

## In Focus

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### November Program- Scenic and Remote New Mexico Sites in 3D by Andrea Shetley and Lee Pratt

Andrea and Lee are both active in the 3D Division of the Photographic Society of America (PSA). Most of the photos in this presentation were taken on their recent trip to New Mexico in late September, when they also presented it at the PSA Annual Conference in Albuquerque. They also will describe the equipment and techniques that are used to make and show 3D (stereo) digital images.

Andrea is a 10-year member and past president of HPS. She enjoys nature photography in both 2D and 3D formats, especially close-up and macro of flowers and insects. Andrea holds several positions in PSA, including 3D Division Chair and Macro Mentor. She is a Fellow of PSA and a 4-star exhibitor in the 3D Division. She also is an active member of several other 2D and 3D photography organizations, and co-founded the Fayetteville Photo Club in Tennessee. Andrea is an independent contractor proposal specialist who helps makes proposal bids read well, look better, and

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### From The President

This is my favorite time of the year for outdoor photography – beautiful colors and nice, clear mornings with fog hugging the ground at sunrise. Get outside with your camera and take advantage of this before winter hits us.

October's program by José Betancourt was cancelled at the last minute due to bad weather. The Board was meeting early, and the library staff came by and told us they would be closing at 7:00, so there was no time to get a message out to everyone. For the future, if you have a question of whether we will meet or not due to inclement weather, please call the Library and ask if they will be open; if they are open, we will meet. Roger announced at the Competition meeting that José will present his program in January or February, so stay tuned.

Our October judge for "Urban Jungle" was Tony Triolo. Tony said the topic was almost as hard as "Open". After seeing the

entries, I had to agree – what a variety of images! Tony did his usual great job in selecting the winning images and provided meaningful comments. Be sure to check them out in the newsletter or in our website gallery. Congratulations to all of our October winners.

A suggestion was offered by several members at our September 5<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting to increase the number of Open competitions for next year. The Board discussed this at length, but we decided to keep the number at 2 per year. We feel that having a specific topic challenges the members to have to think about and/or research how to photograph the topic and then go do it, rather than grabbing a favorite that might not be recent. We provide the list of topics at the Year End banquet, which gives everyone plenty of time to prepare for each topic.

I want to thank Cliff Loehr for teaching a mini-class on creating star trails with your camera. Cliff has become quite the guru on night photography. If you have an interest in a photographic topic, please consider sharing that interest with all of HPS by teaching a mini-class.

Our November Program will be Scenic and Remote New Mexico Sites in 3-D by Lee Pratt and Andrea Shetley. Don't miss it! This month's Competition topic is "Open".

Our End-of-Year Banquet will be here before we know it, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, so keep the date in mind. If you had a winning (including Honorable Mention) printed image, you will need to bring it to either of the November meetings, so Ernie can get it to our judges. Carrabba's will be our caterer again this year, and the price will remain at \$15 per person.

Eddie Sewall

### Membership Vote for 2015 Budget

At the Nov 24 club meeting (Competition night), the membership will vote on a budget for next year. In the past, there has been no difference in the annual membership dues between individuals and families. This budget will include a proposal to raise the annual dues for families by \$10, from \$20 to \$30 (\$18 to \$27, if paid by Dec 31); individual dues will remain the same at \$20 (\$18, if paid early). We feel this is more fair for the individual members, and it will increase our funds to offer professional training/seminar opportunities, which we plan on doing next year. We understand this will be controversial, but most organizations charge a little more for additional members, and it is still a discount over multiple memberships. Keep in mind that a membership is only required for entering competitions and accessing our Facebook page; non-members are allowed to attend meetings, though we certainly encourage joining HPS. Please plan on attending this important meeting, so your vote will count.

### **November Program**

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compliant. She lives on her small farm in Tennessee where she constantly caters to the needs of her 10 cats.

Lee is a long-time member of HPS. His main interests in photography are 3D images and the specialized equipment and software used in 3D photography. He is a Fellow of PSA and is a Master Level 5 exhibitor having competed in hundreds of 3D exhibitions. He is active as an officer and member of several photographic organizations, including President of the National Stereoscopic Association (NSA). He especially likes travel and scenic photography in remote places. Lee is a retired physicist/electronics engineer, having served in both military and civilian positions for the U.S. Army at Redstone Arsenal.



Lee Pratt



Andrea Shetley

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# October Competition Results Subject- Urban Jungle Judge- Tony Triolo

	Digital (45)	Color Print (44)	Monochrome Print (25)
1st	Daniel Little	Henry Smith	Tom Bryant
2nd	Eddie Sewall	Martha Teal	Henry Smith
3rd	Martha Teal	Don Wolfe	Barbara Hitt
HM	Barbara Hitt	Emily Saile	Randy Stephens
HM	Joy Henderson	Henry Smith	Barbara Staggs
HM	Emily Saile	Don Wolfe	Henry Smith
HM	Emily Saile	Lonnie Withem	
HM	Sum Tumminello		

First place Winners

Digital by Daniel Little



Color Print by Henry Smith

Monochrome Print by Tom Bryant



Name	2014 Points	2014 Wins	Name	2014 Points	2014 Wins
Sam Alexander	35	11	Gary Stiger	7	3
Charles Gattis	28	11	David Blue	7	3
Don Wolfe	23	12	Liz Smith	6	2
Randy Stephens	22	7	Lee Pratt	6	2
Virginia Gilbert	21	6	Dave Edens	6	4
Barbara Staggs	21	9	Tim Solomon	5	3
Garth Fraser	19	9	Rosemary Davidson	5	1
Henry Smith	18	7	Sam Tumminello	5	5
Nicole Harper	16	5	Eddie Sewall	5	2
Charles Leverett	15	7	Daniel Little	5	1
Tom Bryant	15	6	Liz High	4	1
Margaret Phillips	14	4	Barbara Montgomery	4	4
Nathan Robbins	14	6	Barbara Hitt	4	2
Alan Forney	13	7	Richard Modlin	3	1
Virgil Lipscomb	13	5	Jerry Green	3	3
Emily Saile	13	7	John Kirwin	3	3
Martha Teal	12	7	Fred Schlich	3	1
Glen Romanczuk	11	4	David Rudolph	2	2
Veronica Beaudry	11	4	Bart Fay	2	2
Wayne James	10	5	Brian Boardman	2	2
Dolores Burns	9	4	Sheila Gentle	1	1
Doris Leverett	8	4	Taylor Romanczuk	1	1
Ron Atchley	8	3	Debbie Tromblee	1	1
Joy Henderson	8	4	Jackie Rudolph	1	1
Cliff Loehr	7	3	Steve Mitchell	1	1
Susi Stroud	7	4	Lonnie Withem	1	1



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### Fall Creek Falls Workshop with HPS members Tim Solomon and Geri Reddy by Fred Schlich

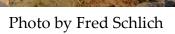


Photo by Fred Schlich

If you are looking for a new venue to excite your photography, try Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee. The first weekend of October, Tim Solomon and Geri Reddy led a comprehensive workshop dedicated to improving the individual skills of each workshop participant that took advantage of the variety of scenery at this mountainous location only a couple of hours away. My goal for the workshop was to increase proficiency in viewing photography in terms of communication to an audience, identifying what within a subject appeals and then highlighting this particular aspect or characteristic of the subject to optimally "tell the story". Throughout the weekend Tim covered applicable topics such as controlling exposure, using graduated filters to solve problems within the cameral that can't be resolved in postproduction, and basic framing techniques. Geri provided helpful insight into ways to view composition and contrast at different times of the day – early morning to evening. Another workshop participant, Rosemary Davidson (a recent HPS first place winner) focused on capturing fall color within the context of muted exposure and reflected pools of water. As a bonus, the weather cooperated long enough one evening so that Tim could share tips

and teach how to best capture long exposure star trails. I'd highly recommend visiting Fall Creek Falls State Park or joining Tim and Geri in a future workshop if you get the opportunity.





### **November Mini Class**

HPS member Henry Norton will present the November mini class, Nov 24, 6:00-6:45 p.m. at the Library before the regular Competition meeting. The topic will be "smart pack" for travel, landscape or wildlife photography. Drawing from his experience as the Missile Defense Agency's photographer/videographer, he had to pack for over 100 trips to remote and desolate places to take photos for the USG. Along the way, and with his experience as a landscape photographer, he has learned several beneficial things about how to prep for a photo expedition.

#### **2014 Meeting Calendar**

Nov 10 – 3D Stereography with Lee Pratt & Andrea Shetley

Nov 24 – Open Competition

Dec 8 – Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

### **2015 Competition Subjects**

January Emotions

February Alabama the Beautiful

March Open

Aril Shadows & Silhouettes

May People

June It's About Time
July Things That Fly
August Faces in Objects
September Unusual Perspective

October Open

November Leaf & Petal
December Best of Year
Jan 2016 Streets & Alleys

### **Member News**

Geri Reddy's image "Painted Hills", was published in the November 2014 edition of Shutterbug magazine. Two images per person may be submitted to their monthly photo assignment, "Picture This" Column which focuses on Creativity. The November assignment was Panorama. Approximately 10 images are selected by

Submission deadline is three months prior to publication. For more info including submission guidelines, go to www.shutterbug.com.

the editors each month.



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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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