



In Focus

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January Program– Natural Wonders of Costa Rica by Tom Bryant

In February 2012, Tom and Carole Bryant and 18 friends took a 2-week Road Scholar tour of Costa Rica. This program will be a ProShow slide show of this trip with music and narration. Costa Rica connects North and South America through a narrow strip of land so the landmass, encompassing only .03% of the earth's surface, contains 5% of earth's biodiversity -- a density that is unmatched anywhere else in the world. Its thick forests, vast wetlands, and misty mountains teem with life. See images of the wetlands of both the Pacific Ocean side and the Caribbean Sea side, rainforests and cloud forests, mountains and volcanoes. See images of blue morpho butterflies, scarlet macaws, poison dart frogs, and more. Also see zip lining and white water rafting adventures.



Tom is a retired rocket engineer, so like many Huntsvillians (including our own Mike Lyon) he can wear the t-shirt saying he really is a rocket scientist. He has been shooting snapshots for many years, and maybe after enough years in HPS he can become a real photographer. He began more years ago

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Wilderness Wildlife Week

The 23rd annual Wilderness Wildlife Week is Jan 12-19, 2013. The week long event is held in Pigeon Forge, TN. It is an event committed to the education and enjoyment of the public as to the wonders of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. It offers guided tours, lectures from world renowned nature experts, music, wildlife workshops and more. Throughout the week, exhibits showcasing photography and artwork will take place, including an annual photo contest.

Presenters include Tom & Pat Cory, Kendall Chiles, Bill Fortney, and Harold Stinnette. For a complete schedule of events go to

http://www.mypigeonforge.com/events_wwwclasslist.aspx.



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From The President

Boy, did this year pass fast – I can't believe we are entering 2013. 2012 was a great year for HPS. Our second exhibition at the Huntsville Museum of Art opened in October, and has received rave reviews. In January, several of our members joined the Chattanooga photo club for a field trip to the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge. In October, Diana Davidson led a Scott Kelby Worldwide Photowalk at the Goldsmith-Schiffman Nature Preserve. In November, Cliff Loehr conducted a night photography workshop at a really neat junkyard near Moulton. Walt Tyszka created a Facebook page for HPS, which gets lots of use by our members. One of the best things about this year, at least to me, is the number of new members HPS gained and the number of them that placed in our competitions. Along with this increase in members, our number of competition entries grew as well, and this led us to find a new digital entry site (gmail.com) and limits on the number of entries for future competitions. Roger brought us great programs this past year, and Ernie found us some excellent judges, including Carolyn Faraci and Peter Baldaia from the Museum of Art. On a sad note, though, one of our long-time and accomplished members, Robert Schuffert, passed away in May.

2013 is already shaping up to be a year of learning for HPS. In February, the Rocky Mountain School of Photography comes to Huntsville for two days of courses/seminars. HPS members can get a discount, so sign up soon. Courtesy of Joy Henderson, Rick Sammon, an internationally known photographer, instructor, and author will be here in May. Roger has several great programs lined up for us, too, including Pick that Tune and photo clichés.

2013 also brings changes to our Board, as three members step down. Cliff Loehr has volunteered to take on the position of Digital Competition Officer, Margaret Phillips has agreed to be our new Webmaster, and Bob Gower will

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January Program

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than he wants to admit with an Argus C4 rangefinder 35 mm camera from a pawn shop, which sported an f./2.8 lens and a focus patch in the rangefinder. Tom wishes he had it back, in this day of "retro look" cameras. It was stylish and would fit right in. Today he uses a Canon 60D DSLR and also a Canon point-and-shoot for a hiking/bicycling camera. Besides the trip to Costa Rica, Tom's photographic highlights of the year were the Ansel Adams Photo Caravan that he attended with HPS members Joy Henderson and Henry Smith, and Cliff Loehr's "Painting With Light" workshop.

Tom has been an HPS member for five years and is a Silver Fellow. Being one point shy of Gold Star Fellow, he hopes to attain that rank this year.

From the President

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take over as Activities Officer. These positions will need to be voted on at our first meeting in January, so don't miss it. Many thanks to Mike Lyon, Walt Schumacher, and Andrea Shetley for their efforts in these positions over the last few years.

I would like to thank our year-end judges, Tony Triolo, Ellen Hudson, and Tom and Pat Cory for judging color and monochrome prints and digital, respectively. Along with thanks to the judges, my congratulations go to our winners – Diana Lyn Davidson, recipient of the 2012 President's Award; Eddie Sewall for Best of Year winner in Digital; and Garth Fraser for Best of Year winner in Color and Monochrome Prints.

Roger was the perfect host for our Year End banquet. Carrabba's provided us a wonderful meal and Barbara from Costco brought us desserts and drinks.

Let's make 2013 a memorable year for HPS. Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

Nature and Travel Photographic Society

The Nature and Travel Photographic Society (NPS) program for Jan. 21, 2013, will be "Historic Bridges" by Billy Spears. More info on NPS @ <http://dev.naturephotosociety.org/>

RMSP Coming to Huntsville

Rocky Mountain School of Photography (RMSP) is bringing a weekend of photography instruction to Huntsville, AL, on February 9-10, 2013. As a member of a camera club or photography group, you may register with a discount code to save on your registration fee. RMSP Photo Weekends offer a diverse selection of ten classes to choose from taught by knowledgeable and inspiring instructors, a group critique and great door prizes. Topics include Photo Basics I and II, Lightroom, Understanding Exposure, Macro, Understanding Light, HDR and Panoramic, Composition, Landscape Photo and Photographing People. Visit www.rmisp.com/weekends for a schedule of classes and a list of course descriptions. The workshop location is Embassy Suites, 800 Monroe St. \$119 per person for both days, \$89 for one day. The group code saves you a total of \$20 for two days or \$10 for one day. Online and early bird savings have been included in the group pricing. Register online at www.rmisp.com/weekends or call (800) 394-7677 to register by phone. The discount code has been emailed to members. If you recently joined or cannot find the code, contact Margaret Phillips at phillipsqh@bellsouth.net or Geri Reddy at hpseditor@bellsouth.net.

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2012 Best of Year Winners



Color Print Second Place - Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print Third Place - Dave Edens



Color Print Third Place - Glen Romanczuk



Monochrome Print Second Place - Diana Davidson

Monochrome Print BOY – Image not Available

Color Print BOY – Image not available

2012 Best of Year Winners



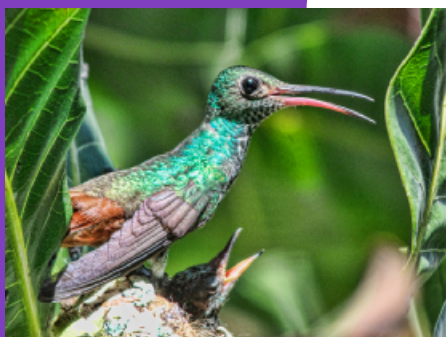
Digital BOY -
Eddie Sewall



Digital Second Place -
Barb Montgomery



Digital Third Place -
Tim Solomon



Costa Rica.
Images by Tom Bryant



2013 HPS Meeting Info

Jan 14– Costa Rica by Tom Bryant
Jan 28 - Metal Competition
Feb 11 – Lighting by Mark Mercier
Feb 25 - Letter/s Competition
March 11– Program TBD
March 25 - Backlit Competition
April 8 - Program TBD
April 22 - Open Competition
April 29 – Members Forum
May 13 – Program TBD
May 27– Negative Space Competition
June 10 - Program TBD
June 24 - Broken Competition
July 8 – Program TBD
July 22– Simplicity Competition
July 29- Members Forum
Aug 12– Program TBD
Aug 26— Subject TBD at July 22 Competition
Sep 9 – Program TBD
Sep 23 – Things That Make You Go Hmmm Competition
Sep 30—Members Forum
Oct 14 – Program TBD
Oct 28 – Open Competition
Nov 11– Program TBD
Nov 25 - Repetition Competition
Dec 9– Best Of Year Dinner
Jan 27, 2014 - Color or Noir Competition

Best of 2012 Results

	Digital	Color Print	Monochrome Print
Best of Year	Eddie Sewall	Garth Fraser	Garth Fraser
2nd Place	Barbara Montgomery	Tom Bryant	Diana Davidson
3rd Place	Tim Solomon	Glen Romanczuk	Dave Edens
HM	Diana Davidson	Barbara Montgomery	Garth Fraser
HM	John Kirwin	Barbara Staggs	Diana Davidson
HM	Joy Henderson	Glen Romanczuk	Ernie High
HM	Jerry Green	Glen Romanczuk	
HM	Jerry Green	Garth Fraser	
HM	John Kirwin	Barbara Montgomery	
HM	Garth Fraser		
HM	Jerry Green		
HM	Barbara Staggs		
HM	Barbara Montgomery		
HM	Jerry Green		
HM	Emily Saile		

Honors

Master of Photography

Henry Smith

Gold Star Fellow

Geri Reddy

Silver Star Fellow

John Kirwin

Don Wolfe

Bronze Star Fellow

John Kirwin

Fellow

Ron Atchley

Mike Lyon

**2012 President's
Award (57 Points):
Diana Davidson**

Membership Dues for 2013

Reminder: Members must be current on their dues to compete in monthly competitions. The new year started January 1. Dues are \$20 for single or family membership, collected by the Treasurer, Dave McGuiness.

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Website for Digital Competition results: www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com

Meeting Information:

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library-Main Branch, 915 Monroe St.

Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00 due Jan 1st (\$18.00 if renewal paid before start of the Calendar year).

Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.

