



# In Focus

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## July Program— Backyard Bird Photography with John Kirwin

For quite some time, John Kirwin has been bringing some amazing photos to our meetings at HPS. While many of his photos are extraordinary, his bird photos and especially his hummingbird photos often leave us thinking, “WOW, I wonder how he did that?” Finally, we’re going to find out. John has agreed to do a presentation entitled Backyard Bird Photography for HPS on July 8<sup>th</sup>. John will share some of the special techniques he employs. He will also present some great ideas that everyone can utilize, no matter what our level of photographic expertise.



John has been interested in photography for around 40 years. Although his main interest is wild life and nature photography, he’s always willing and eager to explore all aspects of photography. Like most of us, he’s mainly self taught but has attended many photographic courses and seminars. John has had the good fortune of working as a freelance photographer, mainly in the field of sports, for newspapers, AP and various magazines. John is presently employed at Boeing as a designer for the Space Station, but he has plans to retire in the near future so he can devote even more time to his passion for photography.

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## HPS Field Trip to Polo Club



See story and more images on p. 6.

Photo by Tim Solomon

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*“Roger rolled with the punches and brought us a fantastic Scott Kelby video, Smashing the Composition.”*

## From The President

The weather continues to be great for photography, not too hot and just a shower or so per week. There have been a couple of field trips recently, and another is planned to Reelfoot Lake State Park this month, so take advantage of the opportunity to get to know your fellow HPS members and take some interesting photos. Thanks to the organizers of these trips, and if you have an idea of a place to go, just let Bob Gower, our Activities director, know so we can get it publicized.

Our June program was a last minute change sprung on Roger when Patrick Oden couldn't get home from Atlanta in time. Roger rolled with the punches and brought us a fantastic Scott Kelby video, Smashing the Composition. Though I have several of his books, it was the first time I had seen Scott in action – what a character and phenomenal teacher! Going quickly through the typical composition topics of patterns, leading lines, rule of thirds, etc., Scott concentrated more on “working” the photo – working the subject from various angles, from various distances; varying the white balance, ISO, aperture/depth of field, and shutter speed; and trying different lighting conditions. I really learned a lot in that one + hour. Hats off to Roger for this great idea.

Our June judge for “Broken” was Art Bond, a retired photography and art professor, and a former Dean at Alabama. Art brought an artist's perspective to judging our images and provided great comments. Something I thought unusual for the topic were two portraits, both of grizzly men on whose faces you could almost read their life histories; they were really awesome, captivating photos. Both placed, so check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site. Congratulations to all of our June winners.

We have now had several members display their photos in the VBC hallways. If you are interested in showing your photos, please contact Charles Gattis, our coordinator for this. The photos hang for a month, and Charles is looking for future participants.

Our July Program will be presented by our own John Kirwin on his photography of hummingbirds. Having seen his BEAUTIFUL images of these amazing birds, I can't wait to find out how he does it. Don't miss this!

“Simplicity” is our competition topic for July, so don't make it too complicated.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

## Member News

HPS Member **Lee Pratt** is the new President of the National Stereoscopic Association (NSA). Far right is a photograph from June 8, 2013 of Lee Pratt and Brian May, lead guitarist for the British rock group Queen. The occasion was the 2013 NSA Convention at Traverse City, Michigan. Brian has a PhD in Astrophysics and is an author, a collector of stereo photographs, and a member of NSA.



## Art Morris, Bird Photographer, coming to Chattanooga

The Photographic Society Of Chattanooga Presents Artie Morris and Denise Ippolito

*Artie Morris courtesy of Canon*

**October 12, 2013 9 AM to 4 PM**

**Location:**

St John United Methodist Church, 3921 Murray Hills Dr,  
Chattanooga, TN 37416

**Schedule:**

9:00 to 10:45 Choosing and Using Lenses for Nature Photography Birds As Art Style - Artie Morris

11:00 to 12:00 Blooming Ideas - Denise Ippolito

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch

1:00 to 2:00 Image Composition and Design - Artie Morris

2:00 to 2:30 Pro Gear Handling Tips - Artie Morris and Denise Ippolito

2:30 to 2:45 Break

2:45 to 4:00 Creating Pleasing Blurs - Artie Morris and Denise Ippolito

**REGISTRATION:**

Registration for the entire day is free for all full-time elementary, high school, and college students. Register by sending an email to [president@chattanoogaphoto.org](mailto:president@chattanoogaphoto.org). Be sure to include your name and the name of your school.

Registration for just the first Artie Morris session, Choosing and Using Lenses for Nature Photography is free courtesy of Canon. Register by sending an email to [president@chattanoogaphoto.org](mailto:president@chattanoogaphoto.org). Be sure to include your name and a statement saying that you only wish to register for the first Artie Morris session.

**Registration for the FULL day with Artie Morris and Denise Ippolito is \$20.**

To register through Paypal or for more info, go to <http://www.chattanoogaphoto.org/>.

Competition Results			
Subject - Broken			
Judge - Art Bond			
	Digital (42)	Color Prints (41)	Monochrome Prints (28)
1st	Barbara Staggs	Sam Alexander	Sam Alexander
2nd	Tom Bryant	Emily Saile	Tom Bryant
3rd	Diana Davidson	Tim Solomon	Ernie High
HM	David Blue	Barbara Staggs	Diana Davidson
HM	John Kirwin	Martha Teal	Veronica Beaudry
HM	Don Wolfe	Martha Teal	Sam Alexander
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Glen Romanczuk	
HM	Emily Saile		
HM	Geri Reddy		
HM	Leigh Butgereit		
HM	Eddie Sewall		
HM	Diana Davidson		
HM	John Kirwin		

# First Place Winners



Monochrome Print by Sam Alexander

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Color Print by Sam Alexander



Digital by Barb Staggs

Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Kathryn Seeds	21	6
Charles Leverett	18	6
Sam Alexander	17	5
Emily Saile	17	6
Barb Staggs	15	6
Tom Bryant	12	3
Rick Kress	12	5
Henry Smith	11	4
Charles Gattis	10	4
Virginia Gilbert	10	3
Wayne James	10	4
Veronica Beaudry	9	6
Geri Reddy	9	6
Martha Teal	9	5
Keith Berg	8	2
Carol Blue	8	3
Diana Davidson	8	6
Glen Romanczuk	8	3
Pete Van Hoff	8	4
David Blue	7	4
Don Wolfe	7	5
Matthew Pellegrino	6	2
Tim Solomon	6	4
Don Bennett	4	1
Dave Edens	4	1
William Gates	4	1

Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Ernie High	4	2
Barb Montgomery	4	4
Jackie Rudolph	4	2
Leigh Butgereit	3	3
John Kirwin	3	3
Doris Leverett	3	1
Cliff Loehr	3	3
Susi Stroud	3	1
Garth Fraser	2	2
Liz High	2	2
Margaret Phillips	2	2
Brian Boardman	1	1
Delores Burns	1	1
Sam Fara	1	1
Bart Fay	1	1
Alan Forney	1	1
Shelia Gentle	1	1
Joy Henderson	1	1
Barb Hitt	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
David Rudolph	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Randy Stephens	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1
Ann Weis	1	1

*July Judge* -

**Eric Mittman**, Sparkman High  
School Photography Instructor

## HPS Field trip to Bluewater Creek Polo

HPS members Geri Reddy, Tim Solomon, Bob Gower, Julie Lumpkins, and Joy Henderson photographed the June 2013 Equestrian Event at the Bluewater Creek Polo Club in Rogersville, AL. The Polo Club was founded in 1980 by Edward S. Robins, III, a businessman and entrepreneur with businesses located in Muscle Shoals. The club is on 200+ acres of manicured fields including a 1.5 mile racetrack, polo practice arena, and two world class regulation polo fields. Polo matches scheduled for late afternoon were canceled due to rain earlier in the week. The equestrian activities included Dressage and Jumping with various ages and skill levels. Lunch was provided in support of Helping Horses Alabama. The weather was great for an afternoon on the beautiful grounds of the Polo Club. We hope to return for future polo games.



Photo by Joy Henderson



Photos by Joy Henderson



Photo by Geri Reddy



Photo by Geri Reddy



Photo by Tim Solomon



Photo by Geri Reddy

**Costco Sponsorship**

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

**2013 HPS Meeting Info**

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 11– 3D Photography by Lee Pratt
Nov 25 - Repetition Competition
Dec 9– Best Of Year Dinner
Jan 27, 2014 - Color or Noir Competition

**HPS Logo**

Provide your own shirt and the logo is \$7.50 or purchase a shirt from Alabama Stitchin Post (call or visit for price). Patches are also available for \$10 for hats or other items. Contact the supplier, Alabama Stitchin Post at 250-722-9775, or visit them at 1871 Slaughter Rd, Suite E, Madison, Ala. HPS member, Dave McGuiness, has offered to collect items that members would like to have the logo or patch applied, and deliver them to ASP and return them to the members at one of the club meetings. If you are interested in this, please contact Dave at [d.mcguiness@mchsi.com](mailto:d.mcguiness@mchsi.com).



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**2013 Officers of Huntsville Photographic Society**



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**Website for Digital Competition results:** [www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com](http://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.**

