



# In Focus

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## December Program- Best of Year Dinner and Awards Presentation

It's pretty safe to assume that most members of the Huntsville Photography Society love photography. It's also pretty safe to assume that most of those same members love good food (judging by the number of members who usually attend the "After the Meeting – Meeting" at Cracker Barrel). The great thing about our December HPS Meeting is that we get to do both at the same location.

Our annual HPS Year End Banquet and Awards Ceremony is December 14<sup>th</sup>, at a new location, Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Rd. This will be our only meeting for the month of December. The HPS Banquet will begin at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy a wonderful meal, catered by Carrabba's with dessert and drinks furnished by our friends at Costco. Feel free to bring your spouse or a guest.

Following the meal, we will have our annual HPS Year End Awards Ceremony. If you choose not to attend the banquet at 6:00 pm, you are certainly still welcome to attend the Year End Awards Ceremony at 7:00 pm. All photos that have placed during the year at our regular monthly competitions will be on display and the choices for the Best of the Year will be announced. This year we are trying something new, a "Member's Choice" award, decided by votes of those who are present that evening. We expect to have great food, photos, fellowship and fun so make plans now to attend.

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*It's that time of year again! Membership dues are due by January 1. Payments can be made online at the HPS website or check mailed to address on page 8 of the newsletter.*



## From The President

Well, this is my last President's message. I would like to thank all of the HPS members for letting me do this for the last 4 years. It has been an honor, and I have really enjoyed it. I would also like to thank all of the Board members I have served with during that time. The main highlight of my time has been enjoying the quality of your images; every competition night, I am blown away by the talent exhibited by all of you – it just seems to keep getting better and better.

Our November program was presented by Lee Pratt and Andrea Shetley on 3-D photography, and it was great and informative, as usual. They make it seem so easy, that I might even try it sometime soon.

Dusty Doddridge came to town again last month and taught us about printing. Dusty is such a great instructor, and everyone who attended learned just about all they need to know to print their

digital images – we just have to practice now. Dusty also created a video for all of HPS that takes an image from the camera through post processing, so check it out.

I missed the Petal/Leaf competition last month, but I looked at the images on the website gallery afterward, and they were spectacular. Be sure to check them out, if you missed the meeting, as well.

Our Year-End Banquet is coming up, so don't miss it. You can now reserve and pay online through our PayPal account, though you don't have to actually have to have an account to use it. Join us for good food and fellowship as we recognize those members who were the best among us this past year.

Again, thanks for a great 4 years as your President.

*Eddie Sewall*

### **DARKNESS INTO LIFE: ALABAMA HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART-**

Sep 25, 2015 –May 16,2016, Vulcan Park & Museum, Birmingham, AL

This exhibit of photography by Becky Seitel and art by Mitzi J. Levin provides a special glimpse into the private memories of some of Alabama's Holocaust survivors. Both artists spent hours visiting each survivor and listening to their stories, including memories of life before occupation and imprisonment and continued with their lives in Alabama. These are bold, thought-provoking paintings and photographs accompanied by educational narratives that tell the stories of the survivors.

<http://visitvulcan.com/event/openingdarknessintolife/#.Vl5XaYQ7NfQ>

## For Sale

**Flashpoint Gimbal Head \$130.00**

**Tamron 28-300mm XR Di Lens** This lens is ultra compact & light weight, a super all-around lens. \$300.00



**Both items are in excellent condition. Contact Susi Stroud at [susistroud@comcast.net](mailto:susistroud@comcast.net).**

## Christmas Lighting Events

- Galaxy of Lights at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, driving tour, through Jan 3.
- Tinsel Trail, downtown Huntsville near the Museum of Art, walking trail, open through Jan 2. The Tinsel trail celebrates 5 years in Huntsville, with over 200 lit Christmas trees. For more info go their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/downtownhsv](http://www.facebook.com/downtownhsv)
- Spirit of Christmas Past Homes Tour & Luminaries- Take a nostalgic walk down luminary lit streets and avenues in Huntsville's historic Twickenham District. Tour private residences, the Weeden House Museum, and other historic buildings. Admission: \$15 adult, \$5.00 children 12 and under, for more info go to <http://weedenhousemuseum.com>

**November Competition Results**  
**Subject: Leaf & Petal**  
**Judge- Art Bond**

	Color Digital (61)	Monochrome Digital (29)	Color Print (49)	Monochrome Print (19)
1st	Debbie Tromblee	Barb Montgomery	Don Wolfe	Charles Gattis
2nd	Margaret Phillips	Joy Henderson	Tom Hix	Gayle Biggs
3rd	Brian Boardman	Ernie High	Charles Leverett	Alan Forney
HM	Liz High	Garth Fraser	Don Wolfe	Doris Leverett
HM	Anna Bright	Martha Teal	Henry Smith	Barbara Staggs
HM	Susi Stroud	Emily Saile	Leta Hix	
HM	Martha Teal		Alan Forney	
HM	Barbara Staggs		Martha Teal	
HM	Sam Tumminello			

*First Place Winners*



Color Print by  
Don Wolfe

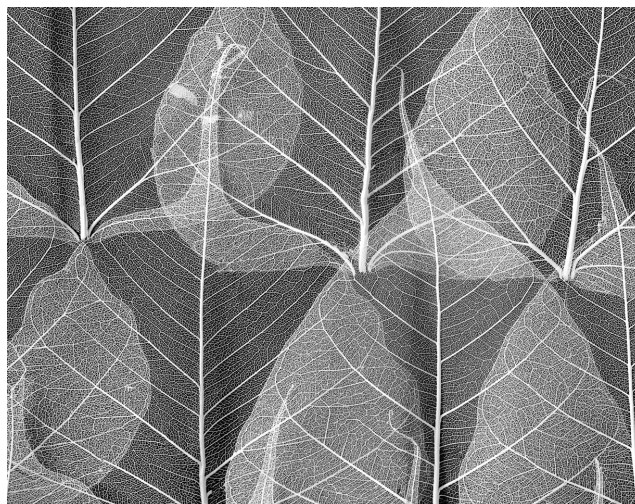
Color Digital by  
Debbie Tromblee



Monochrome Digital by  
Barb Montgomery



Monochrome Print by  
Charles Gattis



Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Joy Henderson	40	17	Henry Norton	16	7
Charles Leverett	40	16	Bill Snoddy	14	6
Garth Fraser	37	13	Barbara Montgomery	13	6
Barbara Staggs	32	13	Tom Bryant	12	5
Alan Forney	29	12	Dave Edens	11	6
Sam Alexander	28	9	David Little	11	3
Sam Tumminello	28	15	Leta Hix	9	5
Tom Hix	24	8	Glen Romanczuk	9	6
Margaret Phillips	22	9	Eddie Sewall	9	4
Don Wolfe	22	10	David Blue	8	3
Gayle Biggs	21	7	Brian Boardman	8	2
Martha Teal	21	11	Susi Stroud	8	6
Diana Davidson	20	9	Walt Tyzka	8	2
Charles Gattis	20	6	Virginia Gilbert	7	3
Emily Saile	18	9	John Kirwin	7	3
Michael Cox	16	6	Doris Leverett	6	6
Cliff Loehr	16	7	Gail Patton	6	3

Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins	Name	2015 Points	2015 Wins
Nathan Robbins	6	3	Joan May	3	1
Henry Smith	6	3	Dolores Burns	2	2
Gary Stiger	6	3	Nicole Harper	2	2
Debbie Tromblee	6	2	Barbara Hitt	2	2
Michael Hart	5	1	Tim Solomon	2	2
Liz High	5	2	Pete Van Hoff	2	2
Carol Poland	5	1	Anna Bright	1	1
Randy Stephens	5	1	James Burton	1	1
Dorinda Tyler	5	1	Leight Butgereit	1	1
Peter Viot	5	1	Bill Courtney	1	1
Bart Fay	4	1	Waldy Cuevas	1	1
Ernie High	4	2	Trudi Gardner	1	1
Wayne James	4	2	Richard Potter	1	1
Ron Atchley	3	3	Geri Reddy	1	1
Rosemary Davidson	3	1	David Rowe	1	1
Jerry Green	3	3	Elaine Rowe	1	1
Daniel Little	3	1			

### ***Arts Council Gallery at VBC***

The Arts Council gallery at the Von Braun Center is back. They have hired a new person (Tina) to coordinate it. They took down the Panoply art and opened a juried competition exhibit in the gallery this past Friday, and HPS member Don Wolfe has two photos in it. Our connection into this is to support Gold Star Fellows in their exhibit requirement for Masters. For more information, contact the HPS Coordinator, Tom Bryant at [ctbryant@hiwaay.net](mailto:ctbryant@hiwaay.net).

## **Member News**

HPS members are invited to a Holiday Artists Open House, 6:00 p.m., Dec 5, at A Cup of Everything, 103 Northside Square in downtown Huntsville. The open house will feature acrylic, watercolor, oil, and photographs. One of the featured artists is HPS member, Charles Gattis.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

David Galloway  
Nick Stanley

# Rocky Mountain School of Photography

Pre-weekend videos. Hands-on demonstrations. Group critique. Follow-up assignments. These are just a few of the reasons we are excited to be returning to Nashville with our newly revamped Weekend Intensives program. Tony Rizzuto and Tim Cooper will be in Nashville on February 20 - 21, 2016 to deliver two full days of immersion-based instruction and more of what you want: No-nonsense photography education! As a member of a camera club or photography group, you are eligible for a discount on your Weekend Intensive registration fee. Simply use the code below when registering. Following are some important details for the upcoming RMSP Weekend Intensive.

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn  
1715 Broadway  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(615) 369-5900

**Classes:** Over the course of the weekend, there will be six sessions. Topics will include Camera Techniques and Exposure, Composition, Creating a Lightroom Workflow, Understanding Light, and a session covering People and Landscape genres. Visit <https://www.rmsp.com/weekends/2016-nashville-tennessee/> for a schedule, course descriptions and the entire 2016 Weekend Intensive itinerary.

**Your Group Code:** CC0516 Use this code when registering to receive group pricing. Group Pricing \$179 per person for both days, \$129 for one day. Your group code saves you a total of \$20 off the one- or two-day full price.

**How to Register** Call (800) 394-7677 to register by phone or register online at <https://www.rmsp.com/weekends/2016-nashville-tennessee/>

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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](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)

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