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Feb Program-Bird Backyard Habitat Photography



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Integrating a Wildlife Habitat Into a Backyard Garden *by Herb Lewis*

Herb moved to Huntsville from Houston, Texas in 1965 after graduating from college and worked as an engineer and technical manager supporting the Space and US Ballistic Missile Defense programs for over 30 years.

Since retirement in February 2004, he has focused on expanding personal hobbies of landscaping, birding, fishing, canoeing, traveling and photography.

Over the past four years he has expanded his landscaping designs to create a natural wildlife habitat within his backyard garden. His yard is a certified Backyard Wildlife

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Bird Photography *by Jerry Green*

I am a Master Gardener of North Alabama and volunteer at the Botanical Garden as a Garden Grubber working in the Nature Trail. I am a member of the Huntsville Wildflower Society, the Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama, and the Greater Huntsville Humane Society (GHHS) where I also do volunteer work for each of these organizations.

I am a member of the Huntsville Photographic Society and won Color Print of the Year and Digital Entry of the Year for

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- Costco "Free Weekend", Feb 16-17.

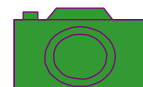
Field Trip To The Shrine *by Robert Schuffert*

I think everyone enjoyed our field trip to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Hanceville on Saturday, January 5th; I know I did! Previously located in Irondale as Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, construction of this Shrine was completed in 1999 on lands east of Hanceville, surrounded on three sides by the Mulberry Fork Creek. The Shrine is now home to over forty nuns. Six of us met at the Huntsville library at 7:30 am and drove down together in three vehicles, stopping at the Three Guys Grill in downtown Arab for breakfast. Thanks to Bill McConville for informing us about this place! It was a lot better than the usual Burger King. We all enjoyed the food so much we stayed over an hour relishing the meal and a leisurely conversation. We were an hour late getting to the Shrine to meet those who drove down



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Herb Lewis

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Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and was the featured article in the October 2006 issue of Alabama Gardener magazine. His yard was included in the June 2007 Tour of Huntsville Gardens sponsored by the Huntsville Botanical Garden, and included in a May garden tour sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Results of his wildlife habitat development and bird photography have been included in the training program for the Master Gardener classes in Limestone/Morgan and Madison Counties since 2004.

His bird watching interest has expanded from the backyard to many locations within the US and foreign countries including England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Australia. To date his life bird count is just over 300 bird species.

Herb is currently serving as a volunteer docent and shuttle driver at the Huntsville Botanical Garden and became an Honorary Member of Master Gardeners of North Alabama in May 2007.



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Reminder! February Field Trip To Birmingham

Tom Ulrich, well-known wildlife photographer, will be in town Friday, February 15, 2008. Ulrich, from West Glacier Montana, will present, "Living Wild With Tom Ulrich" at 7PM at the Birmingham Zoo Auditorium. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 249-7154.

Jerry Green

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2007. My photos have been published in Seasons by Rebecca, Southern Hiker and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce Initiatives magazines; newsletters for the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Huntsville Wildflower Society and the GHHS Pet Gazette; the GHHS



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2008 calendar; Garden Columns; the Huntsville Times, Birmingham News, and the North East Mississippi Daily Journal newspapers; the Greenways map for Huntsville and Madison County; and the slideshow for the Hays Nature Preserve.

New Educational Nature Photography Site Focuses on Becoming #1 Via "Honest Critiques Done Gently."

From Walt Schumacher

A group of award winning photographers and skilled, dedicated photographic instructors announced the debut of BirdPhotographers.Net. To check out the new site, visit www.birdphotographers.net. BPN is an educational and critiquing web site designed to help members and visitors become better nature photographers. The group is comprised of Arthur Morris, James Shadle, Alfred and Fabiola Forns, Blake Shadle, Robert O'Toole, Jim Neiger, and Robert Amoruso (with a combined 177 years of photographic experience).

If you want to join (free right now) enter "Arthur Morris" as the person who referred you.



From The President

by Andrea Shetley

Happy Valentines Day!

Now is the time to drop the hint that you would like something besides flowers and chocolate on the 14th! Maybe you would like a new lens or accessory? How about a book by one of your favorite photographers? No one says you can't give yourself a present! Celebrate your love of and for photography. It also is a good time to look for seasonal decorations. Many stores have interesting window displays and flower shops will be stocking up on roses. These can make interesting still life and close-up compositions.

Too cold to go outside and hunt for that perfect shot? This is a great opportunity to (re)familiarize yourself with your equipment. Read a chapter in your camera manual each night or two, and practice changing the settings. Or practice a technique like lighting or selective focus. You will be better prepared to capture that magic moment when it happens. Do you think some photographers are just plain lucky? Remember, luck is when skill meets opportunity; so hone your skills whenever you have the chance.

I have been out of town on business travel, but I received very good feedback on the January program. Hopefully this has encouraged those who want to pursue photojournalism to move forward. And I'm sure everyone got some great ideas on how to tell a story with their photography. Be sure to come to the February program meeting for "Bird Backyard Habitat and Photography," with Herb Lewis and Jerry Green. This is sure to be extremely informative as well as excellently illustrated. Most of you have already seen some of Jerry's outstanding bird images, so you know you are in for a treat.

I am sorry I missed the January competition with the "White" theme. I heard that, once again, our members were very creative in their interpretation and illustration of the topic. Congratulations to all, and good luck in this month's competition "Lines/Angles/Patterns."

Welcome new members and returning past members. I hope you will enjoy the activities that HPS has to offer. Thanks, again, to Sam Tumminello for his tremendous publicity efforts in getting us listed in many event calendars around town.

Kudos to Geri Reddy for the excellent January newsletter. She has set a new standard of excellence for our publication!

Keep warm and keep photographing!

January Competition Results
Subject – White

	Color Prints	Digital
1st	Don Wolfe	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Barbara Hitt	Don Bennett
3rd	Don Bennett	Robert Schuffert
HM	Janet Schumacher	Henry Smith
HM	Jerry Gree	Bill Gates
HM	Dave McGuinness	Geri Reddy
HM	Henry Smith	Bill Gates
HM	Doug Felton	Peter Ashley
	56 entries	71 entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
1st	Barbara Hitt	Lee Pratt
2nd	Carol Blue	Virginia Gilbert
3rd	Barbara Hitt	Joy Henderson
HM	Robert Schuffert	Joe Boyd
HM	Sharon Callahan	Walt Schumacher
HM	Barbara Hitt	David Blue
HM		Lee Pratt
	34 entries	38 entries

Rank	Name	Total	
		Points	Wins
1	Hitt, Barbara	12	3
2	Bennett, Don	7	2
3	Pratt, Lee	6	2
4	Staggs, Barbara	5	1
4	Wolfe, Don	5	1
6	Blue, Carol	4	1
6	Gilbert, Virginia	4	1
6	Schuffert, Robert	4	2
9	Henderson, Joy	3	1
10	Gates, William	2	2
10	Smith, Henry	2	2
12	Ashley, Peter	1	1
12	Blue, David	1	1
12	Boyd, Joe	1	1
12	Callahan, Sharon	1	1
12	Felton, Doug	1	1
12	Green, Jerry	1	1
12	McGuinness, Dave	1	1
12	Montgomery, Barbara	1	1
12	Reddy, Geri	1	1
12	Schumacher, Janet	1	1
12	Schumacher, Walt	1	1



First Place Color Print by DonWolfe



First Place Digital by Barbara Staggs



First Place B&W Print by Barbara Hitt



First Place Slide by Lee Pratt

Shrine *(Continued from page 1)*

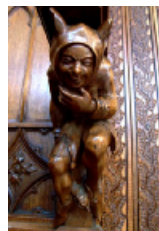
separately, but no one seemed to mind too much.

Never having been here before, I really had no idea what to expect. Only a couple of the nine people joining our trip had been before, so most of us were pleasantly surprised to find this magnificent architectural structure out in the middle of almost nowhere. Driving the country roads on the way down, I was beginning to wonder if we were going in the right direction. Then the Shrine appeared over the last hilltop.

Although we weren't allowed to photograph inside the two sanctuaries, there were plenty of other places most of us found interesting. Probably the most photographed were the two arcades along either side of a large bricked courtyard in front of the main chapel. They consisted of two long covered walkways with a series of 14 arches on the sides. I intended to photograph the arched cross-vault ceilings in the porticos, but was distracted by other features, never making it back that way again.



© Henry Smith



The visitor's center, constructed similar to a European castle, includes the Nun's Gift Shop. Inside were statues of Archangel Michael and St. Joan of Arc. Replica suits of armor stood beside them with shields, swords and jousting lances, and large old rustic wooden tables and chairs dispersed around the room, like all of this had just been taken from an old castle and placed here. A little way up the road near the entrance, a large white horse stable made another interesting subject. Next to the stables was a field with about a half dozen emus, who apparently did not want their photos taken, hiding their small heads behind their huge bodies as they casually walked by us at the fence line.



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I came back with a few images that I really like and I'm sure others did also. It turned out to be a great field trip, even though we couldn't photograph inside the sanctuaries. I'm glad I made the trip and finally got to see this Shrine.

HUNTSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY LIST OF HONORS

Masters of Photography

Bryan Bacon	David Blue	Dudley Campbell	Jim Eiford
Garth Fraser	Pat Gardner	William R. Gates	Virginia Gilbert
Carol Higgs	Barry Jackson	Brenda Kinnane	Harry Kinnane
Virgil Lipscomb	Pamela Nelson	Muril Robertson	Emily Saile
Alma Sanders	Barbara Staggs	Joe Starkey	Martha Teal
Sam Tumminello	Elsabe Webster		

Gold Star Fellows

Joe Boyd	Sam Fara	Doug Felton	Bob Gathany
Gene George	Guy McAllister	Bill Reynolds	Walt Schumacher
Lisa Stuart			

Silver Star Fellows

Don Bennett Gene Garrett

NEW Silver Star Fellows for 2007

Rick Kress Sheila Mangus

Bronze Star Fellows

Judy Flemming Diehl Martin Monica Martin

NEW Bronze Star Fellows for 2007

Carol Blue	Rick Kress	Daniel Little	Janet Schumacher
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Fellows of HPS

Cindy Baier	Trey Deloach	Sara Evans	Sam Jacobs
Donald Kyle	Ron Romej	Bill Self	Norman Shapiro
Lowell Skidmore	Wesley Swift	Jiancho Zhu	

New Fellows of HPS for 2007 *

Jerry Green Barbara Hitt Robert Schuffert

*Corrected List. Barbara and Robert were mistakenly left off of Jan Newsletter.

Member Announcements & Congrats

- ◇ Carol Blue won 1st place in the Amateur Division of the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photo Competition for her photo of two mules.

- ◇ We received a thank you letter from Hospice of Marshall County for the club's donation in memory of Diehl Martin. Diehl Martin past away in Oct of last year. Diehl and his wife Monica have been long time members and supporters of HPS *From Dave McGuiness*



HPS Lifetime Points/Honors

Last	First	Adj Points thru 2007	Wins thru 2007	Awards thru 2006	Awards for 2007
Ashley	Peter	2	2		
Aulds	Don	12	6		
Bennett	Don	56	NA	Silver	
Blue	Carol	30	NA	Fellow	Bronze
Blue	David	NA	NA	Master	
Boyd	Joe	85	NA	Gold	
Brown	Dick	1	1		
Bryant	Tom	14	9		
Bryson	Harlan	5	1		
Callahan	Sharon	27	14		
Campbell	Dick	1	1		
Carey	Gordon	4	1		
Casto	Norm	6	2		
Clary	Richard	8	3		
Clements	Lisa	2	2		
Courtney	Bill	20	14		
Courtney	Brenda	4	2		
Davidson	Diana Lyn	45	18		
Davis	Larry	7	5		
DeLoach	Trey	11	NA	Fellow	
Fara	Sam	93	NA	Gold	
Felton	Doug	116	NA	Gold	
Fleming	Judy	30	NA	bronze	
Fox	Bobby	5	2		
Gardner	Pat	NA	NA	Master	
Gates	William	NA	NA	Master	
Gilbert	Virginia	NA	NA	Master	
Goodin	Melanie	30	13		
Green	Jerry	8	NA		Fellow + 8 pts
Haycock	Bill	1	1		
Heifner	Roy	3	1		
Henderson	Joy	9	7		
Hitt	Barbara	5	NA		Fellow + 5 pts
Holderfield	Diane	17	5		
Hughes	Beverly	1	1		
Hyde	Tricia	1	1		

Note: Best of Year Awards do not count towards points. If anyone has questions about the List of Honors or Lifetime Points List, contact David or Carol Blue at 256-232-7526 or dcblue@hiwaay.net.

Transportation issues rules on lithium batteries

By Bob Brewin

Finally mastered how many three-ounce bottles of liquids you can carry on to a commercial flight and figure you can now breeze through airport check-in? You might need to think again.

The Transportation Department has issued new rules, effective Jan. 1, 2008, governing transportation of the lithium batteries used to power a range of electronic devices, including portable computers, cell phones, personal digital assistants and cameras. The department has advised travelers that they can no longer pack spare lithium batteries in their checked baggage, and instead must put them in carry-on luggage. And the batteries should be in their original retail packaging, have their tips covered by electrical tape or be in a clear plastic bag.

Full story: http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=38941&dcn=e_gvet

The art of photography is to make that which seems unbeautiful, beautiful.

- Jennifer Barton

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Nikon TC-20E II

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Brand new, still in box

Cost new \$349.95 Sell for \$300.00

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HPS Lifetime Points/Honors *(continued from p.5)*

Last	First	Adj Points thru 2007	Wins thru 2007	Awards thru 2006	Awards for 2007
Jackson	Barry	NA	NA	Master	
Joyner	Miranda	1	1		
Kinnane	Brenda	NA	NA	Master	
Kinnane	Harry	NA	NA	Master	
Kress	Rick	50	NA	Fellow	Bronze/Silver
Lewis	Mary Lou	2	2		
Little	Daniel	28	NA	Fellow	Bronze
Mangus	Sheila	46	NA	Bronze	Silver
Martin Jr.	Charles	1	1		
McAllister	Guy	125	NA	Gold	
McGehee	Suzi	4	2		
McGuiness	Dave	1	1		
Parrott	Joe	8	4	(no pts rec. before 2005)	
Pratt	Lee	4	2	(no pts rec. before 2005)	
Prevost	Stan	7	2		
Prince	Anthony	1	1		
Reddy	Geri	42	15		
Roberts	Michael	14	5		
Saile	Emily	NA	NA	Master	
Schmidli	Heinz	4	1		
Schuffert	Robert	13	NA		Fellow + 13 pts
Schultz	Jeannie	21	11		
Schumacher	Janet	25	NA	Fellow	Bronze
Schumacher	Walt	85	NA	Gold	
Shetley	Andrea	36	12		
Smith	Henry	19	6		
Snoddy	Bill	33	10		
Soracco	Paul	1	1		
Staggs	Barbara	NA	NA	Master	
Staggs	Willie	9	3		
Stuart	Lisa	65	NA	Gold	
Sylvester	Cathy	47	19		
Teal	Martha	NA	NA	Master	
Towery	Brad	5	1		
Tumminello	Sam	NA	NA	Master	
Webster	Elsabe	NA	NA		
Werp	Rick	9	4		
Wilburn	Amy	38	14		
Wolfe	Don	4	4		
Zupko	Bill	2	2		
Zupko	Sue	5	3		

February Judge

Steve Cassiday has had a camera in his hands since 8 yrs old. He has been in Raw Professional Photographic Service for over 10 yrs and has been shooting weddings and commercial work for over 25 years. He has several certifications by the Photo Marketing Association and Society of Photo Engineers and is a member of the Professional Photographers Association. Currently he is a photo lab specialist at Costco.

Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for becoming the sponsor for HPS monthly competitions! Costco has reserved Feb 16-17 as a "shop free" weekend. HPS Members can shop and enjoy Costco without having a membership, and those who decide to join will receive a free gift. However, you do not have to be a member to claim your prize.

Prizes will be provided for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. 1st place will receive either a Panorama "12 x 36" or "12 x 24", 2nd place- "12 x18", and 3rd place- "8 x 12". Prizes must be redeemed within 30 days or before the next month's competition (whichever comes first). Members should come to Costco photo lab to claim the prize. Contact Sharon Callahan. VP Competition, if you have ques-

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Canon 20D body, excellent condition
 Refurbished by Canon 8 months ago
 All packages, software, manuals, cables, charger and extra battery included.
 Asking \$425.00
 Henry Smith – 881-4214
hsmith33@csc.com

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10	11 HPS Program – Backyard Bird Photography	12	13	14	15 Shades Valley Camera Club – Tom Ulrich 7:00	16
17	18 Digital Pics Due NPS Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 HPS Competition – Lines/Angles/ Patterns	26	27	28	29	

CREATIVE CRUD COMPETITION (or Dollar Tree Photoshootout) *By Barbara Staggs*

Here's a fun way to get your creative juices flowing. The next "photoshootout" competition challenges you to improve your creative "in-camera" skills by using a Dollar Tree object.

RULES

- ⇒ Sign up will be either at the Feb. 25 meeting or the March 10 meeting. At this time each participant will pay \$1.00.
- ⇒ At the March 24 meeting each participant will receive one Dollar Tree object by drawing a number corresponding to the object. (No two objects will be alike.)
- ⇒ You are allowed to take as many photos as you wish but may only enter four. The first one should be a straight photo of the object (this will not be judged. The purpose is to show what the object is.)
- ⇒ In the other 3 photos you may use the whole object or part of the object. It does not even have to be recogniz-

- able nor does it have to be the subject of the photo. The photo does not have to show the object's intended use.
- ⇒ Your creativity should take place in the camera, not in Photoshop or other such program. You may use these programs for basic corrections such as cropping and Levels but you may not use filters or major color alterations.
- ⇒ The four photos should be entered into the competition by submitting a CD at or before the April 14 meeting or by submitting via e-mail by April 14 to staggwh@ro.com using the same submission standards as you use for the monthly competitions: JPG images, maximum width is 1024 pixels, maximum height is 768 pixels, file size must be less than 800 kilobytes. File name must be: first and last name with no spaces, dash, then entry number. Example: WillieStaggs-1.jpg

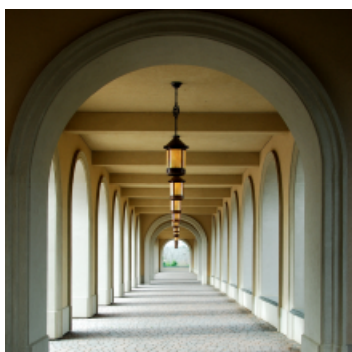
The photos will be judged for creativity and composition. Each participant's images will be shown as part of the May 12 Program Meeting.

Huntsville Photographic Society

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Club Website: www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org

Meeting Information:

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison Library- Main Branch, 915 Monroe St., in Huntsville.

Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00 due Jan 1st (\$18.00 if renewal paid before start of the Calendar year).

Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.