



# In Focus

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## December Program-End of Year Dinner and Awards Presentation *by Roger Hunter*

It's pretty safe to assume that most members of Huntsville Photo Society love photography. It's also pretty safe to assume that most of those same members love good food (judging by the number of members who usually attend the "After the Meeting – Meeting" at Cracker Barrel). The great thing about our December HPS Meeting is that we get to do both at the same location.

Our annual HPS Year End Banquet and Awards Ceremony is December 9<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting room at the Huntsville/Madison County Library. This will be our only meeting for the month of December. The HPS Banquet will begin at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy a wonderful meal, catered by Carrabba's with dessert and drinks furnished by our friends at Costco.

If you have been here in previous years for the great food and fellowship, you certainly will want to mark your holiday schedule to be present again this year. If you are one of our many new members for this year, you will surely want to make this one of your annual holiday events too. Feel free to bring your spouse or a guest. If you have not already made arrangements to attend, please contact our treasurer, Dave McGuiness at [d.mcguiness@mchsi.com](mailto:d.mcguiness@mchsi.com) by Wednesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Dave is collecting funds for the dinner (\$15/person).

Following the meal, we will have our annual HPS Year End Awards Ceremony. If you choose not to attend the banquet at 6:00 pm, you are certainly still welcome to attend the Year End Awards Ceremony at 7:00 pm. All photos that have placed during the year at our regular monthly competitions will be on display and the choices for the Best of the Year will be announced.

## HMA 2014 Exhibit

As most of you know, we have been asked by the Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA) to have another exhibit. This one will open on March 1, 2014. With the influx of new members, the Board decided to limit the number of submissions to 3 per member; this will result in around 200 images for the first selection round. We are going to ask the Shades Valley Camera Club in Birmingham to judge the first round and select the top 70 images to present to Peter Baldaia at HMA, who will select the 50 images to be exhibited. Your images can be of any subject, and there is no requirement that they have to have placed in any of our competitions. We have two sets of requirements for the images, one for the selection process and one for the

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## From The President

What a great time of the year this season is for taking photographs - concerts, pageants, parties, school/church plays, decorated homes (inside and outside), and the like! Make sure you have your camera with you, even if it's just the one in your phone, so you don't miss that special shot. Christmas tree lights offer intriguing options for getting creative with your camera settings and moving the camera around with the shutter open, so try something different this year.

Lee Pratt and Andrea Shetley presented their annual 3-D photography program. I missed it, since I was returning from a visit with our grand kids in Tampa, but I heard it was really interesting, as always. The technology behind this capability is expanding rapidly, and the prices are coming down, so if this interests you, it is a great time to jump in.

As most of you have heard, we will be exhibiting at the Huntsville Museum of Art in early March. If you are interested in this, please read the article in this Newsletter for details.

Cara Fuller was our November judge for "Repetition." Our judges run the gamut on how many comments they provide during our competitions, but no one could match Cara's performance last month. She commented on every photo! I know that each of us who submitted learned something that night, whether we were winners or didn't make the first cut. Congratulations to all of our November winners; be sure to check them out on our website.

Don't forget about our Year-End Banquet and awards presentation on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Carrabba's will be catering again. The banquet starts at 6:00, followed by the awards at 7:00.

Remember, no competition in December. Our January topic is Color or Noir.

*Go out and take some photos!!*

Eddie Sewall

### **For Sale**

Canon FTb film camera, includes 55mm lens, sunshade, Cullman DC25 flush and original case. All is in excellent condition, the case is a little worn. Asking \$275.00 or best offer. Contact Susi Stroud at 256-508-5088 or email: [susistroud@comcast.net](mailto:susistroud@comcast.net).

## HMA 2014 Exhibit

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actual display. For the selection process, the images submitted will be digital jpeg/jpg files at maximum 1920 pixels wide by 1024 pixels high. These will be due by midnight, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Once the images are selected by Peter, the exhibitors will be notified, so that the images can be printed. For printing, please use a minimum of 220 DPI (dots per inch), so that the image resolution will result in a quality image for display. The minimum print size will be 8 inches on any side (8x8, 8x10, 8x12, etc.), as the frames are 18x24. In late January, exhibitors will be given matte material to have cut for the images. Several members provided assistance with this last time.

### 2014 Competition Subjects

Jan- Color or Noir
Feb- Peace/Tranquility
Mar- Beyond The Doorway
Apr - Open
May- Blue Collar
Jun- Soft Focus
Jul—Tombstones and Graveyards
Aug - Juxtaposition
Sep - Huntsville/Madison County
Oct- Urban Jungle
Nov 25 - Open
Jan 2015- Emotions

## Open Board Positions

Dave McGuinness, Treasurer, and Diana Davidson, Digital Competition Secretary, are stepping down from the HPS Board at the end of this year. If you would like to volunteer to take one of these positions, please let Eddie Sewall, or Dave/Diana know. Don't hesitate to contact them to see what the position entails. Their contact info is on the last page of the newsletter. Please consider this; these are important positions.

### 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.

## Photoshop World Atlanta

Photoshop World Conference & Expo is coming to the Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta, Apr 8-10, 2014. The conference provides instruction and inspiration, with over 100 classes offered by 35 instructors. The classes include Photoshop skills, photography techniques, graphic design, lighting, Lightroom and more. Discounts are offered for early registration. For more info including class schedule and lodging info, go to <http://photoshopworld.com/>.

November Competition Results			
Subject - Repetition			
Judge - Cara Fuller			
	Digital (65)	Color (47)	Monochrome (34)
1st	Cliff Loehr	Martha Teal	Dave Edens
2nd	Dave Edens	Margaret Phillips	Veronica Beaudry
3rd	Diana Davidson	Tim Solomon	Eddie Sewall
HM	Veronica Beaudry	Charles Leverett	Henry Smith
HM	Carol Blue	Michael Cox	Geri Reddy
HM	Emily Saile	Bart Fay	Delores Burns
HM	Friedrich Schlich	Tom Bryant	
HM	Margaret Phillips	Doris Leverett	
HM	Bill Snoddy		

# First Place Winners



Color Print by  
Martha Teal



Monochrome Print by  
Dave Edens



Digital by Cliff Loehr

Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Sam Alexander	28	9
Henry Smith	27	11
Diana Davidson	26	14
Martha Teal	26	10
Tom Bryant	22	7
Kathryn Seeds	22	7
Alan Forney	20	5
Charles Leverett	20	8
Emily Saile	19	8
Don Wolfe	17	8
Geri Reddy	16	11
Glen Romanczuk	16	6
Barb Staggs	16	7
Dolores Burns	15	5
Veronica Beaudry	14	8
Dave Edens	13	3
Charles Gattis	13	7
Ernie High	12	6
Rick Kress	12	5
Tim Solomon	12	8
Pete Van Hoff	12	5
Virginia Gilbert	11	4
Wayne James	11	5
Barb Montgomery	11	9
Cliff Loehr	10	6
Carol Blue	9	4
Susi Stroud	9	4
Keith Berg	8	2
David Blue	8	5

Name	2013 points	2013 wins
Liz High	8	4
Barb Hitt	8	5
John Kirwin	8	5
Margaret Phillips	8	5
David Rudolph	7	3
Eddie Sewall	7	3
Matthew Pellegrino	6	2
Doris Leverett	5	3
Nathan Robbins	5	1
Don Bennett	4	1
William Gates	4	1
Jackie Rudolph	4	2
Randy Stephens	4	4
Leigh Butgereit	3	3
Gayle Biggs	2	2
Bart Fay	2	2
Garth Fraser	2	2
Joy Henderson	2	2
Friedrich Schlich	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
Brian Boardman	1	1
Michael Cox	1	1
Sam Fara	1	1
Sheila Gentle	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
Bill Snoddy	1	1
Carol Spahn	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1
Ann Weis	1	1

*January Judge-* Cyndi Hornsby



**Congrats!**

## Member News

Several HPS members placed in the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table (TVCWRT) 2013 photo contest. There were 80 entries and winners selected by professional judges, as well as a vote by the TVCWRT membership. Below are HPS winners.

### Member Selection



**First Place- Henry Smith**



**Third Place- Henry Smith**

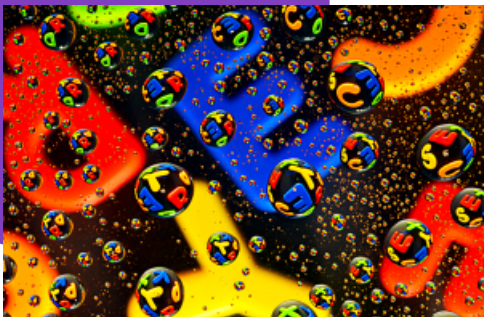
### Judges Selection



**First Place- Henry Smith**



**Third Place- Sam Tumminello**



David Blue received a 1st place in the Close-up category at the 51st Annual KY Photo Scenic Weekend held Oct 25-26 at Jenny Wiley Resort State Park. The photo is bubble reflections of letters.

**First place image by David Blue**

## TAC Call For Artists, Panoply 2014

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Panoply Arts Festival is scheduled for April 25-27, 2014, Huntsville, AL, and The Arts Council has begun the process of recruiting entertainment, exhibitors and food vendors for Huntsville's largest downtown event. Applications are available online [www.artshuntsville.org](http://www.artshuntsville.org) for stage or strolling performers, visual or demonstrating artists and food vendors interested in being part of Panoply 2014, which will take place in Big Spring Park in downtown Huntsville.

New to Panoply in 2014, The Arts Council is also accepting applications from artists for "Arts In Action" demonstration tents located throughout the festival. The guidelines and application for demonstrating artists can also be found online at [www.artshuntsville.org](http://www.artshuntsville.org). The Arts Council will host a jury of local art educators, professionals and collectors to select the 2014 Panoply Art Marketplace and demonstrating artists. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 10, 2014.

## 24th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week

The 24th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge, TN, is Jan 25-Feb 1, 2014. Throughout the week there are many free activities designed to connect Pigeon Forge visitors with the great outdoors. You'll learn from experts who share their knowledge of the outdoors during more than dozens of seminars, lectures, and hands-on workshops. Photography classes include "Ways to Improve Your Photography and Develop Your Craft" with Dale Knight, "Nature Photography Workshop" with Kendall Chiles, Tom & Pat Cory, and Daniel Dempster, "Creative Nature Enhanced Photography" with Larry Perry, "Great Photos with Cell Phones or Point & Shoot Cameras" with Richard Iceland, "Turn Your Photography Into Art" with Karen Jones, and many more. There is also a photo contest. Rules and deadlines can be found at <http://www.mypigeonforge.com/uploadedfiles/events/www%202014%20photography%20contest%20rules%20regulations%20and%20entry%20form.pdf>.

*"Throughout the week there are many free activities designed to connect... with the great outdoors."*

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**Von Braun Civic Center**  
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**Huntsville AL 35801**



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

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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.**

