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## Sep Program-What the heck to do with all these wonderful photos I've taken



HPS member, Bill Snoddy, has been an active photographer beginning in high school where he was the "school photographer" for the student newspaper and annual. Born and raised in north Alabama, he first joined HPS almost 50 years ago shortly after coming to work for NASA in 1958 (actually ABMA at the time).

It was the development of digital photography that has spurred a recent more in-depth interest in photography. This was because of the lower cost, quick turn around (important when you get to be Bill's age), and the amazing capabilities of the digital darkroom. Bill and his wife, Jeanie, have been blessed with the opportunity for traveling in recent years and this has been the focus of much of his current photography. They have also been blessed with grandchildren and this has been another special focus.

His travel images have won prizes in contest sponsored by UAH and in the past six consecutive Huntsville Times annual travel photo contests. One of Bill's photos was used as a poster by the Huntsville Botanical Garden to advertise their annual Spring Flower Festival and they have also used several in their capital campaigns. He has presented photo shows to a number of local and regional groups including the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH, the Huntsville Nature Photography Society, and the

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### Local Photo Contest

Now through September 30, the [Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) (CVB) is looking for photographs that showcase the beauty of the Huntsville area and capture images of people enjoying our attractions and special activities or events. The photo contest is open to everyone. Prizes of \$750 for first, \$500 for second and \$250 for third place photos will be awarded. Contest rules are on CVB's website.

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Pulaski Photo Club.

Lately his focus has been on improving the quality of his photography through association with HPS, its members, and through participation in the monthly competitions. He has also attended a number of photographic workshops in recent years.

### The Program

Most of us have, and are, accumulating many, many slides, negatives, and digital photos. In the past we have had the options of developing slide shows and making prints, and even putting sets of prints into scrapbooks. We now have another option – producing professional looking “coffee table” photo books. The quality is remarkable, the cost is reasonable, and multiple copies can be ordered and reordered (starting with a minimum number of one).



This has all been made possible by newly evolving on-line printing services. Typically, a piece of free software is downloaded from the service, and then used by you (off line) to layout your photo book. When you are completely satisfied, you upload the book to the service's printers and receive your book by mail in as little as 24 hours.

I have been a happy user of this new capability for the past several years and have “produced” some 15 books using four different services. Some of the books were based on special events and trips; others were on specific subjects (my wife's yard or our grandkids). Many copies of these books have been given as gifts. Others are books which I keep and enjoy, and which will some day be “passed on” to my kids (in a form more accessible than a box of my slides).

The program will focus on several of the most popular services; demonstrate how they work; and allow enough time at the end for HPS members to examine some of the resulting books.

## Monte Sano Art Show



Always the 3rd Saturday in September

Monte Sano Art Show ...art with a view!  
10 Year Anniversary!

WHEN: 9 AM to 5 PM, September 20th, 2008  
Annual- Third Saturday in September  
WHERE: Monte Sano State Park, Monte Sano Mountain, 5105 Nolan Ave. SE, Huntsville, AL 35801

The Monte Sano Art Show is a FREE outdoor event in North Alabama held on a scenic bluff. Everyone is invited to bring Friends and Pets and enjoy a day of Art, Music, Food and Nature. Over 140 Southern Artisans participate.

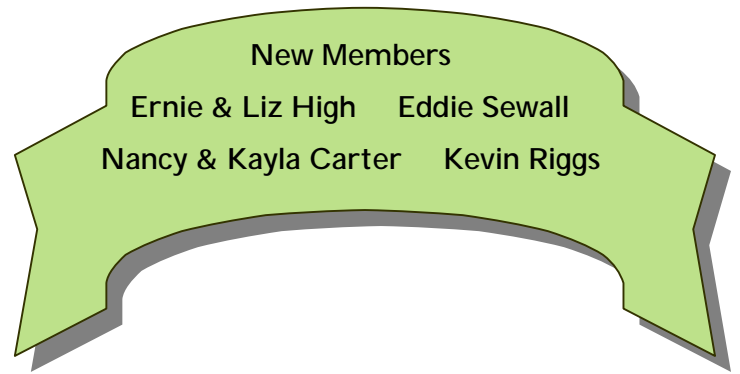
For more information please visit [www.MonteSanoArtShow.org](http://www.MonteSanoArtShow.org) or e-mail: [enquiries@montesanoartshow.org](mailto:enquiries@montesanoartshow.org)

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

- Henry David Thoreau

## Environmental Portrait Photography Workshop

Tom and Pat Cory are holding their workshop at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Sat. Oct 18, 9:00 a.m. They begin with classroom instruction, and then move the workshop outside to practice photographing models, both humans and the scarecrows. Cost is \$40. Entry forms are available at [www.hsvbg.org](http://www.hsvbg.org) or call the Gardens to register.



## Charles Needle Photography Workshops

\* "The Art of Nature: Creative Macro Photography" in my Alpharetta, GA backyard - 1-day class, Saturday, September 13th from 9 am to 5:30 pm.

\* "Fall Color in the Smokies" (Townsend, TN) - Oct. 21-26, 2008.

Note: the early bird registration for the Smokies is September 15.

Contact Charles as soon as possible if you would like him to hold a spot for you in either workshop. Details about these two workshops can be found at: <http://www.charlesneedlephoto.com/workshops.htm>

## Photoshop Practice *by Rick Kress*

Interested in comparing your photo, post-processing skills to others? Coming soon, hopefully in Sept, HPS will be initiating a Photoshop Practice group. The plan is for all participants to receive the same digital image. Each person will modify the image with any software they wish to create the best image they can. Post-processed images will be placed on the web. More details will be coming soon.

## Waterfall Field Trip *by Robert Schuffert, VP of Activities*

There were only four of us to go on this trip, but it was a fun outing. I think most people were out of town for the Labor Day Weekend. We met at the library on Sep 1st at 9 am, and drove to High Falls County Park near Buck's Pocket State Park. There was a sufficient amount of water flowing over these huge falls, but the best part was that we arrived prior to everyone else. We had about 30 minutes to photograph before the crowds came and spoiled the scene. Some crossed the creek and descended the cliffs to get photos from below the falls. Parts of this trail were really steep, but we made it without trouble.

From here, we drove about eight miles to Buck's Pocket State Park. The view from the overlook point is as spectacular as ever, but the creek beside the campgrounds was completely dry. Not much to photograph here. On the way back, we stopped to photograph an old truck and an old house. Both made interesting subjects. The truck was an old rusty 1947 Chevrolet Panel Truck which someone had converted to a camper at some time, even living in it for a while.

Our last stop was a small, roadside waterfall. It is right beside the road, but easily missed since it is hidden by trees and a guard rail. Our last stop (three of them) was in search of food! It had been a long day and hunger pains were striking. Of course, the restaurant at the newly remodeled Guntersville State Park was closed for the afternoon. Then the Top of the River Restaurant in Guntersville was also closed until 5pm, another hour away. Finally settling for a McDonalds, we spotted a new steak house in Guntersville located where Reed's restaurant once stood. The food was really good, maybe because we were all so hungry by now. It was a good trip and I think everyone enjoyed the day.

# First Place Winners



First Place B&W Print by Barb Hitt



First Place Slide by Emily Saile



First Place Color Print by Emily Saile



First Place Digital by Sam Fara

**August Competition Results**  
**Subject - Motion/Action**  
**Judge - Steve Gray**

	<b>Color Prints</b>	<b>Digital</b>
<b>1st</b>	Emily Saile	Sam Fara
<b>2nd</b>	Barbara Hitt	Shawn Brechbill
<b>3rd</b>	Henry SMith	Anthony Prince
<b>HM</b>	Ernie High	Rick Kress
<b>HM</b>	Bill Courtney	Geri Reddy
<b>HM</b>	Tom Bryant	Dorinda Tyler
<b>HM</b>	Robert Fox	Jerry Green
<b>HM</b>	Carol Blue	Sam Fara
	68 entries	83 entries

	<b>B/W Prints</b>	<b>Slides</b>
<b>1st</b>	Barbara Hitt	Emily Saile
<b>2nd</b>	Beverly Hughes	Bill Gates
<b>3rd</b>	Pat Gardner	Guy McAllister
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Montgomery	Emily Saile
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Hitt	Emily Saile
<b>HM</b>	David Blue	
	25 entries	17 entries

One of the requirements for the HPS "Master of Photography" award is a public exhibition of 6 framed prints. The Huntsville Art League would be glad to partner with HPS and make space available in their Gallery to any member nearing the "Masters" level (a Fellow who has accumulated an additional 100 competition points). Contact HAL Director and HPS member, Walt Schumacher at 457-5586.

### Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. 1st place receives 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 their prize.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		<b>Points</b>	<b>Wins</b>
1	Hitt, Barbara	50	17
2	Bennett, Don	31	10
3	Saile, Emily	29	11
4	Henderson, Joy	27	10
5	Davidson, Diana Lyn	23	9
5	Gates, William	23	9
5	Montgomery, Barbara	23	11
5	Staggs, Barbara	23	8
9	Fara, Sam	21	8
10	Pratt, Lee	17	6
10	Teal, Martha	17	6
12	Little, Daniel	16	6
13	Gilbert, Virginia	15	4
14	Schumacher, Walt	15	6
14	Smith, Henry	15	11
16	Blue, David	11	7
16	Bryant, Tom	11	5
16	McAllister, Guy	11	3
16	Reddy, Geri	11	5
20	Brechbill, Shawn	9	2
20	Montgomery, Alan	9	5
22	Blue, Carol	8	5
22	McGuinness, Dave	8	5
22	Prince, Anthony	8	3
25	Gardner, Pat	7	2
25	Green, Jerry	7	5
25	High, Ernie	7	3
28	Kress, Rick	6	3
29	Tumminello, Sam	6	3
29	Wolfe, Don	6	2
31	Hughes, Beverly	5	2
31	Snoddy, Bill	5	2
33	Schuffert, Robert	4	2
33	Soracco, Paul	4	4
35	Schumacher, Janet	3	3
36	Ashley, Peter	2	2
36	Courtney, Bill	2	2
36	Tyler, Dorinda	2	2
39	Boyd, Joe	1	1
39	Callahan, Sharon	1	1
39	Courtney, Brenda	1	1
39	Felton, Doug	1	1
39	Fox, Bobby	1	1
39	Shetley, Andrea	1	1
39	Staggs, William	1	1
39	Tumminello, Pat	1	1

## Photographic Opportunities



### Mule Day

Winfield AL, fourth weekend of Sep. Celebrating its 25th year anniversary, Mule Day has grown into a major event not only for the City of Winfield but also for the State of Alabama. Events include a parade, car show, arts & crafts, Civil War reenactment. For more info go to [http://www.winfieldcity.org/mule\\_day.htm](http://www.winfieldcity.org/mule_day.htm).



### Grape Stomp

Harpersville; Sep. 20  
Morgan Creek's annual Grape Stomp is the biggest

event of the year celebrating the harvest or "crush" as it's known at wineries. Visitors get to stomp grapes with their feet in wooden barrels, take free tours, enjoy free wine tastings, plus enjoy food and other fun activities.



### Boom Days Heritage Celebration

Fort Payne; Sep. 12-20

Weeklong art and music festival highlighting the rich cultural and historical heritage of Fort Payne, culminating with the Boom Days Heritage Celebration on the 20th, which features two dozen musical acts and display and sale of works by fine artists and craftsmen along four blocks of the downtown district.

## Camera Club Specials from Hunt's Photo and Video

Currently in stock (is a limited quantity) of -

**Adobe Light Room Upgrade \$99.99**

**Adobe Light Room Full Version \$299.99**

When placing an order for the Full Version, mention "Adobe" to receive a \$10.00 discount.

**Photo Shop CS3 Upgrade , Windows and/or Mac \$189.99**

**Nikon NX2 Upgrade A limited quantity is in stock. \$109.99**

When placing your order, mention "Software" to receive a \$10.00 discount.

**Nikon NX2 Full Version A limited quantity is in stock \$179.99**

When placing your order, mention "Software" to receive a \$10.00 discount.

**Nikon D700 (currently in stock) \$2999.95**

**NIK Silver Efex Pro \$169.95**

When placing your order, mention "NIK" to receive a \$10.00 discount.

Note: When placing an order including the above products, **free shipping** is being offered.

Later this year, Adobe will be announcing the CS4. Those interested in placing an order, please submit your full name, address, and telephone number/email. You will be notified when it is available to place an order.

The **Epson P6000 and P7000 Storage Devices** will soon be shipping. Those interested in pricing and availability, please submit your full name, address, and telephone number/email address.

**Canon** is soon to announce their new products. The G9 is likely to be replaced with the G10. Word is buzzing regarding a Canon 5D replacement. If you'd like more specifics, please submit your full name, address, telephone number/email address.

To place your order for any of the above, please contact Gary Farber or John Duggan,  
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# SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 HPS Program – Photo Books	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Digital Pics Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 HPS Competition - Open Subject	23	24	25	26	27 Oct Newsletter Deadline
28	29	30				

Phases of the moon - 15th: Full Moon 29th: New Moon

## 2008 Meetings

Sep 8 – Making Your Own Photo Books  
Using the Internet – Bill Snoddy

Sep 22 – Open Competition

Sep 29 - Members Forum

Oct 13 - 3D Photography Program - Lee  
Pratt

Oct 27 - Water/Liquid Competition

Nov 10 – “Homework” - volunteer HPS  
members

Nov 24 – Celebrate America Competition

Dec 8 - Best of Year

Jan 26 – Sunrise/Sunset Competition

## Submission Deadline for October Newsletter

Please send articles/info by Saturday, Sep 27th, to

[hpsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hpsnewsletter@yahoo.com).

## Member News

Brenda Kinnane, HPS Master Photographer and past President, fell down some steps in our house last night and sustained a bad ankle fracture. Her left ankle is broken in 3 places. She has been scheduled for surgery.

## Huntsville Photographic Society

Von Braun Civic Center  
700 Monroe St  
Huntsville AL 35801



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Bill Snoddy, September Program  
Presenter, see cover story.

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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.**