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Program- End Of Year Awards Dinner

The annual End-of-Year Dinner will be held on Monday, December 14, at 6:00 PM at the downtown library. The dinner will be catered by Olive Garden, and desserts will be provided by our sponsor, Costco. Dinner will be at 6:00, followed by the Annual Awards meeting at 7:00 PM. All photos that have won 1st , 2nd , or 3rd Place, or Honorable Mention at any of the monthly competitions of 2009 will be displayed at the meeting. The photos will already have been judged and awards will be presented for Color Prints, Black & White Prints, Digital, and Slide entries. An award plaque will be given for Best Color Print of the Year, Best Black & White Print of the Year, Best Digital Photo of the Year, and Best Slide of the Year. Certificates will be presented in each category for 2nd Place, 3rd Place, and a number of Honorable Mentions. Additionally, the President's Award will be presented to the member who has accumulated the greatest total number of points for 2009.
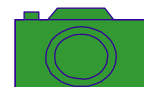
January Program

Photo Potpourri II coming in January! The first HPS meeting of 2010 will be a repeat of last year's popular "Photo Potpourri" and will offer an opportunity for all level of photographers to contribute their work. More advanced members are encouraged to bring some of their best work or photos taken and/or processed in an unusual or interesting way to share with members. Novices may bring photographs that they wish to have critiqued, and ask how or if the photos could be improved for competition. All photos must be submitted digitally, following the same submission guidelines as for the monthly competitions. January 11, 2010, will be here before we know it, so please be thinking about what photographs you would like to submit for the program. You may submit up to 5 photographs, and the deadline for submittals is January 8.

Special points of interest:

- Photo Potpourri coming in January.
- New VP of Activities, p. 3.
- Give back to the community through Help-Portrait, p. 3.
- Discounted membership dues until Dec 31, p.6.

From the President

In November, we had an outstanding (pun intended) 3-D show by our own Lee Pratt and Andrea Shetley. No matter how many times I see stereo images, it still impresses me. It's really cool to see how a great photograph can come alive even more when done in stereo. Thanks Lee and Andrea.

Our competition in November was Seashores/Lakeshores and our judge was Dennis Keim. Dennis flew through the images at lightning speed.....which was good because it gave him lots of times to critique the entries. Dennis had lots of good suggestions for both the winners and the non-winners. Thank you Dennis.

Hopefully everyone can make it to our end of the year banquet, Dec 14th. Dinner starts at 6:00 and the awards will start at 7:00. Enjoy this holiday season and keep those cameras handy to capture memories for lifetime.

Rick Kress

> Photography is not about cameras, gadgets and gismos. Photography is about photographers. A camera didn't make a great picture any more than a typewriter wrote a great novel.
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> *- Peter Adams*

Competition Topics For 2010

Jan	Reflections
Feb	Open
Mar	Surrealism
April	Wildlife
May	Stairs
June	Shadows
July	Humor
Aug	Nature in Motion
Sept	Open
Oct	Abandoned & Discarded
Nov	Faces
Dec	Awards Banquet
Jan 2011	Minimalism

Favorite Kodachromes *by Joe Boyd*

As part of the presentation of the Kodachrome Shootout on February 8, 2010, we're going to show some of your favorite Kodachromes. On February 8, bring up to 5 of your favorite Kodachrome slides and we'll include them in a slide show. You don't have to be a member to participate

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit articles for the January newsletter by Sunday, December 27. Send information to hpseditor@bellsouth.net.

Help-Portrait Community Effort

Join with other photographers to use your skills and give back to your community. On December 12th, photographers around the world will be finding people in need and taking their picture. When the prints are ready, they get delivered. That's It. 4 Easy steps: 1) Find someone in need (suggestions are on the website), 2) Take their portrait, 3) Print the portrait, 4) Deliver. The Help-Portrait online community was established for photographers to connect with one another, plan their event, download important documents, and obtain useful tips. To see a video further explaining this project, go to http://help-portrait.com/#/about. Diana Davidson, HPS member, has signed up. If you are interested, contact Diana at lyn@davidson.net, or call (256)564-7570.

Cory Workshops for 2010

⇒ Nature and Wildflower Photography, Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Sat, April 10, 9 a.m-12:30 p.m.

⇒ Smoky Mountains, Townsend, TN. April 14-18.

⇒ Iceland Photo Tour in conjunction with Strabo Tours, July 1-13.

⇒ Morocco Photo Tour, in conjunction with Strabo Tours, September 13-27.

For more info on any of these workshops go to www.tomandpatcory.com.

Photography Workshop Presented by Dury's, Nashville, TN

Canon EOS Discovery Day, Saturday, December 12, 2009. Two sessions: Basic is 9:00-12:00 and Intermediate is 1:00– 4:00. Individually they are $14.99, or attend both for $24.99. Basic course includes learning how to operate and use features of your EOS camera, learn to expand your creative options using different camera features to evolve your pictures from snapshots to photographs. See examples of how lenses and Speedlite flashes can be used to add impact to your pictures.

The Intermediate workshop is for more experienced SLR users and will explain the more sophisticated features of the EOS camera, covering the histogram, details about lighting and exposure control, learn creative techniques in composition and flash with EOS Speedlites, and selecting and using the right accessories for your photography.

For more info, call 1-800-824-2379, or go to www.durys.com.

New VP of Activities

Andrea Shetley, former HPS President, will be replacing Robert Schuffert as VP of Activities starting in January.

November Competition Results
Subject - Lakeshore/Seashore
Judge– Dennis Keim

	Color Prints	Digital
1st	Diana Davidson	Diana Davidson
2nd	Henry Smith	Barbara Hitt
3rd	Sara Curtis	Diana Davidson
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Henry Smith
HM	Barbara Staggs	Henry Smith
HM	Cliff Whitmore	Cliff Whitmore
HM	Rick Werp	Barbara Hitt
HM	Heidi Meadows	
	61 Entries	42 Entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
1st	Ernie High	Lee Pratt
2nd	Cliff Whitmore	Tom Bryant
3rd	Ernie High	Barbara Hitt
HM	Ernie High	Barbara Staggs
HM	Mike Lyon	Lee Pratt
HM	Cliff Whitmore	Lee Pratt
HM		Douglas Channer
	34 Entries	37 Entries

	Final Total for 2009	
Name	YTD Points	YTD Wins
Barbara Hitt	90	27
Barbara Staggs	42	18
Ernie High	37	14
Henry Smith	37	18
Diana Davidson	34	13
Martha Teal	33	16
David Blue	28	12
Sam Fara	27	9
Barbara Montgomery	25	11
Joy Henderson	21	10
Andrea Shetley	20	5
Guy Mcallister	19	8
Geri Reddy	18	7
Carol Blue	16	8
Bill Gates	16	5

	Final Total for 2009	
Name	YTD Points	YTD Wins
Alan Buwalda	15	7
Rick Kress	15	5
Jerry Green	14	8
John Kirwin	14	5
David Steele	14	3
Tom Bryant	12	5
Virginia Gilbert	12	4
Lee Pratt	12	6
Brenda Courtney	11	4
Don Wolfe	11	4
Doug Felton	9	5
Emily Saile	9	7
Walt Schumacher	7	2
Cliff Whitmore	7	4
Robert Fox	6	3
Carol Peshman	6	3
Rick Werp	6	2
Douglas Channer	5	2
Mike Lyon	5	5
Mikala Buwalda	4	4
Alan Montgomery	4	2
Bill Courtney	3	3
Dave Mcguiness	3	1
Heidi Meadows	3	3
Pat Gardner	2	2
Sterling High	2	2
Robert Schuffert	2	2
Eddie Sewell	2	2
Sharon Tucker	2	2
Daniel Davis	1	1
Daniel Little	1	1
Bobby Parish	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Janet Schumacher	1	1
Tammy Steele	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1

First Place Winners

Color Print by Diana Davidson

Digital by Diana Davidson

Black & White
Print by Ernie High

Slide by Lee Pratt

Costco Sponsorship

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

Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results:
www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com

Website for Novice Class is
www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions

THE PRINTING COST – of Consumables *by Walt Schumacher*

As I like to say, buying a printer is just making a deposit; your payments come when you buy the ink. Each of the printer manufacturers quote the number of prints per cartridge, but each has their own definition of a "standard" page.

But there is a standard now… it is called the ISO 24711: 2007 (for inkjet printers), ISO 19798 (for color laser printers), and ISO 19752 for Mono Lasers.

NOTE: these are pages with a mix of black text and color graphics; not photographs. That standard is expected to be released soon.

The actual pages resemble "office graphics", and look like this:

Print patterns used during testing

Your yield may vary considerably based on images printed, print settings, paper type, frequency of use, humidity and temperature. Not to mention the color of the photograph, and the cleaning cycle of the printer. So you really can't predict the number of prints YOU will get, from the number quoted, but you can compare the economy of one printer vs. another, when you look at the "specs".

There are some ways to lower your costs. Most inkjets now use individual ink tanks, rather then cartridges with multiple colors. It's estimated that Multi-color tanks use 60% of the ink, compared to individual tank systems, which use 82% of the ink. Some more generalities have come to light: Color prints cost 3x B&W… Lowest cost is with a B&W Laser, then a Color Inkjet, then a Color Laser. Capacity of the cartridge will affect the cost too, and bigger is better… so look for printers with optional "high capacity" cartridges.

New Members

Richard Modlin

Marian Lewis

Roger Urlwin

Reminder! Discounted Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues are $18 instead of $20 if paid before January 1st. There is one club meeting remaining for 2009, or mail payment to HPS address on the first page of the newsletter. Contact Dave McGuinness, HPS Treasurer, if you have questions, d.mcguiness@mchsi.com.

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Phases of the moon - 2nd: Full Moon 16th: New Moon

Former HPS Member Passes Away

Mr. Lewis E. Garrett age 79, a native of Guntersville, AL, and a resident of Fairhope, AL, died Saturday, October 10, 2009.

Lewis was a former HPS president, adventurer, and longtime friend of HPS. HPS sends it's condolences to his dear wife Helen and his family. Gene was an avid photographer and after his retirement from UA Huntsville, traveled and photographed extensively. He gave HPS several of his travelogue slide shows and organized HPS model shoots and photographic exhibitions on the UA Huntsville campus. Several year ago they relocated to Fairhope, Alabama near Mobile.

About twenty years ago, he led one of the more memorable HPS field trips. Leading an entourage of HPS members in their cars, while he rode his favorite motorcycle. We'd stop at various points of interest, he'd point out, to photograph along the Natchez Trace in northwest Alabama.

Several years ago Gene rode his motorcycle from Huntsville to Texas and then into Mexico chronicling his trip in a journal. Always thoughtful in his preparations, before this trip he would practice his Spanish by conversing with the waiters of his favorite local Mexican restaurant.

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