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## May Program-Creative Crud Photo Shootout & Member Image Critique

HPS member Barbara Staggs will present the results of the 2008 Photo Shootout at the May 12 Program meeting. Judging has begun for the "Creative Crud" Dollar Tree Shootout. There are some extremely creative folks in HPS. If you would like to see the results from all of their work plus the winners of the Shootout be sure to attend. The second part of the meeting will be member image critiques. Members are encouraged to bring up to 3 images to share and critique, if the individual would like feedback .

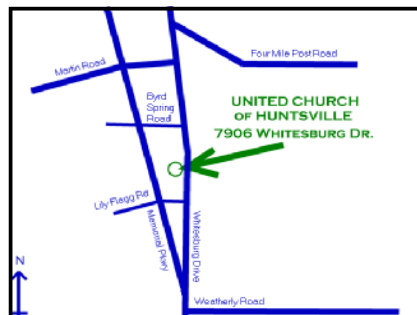
The Rules of the Shootout were:

- ⇒ Each participant received one Dollar Tree object by drawing a number corresponding to the object. (No two objects alike.)
- ⇒ Participants were allowed to take as many photos as they 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.)
- ⇒ The other 3 photos may use the whole object or part of the object. It does not have to be recognizable nor does it have to be the subject of the photo. The photo does not have to show the object's intended use.
- ⇒ Creativity should take place in the camera, not in Photoshop or other such program. These programs may be used for basic corrections such as cropping and Levels but not filters or major color alterations.
- ⇒ The four photos must be entered into the competition by submitting a CD or via e-mail by April 14.

The photos were judged for creativity and composition.

## Location Change For May 26 Meeting

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the normal meeting location, Huntsville Library, will be closed. The May 26 Competition meeting will be at The United Church of Christ, 7906 Whitesburg Dr. It is located on the west side of Whitesburg, between Young Nak Presbyterian Church and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, in the block between Byrd Spring Rd (to the north) and Lily Flagg Road (to the south).



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### Special points of interest:

- Andrea Shetley to speak at Gander Mtn. in Huntsville
- Sparkman High School Photo Exhibit
- Barb Staggs speaks on Croatia for NPS
- PSA 2008 Conference in Portland, Oregon





## From The President

by Andrea Shetley

Greetings and salutations!

Here we are, moving right along through spring. And what a beautiful spring we have had so far. Mild temperatures (for the most part) and regular rainfall have created beautiful, colorful surroundings. I hope everyone has been able to get out and take advantage of this glorious weather. Remember, we are looking for field trip ideas and volunteers. If you know of a great place, please contact Robert Schuffert, our VP of Activities, to coordinate an outing.

Our April program was the second part of Basic Photo Composition presented by Barbara Staggs. Barbara took us further into how to make a great photograph, and again illustrated her presentation with her outstanding images.

Our May program was also coordinated by Barbara. She challenged HPS members to participate in the "Dollar Tree Shootout" (aka "Creative Crud" competition). Run separately from our monthly competition, members signed up at an earlier meeting and Barbara purchased various items from Dollar Tree. Members drew numbers to get their item (so Barbara didn't know who had what). Members then had several weeks to photograph their item (some of us still couldn't get it done!), and turned their images in at the April program night. Three people judged the images and the results will be shown at our May meeting. We are anticipating having some extra time, so we invite members to bring up to three images

(electronic or prints) they would like to share with the group. The floor will be open for critique if the individual would like feedback. Please save electronic images in JPG format.

The topic for the April competition was "Texture," and we had another great turnout. We are getting a lot more electronic entries, which is wonderful to see. Not only is it advantageous for members as a cost-free alternative to image presentation, everyone can feel good about being "green" (no physical prints or slides). We had 30 Slide entries, and Monochrome was down slightly with 24 entries. We had a moment of panic when our scheduled judge, David Bean, had to cancel at the last minute due to his wife giving birth (okay... that's a pretty good excuse). He did, however, judge the electronic images. After a mad scramble and lots of phone calls, Lakin Boyd graciously agreed to judge at the meeting. Lakin has many years behind him as a photography teacher, and gave insightful, constructive comments. Congratulations to all!

May brings us another challenge with "Glass." I am again expecting to see many creative and interesting interpretations of this topic. Good luck!

Once again, our second May meeting (competition night) is on the Memorial Day holiday and the Library will be closed. Our alternate venue will be The United Church of Huntsville located on the west side of Whitesburg Drive, between Young Nak Presbyterian Church and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, in the block between Byrd Spring Rd (to the north) and Lily Flagg Road (to the south).

Happy image creating!

## Andrea Shetley Speaks at Gander Gals

Gander Mountain has a new program for women called "Gander Gals." This is a free class that is offered every Tuesday night from 7-8 p.m. at the Gander Lodge (in the store), and covers a variety of topics. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the topic for the night is Outdoor Photography, which will be presented by HPS president, Andrea L. Shetley. Gander Mountain is looking for other people interested in sharing their wisdom and creative skills with the ladies. They can contact Cathy Vankampen at 256-858-8045 ext. 2053.

If you are out there shooting, things will happen for you. If you're not out there, you'll only hear about it.

- Jay Maisel

## Mark Your Calendar– Sparkman Creative Photography Exhibit

- ◆ See through the eyes of Sparkman Photography students as they present over 400 photographs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Creative Photography Exhibit presented in the Sparkman High School library from Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> during school hours. Please remember to vote for your favorite photograph. Admission is free.
- ◆ The Photography Department will also host an Open House Night on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm for the community. Student-led demonstrations will be available for those who would like to learn how to make traditional black and white prints, manipulate a photograph in Adobe Photoshop, take a digital picture with studio lighting, as well as hand color and hand tone a black and white print. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

*The Sparkman Photography Department is a HAL (Huntsville Art League) partner.*

## Nature and Travel Photo Society (NPS)

Barbara Staggs will present a colorful slide show on "Walking the Dalmation Coast in Croatia". On Barbara and Willie's latest hiking adventure they discovered charming old villages, seaside resorts, national parks, soaring mountains and the famous walled city of Dubrovnik, all on the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea.



The program will be given at the Nature and Travel Photo Society meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Myers Building on Regal Drive (behind AAA). Regal Drive is the street just north of Parkway Place Mall. There is a large glass building on the corner at Memorial Parkway. The Myers Building is the only 2 story brick building on the north side of the street. Park in the back and go in the back door and down the hall to the right.

For further information contact Barbara at [staggwh@ro.com](mailto:staggwh@ro.com).

## Member News

⇒ Sam Tumminello's short movie, "Wonder Water", was awarded first place in the Senior Division by "Videomaker" magazine (May 2008), a national competition. Tumminello, a master in the Huntsville Photographic Society and member of the *Alabama Filmmakers Co-op*, produced and directed the movie.

The movie, told in a minimalist style, depicts a classic Alabama story of youthful events leading to the character's eventual memorialization. It was first shown at the Film Co-op's *Rocket City Short Film Festival* last October 2007. Filmed and produced in Huntsville, September 2007, it features two local actors Kristen Tumminello and Lizzy Bodkin. The running time is five minutes. Quoting "Videomaker" Magazine: "A wonderfully executed video with a surprise climax. The colors and textures Sam uses are beautiful and tie in with the theme of the overall video."

⇒ Carol Blue received a third place at the Gadsden Museum of Art Photography show and competition in the Animals & Wildlife category for her photo of two mules entitled "Love".

⇒ David Blue received a second place at the Gadsden Museum of Art Photography show and competition in the Altered Images category for "Crazy Fencerow" using polar coordinates alteration of a fencerow.

The Gadsden Museum of Art show runs through June 14<sup>th</sup>.

⇒ David Blue won second place in the digital scenic class at Cumberland Falls State Park, KY annual April Nature Photography Weekend Contest. The picture is an early morning scene of the Cumberland River.

**April Competition Results**  
**Subject - Textures**  
**Judges - Lakin Boyd (prints/slides)**  
**David Bean (digital)**

	<b>Color Prints</b>	<b>Digital</b>
<b>1st</b>	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Montgomery
<b>2nd</b>	Walt Schumacher	Bill Gates
<b>3rd</b>	Martha Teal	Emily Saile
<b>HM</b>	Joy Henderson	Henry Smith
<b>HM</b>	Don Bennett	David Blue
<b>HM</b>	Sam Fara	Sam Tumminello
<b>HM</b>	Henry Smith	Peter Ashley
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Hitt
	55 entries	64 entries

	<b>B/W Prints</b>	<b>Slides</b>
<b>1st</b>	Don Bennett	Virginia Gilbert
<b>2nd</b>	Barbara Hitt	Joy Henderson
<b>3rd</b>	Martha Teal	Joy Henderson
<b>HM</b>	Rick Kress	David Blue
<b>HM</b>	Janet Schumacher	Janet Schumacher
<b>HM</b>		David Blue
	24 entries	30 entries

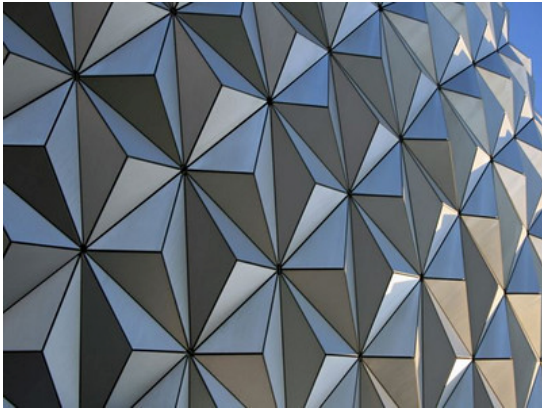
### May Judge

Amanda M. Sheehy is a sophomore at the University of North Alabama in Florence. She plans to earn a double major in biology and art with a concentration in photography. Amanda has had a passion for photography since she got her first camera (a Fisher-Price film camera) in early childhood. In high school, she studied photography under the direction of Mr. Eric Mittman and received a People's Choice Award and an Honorable Mention for Alternative Process/Mixed Media at Sparkman High School's biannual photo show. Recently, the Huntsville Museum of Art has honored Amanda by displaying some of her work. Amanda's preferred medium is 35mm black and white film and medium format. Her favorite photographic subjects include wildlife and landmarks. She is especially inspired by nature and traveling.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		<b>Points</b>	<b>Wins</b>
1	Hitt, Barbara	25	9
2	Bennett, Don	19	6
3	Pratt, Lee	17	6
3	Staggs, Barbara	17	5
5	Davidson, Diana Lyn	15	6
5	Henderson, Joy	15	6
7	Schumacher, Walt	14	5
8	Gates, William	13	6
9	Saile, Emily	12	4
10	Teal, Martha	10	3
11	Gilbert, Virginia	9	2
11	Montgomery, Barbara	9	5
13	Bryant, Tom	6	2
13	Green, Jerry	6	4
15	Blue, David	5	5
15	Fara, Sam	5	2
15	Kress, Rick	5	2
15	Little, Daniel	5	2
15	McGuinness, Dave	5	2
15	Prince, Anthony	5	2
15	Reddy, Geri	5	3
15	Smith, Henry	5	5
15	Wolfe, Don	5	1
24	Blue, Carol	4	1
24	Schuffert, Robert	4	2
26	Schumacher, Janet	3	3
27	Ashley, Peter	2	2
27	Soracco, Paul	2	2
29	Boyd, Joe	1	1
29	Callahan, Sharon	1	1
29	Courtney, Bill	1	1
29	Felton, Doug	1	1
29	Montgomery, Alan	1	1
29	Shetley, Andrea	1	1
29	Staggs, William	1	1
29	Tumminello, Sam	1	1



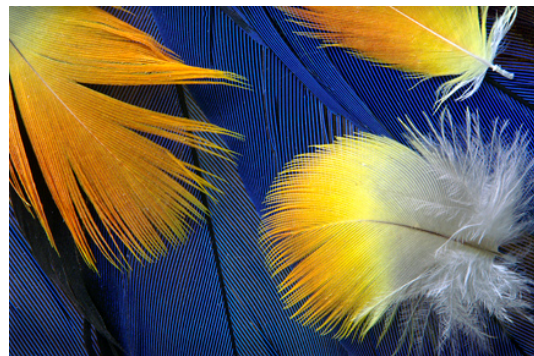
# First Place Winners



First Place Digital by Barb Montgomery



First Place B&W Print by Don Bennett



First Place Color Print by Barbara Staggs

First Place Slide by Virginia Gilbert was not available.

## Photographic Opportunities



International Migratory Bird Day, May 10, Fort Payne. 256-845-9605, [www.nps.gov/liri](http://www.nps.gov/liri), Little River Canyon National Preserve. Staff members hand out materials and talk to visitors about this area's importance to migratory birds.



Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic, May 24-25, Point Mallard Park in Decatur. One of the largest free balloon festivals in the Southeast, featuring balloon races, kite flying, car show, arts and crafts, and music. For more info go to [www.decaturcvb.org](http://www.decaturcvb.org).



Wildflower Saturday, May 17, Guntersville. For more info go to [www.GuntersvilleStatePark.com](http://www.GuntersvilleStatePark.com), free, 2:00 p.m. This guided interpretive hike provides a wonderful introduction to the many species of plants found along the banks of the Tennessee River.



Rhododendron Festival, May 16-18, Mentone. Celebration begins Friday at 6:30 on Mentone Square with bonfire and live music and continues Saturday in Brow Park at 9 a.m. with food, arts and crafts, and music. Boat Rides on Little River. Go to [www.discoverlookoutmountain.com](http://www.discoverlookoutmountain.com).

## The PSA Annual Conference

The Photographic Society of America holds a conference each year in a US or Canadian city. The 70<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be in Portland, Oregon during the first week of September 2008. The conferences typically are from Sunday through the following Saturday. The first 3 days include several local tours, and the remaining days are full of multidimensional audio-visual programs, presentations, exhibits, workshops, vendor sales, and other activities for anyone with photographic interests. You can also take classes on photographic software programs. After the conference many attendees then take a longer organized tour or their own planned tour.

Information about registration, the conference hotel, schedules, and tours can be found on the PSA website at [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org) and the monthly PSA Journal magazine also includes different highlights about the conferences.

It is not too early to plan for conferences in future years. Next year PSA will meet at West Yellowstone, Montana (just outside Yellowstone National Park) during September 20-26, 2009. The following year PSA will be at Charleston, South Carolina during October 3-9, 2010.

Future issues of our HPS newsletter will look at other features of PSA.



### New Members

Nicole Allen    Don & Cindy Aulds  
James & Angela True

### Submission Deadline for June Newsletter

Please send articles/info by Thursday, May 29, to  
[hpsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hpsnewsletter@yahoo.com).

### For Sale

Make offer on individual items or lot. e-mail:  
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Epson Stylus Photo Printer 2200 & books & software:  
\$100

- (8) Metz 60 CT-1 Flashes
- (2) Metz 60 CT-4 Flashes
- (2) Metz Mecablitz 60 CT 1/4 Battery Control Unit
- (5) Metz Mecablitz CT Battery Control Units
- (3) Metz Mecablitz 60 CT-1 -2 Battery Control Units
- (6) Metz Mecablitz 60 CT1 books (one is for CT1-CT2)
- (10) A/C Charger cords for flashes 120-220 7 Volts Type 7.8
- (11) Flash to slave cords

- (12) Battery Flash Cable cords
- (6) Battery holder straps
- (4) Flash mounting brackets
- (4) Metz Dryfit batteries
- (1) Pocket Wizard Digital Plus Transmitter/Receiver Set and cord to flash
- (3) Mecalux 11 Control Units for Flash Slave
- (1) Metz Reflective Screen & Bracket in original box
- (2) Westcott Mini Apollo Light Modifiers Light Boxes
- Firewire 4 Port Repeater IEEE-1394
- 25' Firewire cable: 4 pin to camera
- 12' Firewire 4.5 mm cable: 4 pin to 4 pin
- 12' Firewire cable: Camera to laptop
- 48" Cable shutter release for Fuji Finepix
- 20" Cable shutter release for Fuji Finepix
- A/C Adapter Fuji Finepix & Book
- SB80DX Speedlight Nikon & case & cable SC17 Nikon
- Fuji FinePix S2 Pro Camera & book and software

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Program- Photo Shootout; Sparkman Photo Exhibit Opens	13	14	15 Sparkman Photo Open House 5-7	16	17
18	19 Digital Pics due for May Comp NPS Meeting-Barb Staggs & Croatia	20 Gander Mtn - Outdoor Photog- raphy Program w/ Andrea Shetley	21	22	23	24
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Phases of the moon: 5th ● 19th ○



## 2008 Competition Meetings

- May 26 - Glass (Alternate Meeting Location, see page 1)
- Jun 23 - Vintage
- Jul 28 - Signs
- Aug 25 - Motion/Action
- Sep 22 - Signs
- Oct 27 - Water/Liquid
- Nov 24 - Celebrate America
- Jan 26 - Sunrise/Sunset

## 2008 Program Meetings

- May 12 - Photo Shoot Out Program
- Jun 9 - "It's All About Light" - Muril Robertson
- Jun 30 - Members Forum
- Jul 14 - Program TBD
- Aug 11 - Program TBD
- Sep 8 - Making Your Own Photo Books Using the Internet  
- Bill Snoddy
- Sep 29 - Members Forum
- Oct 13 - 3D Photography Program - Lee Pratt (Alternate  
Meeting Location)
- Nov 10 - Program TBD
- Dec 8 - Best of Year

## Huntsville Photographic Society

Von Braun Civic Center  
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Huntsville AL 35801



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See April First Place Winners, p. 5.

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Website for Digital Competition results: [www.HSPPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HSPPhotos.smugmug.com)

Club Website: [www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://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.**