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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings and Happy Spring!

I hope everyone is getting out and taking photographs of spring subjects! The weather has been beautiful and HPS has presented several field trip opportunities. The latest one to be a wildflower trip to Wheeler Wildlife Refuge led by Bill Gates on Saturday, April 8. This is a must-do trip! Bill works at Wheeler and knows all the best spots to get great shots. Now all you have to do is convince him to show you where they are!

Our program night in March was well-attended. The presentation on close-up and macro photography gave lots of tips and tricks that you can apply on Bill's field trip. Be sure to join us on Monday, April 10, for Muril Robertson's nature presentation. He will also show us some of his favorite processes he uses in Photoshop.

The competition in March was "In the Kitchen," and we had a great turn-out! Thanks to our judge, Debbie West, for doing a wonderful job sorting through all of the fun and interesting interpretations of the topic. Thanks go to all of our helpers on competition night, too. Everyone is doing a great job to keep the competition moving so we have time for questions and comments before the meeting ends. Our topic for April is "Fog," so get out there on these spring mornings and capture your winning entries.

We need volunteers for manning the Panoply booth, so please contact Sam Tumminello if you can help. We will be promoting HPS and handing out brochures. Your help is needed!

If you are interested in helping with the 50th Anniversary plans, please contact Walt Schumacher.

Robert Schuffert has agreed to be our new VP of Activities. He will be the POC for field trips and workshops. Robert will not be organizing all of the activities, but you must contact him to get the approved HPS sign-up sheet and he can give you tips on organizing your activity. At the April 10 meeting, we will have an official vote to elect Robert to this position.

Starting in May, we will be sending the newsletter out

Next Meeting: Apr 10, 2006

Speaker: Muril Robertson

Topic: Nature Photography & Digital Techniques

Next Competition: Apr 24, 2006

Topic: Fog

Scheduled Judge: TBD

The Huntsville Photographic Society meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Huntsville Public Library. Visitors are welcome.

Please contact Rick Kress with news, information, or announcements. (256) 890-0722, or by email at: rgkress@knology.net.

electronically to all members with e-mail addresses. If for some reason you cannot receive attachments, please contact the editor, Rick Kress, to request a hard copy to be mailed to you. Please accept the electronic version if you are able to. With the rising costs of postage and production, this is one way we can greatly reduce the club's monthly expenses and keep our dues low.

Also in the May issue, we will publish a membership list. This will only consist of the member name, telephone number, and e-mail address. We hope this will encourage membership interaction outside of the normal HPS meetings, and allow important communication between members. If you do not wish to participate in this, please contact me (Andrea Shetley, HPS president) to opt out.

HPS will have a 2-day exhibition at The Arts Center in Fayetteville, Tennessee, on June 3 and 4. Photographs may be matted or framed. If framed, please have wire on the back for hanging on the display rack. We will need volunteers to help hang the photographs on Thursday or Friday before the show, and Sunday night or Monday to take them down. There also needs to be someone there during the exhibition. It would be good if most or all of the photographers came to answer any questions about their photographs and to talk about HPS. Please contact Andrea Shetley for more details. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings.

Andrea L. Shetley

**Mar . COMPETITION RESULTS:
In The Kitchen**

B&W:	Color Print:	Slide:
1st Martha Teal	1st Amy Wilburn	1st Guy McAllister
2nd Janet Schumacher	2nd Barbara Staggs	2nd Robert Schuffert
3rd Emily Saile	3rd Emily Saile	3rd Emily Saile
HM Doug Felton	HM Barbara Staggs	HM Janet Schumacher
HM Harry Kinnane	HM Martha Teal	HM Larry Davis
	HM David Blue	
	HM David Blue	
	HM Amy Wilburn	
Total Entries 23	Total Entries 52	Total Entries 16

HPS Competition Standings

Rank	Name	Total	
		Points	Wins
1	Shetley, Andrea	14	4
2	Saile, Emily	12	4
3	Staggs, Barbara	11	4
3	Teal, Martha	11	4
5	Blue, David	10	5
6	Felton, Doug	9	4
6	Boyd, Joe	9	3
6	Mangus, Sheila	9	3
6	Gates, William	9	2
10	Fara, Sam	8	4
10	Reddy, Gerri	8	2
12	Courtney, Bill	7	4
12	Schumacher, Janet	7	4
12	Kinnane, Harry	7	3
12	Prevost, Stan	7	2
12	Werp, Rick	7	2
17	Wilburn, Amy	6	2
18	Schuffert, Robert	5	2
18	McAllister, Guy	5	1
20	Goodin, Melanie	4	2
21	Schumacher, Walt	3	3
21	Staggs, William	3	1
23	Bennett, Don	1	1
23	Blue, Carol	1	1
23	Campbell, Dick	1	1
23	Davidson, Diana Lyn	1	1
23	Davis, Larry	1	1
23	Gardner, Pat	1	1
23	Gilbert, Virginia	1	1
23	Kinnane, Brenda	1	1
23	McGehee, Suzi	1	1
23	McGuinness, Dave	1	1
23	Sylvester, Cathy	1	1
23	Wolfe, Don	1	1

OF INTEREST:

Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Hike

Spring has sprung and so have the spring wildflowers at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. An HPS field trip to Wheeler is scheduled for next Saturday, April 8th. Those who wish to meet for breakfast at McDonalds on Madison Blvd. in Madison can meet me at 6:00 a.m. Take the Wall-Triana exit off I-565 and make a right onto Madison Blvd. The McDonalds is on the right about 1/4 mile. If you come from the other direction, go about 1/2 mile past Walmart and it will be on the left side of the road. Others can meet us at the Beaverdam Boardwalk parking lot at 7:00 a.m. Get off I-565 at Wall-Triana and make a left. Go 1-1 1/2 mile to County Line Road and take a left. You will go over I-565. Take the next right. The parking lot will be at the end of this road (which parallels I-565). Meeting at 7:00 a.m. will give us two hours of good light. If it happens to be a light overcast, we will have good light as long as we stay. If rain is expected, we will go on Sunday the 9th. Currently, there are at least 8-10 species flowering and 5 or more butterfly species flying around. Of course, we usually see other interesting subjects when we are on the refuge. This will be an opportunity to take photos for the display HPS will have at the Wheeler NWR Visitors Center in late summer/early fall. Please send me an e-mail at brsagates@knology.net if you are interested. See you next weekend.

Bill Gates

Gadsden Museum Photography Contest

Student & Adult Divisions.

Entry Deadline : May 1st.

All prints must remain in exhibition through Jun 23.

Categories:

Traditional Techniques 1) Color & 2) B/W

Digital Techniques 1) Color & 2) B/W

Entry fee: \$5 per print. Limit 5 prints.

Prints must be white matted only - No frames

Entry form and more information can be found at HPS website (www.huntsvillePhotographicSociety.org)

Local Discounts:

Walgreens Photo Finishing Discount for HPS Members

Walgreens Photo Finishing is now offering a 15% discount to HPS members. Just visit Walgreens in Decatur, Huntsville, and Madison in Alabama, and Fayetteville, Tennessee. Give the photo tech your home telephone number and ask to be put on the Huntsville Photographic Society business account. Your 15% discount on digital or film prints or enlargements will be automatically deducted.

8x10 or 8x12 (digital or film) (luster matte or high gloss pro finish) 2/\$5.00

5x7 (digital or film) 2/\$3.00

4x6 (digital) 1 - 49 .29 each
50 + .19 each

Monrovia ArtFest

Location: Artistic Minds Gallery
2653 Old Monrovia Rd
Huntsville, AL 35806
Date: Saturday May 13, 2006 10am-6pm

Artistic Minds gallery is proud to host The Monrovia ArtFest and we would like your participation.

We are excited to offer our community local art, arts & crafts, and performances by local musicians, poets, and more!

We are looking for artists for the following, but not limited to:

Jewelry, Water Painting, Wood, Pottery, Mixed Media, Photography, Glass, Sculpture, Printmaking, Oil Painting
Clothing, Other .
Food Vendor (must have food permit)
Acoustic musicians ,Poets, Other performers

Prices and dimensions:

\$35.00 Outdoor Single Booth 10' x 10'
\$45.00 Indoor shared room (2 available) 10' x10'
\$50.00 Indoor basement space (2 available) @ 10' x 12'
\$50.00 Indoor Upstairs (1 available) 11'x12'
\$55.00 Indoor wall space (4 available) @ 8' x 8'
\$70.00 Outdoor Double Booth 20' x 10'

Indoor space will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, using application postmark dates.

For more information, please contact: Vonda Bobo/Alissa Murnane, Artistic Minds, Phone: (256) 489-0335

Fax: (256) 489-0356

Please include the following.....

1 NAME,
2 ADDRESS
3 PHONE NUMBER
4 FAX NUMBER
5 HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE APPLICATION- I.E. E-MAIL, FAX, MAIL
6 WHAT ART CATEGORY YOU WILL BE REPRESENTING

Thanks so much!

PS Artistic Minds is a collection of local artists' artwork, classes, studios and showrooms under one roof.

We are located at the corner of Jeff and Old Monrovia Rd.

Alissa Murnane
256.658.0657
email: info@averagetoart.com
website: www.averagetoart.com- award winning!

Rob Sheppard Seminar and Field Trip

(This is not even advertised on Rob Sheppard's site!) SANP (Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers) has made

arrangements with Rob Sheppard to present a full day seminar on April 22 to SANP members and the public. There will also be a field trip on April 23. In case you don't recognize the name, Rob is the editor of Outdoor Photographer and PC Photo magazine.

For much more info, go to <http://www.sanp.net/robseminar.html>

Alabama Parks

(submitted by member Doug Felton)

Might be of interest to the club. Can't verify the accuracy. Rock Bridge is listed.
<http://www.brainygeography.com/types/AL.park.html>

Photo Selling Website

(submitted by member Bill Gates)

I wanted to introduce you to Fotolia , a great new international marketplace to buy and sell stock images and illustrations. The site enables you to sell, browse and buy from a collection of over 150.000 images, growing by 50.000 new images a month. You determine the amount you make by choosing from a number of rights you wish to sell. Click on or copy and paste the following link in your browser: <http://www.fotolia.com/partner/20254>. You will get 1 credit for free allowing you to download and use 1 premium high quality image from the Fotolia database. Its absolutely Free to join and will always stay Free, with no obligations ever. Just give it a try! Please sign up as an affiliate of mine if you decide to begin selling your photos on Fotolia. Thanks.

MEMBER INFO:

Robert Schuffert was honored with being selected by the Alabama Tourism and Visitor's Bureau as one of their featured photographers of Alabama's natural beauty in their "Natural Wonders of Alabama: The Year of Outdoor Alabama Photography Exhibit" for 2006. It's an honor to be listed along with such great Alabama photographers as Charles Siefried and Beth Manor Young. They both have inspired Robert with their awesome photographs of nature. The exhibit will tour the state, starting at the State Capitol Saturday, April 1st.

Visit www.YearOfOutdoorAlabama.com for more information, along with the schedule of cities and dates. From the main page, select any item. Once on the next page, look to the left column and select "Photography Exhibit" at the bottom of the list. The exhibit will tour Montgomery, Mobile, Huntsville and Birmingham from April 1st through August 6th..

Bill "Gator" Gates had 2 photos of wildflowers selected as semi-finalists in the National Wildlife Refuge Association photo contest. The pictures can be viewed at <http://refugenet.org/imagelibrary/library4.html> (second row on left) and <http://refugenet.org/imagelibrary/library11.html> (which is just page 11 of the last link; top center). The first is a Wild Columbine flower and the second is the flower of Little Sweet Betsy (a trillium). Both were taken at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

COMPETITION TOPICS 2006

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan '06	Open	June '06	Lights at Night	Nov '06	Birds
Feb '06	Abandoned Buildings	Jul '06	Flowers	Dec '06	Best of the Year
Mar '06	In the Kitchen	Aug '06	Fire!	Jan '07	Festivals
Apr '06	Fog	Sep '06	Portraits of Children		
May '06	Open	Oct '06	Open		

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2006 Calendar of Photographic Events

APRIL

Sat. 8

HPS Field Trip: Wheeler Wildlife
Refuge
Leader: Bill Gates

Presenter: Muril Robertson Mon. 10

HPS Program: Nature Photograph &
Digital Techniques
Presenter: Muril Robertson

Mon. 17

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 24

HPS Competition: Fog
Judge: TBD

MAY

Mon. 8

HPS Program: Africa
Presenter: Lyn Davidson

Mon. 15

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 22

HPS Competition: Open
Judge: TBD

JUNE

Sat-Sun. 2-3

HPS Exhibition at The Arts Center
Fayetteville, TN

Mon. 12

HPS Program: Shootout
Presenter: Walt Schumacher

Mon. 19

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 26

HPS Competition: Lights at Night
Judge: TBD

JULY

Mon. 10

HPS Program: Photoshop Bridge &
Organizing Photographs
Presenter: Steve Gray

Mon. 17

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 24

HPS Competition: Flowers
Judge: TBD

Mon. 31

HPS Members' Forum Night

AUGUST

Mon. 14

HPS Program: Wildflower
Identification
Presenter: Jack Carman

Mon. 21

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 28

HPS Competition: Fire!
Judge: TBD

SEPTEMBER

Mon. 11

HPS Program: Nature Photo & Props
Presenter: Charles Needle

Mon. 18

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon 25

HPS Competition: Portraits of
Children
Judge: TBD

OCTOBER

Mon.. 9

HPS Program: PSA Stereo Sequence
Exhibition Winners
Presenter: H. Lee Pratt

Mon. 16

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 23

HPS Competition: Open
Judge: TBD

Mon. 30

HPS Members' Forum Night

NOVEMBER

Mon. 13

HPS Program: TBD
Presenter: Tom & Pat Cory

Mon. 20

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 27

HPS Competition: Birds
Judge: TBD

DECEMBER

Mon. 11

HPS Annual Dinner and Year End
Awards

Mon. 18

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

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Society

NPS - Nature Photographic Society