

July Program- Taking Your Photography to the Next Level

Most photographers seem to feel the need to constantly improve their work, to get that extra edge or to take their photography to the next level. Rarely are we completely satisfied with the images that we produce, so we keep trying new techniques or acquiring more equipment or anything we can think of to get our images to that next level. On July 14th, Muril Robertson is going to share some of his ideas and methods that have worked for him to achieve that next level of success. His program will address what he has done to hone his photographic skills and the strategies he has used to explore different types of photography. Muril will also address fundamental photo techniques and show some of his latest images.

Muril is a freelance photographer who enjoys fine art, commercial, and nature photography. His

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From The President

The weather continues to be great for photography, and with the rain we've had lately, the waterfalls around the Tennessee Valley should be running great. Several of us went to Nashville on June 17th to attend Scott Kelby's "Shoot Like a Pro" tour event. I had never seen Scott in person before, so I was really looking forward to it – I was not disappointed. He was phenomenal – what an entertainer and teacher! For those that haven't "experienced" Scott, I highly recommend you go to the next event he has in the area; the price is reasonable and you learn so much.

Andrea Shetley presented our June program on Close-Up and Macro photography. This genre of photography is one of Andrea's specialties, and she is a superb instructor in this area. She went through the differences between Close-Up and Macro, and showed us the various camera/lens accessories that are used,

including close-up lenses, extension tubes, lens reversal rings, and actual macro lenses, explaining how each of them work and their pros and cons. She then covered the techniques to accomplish this type of photography, including a discussion of tripods and heads. She concluded with a slide show with beautiful photos demonstrating her work and the topic.

Our June judge for "Soft Focus" was Patrick Oden, a local professional photographer. Patrick is one of those rare judges who provides meaningful comments to just about every photo, and he didn't disappoint us this time. Check out our winners in the newsletter and on the website gallery. Congratulations to all of our June winners.

Henry Smith has volunteered to teach an introductory photography class for new and nearly new photographers. It will be at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Airport Road starting July 24th, and run for 5 weeks on every Thursday night for about 2 hours. See the newsletter for more information. Thanks to Henry for developing and teaching this class.

Our July Program will be presented by Muril Roberstson on "Taking Your Photos to the Next Level." Don't miss it!

"Tombstones and Graveyards" is our competition topic for July.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

Introductory Photography Course

HPS will offer an introductory photography course for “newbies.” The course will take place in five two-hour Thursday evening sessions starting in July. It is intended for those who are new to photography and want to improve the quality of their work and advance from snapshots to Great Shots. Basic camera settings will be investigated and the elements of artistic composition will be explored. Weekly assignments will be given, resulting homework photos are to be emailed to the instructor for review, and positive critiques will be made at the following session. Participation by all students is expected. Camera phones are not appropriate for this class.

The classes will take place at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Airport Rd, starting on July 24th. If you are interested or have questions, please email a response back to Henry Smith (henrysmith44@gmail.com). We need a minimum of eight students to participate, and will limit this enrollment to a maximum of 12. Sign up soon if interested, as we may open enrollment to other groups.

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photography has appeared in National Wildlife’s Nature’s Best Magazine, American Photo, Photo World Magazine of China, the Washington Post, Tennessee Wildlife, Alabama Conservation, and many others. His photography was used exclusively in the first three Huntsville Town Planner Calendars as well as for advertising seen in Huntsville on billboards, at the airport, and on TV news sets.

He began his photographic work in 1986, and has utilized a variety of camera formats for his work since then. He prefers 35mm and digital cameras for wildlife, candid portraits, and travel photography; and larger format panoramic equipment for landscapes. He has specialized in panoramic photography since 1992. Horizontal panoramics present the world much like we visually view a scene looking from side to side. He also looks for vertical panoramics, which presents added



Photo by Muril Robertson

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June Competition Results
Subject: Soft Focus
Judge- Patrick Oden

	Digital (53)	Color Print (36)	Monochrome Print (23)
1st	Randy Stephens	Sam Alexander	Nicole Harper
2nd	Tom Bryant	Glen Romanczuk	Wayne James
3rd	Randy Stephens	Tom Bryant	Dolores Burns
HM	Martha Teal	Charles Leverett	Eddie Sewell
HM	Nicole Harprer	Wayne James	Martha Teal
HM	Virgil Lipscomb	Taylor Romanczuk	
HM	Joy Henderson	Virginia Gilbert	
HM	Veronica Beaudry		

First Place Winners

Color Print by
Sam Alexander



Digital by Randy
Stephens

Monochrome Print
by Nicole Harper



Name	2014 points	2014 wins
Sam Alexander	16	5
Charles Gattis	15	5
Charles Leverett	15	7
Garth Fraser	13	6
Randy Stephens	12	3
Veronica Beaudry	10	3
Virginia Gilbert	10	3
Nicole Harper	10	3
Margaret Phillips	9	3
Don Wolfe	9	5
Tom Bryant	9	4
Glen Romanczuk	8	3
Emily Saile	7	3
Henry Smith	7	3
Alan Forney	7	5
Joy Henderson	7	3
Dolores Burns	7	2
Cliff Loehr	6	2
Liz Smith	6	2
Virgil Lipscomb	6	2
Doris Leverett	5	1
Wayne James	5	2
Tim Solomon	4	2
Barbara Staggs	4	2
Susi Stroud	4	1
David Blue	3	1
Richard Modlin	3	1
Barbara Montgomery	3	3
Martha Teal	3	3
Dave 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
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Taylor Romanczuk	1	1

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technical challenges such as keeping the image sharp from front to back, not to mention the challenge in finding compositionally interesting true vertical panoramics. Most of Muriel's current work utilizes digital technology. He scans his panoramics and stock 35mm slides, and custom prints many of his own images. He currently utilizes a digital infrared technique to create interesting compositions in both black-and-white and color infrared. You can see some of Muriel's images at <http://FineLightImages.com>.



HMA Exhibit Ending Soon

The third annual HPS Showcase Exhibit in the Prozan Community Gallery at the Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA) is on display through Sunday, Aug 3, 2014. If you have not had a chance to visit, please check it out this month. It includes 50 works of art by HPS members.

Photo Opps

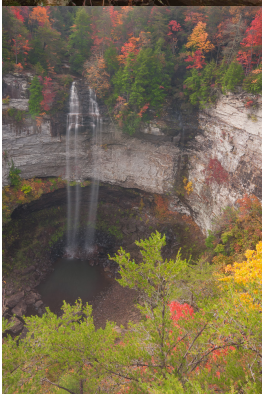
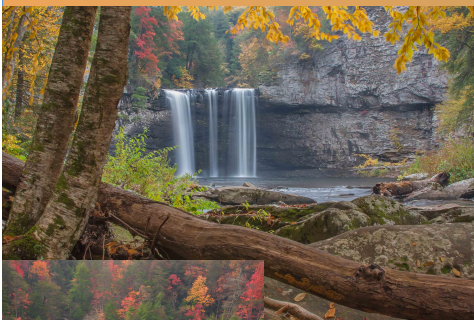
- Season of Butterflies, Huntsville Botanical Gardens, through Sept 2014. The Purdy Butterfly House is now open and features the nation's largest open-air butterfly house. In addition to the butterflies, visitors will find a half dozen yellow and red eared slider turtles sunning themselves on the rocks of the pond, or there are little button quail, a flightless bird that likes to follow each other in and around the lush habitat.
- Rogersville Alabama Bluegrass Festival, Rogersville Recreation Park, August 22-24, 2014. The festival includes band and instrument competitions in banjo, mandolin, dobro, and guitar. A large part of the atmosphere will be music participation, camaraderie, and jamming under the shade trees.

Check us out on Facebook, we are a closed group, only open to members . . .

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Fall Creek Falls Photo Tour

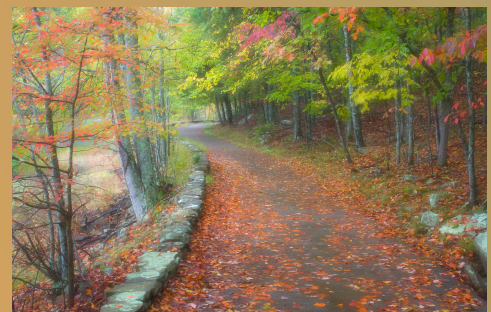
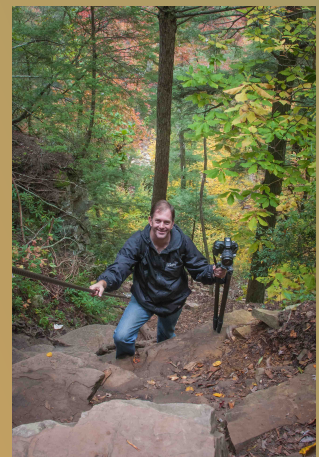
Oct 3-5, 2014/Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee



Join Tim Solomon and Geri Reddy for a weekend of nature photography at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Pikeville, TN. Capture Fall color in the mountains. Other subjects include cliffs, waterfalls, reflections, wildflowers, and swinging bridges. Register online at www.photosolomon.com or email

Timsolomon48@yahoo.com. This will be a fun weekend of learning and exploring the wonder of nature. We will have discussions about techniques and creativity with individual instruction.

Tim Solomon Photography



PSC presents Darrell Gulin, Canon Explorer of Light

Darrell Gulin, Canon Explorer of Light, is coming to Chattanooga on August 23, 2014, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The program is presented by the Photographic Society of Chattanooga (PSC) and sponsored by Canon. Go to www.chattanooga-photo.org to register. Darrell's program will focus on his work flow including his processing, filters, textures, and use of various plug-ins to create stunning images.

In addition, a representative from KEH, the worlds' largest dealer in used photographic equipment will be on hand to purchase excess/outdated camera gear. A certified Nikon and Canon technician will also be cleaning sensors for \$35.

2014 Meeting Calendar

July 14 – Taking Your Photography To The Next Level with Muril Robertson
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

New Members

Norman Suhs
Steve Mitchell
Lisa Shier
James Burton II

Federal Recreation Lands 2014 Photo Contest

“Share the Experience” Official Federal Recreation Lands 2014 Photo Contest is sponsored by the National Park Foundation. Photos must be taken on the lands or within the following agencies: National Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service. Photos must be taken between Jan 1, 2012 and Dec 31, 2014 and must be submitted by Dec 31, 2014. For all the official rules and guidelines go to <http://www.sharetheexperience.org/guidelines>. There are several categories including Historical & Cultural, Scenic, Wildlife, and Night Skies.

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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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