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## May Program- Create Crud Photo Shootout



The May 11th program will be presented by HPS member Barbara Staggs. She will present the 2009 Creative Crud Photo Shootout. A slide show will display all of the entries along with the winners. In addition, there will be a chance to vote on "The People's Choice".

In Feb/Mar timeframe, twenty-four participants paid a dollar for an object purchased at a Dollar Tree store. They could submit up to four pictures of the object, including one straight up photo so the judge could tell what the object was. The other three entries were up to the creativity of the artist. The creativity must take place in the camera, with only basic software correction, such as cropping, allowed. Entries were judged based on creativity and composition.

The judge for the contest lives in Tel Aviv, Israel. He participated, along with Barbara Staggs, in a BetterPhoto online photo course. He was voted second most accomplished participant in the class. He has had work published in travel books and other commercial ventures.

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## May Meeting Locations

May 11- Program night. Meet at the Huntsville/Madison Library Main Branch, 915 E. Monroe St

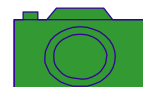
May 25- Competition Night. Subject: Truly Southern. Meet at Trinity United Methodist Church, in Wesley Hall. See map on p. 3 of the newsletter, or go to our website, [www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org).

Meeting time is 7:00.

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### Special points of interest:

- Professional Photographer Adam Jones speaking in Birmingham.
- Barbara Staggs speaking at NPS meeting, p.7.
- Native American Pow Wow, and Hot Air Balloon Festival. p.7.





## From The President

Our April program was presented by Ron Phillips. He had some great photos from Yellowstone National Park and some interesting stories. The images spanned all seasons and all topics including scenic, macros, geysers and lots of animal shots. I think our PSA members who are traveling out there later this year really got enthused about their trip.

The competition topic this month was Abstract. Our judge was Marcia Hoppers. Marcia turned out to be a good candidate to test our new electronic selection device. Since some of our judges didn't seem to enjoy vocalizing their in/out decisions, we created a little device where the judge can press one of two buttons that light either a red or green light. Red indicates out. Green indicates in. The system seemed to work ok. We were able to coax Marcia into giving some feedback on the winning images. Maybe next time we'll use the microphone since I'm not sure people in the back could hear her soft voice. Of course things couldn't go too smoothly. I got stuck running the projector for the first time ever and wouldn't you know it, the bulb burned out and had to be replaced. With lots of help, the show went on.

We've now had three meetings at Trinity United Methodist Church and I think we finally know where almost all the light switches are! Hopefully all of our members have been able to make it to at least one of the meetings. It's a really nice room but both the library and the church has their own pros and con's. Hopefully we'll decide on our new home soon.

With a heavy heart, we say good-bye to our Competition Secretary. Sharon has decided to move to Cullman. Sharon has been doing a great job finding judges for us and planning our end of the year party. I told Sharon she can't give up the party planning and she has to come back at the end of the year! Luckily we already had Joy helping out with the competitions and we drafted her into full time service. I'm sure we'll all help Joy out adjusting to more responsibilities.

And lastly, I'm still pushing the Survey request. Currently only about twenty surveys have been turned in. We have over one hundred members. I really hate to see such a small minority influence the direction of our group so strongly. If you didn't get an electronic copy of the survey, please contact me. Remember, just like in a wedding....speak now or forever hold your peace!

Rick Kress

## Photo Shootout (Continued from page 1)

Entries from 2008 Photo Shootout:



When you look at life "through the camera's eye", it helps you to appreciate the things you normally would have overlooked. It helps to slow you down and enjoy life for the moment.

- Scott Rhodes

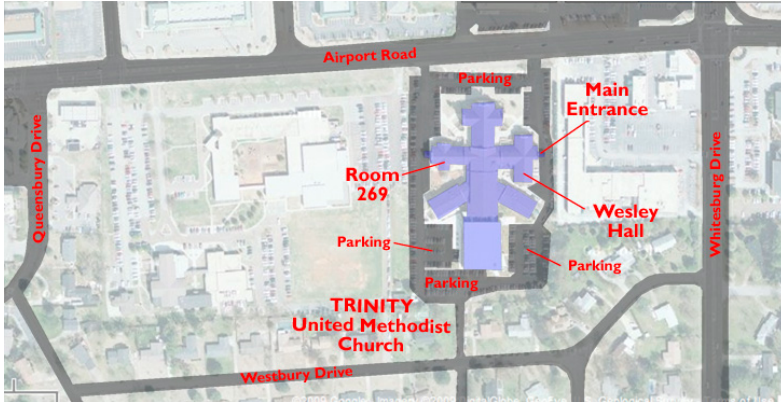
## New Members

Russ Jefferson  
Rahul Shinde

## Visitors

Joe Rivamonte

## Map For May 25 Meeting Location:



## Photo Open House Sparkman High School

Please make plans to attend our Spring Photo Show in the library and Photo Open House Night on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm. Over 500 works will be on display and will showcase work of all levels from beginning to advanced students. We'll have traditional black and white prints made from 35mm, medium and large format cameras as well as straight digital prints and images digitally manipulated with Adobe Photoshop. Also if you would like to learn something about the photographic process visit any one of the photo demonstration stations that evening. Students will be demonstrating how to make traditional black and white prints, use portrait studio lighting, manipulate images both traditionally (ie hand-tinting and toning) and digitally as well as help visitors take pictures with oatmeal container pinhole cameras – yes, it's cool. Hope to see you there!

Best Regards,  
Eric Mittman

Photography Department Chair

Meeting Dates
May 11 - Creative Crud - Barb Staggs
May 25 - Truly Southern Competition
Jun 8 - Elements and Principles of Design- Eric Mittman
Jun 22 - People At Work Competition
Jun 29 – Members Forum
Jul 13 – HDR and new techniques -Berry Jackson
Jul 27 - Bridges Competition
Aug 10 – Program TBD
Aug 24 - Open Competition
Aug 31 – Members Forum
Sep 14 - Program TBD
Sep 28 - Landscape Competition
Oct 12 - 3D Photography Program– Lee Pratt
Oct 26 - Creepy Bugs Competition
Nov 9 – Program TBD
Nov 23 - Lakeshore/Seashore Competition
Nov 30– Members Forum
Dec 14 - Best of Year
Jan 25, 2010 –Reflections Competition

## Judges Needed for Sparkman Photo Show

Eric Mittman needs 3-4 judges, May 13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Lunch will be provided. If interested, please contact Eric as soon as possible, at 256-837-0331 or e-mail [emittman@Madison.k12.al.us](mailto:emittman@Madison.k12.al.us).

## April Competition Results

Subject - Abstract

Judge- Marcia Hopper

	Color Prints	Digital
<b>1st</b>	Martha Teal	Alan Buwalda
<b>2nd</b>	Brenda Courtney	John Kirwin
<b>3rd</b>	Walt Schumacher	Barbara Montgomery
<b>HM</b>	Joy Henderson	Barbara Staggs
<b>HM</b>	Carol Blue	Mikala Buwalda
<b>HM</b>	Virginia Gilbert	Eddie Sewell
<b>HM</b>	Martha Teal	Anthony Prince
<b>HM</b>	Brenda Courtney	Bill Gates
	52 Entries	76 Entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
<b>1st</b>	Barbara Hitt	David Blue
<b>2nd</b>	Carol Blue	Walt Schumacher
<b>3rd</b>	Diana Davidson	Guy McAllister
<b>HM</b>	Emily Saile	Carol Blue
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Hitt	David Blue
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Hitt	
<b>HM</b>	Ernie High	
	40 Entries	17 Entries

## 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 the prize.

Name	Total	
	Points	Wins
Barbara Hitt	24	8
Martha Teal	19	7
Ernie High	17	6
Carol Blue	16	8
Sam Fara	16	4
Alan Buwalda	13	5
Bill Gates	12	4
Virginia Gilbert	12	4
Barbara Staggs	11	5
Henry Smith	10	6
Don Wolfe	9	2
David Blue	8	4
Emily Saile	8	6
Walt Schumacher	7	2
Doug Felton	6	2
Brenda Courtney	6	3
Carol Peshman	5	2
David Steele	5	1
Rick Werp	5	1
Joy Henderson	4	4
John Kirwin	4	1
Guy Mcallister	4	2
Shawn Brechbill	3	1
Diana Davidson	3	1
Dave Mcguiness	3	1
Barbara Montgomery	6	2
Mikala Buwalda	2	2
Jerry Green	2	2
Robert Schuffert	2	2
Sharon Tucker	2	2
Bill Courtney	1	1
Daniel Davis	1	1
Robert Fox	1	1
Sterling High	1	1
Heidi Meadows	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
Kristy Newton	1	1
Bobby Parish	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Eddie Sewell	1	1
Tammy Steele	1	1

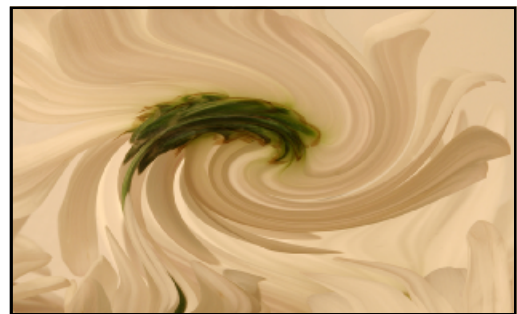


# First Place Winners

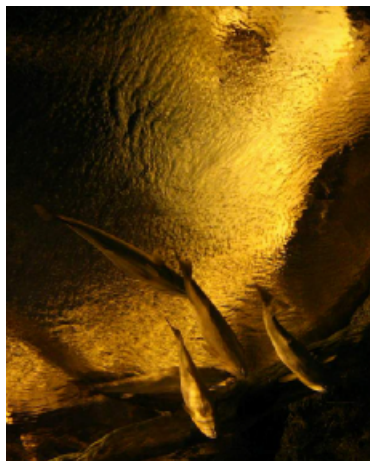
First Place Slide by David Blue



First Place B&W Print by Barbara Hitt



First Place Color Print by Martha Teal



First Place Digital by Alan Buwalda

## Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results:

[www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com)

Website for Novice Class is

[www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions](http://www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions)

**“Through The Lens of Adam Jones”  
Samford University Planetarium  
Birmingham, May 22, 7:00 p.m.**

Adam Jones is an internationally recognized photographer specializing in travel, nature, and wildlife who explores the world creating his distinctive images. Jones’s award-winning photography is widely published in magazines, posters, calendars, books, and in national advertising campaigns for clients such as Canon, Ford, Eddie Bauer, Miller Beer and Honda.

Adam Jones is recognized worldwide as an outstanding stock photographer with his photographs represented around the world by Getty Images, Corbis, Tony Stone, Visuals Unlimited, Photo Researchers, Oxford Scientific, and Danita Delimont Stock Photography. His work has sold for editorial and commercial uses in over 30 countries. Adam is noted for beautiful graphic nature images and clean distinctive travel images.

Adam’s publication credits also include: National Geographic Books, Time, Life Magazine, National Wildlife Federation, Audubon, Sierra Club, Disney, People Magazine, Hallmark Cards, and hundreds of textbooks. In 1995 the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Contest honored Adam by selecting one of his images from over 19, 000 entries, as the winner in the “In Praise of Plants” category.

Adam has published seven coffee-table books, with three released in 2004. These include his popular instructional book: The Step-by-Step Photography Workshop, which he also authored, The Great Smoky Mountains Natural Wonder National Park, and Great Smoky Mountains Simply Beautiful. Adam’s latest book published by Farcountry Press is entitled “Kentucky Simply Beautiful.”

In early 2006, Adam was selected to be one of Canon USA’s elite group of photographers, The Explorers of Light. Canon describes the Explorer of Light program as such: The Explorers of Light program is a group of 60 of the World’s best photographers united in their love and passion for photographic excellence. They share a common desire to contribute back to the industry with a willingness to share their vision and passion with others.

Adam is a popular and respected workshop instructor and lecturer. Adam teaches photography workshops around the world helping students reach their full potential in the exciting world of digital photography. He has taught for Canon, Popular Photography & Imaging, Maine Photographic Workshops, Rocky Mountain School of Photography, Great American Photography Workshops and Joe Van Os Photo Safaris. Adam is noted for his enthusiastic down to earth approach and his ability to communicate effectively with all skill levels.

**Reminder!** Membership dues must be current in order to receive Club e-mail notifications and/or hard copy newsletter. If you have paid and are not receiving information, please contact Dave McGuiness, HPS Treasurer, at 895-2940 or e-mail [d.mcguiness@mchsi.com](mailto:d.mcguiness@mchsi.com).

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10	11 HPS Program - Creative Crud	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Digital Pics Due	19	20	21	22 Adam Jones Program	23
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Phases of the moon - 9th: Full Moon 24th: New Moon

## Photo Opportunities

- ⇒ Mentone Rhododendron Festival, May 15-17.  
Free., Mentone Brow Park. For more info call  
256-634-9031 or 1-888-805-4740.
- ⇒ Flint River Competition Pow Wow, May 16-17,  
Cavern Cove near Cathedral Caverns, Sat 10  
a.m.-10 p.m. and Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cherokee  
Tribe NE AL Native American Gathering. Na-  
tive Crafts, Food Vendors, Demonstrations,  
Drumming & Dancing Competition.
- ⇒ Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Festival, May  
23-24, Point Mallard Park, Decatur. For more  
info, call 1-800-524-6181 or go to  
[www.decaturcvb.org](http://www.decaturcvb.org).

## Farewell to Sharon!

HPS Vice President of Competition, Sharon Tucker, announced at the April Competition meeting that she has decided to move to Cullman for family reasons. Sharon has been a fantastic VP of Competition and a member of the Board since 2007. Her enthusiasm will be missed. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

## HPS Member Speaking at NPS Meeting

The program for the Nature and Photo Society (NPS) Meeting for May 18 will be "A Photographer's View of the Southwest" presented by Barbara Staggs. The group meets at 7:00 in the back of the Myer's Office Building, 810 Regal Drive just north of Parkway Place Mall.

## Huntsville Photographic Society

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Huntsville AL 35801



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2008 Creative Crud entry, see story on cover page.

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

#### Meeting Information:

HPS usually meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison Library-Main Branch, 915 Monroe St. Due to unforeseen circumstances, see p. 3 for the most recent info.

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.**

