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## June Program - Scenic North Alabama & Scenic Tennessee



The June program will be presented by HPS member and Vice President of Activities, Robert Schuffert. He will give a presentation on his book, Scenic North Alabama, and soon to be published, Scenic Tennessee.

Born in Montgomery, Robert Schuffert has been a Huntsville resident for over 23 years. He began frequent photography excursions around North Alabama's countryside after his wife died in 1998, leading him to author Scenic North Alabama, a full-color photographic travel guide revealing many hidden scenic areas across the north half of our state. Scenic North Alabama has been a Best Seller at retail outlets across Alabama, which has prompted him to begin work on a similar book for Tennessee which may be completed by this July. With his desire to locate and photograph waterfalls, he has compiled a decorative map poster locating over 350 waterfalls in the Southern Appalachian Mountains and Cumberland Plateau extending through Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and North and South Carolina. He has already photographed almost 1/3 of these waterfalls.

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## June Meeting Locations

All June meetings will be held 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). In July, meetings will return to the Huntsville/Madison Library Main Branch, 915 E. Monroe St, for the remainder of the year.

June 8 - Program night.

June 22 - Competition Night. Subject: People at Work.

June 29- Fifth Monday, Open Forum night.

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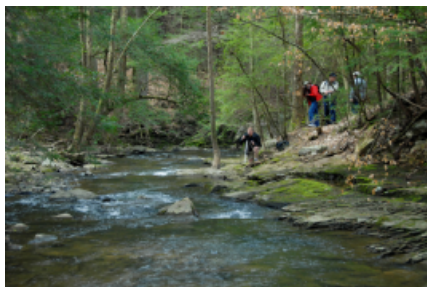
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Robert started Schuffert Studios Photography in 1999, and has recently expanded the business to include wedding photography, graphic design, photo restoration and cartography. He has been teaching photography classes for the last several years and is beginning to teach PhotoShop Elements classes as well. He has studied under several well-known landscape and portrait photographers, including Colorado's John Shaw and Huntsville's own late Arlon Moss, and attends photography seminars frequently. In 2002, Robert's "Golden Gate Blues" image of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco won Grand-Prize in the Decatur Daily newspaper's photography contest after winning First-Place in their Landscape category. In 2006, his "Foggy Cove" photograph imaged at Buck's Pocket State Park near Guntersville, won First-Place in the Black-and-White category at the Gadsden Museum of Art juried competition. He was also invited by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel to display several of his Alabama photographs in their "2006, The Year of Outdoor Alabama" photography exhibit which toured the state last year ([www.800alabama.com/yooa/](http://www.800alabama.com/yooa/)).

Robert is a Fellow of the Huntsville Photographic Society where he currently serves as VP of Activities, organizing photography field trips, usually to nearby waterfalls. Robert's website at [www.SchuffertStudios.com](http://www.SchuffertStudios.com) displays many of his landscape photographs, where he also posts monthly newsletters on recent field trips and information for upcoming classes.



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## Meeting Dates

Jun 8 - Scenic North Alabama & Tennessee  
– Robert Schuffert

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 - Photoshop – Larry Perry

Sep 28 - Landscape Competition

Oct 12 - Program TBD

Oct 26 - Creepy Bugs Competition

Nov 9 – 3D Photography Program– Lee Pratt

Nov 23 - Lakeshore/Seashore Competition

Nov 30– Members Forum

Dec 14 - Best of Year

Jan 25, 2010 –Reflections Competition



## From The President

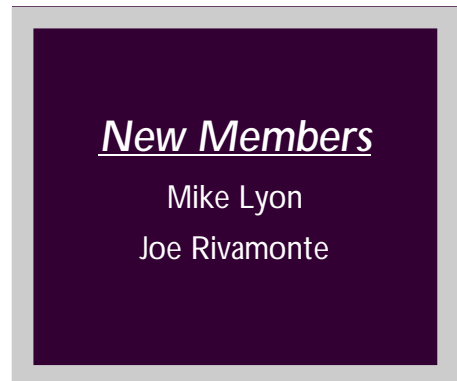
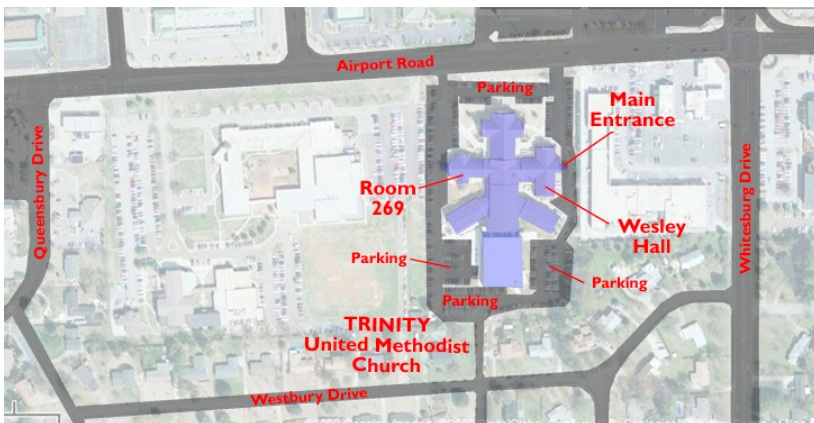
In April we had our second annual Creative Crud Contest where participants each received an item (crud) from the dollar store and submitted three images which included the item. We had a great turn out for the competition and lots of very imaginative photos with the items being used in ways never intended by their creators. Barbara Staggs organized this event and was able to obtain a judge from overseas. Paul Kolodziejski from Tel Aviv, Israel judged everything online.

Our competition topic was Truly Southern. Thanks to Bob Gathany of the Huntsville Times for judging the contest. Bob gave lots of feedback on the images while he was judging them and more feedback on the winners at the end. Bob also gave us lots of information on the criteria he was using to judge the contest and specifically which items they had in New York, his home state, and which items were Truly Southern! Just for the record, New York does have mules, old cars in yards and dilapidated houses.

The big news this month is the permanent meeting location for HPS. I talked with the library and they have reserved the auditorium for us for the second half of the year. The board had a long (very long!) discussion of all the pros and cons of staying with the library or moving our meetings to Trinity United Methodist Church. In the end, the board was split down the middle so I was left with the deciding vote. I talked to several long time members and the overall feeling was either location would be fine. I finally decided on the library for basically 3 reasons: (1) Our long history with them (2) To keep the sense of community for the club and (3) If we leave the library, I'm pretty sure some other organization will take our slot and we could never get back into the library again. If anyone has any comments about this, my email is always open. But rest assured, if the library pulls the rug out on us again, we'll be running to Trinity! One note, the library is not available in June so all three June meetings will be at Trinity. The rest of the meetings after June will be at the library.

I've been working on summarizing the 2009 surveys. Thus far, we've received 33 results. If you want your voice to be heard, please get your completed survey forms back to me ASAP. That's all for me. Enjoy the start of your summer!

Rick Kress



**May Competition Results**  
**Subject - Truly Southern**  
**Judge- Bob Gathany**

|            | <b>Color Prints</b> | <b>Digital</b> |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Henry Smith         | Joy Henderson  |
| <b>2nd</b> | Rick Kress          | Barb Staggs    |
| <b>3rd</b> | Martha Teal         | Joy Henderson  |
| <b>HM</b>  | David Blue          | Ernie High     |
| <b>HM</b>  | Diana Davidson      | Barb Staggs    |
| <b>HM</b>  | Barbara Hitt        | Doug Felton    |
| <b>HM</b>  | Barbara Hitt        | Sam Fara       |
| <b>HM</b>  | Henry Smith         | Doug Felton    |
|            | 45 Entries          | 54 Entries     |

|            | <b>B/W Prints</b> | <b>Slides</b>  |
|------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Barbara Hitt      | Sam Fara       |
| <b>2nd</b> | Barbara Hitt      | Bill Gates     |
| <b>3rd</b> | Rick Kress        | Barbara Staggs |
| <b>HM</b>  | Diana Davidson    | Guy McAllister |
| <b>HM</b>  | Ernie High        | David Blue     |
| <b>HM</b>  | Martha Teal       |                |
|            | 26 Entries        | 20 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 x 18", 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.

| <b>Name</b>        | <b>Total</b>      |                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                    | <b>YTD Points</b> | <b>YTD Wins</b> |
| Barbara Hitt       | 35                | 12              |
| Martha Teal        | 23                | 9               |
| Sam Fara           | 22                | 6               |
| Barbara Staggs     | 19                | 8               |
| Ernie High         | 19                | 8               |
| Carol Blue         | 16                | 8               |
| Bill Gates         | 16                | 5               |
| Henry Smith        | 16                | 8               |
| Alan Buwalda       | 13                | 5               |
| Virginia Gilbert   | 12                | 4               |
| Joy Henderson      | 12                | 6               |
| David Blue         | 10                | 6               |
| Don Wolfe          | 9                 | 2               |
| Doug Felton        | 8                 | 4               |
| Emily Saile        | 8                 | 6               |
| Rick Kress         | 7                 | 2               |
| Walt Schumacher    | 7                 | 2               |
| Brenda Courtney    | 6                 | 3               |
| Barbara Montgomery | 6                 | 2               |
| Diana Davidson     | 5                 | 3               |
| Guy Mcallister     | 5                 | 3               |
| Carol Peshman      | 5                 | 2               |
| David Steele       | 5                 | 1               |
| Rick Werp          | 5                 | 1               |
| John Kirwin        | 4                 | 1               |
| Shawn Brechbill    | 3                 | 1               |
| Dave Mcguiness     | 3                 | 1               |
| Mikala Buwalda     | 2                 | 2               |
| Jerry Green        | 2                 | 2               |
| Sterling High      | 2                 | 2               |
| Robert Schuffert   | 2                 | 2               |
| Sharon Tucker      | 2                 | 2               |
| Bill Courtny       | 1                 | 1               |
| Daniel Davis       | 1                 | 1               |
| Robert Fox         | 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               |

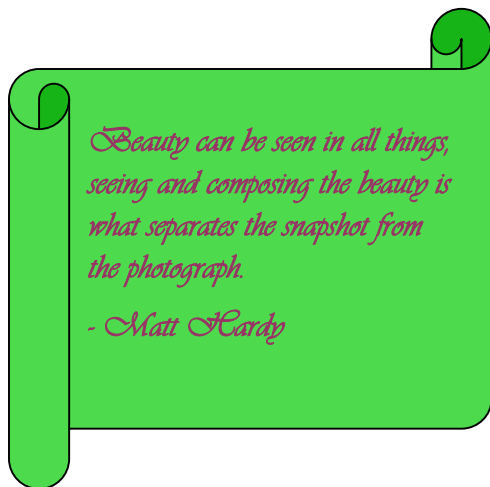
# First Place Winners

First Place Color Print by  
Henry Smith



First Place B&W Print by  
Barbara Hitt

First Place Digital by Joy  
Henderson



## 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)

## Refuge Association Launches 4th Annual Refuge Photo Contest

NWRA has launched its 4th annual digital photo contest showcasing America's national wildlife refuges. Entries for the 2009 Refuge Photo Contest can be submitted until July 15, 2009 with results to be announced in October 2009 during Refuge Week. Image submissions can be of birds, mammals, insects, fish, other animals, plants, people, or simply shots of refuge scenery – but must be taken on a national wildlife refuge.

This year, ATP Oil and Gas, Inc. has generously donated the \$5,000 first place cash prize. Other prizes include two round trip tickets courtesy of Southwest Airlines, and offerings from Barbara's Bakery, Wild Bird Centers of America and Houghton Mifflin.

In addition, the winners' images will be highlighted on NWRA's website and future publications. At least 200 images will be selected for inclusion in the NWRA Refuge Image Library and every photographer submitting an entry will receive a complimentary one-year membership in the National Wildlife Refuge Association. For more information go to <http://www.refugeassociation.org/contest/ContestHome.html>

### For Sale

4 - Alien Bees B800 flash units. All include flash & standard flashtube, modeling bulb, 7" reflector, 15' AC power cord, 15' PC sync cord, and protective shipping cover. (2) Black, (1) Green, (1) Yellow. All in excellent condition. \$240/each – local, cash sale only. Flash information at <http://www.alienbees.com/b800.html>

Contact Joe Boyd, [boydjw@hiwaay.net](mailto:boydjw@hiwaay.net)

### Photo Opportunity

The Tennessee Valley Scottish Society will gather on Saturday, June 20 at Goose Pond Colony, Scottsboro, AL. The festival opens at 9:00 a.m., \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Activities include athletic competitions, Border Collie performances, dance competitions, and music. For more information call (256)883-1274, e-mail [cfar@knology.net](mailto:cfar@knology.net), or visit the website at [www.tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org](http://www.tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org).

Website for 2009 Creative Crud entries and winners:  
<http://hpsphotos.smugmug.com/Events>

# JUNE 2009

| Sun | Mon  | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                          |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|
|     | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6                            |
| 7   | 8<br>●<br>HPS Program –<br>Scenic AL & TN            | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13                           |
| 14  | 15<br>Digital Pics Due<br>NPS Meeting                | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br>Scottish Festival      |
| 21  | 22<br>●<br>Competition<br>Subject: People At<br>Work | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline |
| 28  | 29<br>Open Forum                                     | 30  |     |     |     |                              |

Phases of the moon - 7th: Full Moon 22nd: New Moon

## Member News

Sam Tumminello's gelatin silver print "American Barn" was accepted into The Huntsville Arts Council's "Year of Alabama History Show", an exhibition of art at the "art@TAC" Gallery. The gallery is located in the north and east foyers, adjacent to the Concert Hall of the Von Braun Center. The show continues through June 2009.

The gallery is a Huntsville Arts Council project in partnership with the VBC and with help provided by a grant from the Jane K. Lowe Charitable Foundation.

Barbara Hitt has an exhibition of her outstanding pictures at the "art@TAC" Gallery. She is the first member to take advantage of the new HPS exhibition opportunity sponsored by the Huntsville Arts Council.

The gallery is located in the east foyer adjacent to the Concert Hall of the Von Braun Center, 700 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama.

The exhibition is a Huntsville Art Council project in partnership with the VBC with help provided by a grant from the Jane K. Lowe Charitable Foundation.

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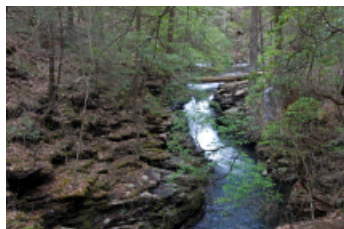


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Website for Digital Competition results: [www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com)

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. 1 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.**

