



In Focus

January Program– Photo Potpourri

The January 11th program will be a repeat of last year's popular "Photo Potpourri". Many people commented on how much they enjoyed this program and asked that it be repeated in 2010. As last year, this program will offer opportunities for all level of photographers to contribute their work. Novices are encouraged to bring some of their photos for discussion and ask any questions that they have about the photographs - how and if it could be, or should be, improved for competition. Club members can offer advice on composition, cropping, lighting, etc. I have found this type of feedback very valuable in helping me learn how to submit photos for competition that I hope will stand out from the rest and catch the judge's attention.

bring some of their best, their most interesting, or whatever photos they wish to share with the club members. They can tell how and where they took the photo, if any particular technique or gear was used, either in taking the shot, or photo editing it with software.

For those of us who fall somewhere between novice and master, please feel free to submit any photos that you wish to discuss or offer for group discussion and feedback.

The guidelines and details of submission are:

- You may submit up to 6 photographs.

Masters and advanced photographers are asked to

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Best Of Year Program by Joy Henderson

Thanks to Barbara Hitt for a wonderful job with the Best of Year Banquet!! Her hard work paid off in a very enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to all who received recognition and/or awards at the Best of Year Awards Banquet. The pictures that were in the best of year competition were chosen from 1,957 photos (the total number of entries for the year 2009) The breakdown is 619 Color Prints, 299 Black & White

Prints, 276 Slides, and 763 Digital entries. It is a special honor to have a picture included in Best of Year and an even greater honor to have a winning picture.

Please see p. 4 & 5 for list of 2009 honors and awards, and Best Of Year images.

Best of luck to all in the 2010 competitions.

From the President



Happy New Year.

Our end of the year banquet came off with very few hitches. Thanks mostly to some great planning by our own Barbara Hitt and our competition VPs. Barbara and friends took care of the actual banquet details and Joy Henderson, Diana Davidson and Carol Peshman arranged for the end of the year judging. Our judges were Bernd Billmeyer, Jennifer Tarkington and Eric Mittman. Sharon Tucker came back and gave us a hand with decorations. I appreciate all of their

hard work. It made for a very enjoyable evening.

I'm looking forward to the up coming year. Currently the board does not have any major plans for change but we are always looking for ways to improve the organization. So, if you have any suggestions for things that need changing or ideas for ways to make the society better, please talk to me or one of the other board members. I hope this new year is filled with peace and prosperity for all of you.

Rick Kress

Calendar of Events

Jan 9-16 – Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge, TN.

Jan 11 – Program Meeting, 7.p.m., Huntsville Library

Jan 15 - New Moon

Jan 18 – Nature and Travel Photo Society Meeting, 7 p. m.

Jan 25 – Competition Meeting, "Reflections", 7 p.m., Library

Jan 27 – Photo Class with Robert Schuffert, 6:30 p.m.

Jan 30 - Full Moon

Feb 8 – Kodachrome Shootout Program

Member News! David Blue has the April photo in the WAFF Images of the Valley 2010 calendar. The image is three butterflies."



DIY Diffuser For Hot –Shoe Flash

For those interested in diffusing light and correcting shadows go to <http://super.nova.org/DPR/DIY01/>. The article discusses the importance of the light source and it's distance to the object being photographed. Both elements play an important role in softening shadows and creating the intended mood of an image.

The author discusses the pros and cons of bouncing light off of ceilings,

and the preferred method of bouncing the light off a surface attached to a hot shoe mounted flash unit. Directions on how to create the diffuser, including templates with dimensions and where to obtain materials, are provided.

For more info contact the author, Chuck Gardner at cgardner@nova.org.

Annual PSA International Conference

The Photographic Society of America will hold it's 72nd annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina, October 3-9, 2010. Photo tours will run Sunday through Tuesday. Presentations, workshops, and meetings will be held Wednesday through Saturday, with over 50 presenters. Past presenters include Art Wolfe, George Lepp, and John and Barbara Gerlach. There will

be an International Print Exhibition Wednesday through Friday.

The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Airport/Hotel & Convention Center in North Charleston, SC. More info will be provided in future newsletters. HPS PSA representative is Lee Pratt, leepratt@knology.net.



Correction to Final Points for 2009

The following information was incorrectly left out of the Final Total's for 2009 in the Dec 09 newsletter: Sarah Curtis received 1 Win and 3 points. We are sorry for the confusion. Carol & David Blue, 2009 Points Keepers.

Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. HPS appreciates your efforts in providing prints to the winners throughout the year and providing dessert at the Best Of Year Dinner.

2009 LIST OF HONORS

Masters of Photography

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| Bryan Bacon | David Blue |
| Dudley Campbell | Jim Eiford |
| Sam Fara | Garth Fraser |
| Pat Gardner | William R. Gates |
| Virginia Gilbert | Carol Hipps |
| Barry Jackson | Brenda Kinnane |
| Harry Kinnane | Virgil Lipscomb |
| Pamelia Nelson | Muril Robertson |
| Emily Saile | Alma Sanders |
| Walt Schumacher | Barbara Staggs |
| Joe Starkey | Martha Teal |
| Sam Tumminello | Elsabe Webster |

NEW Masters for 2009

Barbara Hitt

Gold Star Fellows

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| Don Bennett | Joe Boyd |
| Doug Felton | Bob Gathany |
| Gene George | Guy McAllister |
| Bill Reynolds | Lisa Stuart |

NEW Gold Star Fellows for 2009

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| Diana Davidson | Rick Kress |
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Silver Star Fellows

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| Carol Blue | Gene Garrett |
| Daniel Little | Sheila Mangus |

NEW Silver Star Fellows for 2009

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| Diana Davidson | Henry Smith |
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Bronze Star Fellows

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| Judy Fleming | Diehl Martin |
| Monica Martin | Robert Schuffert |
| Janet Schumacher | |

NEW Bronze Star Fellows for 2009

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| Jerry Green | Joy Henderson |
| Henry Smith | |

Fellows of HPS

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| Cindy Baier | Trey Deloach |
| Sara Evans | Sam Jacobs |
| Donald Kyle | Geri Reddy |
| Ron Romej | Bill Self |
| Norman Shapiro | Lowell Skidmore |
| Wesley Swift | Jiancho Zhu |

NEW Fellows of HPS for 2009

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| Tom Bryant | Barbara Montgomery |
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BEST OF 2009 AWARDS

| | <u>B&W Prints</u> | <u>Color Prints</u> | <u>Slides</u> | <u>Digital</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Best Of 2009 | Barbara Hitt | Henry Smith | Andrea Shetley | Diana Davidson |
| 2nd Place | Barbara Hitt | Joy Henderson | Barbara Staggs | Sam Fara |
| 3rd Place | Diana Davidson | Don Wolfe | Joy Henderson | Barbara Staggs |
| HM | Diana Davidson | Heidi Meadows | Lee Pratt | Diana Davidson |
| HM | Ernie High | Martha Teal | David Blue | Jerry Green |
| HM | Ernie High | Barbara Montgomery | Walt Schumacher | Barbara Staggs |
| HM | Barbara Hitt | Barbara Montgomery | Jerry Green | John Kirwin |
| HM | Barbara Hitt | Barbara Hitt | | Barbara Montgomery |

Best Of Year



Slide by Andrea Shetley



Color Print by Henry Smith



Digital by Diana Davidson

Judges-

Digital judge was Eric Mittman.
Prints and slide judges were Bernd Billmeyer
and Jennifer Tarkington.

2009 President's Award
(80 Points):
Barbara Hitt



B&W Print by Barbara Hitt



Jan Program *(continued from p. 1)*



Barb Hitt, VP of Programs

- **Deadline is Friday, January 8**
- Submit digitally to HPSContest@knology.net, but make the subject line **Potpourri** instead of HPS Contest
- File name format is FullName-01.jpg, FullName-02.jpg, ...
- If you cannot submit your photos via email, you may bring them on a CD or flash drive (and we will hope to be able

to show them)

I know this is a very busy time of year for all of us, but please try to remember to submit your photos for this program. I look forward to seeing you and your photos in 2010.

Please call me at 881-2531, or email me at bghitt1@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Nature and Travel Photo Society: Swiss Alps



Barbara and Willie Staggs will present a photo show "Peaks and Valleys: High in the Swiss Alps to Barging on French Canals" at the Nature and Travel Photo Society on Monday January 18th at 7:00 in the Meyers Building on Regal Drive. Experience spectacular Swiss scenery viewing glacier covered slopes of the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau. Journey by barge through the canals of the French

Alsace-Lorraine region. Take the wine road along the Vosge Mountains. Ride the amazing inclined plane which lifts barges and boats up the mountain. float through quiet, pastoral scenes, squeeze through seemingly impossibly narrow locks, and anchor in small, picturesque villages.

Further information at www.staggwh@hiwaay.net

Photography Class



Robert Schuffert, HPS member, is conducting a photography class on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Enrollment fee is \$25.00. Visit www.SchuffertStudios.com for additional information.

Kodachrome

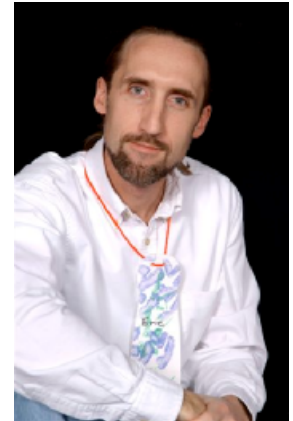
As part of the presentation of the Kodachrome Shootout on February 8, 2010, we're going to show some of your favorite Kodachromes. On February 8, bring up to 5 of your favorite Kodachrome slides and we'll include them in a slide show. You don't have to be a member to participate.



Black & White Photography Class Offered Through HAL

Learn traditional photography techniques from Eric Mittman, the Photography Program Director at Sparkman High School. Class will be held at Sparkman and the field trip will be of downtown Huntsville . You will learn how to process 35 mm black and white film and make your own prints. Class will cover basic 35 mm SLR camera operation, compositional techniques, and film proc-

essing and printing. Cost includes printing paper, film and processing chemicals. A 35 MM camera can be provided for those who do not own one. Class size is limited to 10 students. Contact Eric for directions @ 256-975-0191. Each class is 3 sessions, each session is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. First class is Jan 16, 23, & 24. For full class schedule and pricing, go to www.huntsvilleartleague.org/classes.html



Eric Mittman

20th Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week

The 20th annual Wilderness Wildlife Week will be held at Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN, Jan 9-16. Visitors will enjoy more than 100 experts sharing their knowledge of the outdoors in more than 175 seminars, lectures and hands-on workshops. Get up close to nature with your choice of more than 50 guided walks and hikes. Seminars include The Art of Photography, Nature Photography Workshop, and Introduction to Macro & Close-Up Photography (presented by HPS member Andrea Shetley). There will also be classes on hiking the Smokies, the Alps, and Switzerland. There are a variety of hikes and field trips throughout the week for those who are looking for a little exercise. For more info go to www.mypidgeonforge.com.

2010 Competition Subjects

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| 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 |

"Try any approach, any subject. Look for what you feel will break your circle of comfort. That is the only way to find new ideas and you will develop your senses for seeing beyond the ordinary. "

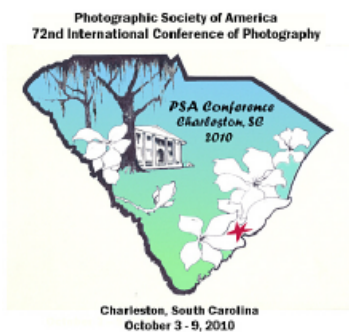
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HPS website:
huntsvillephotographicsociety.org



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See p. 3 for more info on the PSA conference.

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

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.

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.

