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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy Fall, HPS Members!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the cooler weather and been out photographing fall color. We did manage to have pretty good color despite the lack of rain throughout much of the summer. Take this time to try a few new techniques and viewpoints. Maybe hold the shutter open for a longer time to capture motion in the leaves on the trees, or leaves blowing through the air or on the ground (have camera on tripod!). How about shooting into the sun with the leaves backlit? This saturates the colors and really makes them glow. Check out a favorite spot you go to at other times of the year and see how different it looks in the fall. And, of course, stop at local farmers markets and roadside stands to capture those fabulous autumn arrangements of cornstalks, pumpkins, and hay bales!

Our program in October was the annual stereo (3-D) presentation by Lee Pratt of the results of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) Stereo Sequence International Exhibition. Lee started us off with a few of his fabulous images from out west. He uses special stereo cameras and still shoots mostly film. He showed us a linked pair of digital cameras and we hope to see results from that rig soon! Andrea Shetley followed Lee with a technical presentation on how to shoot stereo photographs with a single SLR camera, showing that almost everyone can shoot stereo with their existing equipment (digital or film). The main program featured mini shows (2 to 18 images) from around the world. These were judged earlier in the year by Sam Tumminello, Don Bennett, and Andrea Shetley. Lee then takes all of the accepted entries and the winners and puts them together in a presentation with music and narration. Many people were interested in Lee's title slides. He uses CorelDRAW and has a film recorder attached to his computer. Ask him about his set-up!

In November the Cory's will visit us again and will no doubt put on another interesting and educational program. They will probably have some of their books and videos for sale, so bring a little extra money with you that night!

We had a fifth Monday meeting in October. It is traditionally our Member's Forum Night for sharing and discussion, but this month we did something a little different. HPS will be

Next Meeting: Nov 13, 2006

Speaker: Tom & Pat Cory

Topic: Interaction of your Personal Vision with Composition and Light

Next Competition: Nov 27, 2006

Topic: Birds

Scheduled Judge: Kenn Webb

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: rokress@knology.net.

adding a new section to our competitions next year: electronic images. We did a dry run competition (did not count towards competition points) and then discussed the processes we used (pre-judging online and live judging at the meeting). There was excellent discussion and feedback from members. Everything is pretty much in place except for one thing: HPS would like to put the images on our Web site, but there is some concern about them being stolen. We are asking other clubs how they manage their galleries and image displays to see what we can do. We do not want this to be a deterrent from entering by requiring people to display their images on the Web, but we also do not want to make excessive work for the digital competition secretary. A challenge, indeed!

The competition topic for October was "Open," where any image was eligible. This type of competition is hard to judge with so many different subjects and techniques competing against each other. Our judge, Malcom Tarkington from Southerland's Photo, did an excellent job. He also offered excellent critique and comments after the judging. HPS holds two open and nine themed competitions a year. Get your entries ready for next year! Our topics will be announced in the December newsletter and at the November competition meeting.

We do have one more competition left for this year, though. November's topic is "Birds" and our judge is Ken Webb.

Come join us and see excellent photography from HPS members.

We only have one meeting night in December, and that is our annual dinner and awards night. The event starts at 6 p.m., so mark it on your calendars to come early! Dinner tickets will be \$8 per person and the evening is open to family and guests. Tickets will be on sale at the November meetings. Tickets must be purchased in advance as we need a head count for the caterer. If you cannot make it to either November meeting, please contact Treasurer, Dave McGuinness (d.mcguinness@mchsi.com), or event coordinator, Barbara Staggs (staggwh@ro.com), to get added to the list. If you request to be added to the list, you will be required to pay HPS regardless of if you show up as HPS will have already paid for your dinner!

We will have the end of year competition for each section (all first, second, third, and HM winners for 2006 are eligible - entries must be handed in at the November meetings) and award recognition for those moving up through the ranks of Associate, Fellow, and Master, which is based on an accumulative competition score over the years.

We will also need to vote on Board members for next year. A slate of nominees will be presented at the November meetings for a vote. We are looking for a new competition VP. This position requires the person(s) to get judges each month, write a short bio on each judge to be put in the newsletter, run competition night (with help from members), record competition scores on competition night and enter them in the ongoing database for tracking cumulative points over the years for awarding different society competition level awards. If you are interested in this position, please contact David Blue and Andrea Shetley to discuss.

Happy shooting!

Andrea L. Shetley

Oct. Competition Results: Open

B/W		Color Prints		Slides	
1st	Pat Gardner	1st	Jerry Green	1st	Andrea Shetley
2nd	David Blue	2nd	Doug Felton		
3rd	Emily Saile	3rd	Barbara Staggs	2nd	David Blue
HM	Martha Teal	HM	Walt Schumacher	3rd	Sam Fara
HM	Pat Gardner	HM	Sam Fara	HM	Barbara Staggs
HM	Walt Schumacher	HM	Jerry Green	HM	Walt Schumacher
		HM	Sharon Callahan	HM	Carol Blue
		HM	Robert Schuffert		
27 Entries		77 Entries		34 Entries	

HPS Competition Standings

Rank	Name	Total	
		Points	Wins
1	Staggs, Barbara	41	17
2	Gates, William	39	12

2	Blue, David	39	17
4	Fara, Sam	36	14
5	Shetley, Andrea	25	8
6	Schumacher, Walt	22	13
7	Teal, Martha	21	11
8	Boyd, Joe	20	6
8	Reddy, Gerri	20	6
10	Felton, Doug	19	7
10	Saile, Emily	19	9
12	Schumacher, Janet	17	8
13	Goodin, Melanie	15	5
14	Kress, Rick	14	5
14	Davidson, Diana Lyn	14	6
16	Schuffert, Robert	13	6
17	Gardner, Pat	12	4
18	Wilburn, Amy	11	4
18	Courtney, Bill	11	8
3	Mangus, Sheila	9	3
21	Clary, Richard	8	3
22	Fleming, Judy	7	2
22	Prevost, Stan	7	2
22	Werp, Rick	7	2
22	Kinnane, Harry	7	3
22	McAllister, Guy	7	3
27	Bennett, Don	6	2
27	Gilbert, Virginia	6	2
27	Green, Jerry	6	2
30	Little, Daniel	5	2
31	Pratt, Lee	3	1
31	Staggs, William	3	1
31	Blue, Carol	3	3
34	Callahan, Sharon	2	2
34	Clements, Lisa	2	2
34	Wolfe, Don	2	2
37	Campbell, Dick	1	1
37	Courtney, Brenda	1	1
37	Davis, Larry	1	1
37	Haycock, Bill	1	1
37	Hitt, Barbara	1	1
37	Holderfield, Diane	1	1
37	Joyner, Miranda	1	1
37	Kinnane, Brenda	1	1
37	McGehee, Suzi	1	1
37	McGuinness, Dave	1	1
37	Parrot, Joe	1	1
37	Sylvester, Cathy	1	1

OF INTEREST:

HPS Going DIGITAL

Last Monday HPS tested the digital judging process we plan to use next year in monthly competitions. We used two judges to test both methods of judging. Andrea Shetley judged online and Sam Tumminello judged live in front of a live studio audience. In actual monthly competitions only one of the two methods will be used. Thanks to our judges and thanks to everyone who submitted entries. We had a total of 67 entries. Here were the results from each judge

	JUDGES	
	Andrea Shetley	Sam Tumminello
1st	Bill Snoddy # 2	Doug Felton # 1
2nd	Jerry Green # 4	Bill Snoddy # 2
3rd	Bill Snoddy # 1	Carol Blue # 2
HM	Jerry Green # 3	Barbara Staggs # 1
HM	Barbara Staggs # 2	Bill Snoddy # 1
HM	Anthony Price # 2	Bill Haycock # 3
HM	Bill Snoddy # 3	Bill Snoddy # 3
HM	Doug Felton # 1	Walt Schumacher # 4

Best of Year Competition

Remember to bring any prints or slides that have placed (1st - 3rd places, honorable mention) in the monthly competitions in 2006 to the meeting on November 27, to be entered in the 2006 Best of Year competition. All entries to the Best of Year competition submitted on November 27 will be judged. Entries not submitted at, or before, the November 27 meeting will not be included in the competition. All entries in the Best of Year competition will be displayed, and results announced, at the Best of Year meeting on December 11. If you can't submit your images at the November 27 meeting, contact David Blue to deliver submissions to him before November 27. Also remember to mark any submission portfolios, sleeves, or boxes with your name.

IMPORTANT: Winners of the Digital Shootout and of the Trial Digital Competition are INELIGIBLE for the Best of Year Competition.

HPS Masters Program Qualifications

If you believe you have fulfilled the Exhibition Requirement toward the HPS Masters program, please submit verification to be included in the HPS records. BE SURE TO RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS! Submit to David Blue.

HPS Work Appreciated

Letter sent to HPS

Hello-

I recently visited the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in Northern Alabama and wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed your wonderful photographic art work displayed there. All added much pleasure to my visit, but I especially loved the Swallowtail and the Dragonfly.-

Thank you!--A Florida Traveler..

HPS Field Trip

Tullahoma Waterfalls Trip

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, 9:00 AM:

HPS is planning a trip to two waterfalls near Tullahoma, TN on Saturday, November 18, 2006. We will meet in the parking lot of the new Gander Mountain Outdoor Store on North Memorial Parkway at 9:00AM (this is the old SAM's store).

It is about a 62 mile drive from there to Rutledge Falls. We have 18 people signed up so far, so there shouldn't be a problem finding a ride if you don't want to drive. Robert can e-mail maps and directions to anyone who needs a copy. The two waterfalls are located northeast of Tullahoma just northwest of Hwy 55 toward Manchester. With all the rain in this area recently, there should be a lot of water flowing. The two waterfalls are:

Rutledge Falls - about a 100 yard walk from the road. It drops 20 or 30 feet and can be up to 50 feet wide. The canyon below the falls is not deep and other than a few rocks and boulders, is easy to walk down. The waterfall is located right behind someone's house who owns the adjacent property, but they allow visitors anytime. Once through Tullahoma on Hwy 55, follow the signs to Rutledge Falls Church. Rutledge Falls is across the road from the church.

Machine Falls - About a three mile drive to the parking area from Rutledge Falls. This area is designated as one of Tennessee's many State Preserves. From this parking area, it's less than a one-half mile hike to the falls. The trail separates into two trails; one rather steep but shorter; the other longer but with less incline. The canyon is 60 or 70 feet deep, so it's not too bad. Once near the falls, the trails meet and follow a narrow pathway along the creek bank. Some places are very narrow so be prepared to get your shoes/boots a little wet. Below the falls, you may also want to get into the water to get the better angles. I think this waterfall is much prettier than Rutledge Falls; it's 65 foot drop carries water over stair-stepped ledges which are covered with green moss.

To participate in the HPS Tullahoma Waterfalls Trip, please sign up on the HPS Activities Signup Sheet at one of our regular meetings, or when we meet on November 18th. You can also e-mail Robert at his address below to sign up.

As with all HPS activities, you must be a member of the Huntsville Photographic Society or an invited guest of a member. Your signature on the HPS Activities Sign-up Sheet verifies you are at least 18 years old, and acknowledges your voluntary participation and acceptance of all risks of this activity. You and your heirs release HPS, HPS officers, HPS members, and all activity leaders and participants from responsibility and liability for your death, property damage and/or loss, physical and/or mental stress, and/or any injuries sustained from your participation in this activity.

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MEMBER INFO:

Martha Teal received a 2nd Place and an HM in Scenics and **David Blue** received 1st Place in Closeups at the 43rd Annual Photoscenic Weekend Photo Contest at Jenny Wiley State Park, KY.

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

NOVEMBER

Mon. 13
HPS Program: TBD
Presenter: Tom & Pat Cory

Sat. 18
HPS Field Trip
Tullahoma Waterfalls

Mon. 20
NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 27
HPS Competition: Birds
Judge: Ken Webb

DECEMBER

Mon. 11
HPS Annual Dinner and Year End
Awards

Mon. 18
NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

HPS - Huntsville Photographic
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NPS - Nature Photographic Society

