

## February Program- All You Really Need to Know About HDR



Cecil Holmes is an award winning, self taught photographer based in Huntsville, AL. Due to his love of nature, Cecil mainly focuses on outdoor photography. He teaches small classroom style workshops both in the Huntsville area and across the southeastern United States. He strives to teach his students how to get fabulous images at the moment of capture.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Cecil will be delivering a presentation



Photos by  
Cecil Holmes

(Continued on page 3)

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Feb Program- About HDR	1
From The President	2
Feb Mini-class, HPS exhibit at VBC	3
Competition Results, First Place Winners	4
Annual Points/Wins	5
Upcoming Photo Opportunities, Member News	6
Member News, 2014 Meeting Calendar	7
HPS Board Contact Info	8





## From The President

Wow, winter beat on us last month, though the last week of January offered a little bit of snow for photographs. Hopefully, February will be better weather-wise. If not, it's a good time to go through your camera manual and make the effort to really understand all of its capabilities; this will be invaluable when the perfect shot appears and you're not really ready.

I'm sorry I missed the "Ansel Adams California Caravan" program given by Joy, Henry, and Tom, but the crud going around had me down that night. Going on a trip like that is something I really want to do soon, and I was anxious to hear about the nuts and bolts of how it works, as well as see the resulting beautiful photos.

Our competition on Color/Noir was quite interesting, since this was a topic wide open to interpretation. Joe Fikes stepped in at the last moment, when our primary judge got sick like many

people last month. Joe, who has degrees in Physics, is an accomplished local photographer who has exhibited in the Museum of Art, the VBC, and the Library. He has judged for us in the past, and he has done a couple of programs for us. Joe provided relevant and meaningful comments on the winning images, and spent time after the competition to answer members' questions about their submissions. Be sure to check out the winners in the newsletter and on our website gallery.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter and our last meeting, Dave McGuinness is stepping down as Treasurer, after serving HPS for 8 years. One of our new members, Sam Alexander, has volunteered to take the position, so we will have a vote on Sam at our next meeting. Thanks to Sam for doing this! We still need a Historian, as Liz Smith resigned for personal reasons.

The 50 images that will be displayed in our third Huntsville Museum of Art exhibition have been selected. Quite a few new members' photos were selected, which is fantastic. The images are available for viewing on our website. Congratulations to all of the exhibiting photographers. The exhibition opens on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will run for a few months.

Our competition topic for this month is "Peace/Tranquility."

Go out and take some photos!!

*Eddie Sewall*



## Feb Mini-class

There will be a mini-class on Photo Printing at 6:00 PM before the February 10 Program meeting. Tom Bryant bought an Epson R1900 printer during 2008 and will share what he has learned during the last 6 years about photo printing. He will discuss doing your own printing, color management, work flow, and interviews with Costco lab users and the results of some testing of his own with the Costco lab. He will also discuss photo printing paper types and sources. If time allows, he will discuss mounting and matting of prints.

## HPS Exhibit at the VBC

HPS members Barbara Staggs and Delores Burns are exhibiting images for the month of February, in coordination with The Arts Council. Barb is a long-time HPS member, holding various board positions including the President. She also participates as a mentor in the mentorship program. Barb teaches a class in photographic composition for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

Delores Burns became a member of HPS in Nov 2012. She met HPS members during a family outing to visit local eagle nests. She works as a registered nurse but loves the outdoors, nature, aviation, sports and travel photography. Her camera bag is packed at all times, and pink trimmed camo outfit and coffee thermos is always ready.

## HDR Program

*(Continued from page 1)*



Photo by Cecil Holmes

to the Huntsville Photographic Society. He will be discussing his techniques for HDR photography, and demonstrating how he captures his images. Cecil then plans to walk us through his HDR processing techniques plus showing us how he does basic editing in Lightroom. You can see Cecil's impressive work and get information about his upcoming workshops at [www.cecilphotos.com](http://www.cecilphotos.com).

## January Competition Results Judge- Joe Fikes

	Digital (55)	Color Print (34)	Monochrome Print (31)
<b>1st</b>	Emily Saile	Henry Smith	Charles Leverett
<b>2nd</b>	Veronica Beaudry	Garth Fraser	Randy Stephens
<b>3rd</b>	Glenn Romanczuk	Don Wolfe	Alan Forney
<b>HM</b>	Alan Forney	Charles Leverett	Charles Leverett
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Montgomery	Tom Bryant	Don Wolfe
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Montgomery	Sam Alexander	David Rudolph
<b>HM</b>	Jerry Green		
<b>HM</b>	Sam Tumminello		

### First Place Winners



Color Print by  
Henry Smith



Digital by Emily  
Saile

Name	2014 Points	2014 Wins
Charles Leverett	7	3
Emily Saile	5	1
Henry Smith	5	1
Alan Forney	4	2
Don Wolfe	4	2
Garth Fraser	4	1
Randy Stephens	4	1
Veronica Beaudry	4	1
Glen Romanczuk	3	1
Barbara Montgomery	2	2
David Rudolph	1	1
Jerry Green	1	1
Sam Alexander	1	1
Sam Tumminello	1	1
Tom Bryant	1	1



Monochrome Print by  
Charles Leverett

# FEBRUARY JUDGE -

Muril Robertson- [www.murilrobertson.com](http://www.murilrobertson.com)

## Upcoming Photo Opps

\* **Wade Wharton Exhibit at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens**- March 1- October 31, 2014. Mr. Wharton's whimsical art work is made from 'found' metal pieces such as shovels, rototiller blades, springs, and tools. He welds them into objects such as dogs, cats, flowers, time machines, and more, each with a story about the object. There are over 30 pieces displayed throughout the Garden. For more info: <http://hsvbg.org/index.php?mainID=2&subID=2&type=events&viewMoreType=events&typeID=217>

\* **Bicentennial of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend**- Friday, March 28-Saturday, March 29, 2014, Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. Living history demonstrations throughout the day will include cannon firing and black powder musket firing, Creek stomp dancing and camps. This event recreates frontier life in the year 1814 and seeks to emphasize the importance of the battle in United States history. For more info go to

<http://www.nps.gov/hobe/parknews/bicentennial-living-history-events.htm>

## Member News

- We are sad to report the passing of professional photographer and HPS friend, **Farley Vaughn**, who passed away on Dec. 2nd. Our sincere condolences go to his family. Farley was in charge of The Huntsville Times Photo Department in the 1970's. Later he started a wedding photography business and became the premier, go-to-guy for wedding photography. Many Huntsville brides have their weddings superbly documented by his beautiful photography. Anyone who knew him will always remember his ever present and pleasant smile.

He hired an apprentice by the name of Bob Gathany, also an HPS friend, who later opened his own photo business and is now a premier photographer for [Al.com](http://www.al.com). Bob recently said: "I was really blessed to be able to work for Farley for three years. He not only taught me a lot about photography but he always said the most important part of being in business was treating people right. Back in the late 70's we were photographing 200+ weddings a year with 3 photographers - Farley, myself & Jerry Weisner."

Farley gave programs and judged for HPS over the years. We always appreciated his



# Member News

(Continued from page 6)

expert opinions and techniques. Older members will remember him demonstrating his ability to speedily change film rolls.

After Farley closed his studio he continued to share his love for photography with others by working for Wolf Camera and teaching classes.

- HPS member, **Geri Reddy**, Pitcher Plant image placed HM in the Outdoor Alabama 2013 photo competition. The winning image will be published in the February issue of the magazine and online at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/outdooralabama/>



## NEW MEMBERS

Addie Williams	Amanda Palazzo
Chelsea Little	Mariah Hill
Casey Stoddard	Sierra Keylor
Rayven Lane	Danielle Adamek
Randy Henne	Randy Myers Family

### **2014 Meeting Calendar**

Feb 10 – All You Really Need to Know-HDR with Cecil Holmes

Feb 24 - Peace/Tranquility Competition

Mar 10 – Through The Lens with Adam Jones

Mar 24 - Beyond The Doorway Competition

Mar 31 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting

Apr 14 – Program TBA

Apr 28 – Open Competition

May 12 – Program TBA

May 26 - Blue Collar Competition

Jun 9 – Program TBA

Jun 23 - Soft Focus Competition

Jun- 30 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting

July 14 – Program TBA

July 28 - Tombstones and Graveyards Competition

Aug 11 – Program TBA

Aug 25 – Juxtaposition Competition

Sep 8 – Program TBA

Sep 22 - Huntsville/Madison County Competition

Sep 29 – Fifth Monday Casual Meeting

Oct 13 – Program TBA

Oct 27 - Urban Jungle Competition

Nov 10 – 3D Stereography with Lee Pratt

Nov 24 – Open

Dec 8 – Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

In Focus

February 1, 2014

2014 Officers of Huntsville Photographic Society

President	Eddie Sewall	(256) 880-7714	<a href="mailto:cesewall@comcast.net">cesewall@comcast.net</a>
Primary Competition Officer	Ernie High	(256)772-5864	<a href="mailto:ernhigh@knology.net">ernhigh@knology.net</a>
Digital Competition Officer	Cliff Loehr	(256)746-8436	<a href="mailto:cliff@brighterhost.com">cliff@brighterhost.com</a>
Competition Records Officer	Margaret Phillips		<a href="mailto:phillipsqh@gmail.com">phillipsqh@gmail.com</a>
Program Officer	Roger Hunter	(256)755-1057	<a href="mailto:rogerhunter01@bellsouth.net">rogerhunter01@bellsouth.net</a>
Activities Officer	Bob Gower		<a href="mailto:bgoing2@yahoo.com">bgoing2@yahoo.com</a>
Publicity Officer	Sam Tumminello	(256)534-1480	<a href="mailto:samjt3@yahoo.com">samjt3@yahoo.com</a>
Treasurer	Sam Alexander		<a href="mailto:samalex1@gmail.com">samalex1@gmail.com</a>
Communications Officer	Geri Reddy	(256)721-0106	<a href="mailto:hpseditor@bellsouth.net">hpseditor@bellsouth.net</a>
Historian	Vacant		
PSA Representative	Lee Pratt	(256)325-1854	<a href="mailto:leepratt@knology.net">leepratt@knology.net</a>
Webmaster	Margaret Phillips		<a href="mailto:phillipsqh@gmail.com">phillipsqh@gmail.com</a>

**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.

**Website:** [www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)

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

