September 23, 7 pm.**

**Address: 181 Lofton Road NW, Huntsville, Al 35806**

(In Monrovia between Jeff Road, Douglas, Indian Creek & Blake Bottom)

- Bring your eclipse pics, the good, the bad & the ugly so we can discuss what works/ doesn't work for the eclipse shots so we will be ready for April 8, 2024. Send your shots with name, equipment used, and settings to [rosemary.davidson@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.davidson@gmail.com) or bring on SD card or USB flash drive. Weather permitting, shots will be projected onto a movie screen. We have 20 chairs, so bring a folding chair if you have one handy. Bring a snack to share.

➤ **POC is HPS member Rosemary Davidson.** Call 256-698-5579 for questions.

## 2017 Worldwide PhotoWalk is October 7!

On the first Saturday of October each year, photographers and enthusiasts around the world get out their cameras and meet up at a designated location in their town to walk around and take photographs, socialize, make new friends, win prizes, and be a part of a great cause during Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photowalk.

Each walk consists of 50 walkers or less. All ages are welcome. The PhotoWalk is a great way to get the family out of the house to enjoy nature and socialize. Best of all, it's free. All participants need to register. To find a walk near you, go to

<http://worldwidephotowalk.com/locations/>

And enter your city and state, or zip code and click "Search Map". Each walk has a leader who will provide location to meet and start/end time for the walk.

## September Judge for Mystery: Monica Martin



Monica Martin began her career as a professional photographer in 1988. With her studio located in Guntersville, she has supported clients across Northern Alabama. She has varied experiences and expertise in portrait, commercial, and architectural photography. Monica was our judge in 2010 on "Reflections," 2012 on "Barns," 2015 on "Faces in Objects," and 2016 on "Delicate." This year, on August 25 at 7 p.m., she will judge our competition on "Mystery." Examples of her own work can be found here,

<http://www.monicamartin.com/?load=html>.

Name	2017 points	2017 wins
Henry Norton	54	18
Margaret Phillips	29	12
Joy Henderson	27	8
Ron Atchley	26	13
Charles Leverett	26	10
John Shriver	26	6
Barbara Montgomery	21	8
Martha Teal	20	8
Sam Alexander	16	5
Henry Smith	16	4
Sam Tumminello	16	10
Dave Edens	15	4
Doris Leverett	15	8
Barbara Staggs	15	7
Pete Van Hoff	14	8
Alan Forney	13	3
Nicole Harper	12	3
James Anderson	10	5
Virginia Gilbert	10	4
James Williams	10	3
Liz High	8	4
David Blue	7	3
Rosemary Davidson	7	2
Charles Gattis	7	4
Gayle Biggs	6	2
Tim Solomon	6	2
Tom Bryant	5	5
Barry Jackson	5	3
Luis Lebron	5	3
Nathan Robbins	5	1
Dorinda Tyler	5	2
Gail Patton	4	1
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

Name	2017 points	2017 wins
Thomas Johnson	1	1
John Kirwin	1	1
Jeanne McDowell	1	1
Steve Mitchell	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**

- Sep 11 – Photographic Inspirations by Jose Betancourt
- 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



**August Competition Results**  
**Subject- Rural America**  
**Judge – Joe Fikes**

	Color Digital (46)	Monochrome Digital (49)	Color Print (25)	Monochrome Print (20)
<b>1st</b>	John Shriver	John Shriver	Doris Leverett	Henry Smith
<b>2nd</b>	Gail Patton	Joy Henderson	Henry Norton	Charles Leverett
<b>3rd</b>	John Shriver	Ernie High	Henry Norton	Alan Forney
<b>HM</b>	Ron Atchley	Sam Tumminello	Ron Atchley	Margaret Phillips
<b>HM</b>	Martha Teal	Ernie High	Steve Mitchell	Doris Leverett
<b>HM</b>		Sam Tumminello	Charles Gattis	
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Color Digital 1st Place  
by John Shriver



Color Digital 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
by Gail Patton



Color Digital 3rd place by  
John Shriver



Monochrome Digital 1<sup>st</sup>  
place by John Shriver

Monochrome Digital  
2nd place by Joy  
Henderson

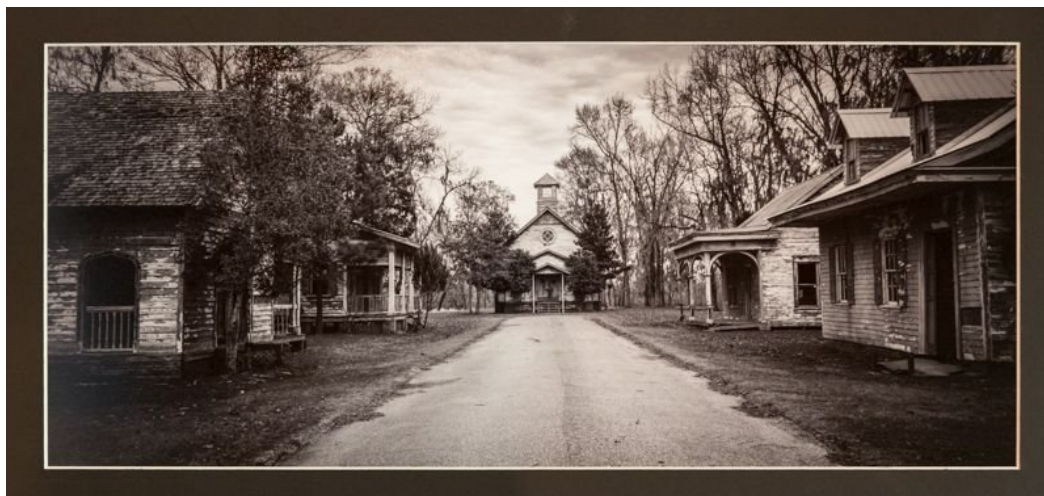






Monochrome Digital 3rd  
place by Ernie High

Monochrome Print 1st  
place by Henry Smith

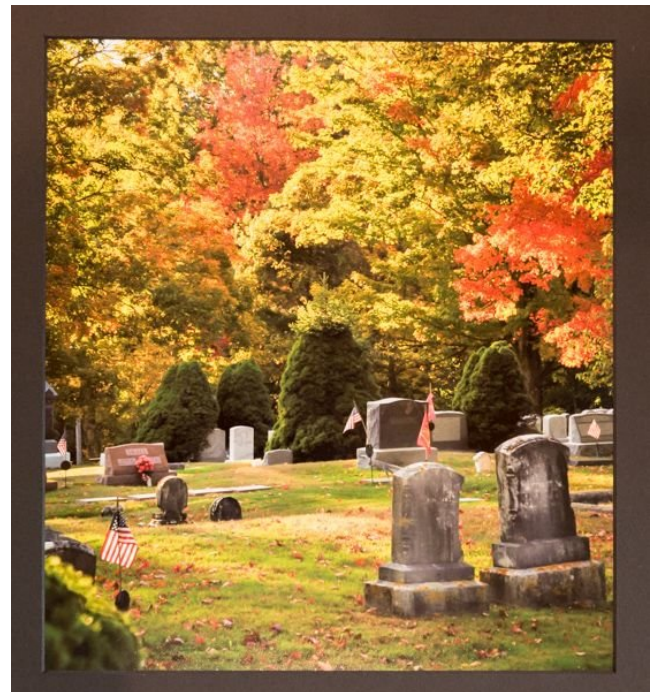


Monochrome Print 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place by Charles  
Leverett





Monochrome Print 3rd place by  
Alan Forney



Color Print 1<sup>st</sup> place by  
Doris Leverett



Color Print 2<sup>nd</sup> place by  
Henry Norton

Color Print 3<sup>rd</sup> place by  
Henry Norton



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