

In Focus

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August Program- Contrast Control, will it make me millions or just dizzy? by Garth Fraser

I am excited that Garth Fraser has agreed to deliver our August program. We have enjoyed previous times when Garth has spoken at HPS. Not only have his presentations always been entertaining; it's almost impossible not to learn something new.

The program will be about contrast in photography, both B&W and color. Garth will discuss contrast generalities and specifics (global and local) and will detail his approach to controlling, enhancing and reducing contrast. The discussion will include capture in the camera, RAW manipulation and finally Photoshop editing. He hopes to balance the "why" with the "how" so the casual photographer as well as the Photoshop master will learn and enjoy the presentation.

In addition, Garth has created a digital slide show that highlights his images from 2010 to the present. That will be about 20 minutes of pure enjoyment that I am really looking forward to.

Garth is a self-taught photographer with a degree in mechanical engineering, and yet his first love was photography. He has been shooting since he was fourteen, starting with the hardest film of the time, Kodachrome II. He has since gravitated to digital cameras, finding the control found within the digital workflow to be intoxicating. When he is in a nostalgic mood, he

will bring out the 4x5 and expose a few sheets of film. The

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From The President

Boy, this summer has been brutal, and we still have one month left. Consider trying some still-life photography indoors to stay cool. If you do want to brave the heat, several members have found a sunflower field off Highway 36 south of town, so you might try that near sunrise or sunset. Another cool opportunity is a farmer's market with lots of colorful fruits and vegetables. The main thing is to keep taking photos, no matter what the environmental conditions are.

Roger brought us a great program last month: Hit Me with Your Best Shot. Over twenty members submitted 2-3 favorite images and then gave us the "backstory" on them, discussing what prompted the shot, how it was composed, what the exposure parameters were, and then what post-processing was done to finalize the photo. There were a lot of beautiful photos shown that night, and many of them had not been shown in competitions. I

really like the programs where our members showcase their images, and I think I learn just as much, if not more, than from professional

presenters.

Our July judge for "Things That Fly" was Joe Fikes. Joe has judged for us many times before, and he has done a couple of programs for us. Joe did something ahead of time that I haven't seen a judge do – he presented a short slide show on how he judges photos, covering the aesthetic through the technical aspects of what he is looking for. I heard several members say how much they appreciated this, and that it will help them in the future. Joe provided great comments during the judging, and, at the end, he took some time to show a couple of examples of how small changes to an image can improve it immensely. This was another competition where a new member took honors, which I really find satisfying. Congratulations to all of our July winners. Check them out on the website.

Our Huntsville Museum of Art exhibition closes at the beginning of next month, so stand by for information on picking up your prints once they're taken down. The Museum has asked us to exhibit again next May, so start thinking about those images you might want to submit.

Henry Smith is teaching his "newbies" class again this month (actually started in late July). This is a five-week class on an introduction to photography he developed. Thanks for doing this Henry!!

Our August Program will be presented by one of our own, Garth Fraser. Garth will discuss "Contrast Control: Will it make you millions or just dizzy?" Don't miss it!

"Faces in Objects" is our competition topic for August, and Monica Martin will be our judge.

Eddie Sewall

HPS Leadership Positions Opening Next Year

Three of the HPS Board members will be "retiring" at the end of this year. Eddie Sewall, President, and Roger Hunter, Program Officer, will be stepping down after 4 years in their positions. Dolores Burns will be leaving the Historian position, due to work commitments. Board members are nominated and approved by the membership in November. Please consider volunteering for one of these vital Board positions.

August Program

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smells of the darkroom are an old friend. His love of the craft goes beyond the capture of imagery. Garth has been an instructor of photography for over 10 years. Hundreds of students have been either inspired or bored to tears by his rambling lectures on composition, lighting and exposure. He has read, studied, and viewed thousands of images and will never grow weary of the art of photography.



AUGUST JURGE: Manisa Martin

Monica Martin began her career as a professional photographer in 1988. With her studio located in Guntersville, she has supported clients all across Northern Alabama. She has varied experiences and expertise in portrait, commercial, and architectural photography. Monica was our judge in 2012 on the subject of "Barns" and in 2010 for "Reflections." She is excited about about our August competition and especially the subject, "Faces in Objects."

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July Competition Results Subject: Things That Fly Judge- Jo Fikes

	Color Digital (61)	Monochrome Digital (44)	Color Print (28)	Monochrome Print (15)	
1st	Randy Stephens	Bill Snoddy	Michael Cox	Michael Cox	
2nd	Alan Forney	Garth Fraser	Eddie Sewall	Henry Norton	
3rd	Eddie Sewall	Virginia Gilbert	Joy Henderson	Charles Leverett	
HM	Jerry Green	Emily Saile	Charles Leverett	Michael Cox	
НМ	Tim Solomon	John Kirwin	Doris Leverett	Charles Leverett	
HM	Geri Reddy	John Kirwin	Bill Courtney		
НМ	Leigh Butgereit				
HM	Joy Henderson				
НМ	Waldy Cuevas				

First Place Winners



Color Digital by Randy Stephens



Color Print by Michael Cox

Monochrome Digital by Bill Snoddy





Monochrome Print by Michael Cox

Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Charles Leverett	32	14	Don Wolfe	9	5
Garth Fraser	31	10	Gayle Biggs	8	3
Joy Henderson	30	12	Barbara Montgomery	8	5
Barbara Staggs	23	8	Eddie Sewall	8	3
Diana Davidson	20	9	Walt Tyzka	8	2
Margaret Phillips	18	8	Virginia Gilbert	6	2
Sam Tumminello	18	7	Emily Saile	6	3
Sam Alexander	16	5	Susi Stroud	6	4
Michael Cox	16	6	Brian Boardman	5	1
Alan Forney	16	8	Dave Edens	5	3
Henry Norton	13	6	Michael Hart	5	1
Bill Snoddy	13	5	Carol Poland	5	1
Tom Bryant	12	5	Nathan Robbins	5	2
Tom Hix	11	3	Glen Romanczuk	5	5
David Little	11	3	Henry Smith	5	2
Cliff Loehr	11	4	Dorinda Tyler	5	1
Martha Teal	9	5	Randy Stephens	5	1

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Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Bart Fay	4	1	Gail Patton	2	2
Liz High	4	1	Tim Solomon	2	2
Doris Leverett	4	4	Gary Stiger	2	2
Ron Atchley	3	3	Pete Van Hoff	2	2
Jerry Green	3	3	John Kirwin	2	2
Wayne James	3	1	Leigh Butgereit	1	1
Joan May	3	1	Charles Gattis	1	1
Dolores Burns	2	2	Geri Reddy	1	1
Nicole Harper	2	2	Bill Courtney	1	1
Barbara Hitt	2	2	Waldy Cuevas	1	1
Leta Hix	2	2			

Member News

➤ We were recently informed of the death of long time member Charles "Chuck" Martin. He passed away May 12, 2015. Chuck was a resident of Mayfair Apartments off of Whitesburg drive. He had been ill several years but would still attend a meeting or join us at Cracker Barrel. He always kept up on the latest in photography and was eager to share anything he learned. We offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends- we'll miss his smiling and pleasant manner.

One Hundred Pictures!

Sam Tumminello had his one hundredth (100th) picture approved by Google on their "Panoramio" site. Sam has been working to achieve this goal for several years. His pictures and descriptions of various parts of the world may be seen at: http://www.panoramio.com/user/7720834

Panoramio is a geolocation-oriented photo sharing website. Accepted photos uploaded to the site can be accessed as a layer in Google Earth and Google Maps. The site's goal is to allow Google Earth users to learn more about a given area by viewing the photos that other users have taken at that place. The website is available in several languages. The headquarters are located in Zurich; in the office building of the Swiss Google.

Rick Sammon, Canon Explorer of Light, coming to Chattanooga

If you missed Rick Sammon when he visited Huntsville a few years ago, you have a second chance. Rick is coming to Chattanooga, sponsored by the Photographic Society of Chattanooga and Canon. "Creative Visualization for Photographers", presented by Canon Explorer of Light, September 19, 2015. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Location: St. John United Methodist Church, 3921 Murray Hills Drive, Chattanooga, TN.

Rick will present his people, wildlife, landscape, and travel pictures from around the globe, illustrating creative visualization for photographers. He will share his photographic techniques, digital darkroom tips, and what he has learned over his many years as a professional photographer - traveling to almost 100 countries.

Registration fee: \$15. Go to http://www.chattanoogaphoto.org

NEW MEMBERS

Derrick Williams & Family (Nayen, Ricardo, Alexander) Jim McCarter Shirley Buford Keith Russell



2015 Meeting Calendar

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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