

April Program- Improving Your Springtime Photos *with Cecil Holmes*

It's finally getting a little warmer. Spring flowers are beginning to come from the ground. I hear birds singing. This can only mean one thing: Spring is finally arriving! It's time to dust off those cameras and lens that have been gathering dust all winter and get out there and shoot something. Cecil Holmes is going to be our guest speaker on April 13th and he is going to share some of his tips and techniques to help this be your best year of spring photos yet. Cecil is coming to us fresh off a spring shooting excursion that has taken him from Charlotte, NC to St. Augustine, FL. Expect him to have some great new landscapes, nature and animal shots to share and talk about. I understand that some of his targets include shore birds and alligators. Not at the same time, I hope.

Cecil is a widely published, self-taught outdoor photographer and workshop instructor based in North Alabama. His passion for nature and fine art drive his quest to capture the moods, characters and spirits of some wonderful and amazing locations. Cecil states, "I think photography says as much about the photographer as it does the photograph, so I strive to show you a little about myself and my view of the world in each image I share."

Some of his published credits and clients include *Nature Photographer, Vanguard Photo, American Alpine Club Library and Tamron Lenses.*

Cecil teaches small, field based workshops and also offers

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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. We had a few good days at the end of March, so I hope you got out and took advantage of them. Soon, hopefully, the dogwoods, redbuds, azaleas, and other flowers will be in bloom, and the birds and bees will be flitting around.

Last month we had a fantastic program by Ken Brown, from Birmingham. Ken shared the process of his book, *The Art of the Locomotive*, and many truly unbelievable prints of the trains (locomotives, specifically) that he has taken over the last several years. He showed us how he took the photos and then "photoshopped" them to remove undesirable backgrounds, add desirable ones, and add parts that were not visible in the original photo to create his end result. He is a true master of the Photoshop selection process! If you missed Ken's presentation, please visit his website at www.kenboydphotography.com.

Muril Robertson, long-time HPS member and past President, was our judge for "Open" last month. As usual, he took time at the beginning to discuss his photographic philosophy, and tell us how he would judge the photos. He then provided great comments on the images during the judging process. He also spent time after the meeting with several members discussing/critiquing their images. Be sure to check out the winners on our website gallery and in the newsletter.

Dusty Doddridge's class on "The Digital Darkroom: The Art and Craft of Image Making" was a huge success. We had 64 people sign up and only 3 didn't make it. In some ways, it was like drinking from a fire hose, but everyone seemed to really enjoy the day and got a lot out of it. Dusty has ideas for future events, and the Board is looking at other instructors, as well, so please let us know if you have topics that you would like to learn more about. We definitely want to do more of these types of training events.

Our Huntsville Museum of Art exhibit is right around the corner, starting on May 2nd. Peter Baldaia, the HMA Curator, told us a few days ago that the exhibit has been extended to September 20th, so HPS will get lots of attention. We will be holding a reception for the exhibit on Tuesday, May 5th, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, so plan on coming and bringing family members and guests. Admission for the reception will be free of charge. Check out the newsletter for more information.

"Shadows and Silhouettes" is the competition topic for this month. José Betancourt, Professor of Photography at UA Huntsville, will be our judge, and I consider him to be one of the best of our judges.

Eddie Sewall

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classroom based instruction near his home. He comes from an IT background so his teaching methods reflect getting a fabulous image at the point of capture and then enhancing that in the digital darkroom.

You can check out his web site at www.cecilsphotos.com.

Join us for this fun and educational program on April 13th. I know I'll be there.

APRIL JUDGE- RABBIT JUDGE-

Jose Betancourt will be our judge for the category of "Shadows and Silhouettes," on April 27, 2015. Jose is professor of art at the University of Alabama, Huntsville. His specialty is photography. With degrees from Hunter College and the University of South Florida, he teaches classes in Photography: Introduction, Photography: Experimental and Historical 1, and Photography: Documentary 1. You can find copies of his work at www.josebetancourt.com/

Reception for HPS 2015 HMA Exhibit

This year's HPS exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art will open on Saturday, May 2nd and close on Sunday, September 20th. **The Opening Reception will on Tuesday, May 5th from 5:00pm till 7:30pm.**

All HPS members and their guests are invited. This year our exhibit will be upstairs in the main Museum exhibit area. Normally visitors who are not members of the Museum must pay admission to enter this part of the museum, however, this is being waived by the HMA for all who attend this reception. We will have the Museum to ourselves that evening. You'll have the chance to see not only our exhibit, but all of the other exhibits at the Museum. Light snacks, wine, beer, soft drinks, and water will be provided by the HPS and the HMA. There will be no charge. Make plans now to attend with family and friends. Dress is nice casual. Contact Bill Snoddy at wsnoddy@comcast.net if you have any questions.

March Competition Results
Subject: Open
Judge- Muriel Robertson

	Color Digital (65)	Monochrome Digital (39)	Color Print (51)	Monochrome Print (37)
1st	Garth Fraser	Joy Henderson	Walt Tyszka	Sam Alexander
2nd	Barbara Staggs	Garth Fraser	Barbara Staggs	Margaret Phillips
3rd	Margaret Phillips	Sam Tumminello	Michael Cox	Alan Forney
HM	Gail Patton	Don Wolfe	Diana Davidson	Ron Atchley
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HM	Jerry Green	Gayle Biggs	Tom Bryant	Don Wolfe
HM	Diana Davidson	Susi Stroud	Glen Romanczuk	Henry Norton
HM	Bill Snoddy		Barbara Staggs	
HM	Garth Fraser			
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First Place Winners



Monochrome Digital by Sam Alexander



Color Digital by Garth Fraser

Color Print by Walt Tyszka



Monochrome Print by Joy Henderson



Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Garth Fraser	18	6	Martha Teal	4	2
Charles Leverett	18	5	Sam Tumminello	4	2
Diana Davidson	12	6	Virginia Gilbert	3	1
Margaret Phillips	12	5	Glen Romanczuk	3	3
David Little	11	3	Bill Snoddy	3	3
Barbara Staggs	11	5	Don Wolfe	3	3
Joy Henderson	9	3	Michael Cox	3	1
Barbara Montgomery	7	4	Ron Atchley	2	2
Sam Alexander	6	2	Jerry Green	2	2
Alan Forney	6	4	Doris Leverett	2	2
Gayle Biggs	5	2	Susi Stroud	2	2
Michael Hart	5	1	Gail Patton	2	2
Tom Hix	5	1	Tom Bryant	1	1
Cliff Loehr	5	1	Dolores Burns	1	1
Henry Norton	5	3	Dave Edens	1	1
Emily Saile	5	2	Charles Gattis	1	1
Walt Tyzka	5	1	Nicole Harper	1	1
Liz High	4	1	Leta Hix	1	1
Nathan Robbins	4	1	Gary Stiger	1	1
Henry Smith	4	1	Pete Van Hoff	1	1

Member News-Guy McAllister 1930-2015

Guy McAllister, 85, passed away on March 11, 2015. Guy was a long time and generous volunteer of the Huntsville Photographic Society. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

Guy was satisfied to hold the rank of Gold Star Fellow; he seemed never to want to take the final step of the public print exhibition requirement to be awarded our Master rank. He was a slide shooter and true to his art.

Guy was the long-time editor of our printed HPS newsletter. Members will remember he ran the slide projector for our slide competitions and was always insistent to "mark the slide corner" for proper projection orientation. In the 1980's he was a chairman of the popular HPS, public "Images" slide show we held several times at the VBC Playhouse.

Wheeler Focus on Nature Photo Weekend

by Margaret Phillips

HPS members Rosemary Davidson, Margaret Phillips and Sheila Gentle attended the Joe Wheeler Focus on Nature Photography Weekend. It was a great weekend with classroom sessions, hiking outings, dinner with keynote speaker and a pontoon boat ride. This was the second year and I believe it is to be an annual event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/323317964525070/>

After a meet and great Friday night we started up Saturday morning with a sunrise shoot at the marina (however the sun wasn't very cooperative). After a terrific breakfast in the lodge we started classroom sessions. Rocky Baker led a class for beginners followed by sessions on photo editing and a class for experienced photographers by Joe and Valerie Roman. After lunch we broke out into groups for different locations. Some people chose to go to the Wheeler Wildlife refuge but since that was practically back home for us we chose to go over to Wheeler dam. On the way we got to stop at some private property the rangers had arranged for us to have access to and shoot some old style buildings.

John Dersham was the keynote speaker Saturday night and gave us a great history of Kodak with "The Camera Shop- A Celebration of 175 Years of Photography". Sunday morning after the buffet breakfast we headed out on the pontoon boat for a little bird photography. We saw blue herons, pelicans, hawk and eagles.



Photo by John Dersham



Photo by Margaret Phillips



Huntsville Nature and Travel Photo Society

MISSION:

Our club is dedicated to sharing and improving all types of nature and travel photography. We embrace all photography of wildlife, birds, insects, natural phenomena, weather, landscapes, and travel imagery.

MEETINGS:

Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Myers Office Building at 810 Regal Drive. The building is located just north of Parkway Place Mall, just a few hundred yards east of the AAA Building. Parking is available at the back of the building, which is where we have access and entry. Meetings are open to anyone who is interested.

Dues will be suspended for the time being. We usually have featured programs by one speaker on the odd-numbered months, but for the other "Show and Tell" meetings, members are invited to bring and present images of their choice. Please call or email Bill McCaul, 256-461-6059, or send email to eugene@stormshooter.com, if you wish to present one of the full-length featured programs.

COMING UP:

Monday, Apr. 20: This program will be an open "Show and Tell" meeting, where all club members are invited to present slides and digital images for discussion and critique. Nature and travel imagery of all kinds are welcome.

2015 Meeting Calendar

Apr 13 – Improving Your Springtime Photos by Cecil Holmes
Apr 27 – Shadows & Silhouettes Competition
May 11 – Creative Crud by Barbara Staggs
May 25 - People Competition
Jun 8 – A Creative Journey by Parish Kohanim
Jun 22 – It's About Time Competition
Jun 29 - Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
July 13 – Hit Me With Your Best Shot by Roger Hunter
July 27 – Things That Fly Competition
Aug 10 – Contrast Control: Will it make you millions or just dizzy? By Garth Fraser
Aug 24 – Faces in Objects Competition
Aug 31- Fifth Monday Casual Meeting
Sep 14 – Name That Tune by Roger Hunter
Sep 28 – Unusual Perspective Competition
Oct 12 – An Evening With Larry Perry
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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