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FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the dog days of summer! Although I'm not sure why they're called that. My dog is not enjoying this weather at all. Hopefully you're finding lots of things to photograph in doors....or at least early in the morning before the worst of the heat sets in.

For July we had a great presentation by Robert Falls. He had lots of good tips on how to turn our hobby (for most of us) into a profitable experience. Our judge was Tim Hermetz. Tim put lots of thought into his selections and was very conscious of the subject of the competition. Tim also was kind enough to leave comments on the website for the digital winners. July had a fifth Monday so we squeezed in our "5th Monday" open forum, meeting. Items discussed included: Possible need for different classifications for competitions (master vs. "newbie"); How to remove damaged filter from lens that had been dropped; Possible future mentoring program and club membership. Members Walt Schumacher and Sam Tumminello also brought in a few digital images for all to enjoy.

In August we have Larry Perry to present some of his nature photography and talk about using Photoshop to enhance his work. We're hoping to have Eric Mittman judge our animal faces competition.

Reminder: Check out our websites.

www.HuntsvillePhotographicSociety.org

Has lots of useful information about the club including: Tips for Winning Competitions by Barry Jackson (previous club member who has done incredibly well in competitions); Rules for submitting image (soft copy and hard copy); Instructions on how to resize your digital images for submission; Links to members personal websites; Previous months newsletters and much more

www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com

Contains all of our digital competition entries and includes comments from some of our judges. New things coming to this site soon!!!

-Rick Kress
HPS Newsletter Editor

Next Meeting: Aug 13, 2007

Speaker: Larry Perry

Topic: Nature Photography and Photoshop

Next Competition: Aug 27, 2007

Topic: Animal faces

Scheduled Judge: Eric Mittman

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.

OF INTEREST:

Needed: Newsletter Editor:

Having done the newsletter for almost 3 years, its time for me to pass on the torch to someone else. Please consider volunteering. Its not a huge amount of work and it gets you really involved with the club. I will gladly help the new editor slowly transition into the job. If you think you might be interested come talk to me about it or drop me a email message.

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Jul Competition Results: Macro / Close-up

	Color Prints	Digital
1st	Jerry Green	Robert Schuffert
2nd	Diane Holderfield	Bill Snoddy
3rd	Janet Schumacher	Jerry Green
HM	Jerry Green	Barbara Staggs
HM	Sam Fara	Peter Ashley
HM	Barbara Hitt	Tom Bryant
HM	Barbara Hitt	David Blue
HM	Barbara Hitt	Jerry Green
	64 entries	52 entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
1st	Walt Schumacher	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
3rd	Emily Saile	Joy Henderson
HM	Barbara Hitt	Pat Gardner
HM	Martha Teal	Pat Gardner
HM		Joe Boyd
	22 entries	28 entries

HPS Competition Standings

Rank	Name	Total	
		Points	Wins
1	Staggs, Barbara	51	18
2	Webster, Elsabe	31	9
3	Hitt, Barbara	24	13
4	Kress, Rick	22	8
5	Callahan, Sharon	21	8
6	Fara, Sam	19	8
6	Little, Daniel	19	5
8	Snoddy, Bill	18	5
9	Green, Jerry	17	7
10	Boyd, Joe	16	5
10	Teal, Martha	16	7
12	Reddy, Gerri	14	4
12	Schuffert, Robert	14	4
14	Schumacher, Walt	12	4
15	Goodin, Melanie	11	7
15	Holderfield, Diane	11	3
17	Blue, David	10	6
17	Smith, Henry	10	3
19	Mangus, Sheila	9	4
19	Saile, Emily	9	3
21	Bryant, Tom	8	6
21	Gilbert, Virginia	8	4

21	Henderson, Joy	8	6
24	Gardner, Pat	7	5
24	McAllister, Guy	7	2
24	Schumacher, Janet	7	2
27	Fleming, Judy	6	3
28	Tumminello, Sam	5	3
29	Blue, Carol	3	3
29	Courtney, Bill	3	3
29	Courtney, Brenda	3	1
29	Davidson, Diana Lyn	3	1
33	Ashley, Peter	2	2
34	Felton, Doug	2	2
34	Werp, Rick	2	2
34	Wolfe, Don	2	2
37	Bennett, Don	1	1
37	Hughes, Beverly	1	1
37	Prince, Anthony	1	1
37	Schultz, Jeannie	1	1
37	Zupko, Sue	1	1

Comments from recent Judge and Presenter:

"The talent of the photographers is totally amazing! All of you should be so proud to produce such great work."

Tim Hermetz (Jul Judge)

"I thoroughly enjoyed making the presentation and I thank you for the invitation. That is a good group of folks."

Robert Falls (Jul Presenter)

HPS Field Trip to:

Nashville Zoo at Grassmere

3777 Nolensville Road

Nashville, TN 37211

(www.nashvillezoo.org)

(615) 833-1534

(Trips for HPS members & guests)

Tripods & bags are OK.

Saturday, August 11th, 2007

6:00 am meeting at Huntsville Library (please park to the side if riding with someone else!)

no regular HPS meeting before the trip!

Zoo hours: 9 am—6 pm daily

Admission: \$13.00 per person. (with discount, \$7.00 per person.)

(We will get the discount with 20 people. Discount requires payment by one individual, so we'll have to make a collection at our meeting point or before.)

Directions: From I-65: Exit Harding Place (#78A) on the south side of Nashville and head east to Nolensville Pike

about 2 miles. Turn left on Nolensville Pike and the Zoo is about one mile on your left.

HPS is planning a trip to the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere on Saturday, August 11th. This date gives everyone enough time to prepare for the trip, plus will leave at least a week for preparation of photographs for our August 27th competition, "Animal Faces" (digital entries due by midnight Monday, August 20th). Many people have stated the Nashville Zoo is much better than Birmingham's, so this is a great opportunity to get close-up images of a variety of animals.

The Zoo opens at 9 am, and the 128-mile one-way trip requires about 2 hours. We'll meet at the Huntsville Library at 6:00 am to collect the admissions, sign our release form, find rides or just follow the leader to Nashville. Directions and maps are available if you want to go on your own, but remember, we must have 20 people paying together to get the discount. If you plan to go on your own, please make arrangements with Robert Schuffert beforehand. Please e-mail Robert if you plan to go so we can get a head count.

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For those who can't make the trip to the Nashville Zoo on August 11

(submitted by Joe Boyd)

Here are some local (and one not-so-local) opportunities for animal faces. All have entrance fees.

Old McDonald's Petting Zoo
7826 US Hwy 72 E
Woodville AL 35776
(256) 776-4332
<http://www.oldmacdonaldspettingzoo.com>

Harmony Safari Park
431 Clouds Cove Road
Huntsville, AL 35803 (off Hobbs Island Road, near New Hope)
256-723-3880
review at <http://www.valleyplanet.com/article.php?id=555>

Untamed Mountain
Exotic animal park and rescue preserve
708 County Road 345
Attalla, AL 35954
(Lat. 34.218893, Long. -85.958047 for google, yahoo maps or your gps)
<http://www.tigersfortomorrow.org>

Alabama Okra Festival

All Alabama artists are invited to set up a table at the annual Alabama Okra Festival, to be held on August 25, 2007 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. No charge. Artists can keep all their proceeds, but are encouraged to make a donation for next year's festival if they do well. This is a non profit event sponsored by BlackBelt Community Foundation (hopefully), REACH, Annie Mae's Art Place and Lowndes County Commission. Artists should bring their own tables and shade, no need to call ahead, just be there on August 25. First come first serve for best spaces.

For additional information contact:

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Interesting Websites

(submitted by Jerry Green)

I read about these websites in the August issue of Shutterbug:

<http://www.wildthingsphotography.com/>

<http://thecandidframe.blogspot.com/>

These are examples of why we enjoy making photos, write about what we see, and share with others

.Larry Perry

(August Presenter)

The guest presenter will be Larry Perry, a nationally known wildlife/nature photographer and author of 6 books on Photoshop. His talk will be on combining nature photography with Photoshop to present and share images. He always has some neat tricks up his sleeve to show us...some controversial and some not. You have to come to see which he will have this year. Larry is an annual favorite and is in high demand around the country. He has done seminars for Nikon, Adobe and Photodex in many states. Expect a fast moving and fun evening with Larry. You can never predict his programs, but they are always informative.

This meeting will be for everyone interested in photography regardless of skill level. All new and experienced photographers are welcome and encouraged to come join us and hear Larry..

MEMBER INFO:

David Blue placed 2nd with his color print "Simple Beauty" at the annual juried Southern Shutters Exhibit. **Carol Blue** won an Honorable mention for her color print "Patterns" at the Southern Shutters Exhibit.

COMPETITION TOPICS 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan '07	Festivals	June '07	What is it?	Nov '07	Trees
Feb '07	Cemeteries	Jul '07	Macro/Close-up	Dec '07	Best of the Year
Mar '07	Open	Aug '07	Animal faces	Jan '08	White
Apr '07	Love	Sep '07	Open		
May '07	Silhouettes	Oct '07	Selective Focus		

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2007 Calendar of Photographic Events

August

Mon. 13

HPS Program:
Presenter:

Mon. 20

NPS Members Show and Tell

Mon. 27

HPS Competition: Animal Faces

September

Mon. 10

HPS Program:
Presenter:

Mon 17.

NPS Program

Mon. 24

HPS Competition: Open

October

Mon. 8

HPS Program: PSA 3D Program
Presenter: Lee Pratt

Mon. 15

NPS Members Show and Tell

Mon.22

HPS Competition: Selective Focus

Mon. 29

HPS Open Forum

November

Mon. 12

HPS Program:
Presenter: Tom and Pat Corey

Mon 19.

NPS Program

Mon. 26

HPS Competition: Trees

December

Mon. 10

HPS Annual Dinner and Year End Awards

Mon. 17

NPS Members Show and Tell

HPS - Huntsville Photographic Society
NPS - Nature Photographic Society