



# In Focus

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## August 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 "Ansel Adams Footsteps" as our August topic but I decided to move that program to January 2014 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.

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## HPS Field Trip to Reelfoot State Park



HPS members visited Reelfoot State Park the weekend of July 19-21, 2013. The Park is located in the northwest corner of Tennessee in the city of Tiptonville. It contains 280 acres broken into 10 segments along 22 miles of Reel-

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## From The President

I missed the competition meeting this month, because my daughter and granddaughters were in town for a few days. Though most of their time here was rainy, we did get up to the Burrirt Museum to wander through the Whimsical Woods on a beautiful day. I got some great photos of the girls climbing on the various fairy tale exhibits, solving the associated tasks to move to the next display, and then getting their Hero buttons at the end. Sheila Gentle was there with her grandkids, too. We had a great time, and I highly recommend it. Even if you don't go through the Whimsical Woods, the Burrirt has many photographic opportunities, so check it out.

If you missed our Program night with John Kirwin, you really missed a great program. Most of you have seen the absolutely beautiful bird photos of John's, and that night he shared with us his secrets, and the hard work he puts in, to get those fantastic shots. He also discussed some of his post-processing techniques, including how he uses layers to change the background sometimes. As most of you know, great photographs take a lot of planning and effort, and John proved that with his presentation.

I'm sorry I missed the Simplicity judging. I'm sure Eric Mittman did his usual fantastic job determining the winners and providing great comments for everyone to learn from. Congratulations to our winners. Join me in checking them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site.

Our August program will be presented by Patrick Odon. Patrick was originally scheduled for June, however, due to unfortunate circumstances his program was cancelled at the last minute. Patrick was the competition judge for May and had a lot of recommendations about creativity. His program will be more in depth and explain how to expand the creativity in your photography.

Ernie provided our “To Be Announced” topic for the August competition, and it is “Rhythm.” So, put on your creativity hats, listen to some music, and figure out how to get rhythm in your photos.

We've had some great field trips over the last few months, and I really appreciate those members that have stepped up and led them. If you have ideas of somewhere neat to go, or if you're headed off to somewhere to take some photos, let others know. I have found going out with other photographers to be a great learning experience.

Thanks, and go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

## Photo Opportunities

⇒ David Crockett Days, Lawrenceburg, TN, Aug 9-10,2013. David Crockett State Park and the David Crockett Longhunters present the Annual David Crockett Days at David Crockett State Park located just west of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Enjoy this living history event to celebrate Crockett's Birthday. Black powder shooting matches, tomahawk throwing competition, traders, food and more!

Open to the public during regular Park hours. For more information call 931-762-9408

<http://www.natcheztracetravel.com/festivals-events/details/190-david-crockett-days.html>

⇒ Wings, Warts, and Wonder at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Various events through the end of September. Events include discovering butterflies at the Purdy Butterfly House Mon, Wed, and Fri, 10-1 p.m., live turtle demonstration on Tues, 10-11 a.m., live toad and frog demonstration at the Anderson Education Center on Thurs, 10-11 a.m., and Serpentine Saturday, live snake demonstration at the Anderson Education Center Aug 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Reelfoot Images

Image by  
Margaret  
Phillips



David Haggard, State Naturalist, with  
Great Horned Owl.  
Image by Tim Solomon

### For Sale

Canon FTb film camera with 55mm lens in it's original case bought in Japan approx. 40 years ago. Includes sunshade and speed light (Cullman DC 25). Asking \$350.00. For info call Susi Stroud at 256-508-5088 or email:

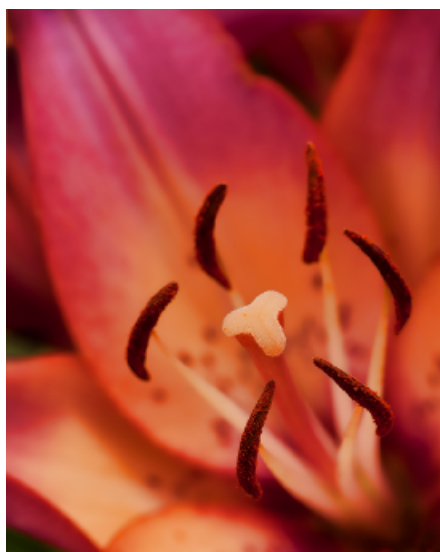
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Image by Julie Lumpkins

July Competition Results			
Subject - Simplicity			
Judge - Eric Mittman			
	Digital (63)	Color Prints (47)	Monochrome (26)
1st	Ernie High	Alan Forney	Martha Teal
2nd	John Kirwin	Alan Forney	Henry Smith
3rd	Diana Davidson	Don Wolfe	Diana Davidson
HM	Joy Henderson	Tim Solomon	Martha Teal
HM	Glenn Romanczuk	Ernie High	Geri Reddy
HM	Sam Alexander	Emily Saile	Charles Gattis
HM	Charlie Leverett	Tim Solomon	
HM	Peter Ashley	Gayle Biggs	
HM	Doris Leverett		

# First Place Winners

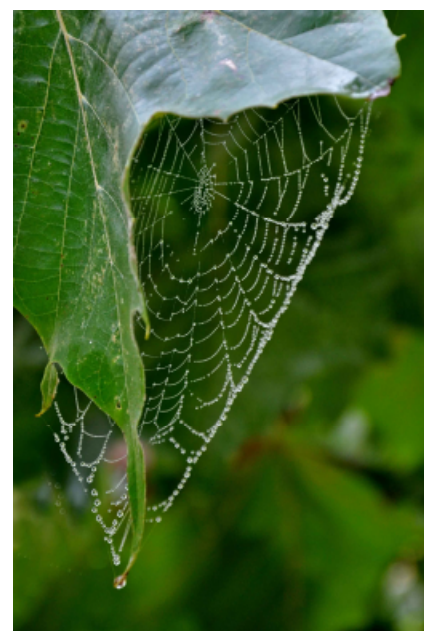


Digital by Ernie High



Monochrome Print  
by Martha Teal

Color Print by  
Alan Forney



Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Kathryn Seeds	21	6
Charles Leverett	19	7
Sam Alexander	18	6
Emily Saile	18	7
Henry Smith	15	5
Barbara Staggs	15	6
Martha Teal	15	7
Diana Davidson	14	8
Tom Bryant	12	3
Rick Kress	12	5
Charles Gattis	11	5
Alan Forney	10	3
Virginia Gilbert	10	3
Ernie High	10	4
Wayne James	10	4
Geri Reddy	10	7
Don Wolfe	10	6
Veronica Beaudry	9	6
Glen Romanczuk	9	4
Keith Berg	8	2
Carol Blue	8	3
Tim Solomon	8	6
Pete Van Hoff	8	4
David Blue	7	4
John Kirwin	7	4
Matthew Pellegrino	6	2
Don Bennett	4	1

Name	2013 points	2013 wins
David Edens	4	1
William Gates	4	1
Doris Leverett	4	2
Barbara Montgomery	4	4
Jackie Rudolph	4	2
Leigh Butgereit	3	3
Cliff Loehr	3	3
Susi Stroud	3	1
Garth Fraser	2	2
Joy Henderson	2	2
Liz High	2	2
Margaret Phillips	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
Gayle Biggs	1	1
Brian Boardman	1	1
Dolores Burns	1	1
Sam Fara	1	1
Bart Fay	1	1
Sheila Gentle	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

**August Judge** -

**Greg Patch**

<http://patchpictures.zenfolio.com/>

# Reelfoot State Park

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foot Lake shoreline. It is Tennessee's largest natural lake, created by severe earthquakes during the winter of 1811 and 1812. It is one of the greatest hunting and



Image by Dolores Burns



Image by Susi Stroud

fishing preserves in the nation, attracting fishermen, photographers, botanists and wildlife experts due to its wildlife diversity including a variety of shore and wading birds, as well as golden and bald eagles. Cypress trees dominate the margins of the lake and in the summer the lake is filled with lotus plants. The park offers guided canoe tours of the lake in April and May and pontoon boat rides in the summer depending on water levels.

HPS members Don & Connie Bennett and Dave & Linda

McGuinness arrived on Thursday, July 20, while everyone else arrived Friday afternoon. Other participants included Ernie & Liz High, Margaret Phillips, Dolores Burns, Susi Stroud, Julie Lumpkins, Jena Jones, Tom & Carole Bryant, and Tim & Geri Solomon. After checking into the Bluebank Resort we visited the Park Visitor Center and then drove to a couple of possible sunrise locations to check them out. After dinner, we headed to Walnut Log refuge area for sunset. Walnut Log has a boat ramp and a separate pier which extends out into lotus plants and has a lot of vegetation amongst the cypress trees which attracts spiders, frogs, egrets, and we found a snake on one of the lily pads that first night. As we were leaving after sunset there were crawdads crossing the road.



Image by Jena Jones

Most of us arose early Saturday morning for sunrise, but found there was only a small viewing area, a lot of tall vegetation to work around, and challenging to compose an image. Afterwards, we drove straight to the Visitor's Center to meet with the Regional Park Naturalist & a photographer himself, David Haggard, for the 7:00 pontoon boat ride around the lake. During the ride we witnessed an osprey diving for fish and building a nest, many egrets and blue heron amongst the trees and flying about the various channels of the lake, cormorants perching in the trees, and more blooming lotus, snakes, and a green tree frog. David shared



Image by Margaret Phillips

# New Members

**Anita, Megan & Gerard DeJong**

**Michael Cox**

**Angenette Hill**

**Richard Gramly**

# Visitors

**Al Eller**

**Jim Beecher**

**Gary Stiger**

2013 HPS Meeting Info
Aug 12– Creative Devices: An Analytical Approach to the Creative with Patrick Oden
Aug 26— “Rhythm” 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

## Reelfoot State Park

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his knowledge of the Park and it’s inhabitants during the ride. We did not return until almost noon. The normal public ride is usually about 3 hours so we were very appreciative of David who slowed down the boat and allowed us many photographic opportunities.

After lunch everyone met at the Visitor Center to photograph the birds of prey, some of which are permanent residents due to injuries and others are being rehabilitated for future release. The birds included a bald eagle, barred owl, great horned owl, eastern screech owl, and a red-tailed hawk. David placed them in a nearby tree for a more natural setting and close-up photography. Afterwards, we walked the boardwalk by the lake and found dragonflies, turtles, and more birds. We did not have sunset due to thunderstorms that evening.

We tried a different location for sunrise Sunday morning, recommended by David and only about 5 minutes from the resort. Color was much better this morning after the previous night’s storm. There were various trees and a pier as foreground subjects, and a lot of space for everyone to spread out along the bank of the lake. We all met for breakfast and some departed afterwards. A few of us went in search of a sunflower field we drove by on the way to Walnut Log that first night, and later in the afternoon, we drove through Long Point National Wildlife Refuge and to the nearby town of Samburg and found more lotus and migratory birds. Tim and Geri stayed Sunday night and went back to Walnut Log for sunset. We plan on returning possibly this fall for the pelicans and/or the spring of 2014. See more images in the Activities section of the HPS website,



Image by Dave McGuiness

**Huntsville Photographic Society**  
**Von Braun Civic Center**  
**700 Monroe St**  
**Huntsville AL 35801**



**HPS website:**  
[www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)



Image by Tom Bryant

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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.**

