



In Focus

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July Program- Walk In The Park

with Henry Norton

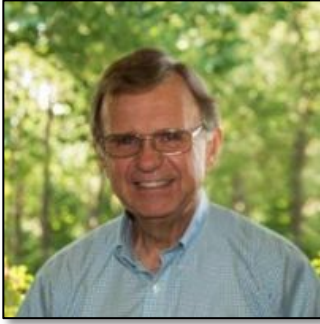
The July program will actually be an activity . . . a repeat of last year's very popular Walk Through Big Spring Park and around old town Huntsville. Participants should gather at the usual meeting location, Huntsville/ Madison County Library at 7:00 p.m. The group will do a photo walk thru the Park and finish the evening by taking photos around old town. Return to the library can be done by foot or a shuttle will be available to carry people and equipment back to the library. Attire should include a good pair of walking shoes, camera with a good walk-around lens or some different prime lenses, and a travel tripod. In case of inclement weather, Henry Norton will provide a lecture on Photoshop.

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Topic for 2019 HMA Exhibition: Chiaroscuro

The use of strong contrasts between light and dark; usually bold contrasts affecting a whole composition. It is also a technical term used by artists for the use of contrasts of light to achieve a sense of volume in molding 3-dimensional objects and figures.



From The President

Since a segment of our purpose is to promote the joy of photography, training is an important part of our mission as an organization. I have observed that while we offer many opportunities for training, our efforts are not always organized in a way that can move a new photographer from one level to another. Looking at our membership roles, we can determine that only a third of our total membership

actually participate in the activities of the society. Of course there can be many reasons for this lack of participation from busy schedules to family obligations, but I assume one of the reasons is simply discouragement. Someone interested in photography joins HPS hoping to learn how to be a better photographer, but becomes discouraged at competitions or other events due to their seeming lack of progress. Quite the opposite should be happening. Personally, I am interested in bringing into our society individuals, hopefully bright eyed young candidates, who are fascinated and excited about the possibilities of creating quality, expressive photographs and helping them to systematically hone their natural skills and imagination so that they become fine photographers.

With that in mind, I have tried to better organize our approach to bringing in and encouraging new members in the society. Very little is new here, other than the organization and the progressive approach. Last year, I developed a new members class to orient individuals just beginning in the society. My reason was due primarily to my own experience. When first joining HPS, I remember the frustration of taking hold of things here. The process took me almost a year before I began to understand what we were about and how to really become involved. Most of us old timers don't realize that we have a lot going on here with some really excellent photographers, all of which can be intimidating to a new comer. The new member class is an attempt to help individuals get on board a little quicker. I am hoping to set these up every four months, with the next one scheduled for September.

Henry Smith has taught a Photography 101 course for several years now with really good success. At the end of each new member class, I plan to encourage and even recruit new members for his course. Henry does such a great job with this class that some of his students begin winning competitions almost immediately. Our biggest need for this class is a place for it to meet, so if you can be any help here, please let Henry or me know. I hope that we can schedule the class at least once a year, depending on interest, and that many of our new members will take this class. Some seasoned and well established photographers join our society and don't really need an introductory class; I realize that. There are others who are just intrigued with photography and want to learn as quickly as possible. This class is designed especially for them. I have asked Henry at the end of each class to encourage new photographers to continue their work through the mentor program, in the hopes that they will be able to work one-on-one with another photographer to continue growing their skills.

HPS has offered a mentor program for many years and several of our members have faithfully signed up to serve as mentors. One of the real joys of photography for me is

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July Judge- Patrick Oden

Patrick Oden will be our judge for the upcoming competition on July 23, 2018 for the subject, "On the Farm." In his 5th year as a judge for HPS, Patrick Oden is a seasoned and award winning photojournalist who currently lives in Guntersville, AL. As of this January, Patrick has begun publishing his own local lifestyle magazine, Lake City Magazine, which allows him the opportunity to photograph just about anything and everything. A good example of this was recently Patrick conducted a food shoot for a



restaurant in the morning, photographed boat racing in the afternoon, and an outdoor concert that evening. Street photography remains his favorite genera and he's always got an eye peeled for great light and a great moment.

We want to thank Patrick for returning, and once again serving as a competition judge for HPS.

You can find examples of his work at www.lakecityalabama.com

Photography Classes at LearningQuest

Two photography class opportunities are coming up in August through the local LearningQUEST organization. This group is partnered with the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library to offer an affordable variety of courses, activities, and travel opportunities. The classes are mostly offered during working hours so appeal to retirees. There is a \$20/year membership fee and a course fee of \$30/term for an unlimited number of courses. The catalog will be available on-line on July1 at <http://lquest.org/>.

To learn more, there is an event called Rally Day, which will be held on Tue, Jul 17th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the First Baptist Church across from the library. Here you can learn about courses, trips, and special programs and talk with instructors and register for programs.

Tom Bryant will be teaching a 6-week class beginning in August using a DVD series called Master of Photography. It will be useful for both experienced photographers and those interested in understanding more about the art of photography. It will be based on a DVD series with 12 master photographers describing the art in 24 lectures (2-term class). Tom will add supplemental material. Subjects include Wildlife, Landscape, Adventure Photography, Storytelling, and People in the Environment. The student will get the

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2nd Annual Great Dragonfly Shootout & Barbecue



HPS members and their families are invited to an afternoon of photography, fun, and food on Saturday, July 28th at Charlie and Doris Leverett's home near Albertville. There are at least 4 or 5 species of dragonflies around their lake, and photographing them can be a challenge. So bring your long lenses and appetites and join your HPS friends for an afternoon of chasing bugs! At a fall HPS meeting there will be a friendly, informal, members' choice competition of the

images that are submitted...with prizes!

Date: Saturday, July 28th

Time: 3 pm until the photographs have been taken and the barbeque is gone

Barbeque will be served around 5 pm

Place: 2112 County Road 433, Albertville, AL 35951

(A map will be sent upon request)

Regardless of the weather you will be comfortable, as there is plenty of shelter in case of rain and a large space with air conditioning.

Charlie and Doris are going to prepare the meat and slaw; everyone else is asked to bring a side dish (for example: potato salad, beans, bread, chips, dessert, watermelon) or drinks. If you plan to attend, sign up by emailing Sam Alexander at samalex1@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 256-690-6891 *before Saturday, July 21*. Include the following information in your message: (1) the dish or drinks you plan to bring, and (2) how many are attending.

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most from the class if they have knowledge of basic camera use.

Also in August, Charles Gattis is teaching a class on iPhone photography—Taking Better Pictures with your iPhone. The class will focus primarily on the iPhone but should be adaptable to any smart phone. It will cover some basic methods of improving images, the challenges and opportunities provided by the iPhone, important apps to use on the iPhone, and editing images with an iPhone. Suggestions for particular kinds of photography such as landscape, macro, street, and portraiture will also be covered. Lectures will be an hour to hour and fifteen minutes, with the opportunity for questions. There will also be a limited amount of photo critique. A private Facebook group will be available to the participants to share their own photography and receive comments and suggestions from other class members and the instructor.

Name	2018 points	2018 wins
Tom Bryant	26	9
Charles Gattis	24	7
Barbara Staggs	22	9
Charles Leverett	21	8
Alan Forney	18	7
Martha Teal	16	6
Earl Todd	16	5
Margaret Phillips	15	8
Emily Saile	13	4
John Kirwin	11	4
Barbara Montgomery	11	3
John Shriver	11	4
Henry Smith	11	3
Doris Leverett	10	4
Sam Tumminello	10	4
Jeanne McDowell	9	5
Steve Mitchell	9	2
Ron Atchley	8	4
Dorinda Tyler	8	2
Sam Alexander	7	3
Bill Snoddy	7	5
Gayle Biggs	6	4
Beverly Davies	6	2
Dave Edens	6	2
Liz High	5	2
Ernie High	5	5
Tyler Tibbetts	5	1
Margaret Todd	5	3
Carol Blue	4	1
Rosemary Davidson	4	1
Tim Solomon	4	2
Susi Stroud	4	2
Carol Boardman	3	1
Malen Coleberg	3	1
Bart Fay	3	1
Joy Henderson	3	1
Ashley Lindley	3	3
Henry Norton	3	3
Wendell Coleberg	2	2
William Gates	2	2

Name	2018 points	2018 wins
Virginia Gilbert	2	2
Jerry Green	2	2
Nathan Robbins	2	2
Glen Romanczuk	2	2
Ben Staples	2	2
Pete Van Hoff	2	2
David Blue	1	1
Nicole Harper	1	1
Thomas Johnson	1	1
Gail Patton	1	1
Sarah Payne	1	1
Geri Reddy	1	1
Lauren Sanderson	1	1
Jim Spinosa	1	1
Walt Tyzka	1	1
Grace Vandermark	1	1
Bess Wills	1	1

2018 Meeting Calendar

July 9 – Photo Walk In The Park and Old Town

July 23 - "On The Farm" Competition Meeting, Judge is Patrick Oden

July 30 – Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)

Aug 13 - Program TBA

Aug 27 - "Carnivals/Fairs/Parades" Competition Meeting, Judge is Eric Schultz

Sep 10 – Program TBA

Sep 24 - "Technology" Competition Meeting, Judge is Joe Fikes

Oct 8 - Program TBA (Columbus Holiday)

Oct 22 - "Open" Competition Meeting, Judge is Eric Mittman

Oct 29 - Fifth Monday (Open Forum Night)

Nov 12 - Program TBA

Nov 26 - "Spiritual/Inspirational" Competition Meeting, Judge is Cheri Saint

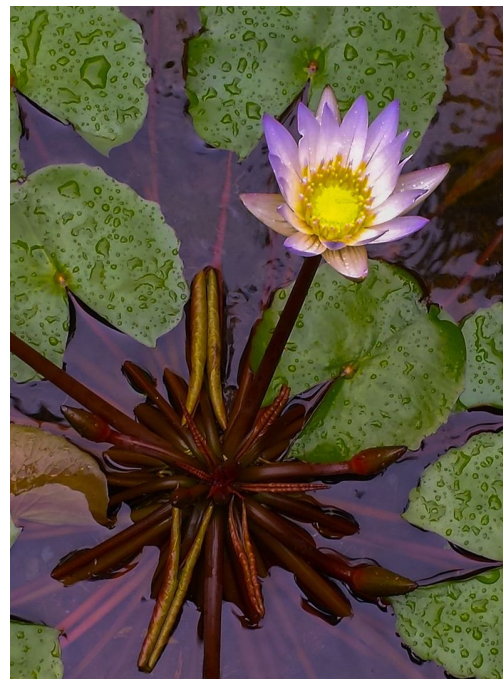
Dec 10 - Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

June Competition Results
Subject- Smart Phone Images
Judge – Monica Martin

	Color Digital	Monochrome Digital	Color Print	Monochrome Print
1st	Charles Gattis	Barbara Montgomery	Charles Leverett	Charles Gattis
2nd	Martha Teal	Emily Saile	Martha Teal	Doris Leverett
3rd	Margaret Phillips	Susi Stroud	Tom Bryant	Tom Bryant
HM	Ashley Lindley	Ashley Lindley	Alan Forney	Charles Leverett
HM	Sarah Payne	Ashley Lindley	Henry Smith	
HM	Martha Teal	Susi Stroud		
HM	Bill Snoddy	Grace Vandermark		
HM	Ernie High	Charles Gattis		
HM	Barbara Staggs			
HM	Jeanne McDowell			



Color Digital 1st place
 by Charles Gattis



Color Digital 2nd Place
 by Marha Teal



Color Digital 3rd place by
Margaret Phillips



Monochrome Digital
1st place by Barbara
Montgomery

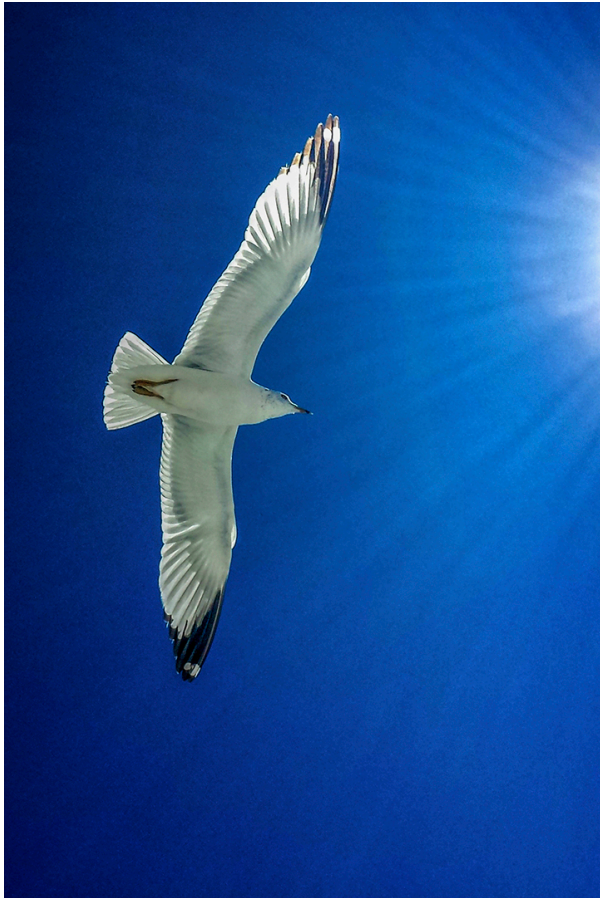


Monochrome Digital 2nd
place by Emily Saile



Monochrome Digital 3rd
place by Susi Stroud

Color Print 1st place
by Charles Leverett



Color Print 2nd place
by Martha Teal



Color Print 3rd place
by Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print 1st
place by Charles Gattis



Monochrome Print 3rd
place by Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print 2nd
place by Doris Leverett

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getting together with other photographers to shoot, share images and talk about how to improve our skills. Working with another individual in such a manner for a year or more would be a wonderful way to share knowledge we have gained while also learning from the individual we are mentoring. Such friendships produce so many rewards for both individuals. Jim Solomon has graciously agreed to take over that program and is working to develop it further so we can provide these experiences for individuals on a more regular basis.

Well, that's the progression I see developing and one I hope to put in place. Very little is new, except for the system and the emphasis. From there, I anticipate that new members will comfortably continue growing as they attend meetings, compete in competitions, participate in workshops, and come together for our Meet Ups. Please encourage us as we put these things in place and help us in any way you can, especially by being aware of the programs and helping us to recruit participants.

Charles Gattis



2018 Officers of Huntsville Photographic Society

President	Charles Gattis
Primary Competition Officer	Steve Mitchell
Digital Competition Officer	Vacant
Competition Records Officer	Margaret Phillips
Program Officer	Henry Norton
Outreach & Activities Officer	Rosemary Davidson
Publicity Officer	Sam Tumminello
Treasurer	Sam Alexander
Communications Officer	Geri Reddy
Historian	Tom Bryant
Exhibition Officer	Bob Gower
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)