

# In Focus

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#### September Program- "In the Sky" with Pat and Tom Cory



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September 14th is a date that you should mark on your calendar now so you won't miss the next program night at Huntsville Photographic Society. Two of our most popular presenters, Pat and Tom Cory are coming to town. Pat and Tom have some new material to share with us. They will be presenting their latest program "In The <u>Sky</u>". Pat described the program for me; "Our program looks at what happens in the sky and how to image it--from birds to sunsets, from northern lights to airplanes, from butterflies to the Milky Way--we'll examine these subjects and more. We'll also discuss what equipment we use with an emphasis on imaging birds on a budget." Wow, this sounds like it's going to be a really interesting program and I can't wait to see it. You might want to get here early for this program so, remember to mark your calendars for September  $14^{\text{th}}$  and somebody save me a seat up front.



#### From The President

Boy, this has been a wild summer, either hot or wet, and sometimes both. But, fall is on the way, and it always brings nice days and cool nights, along with lots of festivals around the area. So, get out and fill up your memory cards; and don't forget to look for an unusual perspective for a photo.

Garth Fraser brought us a great program last month, "Contrast Control: Will it make you millions or just dizzy?" Garth presented a slide show of his beautiful images, carefully explaining how he processed them by controlling contrast. It was a great program, and I learned a lot about contrast that I didn't know.

Monica Martin was our judge for "Faces in Objects"

last month. Monica's view of the subject was quite strict; she was looking primarily for objects with faces in them,

rather than objects with actual faces, such as a statue (or a hood ornament like I submitted). I was really impressed with the entries, and especially the winning images –the creativity and subtlety in the images was astounding. Monica provided great comments during the judging. This was the second competition in a row, and one of many this year, where new members took honors.

Congratulations to all of our August winners. Check them out on the website.

In case you haven't heard, HPS is now a member of the Camera Club Council of Tennessee, 3CT for short. This will bring lots of opportunities for working with other camera clubs in a variety of ways. Check out their website at www.3ct.org.

Tom and Pat Cory will be presenting our August Program. Tom and Pat have been coming to HPS for many years, and they always bring beautiful photos and lots of great photo tips, so plan on being here for it.

Our competition topic for September is "Unusual Perspective," so dig deep and show us your creativity with this interesting topic.

Eddie Sewall

#### **HPS Now A Member of 3CT**

The HPS Board approved HPS to become a member of the Camera Club Council of TN (3CT) in July 2015. This means all HPS members are now a part of the Council and can attend the spring and fall events for free with registration. The Council includes 22 clubs as of August, and we are the first club from outside of Tennessee! The Fall Adventure is at Reelfoot Lake and Discovery Park of America the weekend of Oct 16-18, 2015.

The Dyersburg Club is hosting the outing at Reelfoot, with guest speaker Allan Detrich, storm chaser and award winning photographer, presenting Sat evening, and the local speaker, David Haggard, a West Tennessee Regional Interpretive Specialist (and photographer) who will be presenting the rehab birds of prey program Saturday afternoon. He is an expert on the area and is available to answer many questions about the history of the lake and the region. There will be many opportunities for close-up photos of the birds in a natural setting. Pontoon boat excursions (reservations required) and visits to Discovery Park of America are included in the weekend. For a detailed schedule see the 3CT newsletter at

http://www.3ct.org/publications/newsletters/

3CT members can participate in Interclub competitions. A selection of entries from

## 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.

these competitions will be used for the Annual PSA Council Challenge. The Council also has a speaker data base which can be used to find presenters for club meetings. To learn more about the Council, go to their website at www.3CT.org. The website includes an events calendar with activities at all the member clubs, so if you're looking for new areas to explore, check out their site. The Council is also a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA).

The link to their Facebook group page is below:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/cameraclubcounciloftennessee/

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#### August Competition Results Subject: Faces In Objects Judge- Monica Martin

	Color Digital (40)	Monochrome Digital (21)	Color Print (28)	Monochrome Print (16)
1st	Peter Viot	Charles Gattis	Sam Alexander	Leta Hix
2nd	Gail Patton	David Blue	Martha Teal	Martha Teal
3rd	David Blue	Emily Saile	Charles Gattis	Tom Hix
HM	Sam Tumminello	Joy Henderson	Sam Alexander	Barbara Staggs
HM	Trudi Gardner	Emily Saile	Joy Henderson	Don Wolfe
HM	Garth Fraser		Don Wolfe	
HM	Sam Tumminello			

### First Place Winners



Color Print by Sam Alexander

Color Digital by Peter Viot



#### Monochrome Print by Leta Hix





Monochrome Digital by Charles Gattis

Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Garth Fraser	32	11	Don Wolfe	11	7
Joy Henderson	32	14	Emily Saile	10	5
Charles Leverett	32	14	Charles Gattis	9	3
Barbara Staggs	24	9	Gayle Biggs	8	3
Sam Alexander	22	7	Barbara Montgomery	8	5
Diana Davidson	20	9	Eddie Sewall	8	3
Sam Tumminello	20	9	Walt Tyzka	8	2
Margaret Phillips	18	8	David Blue	7	2
Martha Teal	17	7	Leta Hix	7	3
Michael Cox	16	6	Virginia Gilbert	6	2
Alan Forney	16	8	Gail Patton	6	3
Tom Hix	14	4	Susi Stroud	6	4
Henry Norton	13	6	Brian Boardman	5	1
Bill Snoddy	13	5	Dave Edens	5	3
Tom Bryant	12	5	Michael Hart	5	1
David Little	11	3	Carol Poland	5	1
Cliff Loehr	11	4	Nathan Robbins	5	2

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Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Glen Romanczuk	5	5	Dolores Burns	2	2
Henry Smith	5	2	Nicole Harper	2	2
Randy Stephens	5	1	Barbara Hitt	2	2
Dorinda Tyler	5	1	John Kirwin	2	2
Peter Viot	5	1	Tim Solomon	2	2
Bart Fay	4	1	Gary Stiger	2	2
Liz High	4	1	Pete Van Hoff	2	2
Doris Leverett	4	4	Leight Butgereit	1	1
Ron Atchley	3	3	Bill Courtney	1	1
Jerry Green	3	3	Waldy Cuevas	1	1
Wayne James	3	1	Trudi Gardner	1	1
Joan May	3	1	Geri Reddy	1	1

### September Judge- Eric Mittman



We look forward to having Eric Mittman as our judge for the September competition on September 28, 2015. Perhaps the best way to introduce Eric to you is to share with you what he says about his work on his webpage:

I am the Photography Program Director at Sparkman High School and teach just about all aspects of photography including traditional black and white 35 mm, medium and large format photography as well as digital photography, studio lighting and digital manipulation with Adobe Photoshop.

When I am not teaching and hanging out with my family I pursue my passion for portraiture, travel and landscape photography on my weekends and evenings. I offer small group (1-4) private workshops for beginners who want to learn more about photography and get more out of their

digital SLR camera. I also travel internationally each year to Europe and all photo enthusiasts (beginning to advanced) are welcome to join, just email me for information about upcoming trips at emittman@me.com

If you would like to see some of his work, go to the site itself, <a href="http://www.emphoto.org/">http://www.emphoto.org/</a>.

#### 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

## Knew & Seed Teris?

It's the time of year for us to begin thinking about competition topics for 2016. If you have a topic you want the board to consider, please send it to Charles Gattis cfgattis@gmail.com.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Angenette Hill Wayne Tanner Connie Wallace

#### 2015 Meeting Calendar

Sep 14 – In The Sky with Tom and Pat Cory

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.

Website: www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org
https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/ (closed group)

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