

April Program- Composition: Art in the Landscape by Dusty Doddridge



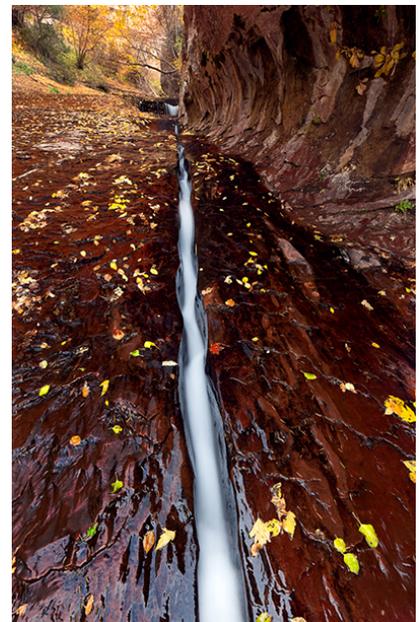
Dusty grew up in West Tennessee where he fell in love with the great outdoors while fishing with his Dad and Grandfather. In about the year 2000, work and other commitments were keeping Dusty indoors too much so he began hiking and backpacking to get back to his great outdoors. He began intently photographing his world around 2003. Although digital was really taking hold at this point, Dusty was still intent on learning film. He shot a lot of Fuji Velvia and continued learning everything he could about nature and landscape photography. By 2007, he had finally made the switch to digital and has been loving it ever since. He especially enjoys the freedom and possibilities that the digital world open up.

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Photo by Dusty Doddridge

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From The President

According to the calendar, Spring is here, though the cold weather just doesn't seem to want to leave. Soon, hopefully, the dogwoods and azaleas will be in bloom, and Peter and Daniel said the flowers at the Botanical Garden are starting to peek out. Tom and Pat Cory are doing a workshop at the Garden on April 5th, so think about attending; I've done it, and they do a great job for a real reasonable price.

We were fortunate enough last month to have Adam Jones, a Canon Explorer of Light, give us a fantastic program. Many thanks to Roger for arranging Adam to join us. We had around 110 people show up, about a 1/3 of them guests/non-members.

José Betancourt, Professor of Photography at UA Huntsville, was our judge for "Beyond the Doorway" last month. His teaching ability showed in his judging, as he explained what he thought was right and wrong with many of the submitted

photos. I heard many comments after the meeting about how much his comments were appreciated. As most of our judges, he spent time with several members after the meeting discussing/critiquing their images. This was another competition where several new names were in the winners list; let's keep it up.

We had a great reception for our exhibition at the Huntsville Museum of Art on March 16. Many thanks to all the members who made the exhibit and reception so wonderful. If you weren't there, please go by and see the exhibit – it is really awesome! Two of the Shades Valley Camera Club members, George Ritchey and Steve Gruenfeld, who judged the photos attended. A few of us went to dinner with them after the reception, where we discussed how their club operates and potential collaborative opportunities between our two clubs. They also mentioned several great shooting locations in and around Birmingham that we might consider for field trips.

This month, our competition topic is Open, so get creative. I really enjoy these competitions, because of the wide variety of photos submitted. I hope to see new names on the winners list.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

HPS Field Trips or Mini Classes

Contact HPS Activities Officer, Bob Gower if you have a suggested field trip, or mini class topic you are interested in presenting or learning about. Contact Bob at bgoing2@yahoo.com.



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His primary end goal is fine prints and he has worked hard to learn the three phases that lead to a successful print: craft in the field, digital darkroom strategies and the craft of printing. Dusty explained, "I've learned a lot about what works and what doesn't work and it's really exciting to connect with other photographers and share what we've learned."

He has photographed all over the world including Iceland, Sweden and America's wonderful nation parks. His publications include an e-book about Iceland, an e-book about the Great Smoky Mountains and work with the Tennessee Conservationist.

Dusty home base is in middle Tennessee but he conducts tours and workshops throughout the United States and some foreign locations. You can learn more about his workshops and tours through his Focal Point Academy website at <http://www.focalpointacademy.com> You can see more of Dusty's work at <http://www.dustydoddridge.com>

Dusty's presentation to HPS will focus on composition, using the elements of 2-D design to construct successful images in the landscape. If time permits, he will talk about locations, craft in the field and touch on the digital darkroom. Start making plans to attend Dusty's presentation to the Huntsville Photographic Society on April 14th at 7:00 pm.

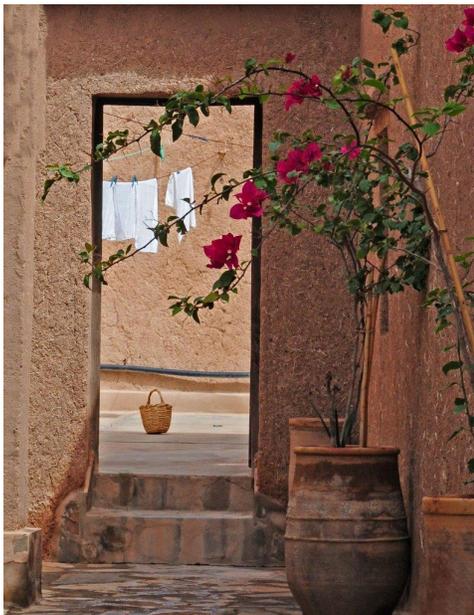
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March Competition Results
Subject: Beyond The Doorway
Judge- Jose Betancourt

	Digital (43)	Color Print (46)	Monochrome Print (31)
1st	Cliff Loehr	Joy Henderson	Liz Smith
2nd	Charles Gattis	Charles Gattis	Nicole Harper
3rd	David Blue	Barbara Staggs	Sam Alexander
HM	Charles Leverett	Barbara Montgomery	Henry Smith
HM	Tim Solomon	Liz Smith	Charles Gattis
HM	Sheila Gentle	Tom Bryant	Dave Edens
HM	Dave Rudolph	Alan Forney	

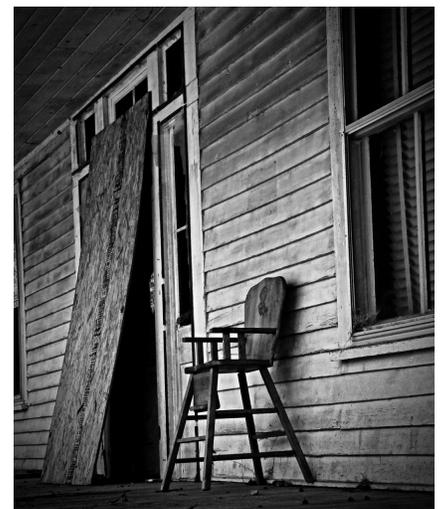
First Place Winners

Digital by Cliff Loehr



Color Print by Joy Henderson

Monochrome Print by Liz Smith



Name	2014 Points	2014 Wins
Charles Leverett	13	5
Sam Alexander	11	4
Charles Gattis	10	4
Garth Fraser	9	4
Virginia Gilbert	9	2
Henry Smith	7	3
Alan Forney	6	4
Joy Henderson	6	2
Emily Saile	6	2
Liz Smith	6	2
Doris Leverett	5	1
Cliff Loehr	5	1
Don Wolfe	5	3
Veronica Beaudry	4	1
Nicole Harper	4	1
Glen Romanczuk	4	2
Barbara Staggs	4	2
Randy Stephens	4	1
Susi Stroud	4	1
David Blue	3	1
Richard Modlin	3	1
Barbara Montgomery	3	3
Tom Bryant	2	2
David Edens	2	2
David Rudolph	2	2
Sam Tumminello	2	2
Bart Fay	1	1
Sheila Gentle	1	1
Jerry Green	1	1
John Kirwin	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
Tim Solomon	1	1

View The Art Of Nature, 2014

HPS members, Dr. Marian Lewis and Sam Tumminello are showing photographs in the art show "The Art of Nature, 2014". The show, located on the third floor gallery of Lowe Mill, will continue through April. Gallery hours are: Wed. – Thur. 12 – 6 PM; Fri. 12 – 8 PM; and Sat. 12 – 6 PM.

The artist group was formed by philanthropist Margaret Ann Goldsmith to highlight the land she donated to the city for the special wildlife life sanctuary located adjacent to the Hayes Preserve.

In addition to the photographers, also participating in the show, is a wood worker, glass blower, potter, poet, storyteller, musician, historian/guide and several painters of various medias.

Reminder- Competition Rules

No duplicate entries may be entered in any monthly competition. For example an image entered in Digital may not be entered in Color or Monochrome categories. Once an image has placed in a monthly competition (1st, 2nd, 3rd or Honorable Mention), that image, or one nearly identical, must be retired and may not be re-entered in another monthly HPS competition. It is the member's responsibility to track their winning images. All the rules may be found at <http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org/competition/competition-rules/>

Von Braun Center Exhibits *by Eddie Sewell*

As most of you know, HPS has space in the hallways of the Von Braun Center to display our work. We use this venue to allow HPS Gold Star Fellows to fulfill the exhibition requirement to become a Master. Two members may display up to six images at a time for a month. Every once in a while, there may not be a Gold Star Fellow needing to exhibit for Master, so the Board decided on a display strategy that will ensure we do not lose the exhibition space. Any member ranked Fellow and above that has not exhibited will have priority, followed by Masters and Fellows who have already exhibited. If a time arises where a member at those levels is not ready to exhibit, a member below Fellow may apply to display. That member must provide Charles Gattis, our "curator" for this exhibit, the proposed images (digital submission or print) for him to review and ensure the quality of the images meets the standards of the HPS. Email Charles at Charlesgattis@comcast.net.

Photo Opps

- Panoply - The 32nd Panoply Arts Festival is April 25-27, 2014. It is the Southeast's premier arts weekend where Huntsville innovative spark shines through a festival of art, music and more. Tickets are \$750 and can be purchased online at <http://www.artshuntsville.org/our-programs/panoply-arts-festival>. Activities include a Homegrown Talent competition, various local and regional musicians on stage throughout the park, the World Discover Zone with art and performances from around the world, School Days, and more.
- Huntsville Botanical Gardens Festival of Flowers - Daily during regular hours, April 1-30, 2014. The Garden's Spring Festival of Flowers has blossomed into a celebration of all things spring and has evolved into Huntsville Blooms. Dazzling daffodils, amazing azaleas and more will be bright and beautiful all over Huntsville, but especially at the Garden. For more info about Garden activities go to hsvbg.org.



Member News

- Geri Reddy received an Honorable Mention for her photograph of an Eastern Screech Owl, "The Eyes Have It" in the 2013 Army Digital Photography Competition.



MARCH VISITORS

James Burton
Carol Umstaedter
Angela & John Brasseale
Patty Tarbox

2014 Meeting Calendar

Apr 14 – Dusty Doddridge
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 Competition
Dec 8 – Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

Check it out! HPS exhibit at Huntsville Museum of Art continues through August 3, in the Prozan Community Gallery.

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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.

Website: www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org
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