

# In Focus

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### **September Program- Creative Travel Photography by Tom and Pat Cory**

We are delighted to welcome back Tom and Pat Corey as our featured speakers for the September program at the Huntsville Photographic Society. They have given some excellent presentations to HPS in the past and many of us have had the opportunity to participate in some of the workshops they present throughout the year. Working as a husband/wife team, Tom and Pat have conducted a number of photography workshops locally, nationally and internationally. Their work has been published in a number of magazines including Outdoor Photographer, Delta's Sky Magazine and Blue Ridge Country. Tom has had his fine art prints in various exhibits around Chattanooga. He has recently retired from his Clinical Psychology practice, allowing the Cory's more time to pursue their passion for photography.

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Images by Tom and Pat Cory





### From The President

Our August program was on Moment and Light by Patrick Oden. Patrick presented our August program last year, and I think this time was even better. He talked about Street Photography, which to be done correctly, requires capturing the moment with quality light. It also requires us to get way out of our comfort zone to sometimes get in people's faces to get that wonderful/funny/sad/etc. expression that is only there for a second or two. He offered several tips for those of us wanting to try this genre of photography – 1) Know your rights (what you can legally photograph and if a release is necessary), 2) Dress for the environment (don't be conspicuous), 3) Take time to acclimate to the setting (don't hurry), 4) Be ready to move to get into position, 5) Be friendly (and not creepy), and 6) Have a sharp eye and OBSERVE. Along with all those tips, he showed us images he has taken on the "street" and explained how he

took the photos. It was one of our best programs ever.

Dennis Keim, a former NASA industrial photographer and current corporate photographer with over 40 years of experience was our judge for "Juxtaposition." Dennis brought a friend and fellow photographer/graphic artist, Michael Green, with him; though Michael did not judge, he did provide valuable comments on many of the photos submitted, along with Dennis. Dennis admitted he struggled with the topic, and even went to the dictionary to understand the definition of juxtaposition. In addition to meeting the topic and the technical aspects of the images, one thing he looked for was emotion in the image – did it say something to the viewer. Humor seemed to be the emotion most represented in the submissions, and there were some funny ones. The images he selected as the winners were really outstanding. Check them out in the newsletter and in the HPS website gallery.

Regarding the on-going discussion of the level of expertise of our members in the competitions, both Dennis and Michael shared examples of times when one judge did not like/understand their image, but another judge rated the same image outstanding. What they were trying to get across, and the HPS Board and the great majority of members agree with, is that we have to take criticism of our photos as opportunities to learn, and understand photography is very subjective. Just because one judge doesn't like your photo doesn't mean the next one won't love it. I just finished a podcast on this same topic, and the lesson was the same – make the critiques a learning experience; if one judge or person says something, think about it, but if several judges/people have the same comment, then maybe you need to change something in your process.

I also want to touch on competition topics. Juxtaposition was not an easy topic to shoot (or to

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judge, per Dennis), nor was Color/Noir, or some of our other previous topics. Ernie and the HPS Board, who make the final selections from suggestions from the members, want to challenge us in our photography, to step outside our comfort zones. Topics such as Barns or Fences or People at Work are easy and don't take much thought, other than driving around and waiting for the right light. We become better photographers the more we are challenged.

I want to express my thanks to Nathan Robbins for teaching a follow-on mini-class on Lightroom last month. Everyone who attended learned a great deal about that very popular tool from him. If you have a topic you are willing to lead a class in, let Bob Gower know and he will schedule it.

Our September Program should be really interesting. Tom and Pat Cory will be back to share new insights and photos from recent workshop trips. Don't miss it. This month's competition topic is Huntsville/Madison County. Get out there and try to find the one spot that no one else knows about.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

### August Competition Judges

A lot of folks were asking for websites for the judges from the August 25 meeting:

Dennis Keim www.dk-studio.com

Michael Green http://mjgphoto.net/

### Scott Kelby Photowalk 2014

The Scott Kelby Photowalk is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2014. The nearest photowalk at this time is at 617 Preserve Way, Hoover, AL, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The walk will be at the Moss Rock Preserve, described as a 349 acre nature preserve with rock outcroppings, streams, waterfalls, and wildlife. It is a favorite among rock climbers. For more info and to register, go to kelbyone.com/photowalk and search by city/state. You must register to participate.

### August Competition Results Subject: Juxtaposition Judge- Dennis Keim

	Digital (56 )	Color Print (54)	Monochrome Print (22)
1st	Virgil Lipscomb	Margaret Phillips	Rosemary Davidson
2nd	Barbara Staggs	Sam Alexander	Don Wolfe
3rd	David Blue	Wayne James	Dave Edens
HM	Dave Edens	Wayne James	Cliff Loehr
HM	Charles Gattis	Dolores Burns	Nathan Robbins
HM	Charles Gattis	Barbara Staggs	
HM	Virgil Lipscomb		
HM	Sam Alexander		
HM	Veronica Beaudry		

### First Place Winners



Monochrome Print by Rosemary Davidson



Digital by Virgil Lipscomb



Color Print by Margaret Phillips

Name	2014 Points	2014 Wins	Name	2014 Points	2014 Wins
Sam Alexander	31	10	Dave Edens	6	4
Charles Gattis	28	11	Lee Pratt	6	2
Garth Fraser	19	9	Liz Smith	6	2
Randy Stephens	17	5	Rosemary Davidson	5	1
Nicole Harper	16	5	Tim Solomon	5	3
Virginia Gilbert	15	4	Susi Stroud	5	2
Charles Leverett	15	7	Ron Atchley	4	2
Don Wolfe	15	8	Liz High	4	1
Margaret Phillips	14	4	Gary Stiger	4	2
Alan Forney	13	7	Martha Teal	4	4
Virgil Lipscomb	13	5	Jerry Green	3	3
Barbara Staggs	13	5	John Kirwin	3	3
Veronica Beaudry	11	4	Richard Modlin	3	1
Glen Romanczuk	11	4	Barbara	3	3
Tom Bryant	10	5	Fred Schlich	3	1
Dolores Burns	9	4	Sam Tumminello	3	3
Wayne James	9	4	David Rudolph	2	2
Doris Leverett	8	4	Brian Boardman	1	1
Nathan Robbins	8	4	Bart Fay	1	1
Joy Henderson	7	3	Sheila Gentle	1	1
Cliff Loehr	7	3	Taylor Romanczuk	1	1
Emily Saile	7	3	Jackie Rudolph	1	1
Henry Smith	7	3	Eddie Sewall	1	1
David Blue	6	2	Debbie Tromblee	1	1

## September JUDGE- Keith Jones,

http://www.uah.edu/colleges/liberal/art/jones/jones1.html

### Backup Your Photoshop Settings by Walt Schumacher

From time to time, Photoshop seems to like to toss out all your settings, forcing you to painfully re-create them. You can avoid that if you back up the preference files. If you do that, you can also transfer the settings of an existing computer to a different computer. The location of the files where the settings reside, can be somewhat of a mystery, and there is no easy answer, because it varies by the computer type, the operating system, and the version of Photoshop.

So, you have to search Google. I searched for "cs6 save preferences" and got the info quickly from Adobe (it's buried about 6 directories deep). Even after you find the location, going TO it may be tricky, because it may be in a "hidden" folder. How to UNhide files also depends on your computer, but in Win7 it's in the Control Panel, at "Folder Options" under the "View" tab.

The folder with the Preferences also holds the folders for Actions and Color Settings, so you might as well just copy the whole folder. I copied it, and pasted it just one folder up (it added the word "Copy" to the folder name automatically). Now if I ever lose settings, I can copy the copy into the working folder.

### Ron Lowery, Aerial Photographer And Pilot

The Huntsville Botanical Garden will host Ron Lowery in a program featuring his latest images on the Tennessee River. The free program is October 17, 2014, at 6 pm. For more information you can contact Tamara Huron, (256) 830-4447. The Garden is located at 4747 Bob Wallace Ave SW, Huntsville.

Lowery is a man obsessed with rivers. In 2003, he took off in his green "canoe in the sky"



and retraced the route of Lewis and Clark and produced his first book, which is now the bestselling photographic collection of aerials on the explorer's route across America.

After living on the Tennessee River for thirty years, Lowery's now turned his focus closer to home with a collection of images and stories of photographing the Tennessee River and it's tributaries. From his "cow patty catastrophe" following the Mississippi Queen Riverboat, a chill-bump experience flying around the massive Saturn IV rocket in Huntsville, or cruising among hot air balloons over the river in Decatur, Lowery's got great stories to go with his photographs and a new coffee table book on the River.

You can see more of Ron Lowery's work at <u>www.ronlowery.com</u>. He will be signing copies of his books at the program.

2015 Competition Topics are now being accepted. Send suggestions to the Primary Competition Officer, Ernie High at ernhigh@knology.net

### Sep Program

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Tom and Pat have had the opportunity to travel extensively during the past year. As a result of their latest adventures, they have put together an all new program. They will present "Creative Travel Photography" to us on September 8th. In this new program, Tom and Pat will show recent images from such diverse locations as the Palouse area of Washington State, Portugal, and Nova Scotia among others. They will cover such topics as going beyond the postcard, capturing a sense of place, and photographing themes as they discuss the art, technique and equipment used in their travel photography. Plan now to attend. Tom and Pat have always been favorite presenters to HPS and we are delighted to have them return.

> Image by Cory Photography

### 2014 Meeting Calendar

Sep 8 – Creative Travel Photography with Tom and Pat Cory 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

### <u>NEW MEMBERS</u>

Alisha Bucca Avery Goss John Haynes Mark Lachelt Lisa Philippart



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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: <u>www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/</u> (closed group)

