



# In Focus

## July Program- Now & Then: Your prints may look good now, but what about THEN?



Join us on Monday July 12 for a presentation by Joe Fikes who will discuss the factors that influence the longevity of photographic prints. We all know that some prints fade and suffer color shift over time. But how bad is the problem? What causes it? What can you do

about it to help your prints last a few years without visible degradation? Or a few hundred years? We'll explore this topic together.

Joe has been seriously interested in photography since the late 1960's. He started out with 35mm rangefinder and SLR cameras (Canon IIF and F1) and used those until 1978 when he became enchanted with large format. He started out with a

wooden Tachihara 4x5 camera and later picked up a nice Linhof Technika IV (also 4x5). He loved and used those cameras, almost exclusively, for about 25 years.

But then, something amazing happened. His grandson was born. Landscapes are tough enough with 4x5. Kids are impossible. He realized that if they were going to get good pictures of the young prince he was going to have to take them himself. So he tried going back to 35mm film, but had no success at all. His eyes had gotten presbyopic and could no longer focus as accurately as he needed to. So, trying as hard as he could to hide his shame and disgrace, he bought a Canon 10D and the 50mm f/1.4 lens. Dang newfangled electronic focusing

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## Photography Exhibit of Lewis Eugene Garrett

The Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship is pleased to present an exhibition of the photographs of the late Lewis Eugene Garrett (1929-2009) whose wife Helen is a member. The opening reception will be held at the Fellowship, 1150 Fairhope Avenue, on Saturday, July 10 from 3-5 PM. There will be live music by Dr. Jazz, Jeanine Norman, and refreshments catered by Joyce Burkhart. The public is invited to attend.

Gene Garrett, a native of Gunters-

ville, Alabama, grew up during the depression and was greatly influenced by the sound stage lighting of the movies. He recalls watching his father paint landscapes and selling them from door to door to support his family. He left school in the 10th grade, worked as a painter, paper-hanger and roofer, owned an International Harvester dealership in Baldwin County in the 50s and later began a career in real estate. He eventually worked and retired as Bursar

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## From The President

Hopefully everyone has recovered from our wild presentation by HPS members Joy Henderson, Barbara Hitt and Diana Davidson. They presented some great travel photos and lots of good travel tips. I particularly liked the different views between Ms. Take-everything-but-the-kitchen-sink Davidson and Ms. Minimalist-I-only-need-a-box-with-a-pin-hole Hitt. Thanks ladies. Next time, lets try to keep the presentation PG rated.

June's competition meeting was quite interesting between the emergency laptop replacements (thanks Diana!) and the spring loaded slide projector. Luckily our judge, Ms. Geneva Price, didn't seem to be too rattled. She judged at lightning speed but still had time to

give lots of constructive comments on images she selected and images she didn't select.

Thanks Ms. Price.

Here are a few items from our June board meeting. The board has decided to postpone our involvement in the Arts Council's Art Stroll around the square. We felt like there wasn't enough time to get the details needed and have the participation that we'd like to have. We'll pursue this next year. The board has also decided to support Barry Jackson's Art Extravaganza in Lawrenceburg, TN. The date for this is Nov. 4th and 5th. More details will be forthcoming. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4th.

Rick Kress

## Calendar of Events

Jul 11 - New Moon

Jul 12 – Program Meeting, 7.p.m., Huntsville Library

Jul 14 – Photo Class with Robert Schuffert, 6:30 p.m.

Jul 19 – Nature and Travel Photo Society Meeting, 7 p. m.

Jul 24– Worldwide Photowalk with Diana Davidson, Mooresville

Jul 25 - Full Moon

Jul 29 – Competition Meeting, "Humor", 7 p.m., Library

*There is only one reason I have stayed a photographer so many years. Photography is always challenging.*

*- Mary Ellen Mark*

## July Program *(Continued from p. 1)*

camera! Automatic everything! He was completely crestfallen until he realized how well it performed. The thing took good pictures! Within a few minutes he realized how much better pictures he was getting with that camera than he ever did with film. And how much more control it afforded. And ... he could go on and on. So he emptied his freezer of all the Velvia and

Provia that he had been saving for a special occasion and hasn't shot a single frame of film since! Currently, he is using a Canon 5D Mark II with a 40D for backup.

Mr. Fikes has been asked to exhibit some of his photographs at the Huntsville – Madison County Public Library during July and August. He loves to hear and tell sto-

ries, and each one of his images has a story that goes along with it. To the extent that time permits, he'll show the images and tell the story – sordid or otherwise. That way, when you have the time to look at the prints on display, you'll have an inside scoop on what was going on "behind the scene".

## Garrett Exhibition *(Continued from p. 1)*

at the University of Alabama Huntsville. At age 44 he had decided to return to school and complete his education, majoring in Slavic studies and economics at UAH. He graduated with high honors despite working 40 hours a week while attending classes.

His Slavic studies and photography made the perfect combination when Garrett visited the USSR after graduation in 1978, one year after he bought a used camera. He consequently installed a darkroom in his home and began entering photography shows and exhibits. Consummate travelers, Gene and his wife Helen traveled to Holland, Alaska, Portugal, Spain, Sicily, Italy, Nova Scotia, the West Indies islands of Saba and St. Kitts, and several times to Oaxaca and surrounding areas in Mexico.

*Garrett was a past president of the*

*Huntsville Photographic Society.* He taught photography classes for several years at the Academy for Lifelong Learning at the University of Alabama Huntsville and exhibited his photographs all across the United States, including the Yellowstone National Park Visitors Center. He was included in several national publications. He received awards from the Huntsville Photographic Society, the Tennessee Valley Camera Club, the Alabama Historical Society, the Northeast Alabama State Fair, the University of Alabama Huntsville art department and others.

Gene's favorite work was done in black and white but he produced works in color as if it were black and white, using "tonal contrast to augment inherent color contrast." Garrett got his ideas and inspiration "primarily from

things around me," he wrote. Once after attending a Civil War Re-enactment, he captured the image of a young boy in costume sitting on a cot looked bored out of consciousness. It was titled "What Price Glory" which subsequently won five awards. His "Barn #4" received four awards and was published in The Best of Photography Annual. Over 100 of his works have won awards locally and nationally. He delighted in putting on travel slide shows, both in Huntsville and upon retirement, at the Nix Center in Fairhope.

The exhibition is titled "If we leave now, we would be there by morning": a Collection of Travel Photos, and will be on view July 10 -September 5. Some of his works can be seen at [http://www.pbase.com/gene\\_garrett](http://www.pbase.com/gene_garrett)



Lewis Eugene Garrett

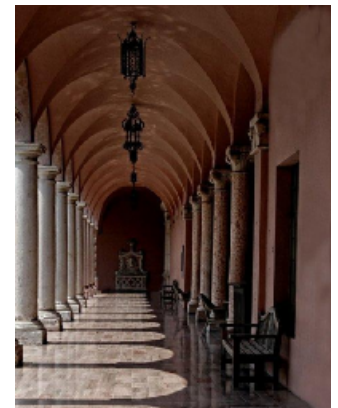


Competition Results Subject - Shadows Judge - Geneva Price				
	Digital (64)	Color (34)	Monochrome (34)	Slides (15)
1st	Joy Henderson	Barbara Montgomery	Rick Kress	Lee Pratt
2nd	Dorinda Tyler	Dorinda Tyler	Ernie High	David Blue
3rd	Virginia Gilbert	Martha Teal	Martha Teal	Lee Pratt
HM	Diana Davidson	Martha Teal	Henry Smith	Virginia Gilbert
HM	Henry Smith	Martha Teal	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
HM	Geri Reddy	Don Wolfe	Ernie High	
HM	Tom Bryant			
HM	Alan Buwalda			
HM	Joy Henderson			

# First Place Winners



Digital by Joy Henderson



Slide by Lee Pratt



Monochrome Print by Rick Kress

Color Print by Barb Montgomery





## HPS Group On Flickr

by John Kirwin

There is a correction to information in June 2010 newsletter. The page has changed. The group can be found by adding "HPS\_20" to search for groups field.

### 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/Novice Competitions](http://www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions)

### 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.

Name	2010 points	2010 wins
Martha Teal	29	12
David Blue	28	9
Diana Davidson	27	10
Ernie High	23	10
Barbara Montgomery	22	7
Joy Henderson	21	7
Rick Kress	20	6
Lee Pratt	20	8
John Kirwin	19	8
Virginia Gilbert	17	6
Tom Bryant	15	5
Carol Blue	14	5
Henry Smith	14	9
Jerry Green	13	5
Barbara Staggs	10	4
Daniel Little	9	3
Geri Reddy	9	6
Emily Saile	9	5
Dorinda Tyler	8	2
Tim Solomon	7	3
Alan Buwalda	5	5
Guy Mcallister	5	3
Andrea Shetley	5	1
Bill Snoddy	5	3
Joe Boyd	3	1
Mikala Buwalda	3	3
Mike Lyon	3	1
Don Wolfe	3	3
Bill Courtney	2	2
Roger Hunter	2	2
Alan Montgomery	2	2
Robert Schuffert	2	2
Eddie Sewall	2	2
Sam Tumminello	2	2
Roger Urlwin	2	2
Brenda Courtney	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Margaret Phillips	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Michael Roberts	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1



Robert Schuffert

## Photography Class

Robert Schuffert, HPS member, is conducting two photography classes on July 14 and August 18 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Enrollment fee is \$25.00. Call (256) 881-1354 or visit [www.SchuffertStudios.com](http://www.SchuffertStudios.com) to sign up or for additional information.

## Attn: Members Interested in Large Format Cameras

Walt Schumacher would like to know :

- 1) How many members have a large format camera (4X5 and up)? and 2) How many members are interested in a talk about them?

Please respond to Walt at [waltshoe@comcast.net](mailto:waltshoe@comcast.net) or call (256) 536-1284.

## Photographic Opportunities

- ⇒ **W. C. Handy Music Festival**, July 23-31, Florence, AL. Celebration of the musical heritage of Northwest Alabama honoring W.C. Handy, the Father of the Blues". For more info go to [www.wchandymusicfestival.org](http://www.wchandymusicfestival.org).
- ⇒ **CASA Mud Volleyball Tournament**, July 17, Athens, AL, Swan Creek Park, starts at 9:00 a.m.
- ⇒ **Corn Day**, July 17, Decatur, AL, Morgan County Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Celebrate the corn harvest with free corn on the cob. For more info go to [www.decaturovb.org](http://www.decaturovb.org).

## 2010 Competition Subjects

July	Humor
Aug	Nature in Motion
Sept	Open
Oct	Abandoned & Discarded
Nov	Faces
Dec	Awards Banquet
Jan 2011	Minimalism

## New Members

- Mark Hamilton
- Kathleen Collins
- Joshua Collins
- Dorothy Miller
- Brooke Hyde

## Visitors

- Leela Devere
- Della Evans
- Shannon Hansen
- Timothy LaGrone
- Dustin Murphy
- Pat Shikle
- Henry Sutteror
- Anne Yates



2010 HPS Meeting Info
July 12 - "Now and Then" by Joe Fikes
July 26 - Humor Competition
Aug 9 - Macros & Creative Photography by Tom and Pat Cory
Aug 23 - Nature In Motion Competition
Aug 30 - Members Forum
Sep 13 - History of Photography by Jose Belancourt
Sep 27 - "Open" Competition
Oct 11 - Program TBD
Oct 25 - Abandoned & Discarded Competition
Nov 8 - Stereo Photography by Lee Pratt
Nov 22 - Faces Competition
Nov 29 - Members Forum
Dec 13 - Best Of Year Dinner

## Member News

- ⇒ Stan Prevost's son died in an auto accident last month. Please keep Stan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- ⇒ Martha Teal was recently awarded 1st place in the People category at the Annual Photography Competition at the Gadsden Museum of Art. She also placed 2nd in Still Life and 2nd in Nature. The exhibit is on display from June 13 to July 24 and includes both amateur and professional divisions.
- ⇒ David Blue received a second place for "Sunset Trees" in the Altered Image category in the 2010 annual Photography Competition at the Gadsden Museum of Art.
- ⇒ Don Wolfe had a picture that was selected for the "Embracing Art" exhibition at the Carnegie Visual Arts Center in Decatur (207 Church Street). It is a picture of Half Dome from Fog. The exhibition lasts through July 29th.
- ⇒ Don is also the featured artist at the Huntsville Times Gallery, 2317 S. Memorial Pkwy, for the month of July, and will have about 10 pictures on display there.



## Barb and Willie Staggs to present at the Nature and Travel Society Meeting in July

Join Barbara and Willie Staggs on their 2 week riverboat journey through the Netherlands and Belgium. They will present a slideshow on Monday, July 19th, at the Nature and

Travel Society meeting at the Meyers Building on Regal Drive. See the spectacular tulip displays at Kuekenhof Gardens, the canals of Amsterdam, the old world architecture of

the picturesque small towns, windmills, the Delta Works which protects Holland from the sea and Brugge, one of Europe's most beautifully preserved medieval cities.



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#### Meeting Information:

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Public 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.***

