

January Program-Ansel Adams California Caravan

Are you tired of winter? Join us at the January meeting for a talk about a warm summertime trip to the mountains of central California by HPS members Tom Bryant, Joy Henderson, and Henry Smith.

Late in 2011, Joy Henderson announced that she was going to a photo workshop to be held by Rick Sammon called the Ansel Adams California Caravan to be held mostly in Yosemite Valley, California. It took place in late June to Yosemite Valley, and further east to the ghost town of Bodie, CA, and Mono Lake and the Alabama Hills on the east side of the Sierra Mountains. It was a great time of hiking and photography and photo lessons from our instructor Rick Sammon. Joy had hoped that some HPS “Chicks That Click” would sign up to share room expenses with her, but instead two “Coots That Shoot” signed up and spoiled her plans there. Tom had never been to Yosemite so he signed up quickly and was immediately followed by Henry.

The presentation will be organized into a travelogue of where we went and what we saw and did. Then we will go to a tag team format like the “Girls Gone Wild” program of a few years ago where each of us will present a related topic of interest. Henry will talk about “Thoughts on Photo Workshops”, Joy will talk about “The Importance of the Correct Light” and Tom will discuss “How to Avoid a Cliché Photo”. The program will definitely end by 9 PM when the library closes.

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From The President

Wow! Another year gone by in the blink of a shutter. 2013 was another great year for HPS, and 2014 looks like it will be just as great. This past year brought us several enjoyable field trips, such as the one to Cheekwood Gardens in Nashville. In February, the Rocky Mountain School of Photography came to Huntsville for the first time, and the attendance was phenomenal, both by HPS members and from people from around the country. May featured Rick Sammon, internationally known photographer, instructor, and author, for a seminar arranged for us by Joy Henderson at the Chan Auditorium on the UA Huntsville campus, courtesy of José Betancourt. Rick's presentation was everything we expected, and it was also well attended by people from around the country. Both of these events provided great publicity for HPS. Tony Triollo led the annual Scott Kelby Photowalk through downtown Athens in October.

I want to thank Roger for another year of informative and enjoyable programs, and to Ernie for the caliber of judges for our competitions. I also want to thank Margaret for her work on the website and Cliff for his efforts on updating how we enter our digital competition entries. Special thanks go to Diana and Lee for visiting the Shades Valley Camera Club from Birmingham to talk with them about the advantages of being associated with the Photographic Society of America; this should lead to cooperative events with them.

This year brings us new and exciting opportunities. We have our third Huntsville Museum of Art exhibition starting March 1st. The first round of entries are being judged by the Shades Valley Camera Club, who has several members that have judged at the national level. Peter Baldaia from HMA will make the final 50 selections to be exhibited. Another exciting event is taking shape for next October. Charles Gattis has contacted Art Morris (birdsasart.com) and Denise Ippolito, nationally and internationally known photographers and authors, and they have agreed to come to Huntsville. Stay tuned as the details are finalized!

In case you didn't know, two of our HPS Board members are stepping down – Dave McGuinness, our Treasurer for the last 8 years and Diana Davidson, our Competition Records Secretary. Margaret is absorbing Diana's duties, but we are still looking for a Treasurer. Please consider volunteering for this extremely important Board position.

Ernie had a great idea for our year----end judges – Eric Mittman's Sparkman High School photography students. This year brought HPS a first, a hat----trick in hockey terms, in that one person won each of the Best of Year categories – Diana Davidson. I confirmed with Sam Tumminello and David Blue that, to their corporate knowledge, this has never happened

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Open Board Position

The HPS Board is still looking for a volunteer to fill the Treasurer position. Duties include collecting annual dues, recording and maintaining club funds, proposing the annual budget, and maintaining the membership database. Please contact Eddie Sewall, or another Board member, if you are interested. Contact info is on the last page of the newsletter.

President

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before, so special congratulations to Diana! Sam Alexander, one of our new members won the 2013 President's Award. The competition was very close, as Sam had 28 points, Henry Smith had 27 points, and Diana Davidson had 26 points. Congratulations to Sam!

Roger was the perfect host, again, for our Year End banquet. Carrabba's provided us a wonderful meal and Eric from Costco brought us desserts and drinks. I look forward to another exciting year for HPS. Go out and take some photos!

Eddie Sewall

Volunteers Needed for Library Project

The Huntsville---Madison County Library is in need of volunteers with digital cameras to copy a set of historical documents known as "The Bragg Collection." Another volunteer group will index the digital images. After the project, the digital copies will be made available to the public. If you would like to volunteer, contact the project volunteer leader, Mr. John Rankin, 915 Monroe St., Huntsville, AL, 35801, phone # is 256-532-2347.

A volunteer said: "As one of the volunteers, I can tell you that it is very rewarding to give back to the community by helping to preserve and to make these records publicly available. I get a special feeling when I hold a record involving a pertinent early governor, judge, or town leader whose name I have repeated often when I was teaching Alabama history in the classroom!"

Best of Year 2013



Digital by Diana Davidson



Color Print by Diana Davidson



Monochrome Print by Diana Davidson

2013 Honors

New Masters of Photography

Don Bennett

Carol Blue

Ernie High

Geri Reddy

Barbara Montgomery

New Gold Starts Fellows

Tom Bryant

Don Wolfe

New Fellows

Veronica Beaudry

Margaret Phillips

Tim Solomon

President's Award: 28 Total Points

Sam Alexander

24th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week

The 24th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week at 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. For more info go to <http://www.mypigeonforge.com/uploadedfiles/events/>

Eagle Awareness Weekends

Lake Guntersville State Park will once again offer exciting programs and guided field trips for eagle awareness weekends starting Jan 10 through Feb 16, 2014. The Park Naturalist and a host of field trip guides and guest speakers make these weekends an event you won't soon forget, including live birds every Saturday. The programs are free and include guided field trips to Eagle nesting sites, great food, and much more. Speakers include David Haggard from

West Tennessee State Parks on Jan 18 (those from the Reelfoot Field Trip last year will remember him) , Curt Cearly, a Master Falconer from Huntsville on Feb 1, and Paul Franklin, Elmo Belcher, & Rocky Baker, wildlife photographers on Feb 15. For a more detailed schedule and more info about the program, go to www.alapark.com/LakeGuntersville/EagleAwareness/.





A fun photo opportunity for a worthwhile community project. The Arts Council would like photographers and the general public to photograph “public” Huntsville works of art and send the image for their collection. The details follow and there’s more info at the FB website:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1440297199527378/>

ART HUNT is a new crowd sourced inventory of existing art and potential sites in Huntsville, Alabama. Share your photos and thoughts for public art that exists in the community (anything accessible to the public, even if it is privately owned) and any ideas for sites for new art. We need your help—everything shared here will help The Arts Council to develop a long-term Public Art Master Plan for Huntsville!

NEW MEMBERS

Rosemary Davidson
James Moffett

Reminder-Dues

Annual membership dues are \$20, due Jan 1st. Membership is required to submit entries in monthly competitions and may be paid the night of competition if new member joins/current member renews after Jan 1.

<u>2014 Meeting Calendar</u>
Feb 10 - Program
Feb 24 - Peace/Tranquility
Mar 10 - Program
Mar 24 - Beyond The Doorway
Mar 31 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
Apr 14 - Program
Apr 28 – Open
May 12 - Program
May 26 - Blue Collar
Jun 9 - Program
Jun 23 - Soft Focus
Jun- 30 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
July 14 - Program
July 28 - Tombstones and Graveyards
Aug 11 - Program
Aug 25 – Juxtaposition
Sep 8 - Program
Sep 22 - Huntsville/Madison County
Sep 29 – Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
Oct 13 - Program
Oct 27 - Urban Jungle
Nov 10 - Program
Nov 24 – Open
Dec 8 – Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

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

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