

# In Focus

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# June Program– Creative Devices: An Analytical Approach To The Creative



We were privileged to have Patrick Oden as a recent judge at our HPS competition meeting. He was very popular with our membership so when I learned that he had a great topic that he was willing to share with us, I didn't hesitate to schedule it. We were originally slated to have "Name That Tune" as our June topic but I decided to move that program to October in order to make a slot available for Patrick. It should be a very educational evening as well as a lot of fun for all.

Patrick is a freelance photographer who considers himself a bit of a generalist in his work. He received his

first camera, a Pentax K1000, Christmas of his eighth grade year, and has been shooting ever since. Patrick began his professional work in photojournalism, working for a small paper in Utah where he won several awards from the Utah Press Association and the Society of Professional Journalist. He recently relocated to the Huntsville area from Athens, Ohio, where he did his MA in editorial photography at Ohio University's School of Visual Communication. Patrick's work now covers about every area of photography, and is equally well known for his dramatic commercial lighting as he is for his visual storytelling.

## **HPS Field Trip to Cheekwood Gardens**

Joy Henderson, Julie Lumpkins, Paul Butler, Margaret Phillips, Geri Reddy, and Tim Solomon traveled to Cheekwood Gardens on May 18th. On the way there, they stopped by the Double Arch Bridge on the Natchez Trace Parkway, located at the intersection of TN-96. The group then headed to the Gardens, photographing the streams, small ponds and waterfalls, iris and many other annuals and perennials, fountains, and the Japanese Gardens until closing . Lunch at the Pineapple Room restaurant was delicious. Margaret, Paul, and Joy stopped at the Arrington Vineyards *(Continued on page 3)* 

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## **From The President**

Lately, the weather has been beautiful – gorgeous skies and nice temperatures, so take advantage by getting outside and filling up your camera's memory card(s). The Huntsville Botanical Garden is on Summer hours, so head over there after work or late in the day to photograph the flowers and vegetation in the prime light. With all the rain we've had, the local waterfalls and creeks/rivers are full and ready for you to capture their glory.

The Rick Sammon event on May 11<sup>th</sup> was a huge success for the Huntsville photography community, and we owe Joy Henderson our thanks for inviting him and arranging everything, as well as Margaret Phillips for handling the registration process. The event drew participants from nearby and as far away as Texas, and we had around 300 people attend. Rick did not disappoint us – his presentation was jam-packed with information, tips, and beautiful photographs. If you did not get one of his books, *Exploring the Light*, he will provide autographed copies for \$20, if we can get orders for at least 20 books; let me know if you want one.

Many thanks to Garth Fraser for our May Program. Garth walked us through the process of creating panoramas, from setting up the camera, taking the shots, processing them in the RAW converter, stitching the images together in Photoshop, and the post-processing to complete the image. In the process, he discussed the Photoshop processes/techniques of work flow, layering, and the use of layer masks. I've always wanted to try this type of photography, but wasn't sure how to do it – now I know and can't wait to do it.

Our May judge for "Negative Space" was Kyle Zeringue, a local semiprofessional photographer with a studio in Lowe Mill. Kyle gave his take on the subject of negative space, and during the judging, provided extremely valuable and insightful comments. Congratulations to our winners. Check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site.

Name That Tune was supposed to be our June program, but Roger found out Patrick Oden will be in town this month, so he decided to have Patrick do our June program. Name That Tune will now be in October, so you have more time to take photos representing your favorite song. Patrick was our April judge, and in my view, one of the best we've ever had. He is full of energy and creativity and should provide a fantastic program for us.

Our June competition topic is "Broken," but be careful what you break to get those photos.

Go out and take some photos!!

## Eddie Sewall

## **Cheekwood Gardens**

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before returning to Huntsville. During our visit, the Gardens was preparing for the British artist Bruce Munro Light exhibit which will fill the Gardens with hundreds of miles of glowing fiber optic displays. The exhibit is currently on display through Nov 10, 2013, on Wed, Thurs, and Friday evenings until 11:00 p.m. A field trip will be planned for this Fall to return for this exhibit. See p. 7 for more images.



Photo by Geri Reddy



Photo by Geri Reddy



Photo by Tim Solomon



Photo by Joy Henderson



Photo by Paul **Butler** 

Photo by



May Competition Results Subject - Negative Space Judge - Kyle Zeringue				
	Digital (61)	Color Prints (43)	Monochrome Prints (46)	
lst	Matthew Pellegrino	Kathy Seeds	Henry Smith	
2nd	Glenn Romanczuk	Barbara Staggs	Henry Smith	
3rd	Rick Kress	Doris Leverett	Wayne James	
нм	Barbara Hitt	Sam Alexander	Charles Gattis	
нм	Matthew Pellegrino	Roger Hunter	Alan Forney	
нм	Leigh Butgereit	Veronica Beaudry	Diana Davidson	
нм	Shelia Gentle	Kathy Seeds	Ernie High	
нм	Pete Van Hoff		Don Wolfe	

## First Place Winners

Digital by Matthew Pellegrino



Monochrome Print by Henry Smith

Color Print by Kathy Seeds





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Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Kathryn Seeds	21	6
Charles Leverett	18	6
Rick Kress	12	5
Emily Saile	12	4
Henry Smith		4
Charles Gattis	10	4
Virginia Gilbert	10	3
Wayne James	10	4
Barb Staggs	9	4
Veronica Beaudry	8	5
Keith Berg	8	2
Carol Blue	8	3
Geri Reddy	8	5
Peter Van Hoff	8	4
Glen Romanczuk	7	2
Martha Teal	7	3
Sam Alexander	6	2
David Blue	6	3
Matthew Pellegrino	6	2
Don Wolfe	6	4
Don Bennett	4	I
Tom Bryant	4	I
Dave Edens	4	I
Willian Gates	4	I
Jackie Rudolph	4	2
Diana Davidson	3	3

#### Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for 1 st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. <u>Prizes must be redeemed within 30</u> <u>days or before the next month's competition</u> <u>(whichever comes first).</u> Members should come to Costco photo lab to claim the prize.

Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Doris Leverett	3	I
Cliff Loehr	3	3
Barb Montgomery	3	3
Tim Solomon	3	3
Susi Stroud	3	I
Leigh Butgereit	2	2
Garth Fraser	2	2
Liz High	2	2
Margaret Phillips	2	2
Brian Boardman	I	I
Dolores Burns	I	I
Sam Fara	I	I
Bart Fay	I	I
Alan Forney	I	I
Sheila Gentle	I	I
Joy Henderson	I	I
Ernie High	I	I
Barb Hitt	I	I
Roger Hunter	I	I
John Kirwin	I	I
Alan Montgomery	I	I
David Rudolph	I	I
Randy Stephens	I	I
Walt Tyszka	I	I
Ann Weis	I	I

June Judge -

Art Bond from the Art Program at Calhoun Community College



Julie Lumpkins Jodi Stephens

## Member News

## Who's Who in Photography

⇒ The "Who's Who in Photography 2012" booklet was released in May 2013 by the Photographic Society of America (PSA). Each year the Who's Who Lists summarize the results of all the worldwide photographic exhibitions that PSA endorses. There were 393 such exhibitions in 2012. In the 3D exhibitions, **Lee Pratt** and **Andrea Shetley** both had listings for 3D digital, slide, and print exhibitions. For the Top Worldwide Exhibitors, Lee was in the top 5 and Andrea in the top 15 digital image exhibitors, and Lee was in a 3-way tie for the second place among slide exhibitors.

## **Member Exhibits**

 $\Rightarrow$  In the HPS, TAC sponsored gallery of the VBC are prints by **Alan Montgomery** and on the opposite wall is the work of **Veronica Beaudry**. Their work is impressive and should be seen by all our members. The framed prints are in the main north hallway adjacent to the concert hall at the VBC. Don't miss seeing them.

 $\Rightarrow$  Then down the hallway a bit, as part of a TAC invitational exhibition, our members **Don Wolfe, Barbara Montgomery, and Kathy Seeds** are showing their impressive works photographic works. This show includes other art media and there are three other photographers included.

 $\Rightarrow$  Posthumous Honor. Five **Pat Gardner** masterful black and white prints are currently on view at the Chan Gallery of the Huntsville Museum of Art. They were donated to the museum by his wife Alice. The five gelatin silver prints are entitled "Partners In Time" (2001); Time In Light" (1985); Gardner Cabin Detail, (1993); "Winter Rest" (2001); and "Cabin Window" (2002). Pat, a Master in HPS died in Jan 2013.



Martha Teal was awarded 1st place in the Landscapes category in The Gadsden Museum of Art's 2013 Annual Photography Show. Exhibit dates: May 19-June 22.

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## Rick Sammon Book – Exploring the Light

Rick Sammon sold out of his books at the event on May 11<sup>th</sup>, but if we can get orders for at least 20 books, he will provide them, autographed, for the \$20 event price. The title of the book is Exploring the Light. Please let Eddie Sewall know if you want a copy, and if we have 20, he will get them ordered. Email Eddie at

cesewall@comcast.net.

## Sparkman Photography Trip to Ireland

Eric Mittman has announced the next Sparkman High School photography trip. They are travelling to Ireland in 2014. Trip cost is \$2929 and the dates are May 31- June 7, 2014. For additional info/questions, contact Eric at 256-975-0191 or <u>emittman@madison.k12.al.us</u>.

### 2013 HPS Meeting Info

June 10 - Creativity by Peter Odom

June 24 - Broken Competition

July 8 – Birds of a Feather by John Kirwin

July 22– Simplicity Competition

July 29- Members Forum

Aug 12– Ansel Adam's Footsteps by HPS Members Joy, Tom & Henry

Aug 26— Subject TBD at July 22 Competition

Sep 9 – Below the Surface by Nathan Williams

Sep 23 – Things That Make You Go Hmmm Competition

Sep 30—Members Forum

Oct 14 – Name That Tune by Roger Hunter

Oct 28 – Open Competition

Nov II- 3D Photography by Lee Pratt

Nov 25 - Repetition Competition

Dec 9– Best Of Year Dinner

Jan 27, 2014 - Color or Noir Competition

## Cheekwood Gardens (continued from p. 3)



Photo by Julie Lumpkins



**Photo by Margaret Phillips** 

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Arrington Winery Photo by Joy Henderson

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#### Website for Digital Competition results: <u>www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com</u>

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.