

January Program- Autumn in the Aspens, Photo Tours & Travel Equipment

Are you tired of the gray and drizzly skies of winter? Join Tom Bryant and Henry Smith at the January meeting for tall tales of our October photo tour to the mountains of central Colorado. It was lead by Dusty Doddridge. We will present enough images of golden aspens against blue skies and mountains that your funk from gray skies will be gone. But we will show some restraint and leave time for other discussions.

Diana Lyn Davidson will then join us for a discussion of photo travel and tours. We promise to “tell all” about these events. Henry and Tom have been on tours with Rick Sammon, Cecil Holmes, and Dusty Doddridge, and Diana Lyn has been with Joe Van Os travel safaris and gate1 travel. (One is very simple and very inexpensive but leaves you on your own and the other one is high-end and takes care of everything, so they are polar opposites.) We plan to have web sites and other information available for each of these.

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Tom Bryant in the field

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From The President

Wow, it's 2015 already! HPS had a great 2014. Our third Huntsville Museum of Art exhibit has come and gone, again with great reviews by the Museum and guests; our opening reception was well attended by members and guests, including two of our Shades Valley Camera Club judges. Roger brought us great programs in 2014, including Adam Jones, a Canon Explorer of Light, Dusty Doddridge, Tom and Pat Cory, and Patrick Oden, along with several HPS members. We also had several outstanding mini-classes taught by our members, including Cliff Loehr, Nathan Robbins, and Henry Norton. Henry Smith developed and taught a beginning photography class for people around Huntsville, and it brought us several new members.

In the Spring, several of our members attended a photo workshop with Cecil Holmes to Old Car City and the

Southeastern Railway Museum, both outside of Atlanta. And in the Fall, Geri Reddy and Tim Solomon led a workshop to Fall Creek Falls in Tennessee.

In November, we elected Charles Gattis as the new Primary Competition Officer, replacing Ernie High, who held the position for the last 3 years. Also, Roger Hunter, our Program Chairman for the last 3 years and I will be stepping down at the end of this year. Please consider volunteering for these extremely important Board positions.

Our Year End Banquet and Awards ceremony was fantastic, as always. Roger was the perfect host, as always. Carrabba's provided us a wonderful meal and Costco brought us yummy desserts. The Sparkman High School photography students were the judges again this year, and they selected beautiful images as winners. Check out the winning images in the Gallery on our website. Sam Alexander won the 2014 President's Award, for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Sam!

2015 should bring us several exciting opportunities. We have our fourth Huntsville Museum of Art exhibition starting May 2nd. This one will be very special, because the exhibition will be upstairs on the main floor. The Rocky Mountain School of Photography will be in Birmingham in early May. Also, the Board is working on having more extensive learning opportunities with local talent as instructors; these would be 4-6 hours in length on a Saturday. Stay tuned for more news on this.

I look forward to another exciting year for HPS.

Eddie Sewall

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Finally, this leads us to travel photography equipment. Henry Horton's mini class in November was well received. We plan to take off from Henry Horton's class and add lighter weight and smaller gear (mirrorless and 4/3). We have several members using mirrorless, and Diana Lyn uses the lightest end of these. This should make a for a lively and informative discussion to end the evening

Henry Smith on
Aspens Tour



Member News

HPS member, Joy Henderson, has an image featured on the front page of the current issue of Valley Planet. The photo was selected after being on display as part of the HPS exhibit in the TAC gallery at the Von Braun Civic Center. Joy captured this amazing photo of a Snow Petrel in Antarctica as the bird was flying from an iceberg. Joy's hobbies since retiring from a sales career are travel and photography. Wildlife and nature are her favorite subjects. She has achieved the level of Master Photographer within HPS.

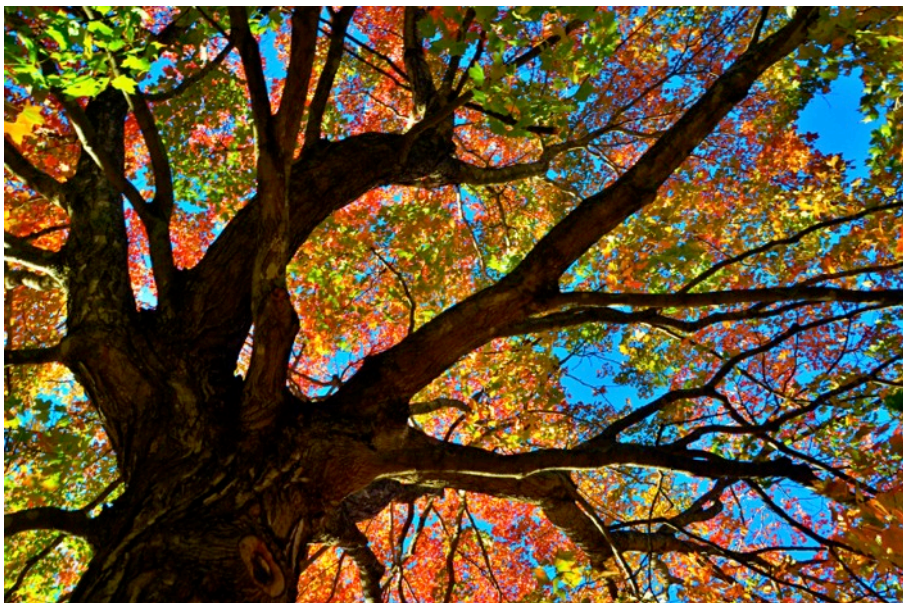
2014 Best of Year First Place



Color Print by
Margaret Phillips



Monochrome Print by
Charles Leverett



Digital by
David Blue

	Digital	Color Print	Monochrome Print
1st	David Blue	Margaret Phillips	Charles Leverett
2nd	Lee Pratt	Barb Staggs	Charles Leverett
3rd	Debbie Tromblee	Nathan Robbins	Sam Alexander
HM	Steve Mitchell	Liz Smith	Nathan Robbins
HM	Brian Boardman	Charles Gattis	Nathan Robbins
HM	Bart Fay	Dolores Burns	Nathan Robbins
HM	Barb Staggs	Charles Leverett	Randy Stephens
HM	Brian Boardman	Nathan Robbins	Charles Gattis
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Margaret Phillips	Liz Smith
HM	Dave Edens	Margaret Phillips	
HM	Gary Stiger		
HM	Cliff Loehr		
HM	Randy Stephens		

President's Award

Sam Alexander



New Gold Fellow

John Kirwin

New Bronze Fellow

Margaret Phillips

New Fellow

Sam Alexander

Charles Leverett

January Judge-

Pamela Keller will be our judge for the competition topic, Emotions, on January 26. Pamela is Professor of Art and Department Chair at Athens State University where she has worked since 1981. She received a Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) from Indiana University, John Herron School of Art in May of 1979 and went on to receive a Master of Fine Art (MFA) degree from the University of Wisconsin in August of 1981. Her major was in Painting and Drawing with minors in Photography, Art History, and English. Her works can be found in the corporate collections of Eastman Kodak Pharmaceutical Corporation, Malvern, PA; Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga, TN; Helen Keller Memorial Hospital, Tusculumbia, AL; and Family Mental Health Institute, NY, NY. Pamela was with us previously in March of 2011 when she was the judge for our topic, Modes of Transportation. We welcome her back to the Huntsville Photographic Society.

25th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week

One of the most popular events in Pigeon Forge, Wilderness Wildlife Week, is scheduled for Jan 24-31, 2015. The week of events includes exhibits, performances, photography workshops and classes, and nature walks that are informative and entertaining. The programs celebrate the many wonders of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park and surrounding areas. There are daily musical presentations in addition to classes. Programs usually start at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day, ending around 7:30 p.m. when the day's keynote program starts. Participants can come and go as they please, choosing which programs to attend on their own schedule. And it's all FREE! Programs are held at the LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge. Attendees must sign up for hikes.

For the week's schedule and presenters go to:

<http://www.mypigeonforge.com/pdf/wilderness-wildlife-week-classes-and-seminars.pdf>

Eagle Awareness Weekends



Eagle Awareness Weekends begin Jan 2, 2015 and go through Feb 22, 2015 at Lake Guntersville State Park. This year is the 30th Anniversary. Weekend packages include lodging, meals, seminars and outdoor excursions. World renowned wildlife naturalists will be on hand to conduct the seminars. The weekends feature live bird demonstrations and guided field trips for viewing eagles in their natural habitat. For more info go to:

<http://www.alapark.com/LakeGuntersville/EagleAwareness2015>

For Sale



HPS member, Susi Stroud, has a Canon EF 70-300mm f/4-5.6 L IS USM Lens, including sunshade, front and rear cap, CD, velvet bag and original box. The lens is new, used once. Will sell for \$1,200. Contact Susi at susistroud@comcast.net

*It's that time of year again!
Membership dues are due
January 1. Checks can be
mailed to address on page 8
of the newsletter.
Individual- \$20
Family- \$30*

2015 Meeting Calendar

Jan 12- Aspens Photo Tour and Travel Equipment with HPS members Tom, Henry, & Diana
Jan 26- Emotions Competition Meeting
Feb 9– Program TBA
Feb 23 – AL the Beautiful Competition
Mar 9 – Program TBA
Mar 23 – Open Competition
Mar 30 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
Apr 13 – Program TBA
Apr 27 – Shadows & Silhouettes Competition
May 11 – Program TBA
May 25 - People Competition
Jun 8 – Program TBA
Jun 22 – It's About Time Competition
Jun 29 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
July 13 – Program TBA
July 27 – Things That Fly Competition
Aug 10 – Program TBA
Aug 24 – Faces in Objects Competition
Aug 31- Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
Sep 14 – Program TBA
Sep 28 – Unusual Perspective Competition
Oct 12 – Program TBA
Oct 26 - Open Competition
Nov 9 – 3D Stereography with Lee Pratt
Nov 23 – Leaf & Petal Competition
Nov 30- Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
Dec 14 – Annual Best Of Year Dinner/Awards

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

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