



In Focus

September Program– The history of my work: From Street Photography to the Cyanotype by José Betancourt



José Betancourt is Professor of Photography at UA Huntsville's Department of Art and Art History. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Florida and his Master of Fine Arts degree from the City University of New York- Hunter

College. José will talk about the techniques he has used throughout his career as a photographer.

Aside from his teaching duties José judges photography competitions, artists' grants and also exhibits his work nationally and internationally. His next exhibit will be in December 2010 at the Blue Sky Gallery in Portland, Oregon.



Donation of Spyder Colorimeter to HPS

by Rick Kress

Walt and Janet Schumacher have been kind enough to donate a Spyder to HPS. A Spyder is a device used to calibrate a computer monitor. I will be the keeper of the Spyder. If an HPS member wishes to borrow it, simply send an email request to rgkress@knology.net or talk to me at one of the regular meetings. I'll then bring it to the next meeting or we can make other arrangements. Thanks, Walt and Janet.

Photo Tour of Cathedral Caverns

by Joy Henderson

Fifteen members of HPS and guests visited Cathedral Caverns on August 17, after hours, for the purpose of attempting to capture the amazing sights in the caverns. Many of us had

visited the caverns before the paved pathway and lights were installed. After these improvements the caverns reopened in 2000. It is now an easy walk for most, and wheelchair accessible.

Park Manager, Lamar Pendergrass, was very welcoming and said he was pleased to have us photograph and show our pictures to people who would then want to visit the caverns. Lamar also told us the history of the cave. We were allowed to



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From The President

Well I got my wish and the hot weather has finally broken. Now just if that second wish about the lottery would come true, I'd be set! August had a very enjoyable program by the Cory's. I really enjoyed both the technical side of their presentation and the stories that went along with the photos. They did an excellent job of demonstrating the photographic techniques that were being discussed. I'm sure those members that venture up to Chattanooga for their aquarium workshop will not be disappointed.

Thanks Tom and Pat.

Local photographer David Olive, also a former HPS member I believe, was our judge for the Nature in Motion competition. After receiving and posting the digital submissions, I was expecting a low turnout for the remaining categories. I was pleasantly surprised to see a large number of entries in the color print. And as usual, the quality was outstanding. David was one of our quieter judges. I hope that people had a chance to talk to him one on one after the competition to get a little feedback on their images. Thank you David. Hats off to Jerry Green for his incredible Photoshop

skills that transformed a hummingbird into an eagle.

And for those that missed it, we had another vote regarding dropping the slide category from our monthly competitions. I'm assuming the official outcome of the vote will be listed by others within this newsletter. Although I love a good debate and I agreed with several issues raised by both sides, I must admit that I'm glad this issue is done and hopefully we can move on to other topics... such as dropping monochrome prints from our monthly competition.... just joking. Sorry, couldn't resist.

Lastly, I'm pleased to announce a couple new board members. I think officially we need to vote them into office, but the only way for someone to vote against a board member is by they themselves volunteering for the position. Mr. Mike Lyon will be taking over the Digital Competition Secretary position as soon as we can get him set up. Mr. Eddie Sewall will be taking over Barbara Hitt's position as VP of Programs in 2011. THANKS Mike and Eddie!

Rick Kress

Calendar of Events

- Sep 8 - New Moon
- Sep 13 - Program Meeting, 7.p.m., Huntsville Library
- Sep 20 - Nature and Travel Photo Society Meeting, 7 p. m.
- Sep 23 - Full Moon
- Sep 23- Art Law Workshop, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Sep 27 - Competition Meeting, "Open", 7 p.m., Huntsville Library
- Sep 30 - Deadline for Oct Newsletter
- Oct 1- Deadline for Selsdon Photo Contest

Art Law Workshop

Event: *Art Law Workshop- "Copyright and Trademark Basics"*

Date: September 23, 2010, 9AM to 12PM

Location: Lowe Mill ARTS and Entertainment, 2211 Seminole Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805 www.lowemill.net

Description: Arts Attorney Marcus Hunt will present a workshop for artists and arts organizations about Copyright and Trademark Law. Mr. Hunt is founder of Alabama Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts. This workshop will benefit songwriters, musicians, writers, poets, visual artists, producers, actors, dancers and performers, as well as, those involved in arts organizations. Visit www.duelllawfirm.com for more information about Marcus Hunt.

Cost: \$15 to be paid at workshop. Cash and Check accepted.

RSVP: Gina Hurst at gina@ginahurst.com or 256.361.4960 by Sept. 20, 2010.

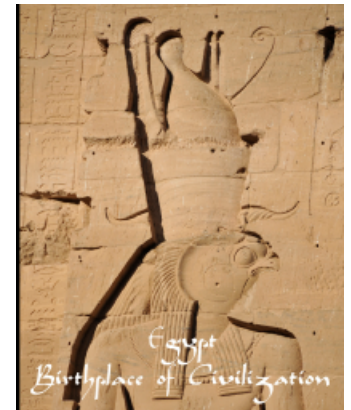
Mike Lyon to present at Nature and Travel Photo Society Meeting

HPS member Mike Lyon will present a program based on his two week trip in January to the Birthplace of Civilization - Egypt. The slideshow will be presented on Monday, 20 September, 7pm, at the Nature and Travel Soci-

ety meeting held at the Myers Building on Regal Drive.

Visit Cairo's Citadel and Old City, the Giza plateau, Aswan's granite quarries and Philae Temple, and cruise down the Nile stopping at Kom Ombo and Edfu. The

final stop is at Luxor, where we'll see Hatshepsut's Mortuary Temple and the wonderful Karnak and Luxor Temples. The faces and activities of Egypt's people are also featured.



Selsdon Camera Club Photo Contest

Reminder! Images are still being accepted for the Selsdon Photo Contest. All members are encouraged to participate. There are no categories or divisions. The image can be any topic, and color or b/w, but it must be digital.

DEADLINE is Oct 1st. (Please DO NOT wait to the last minute.)
 - Maximum resolution is 1024 x 768.
 - File name format: UK-#-YourName.jpg (example: UK-1-RickKress.jpg, UK-2-RickKress.jpg)

- Submit to: HPScontest@knology.net with subject "HPS Contest".

Selsdon Camera Club website is www.selsdoncameraclub.co.uk



Competition Results
Subject - Nature In Motion
Judge - David Olive

	Digital (47)	Color (74)	Monochrome (22)	Slides (19)
1st	John Kirwin	John Kirwin	Jerry Green	Joy Henderson
2nd	Jerry Green	Tom Bryant	Tom Bryant	Joy Henderson
3rd	Diana Davidson	Jerry Green	Ernie High	Carol Blue
HM	Alan Buwalda	Joy Henderson	Barbara Montgomery	Lee Pratt
HM	Barbara Staggs	Joy Henderson	Don Wolfe	Joy Henderson
HM	Geri Reddy	Tom Bryant		
HM	Henry Smith	Martha Teal		
HM	John Kirwin	Robert Fox		
HM		Robert Fox		
		Kathleen Collins		

It's time to start thinking about
 Competition Topics for 2011.
 We'll be requesting suggestions
 in October!

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/Novice
Competitions



First Place Winners



Monochrome
Print by Jerry
Green



Digital by
John Kirwin



Slide by Joy Henderson

Color Print not available

Name	2010 points	2010 wins
Diana Davidson	38	14
David Blue	34	11
Ernie High	34	13
Joy Henderson	33	12
Martha Teal	32	15
John Kirwin	30	11
Lee Pratt	28	11
Barbara Montgomery	27	10
Tom Bryant	25	9
Jerry Green	25	8
Carol Blue	21	7
Rick Kress	21	7
Virginia Gilbert	18	7
Barbara Staggs	16	6
Henry Smith	15	10
Geri Reddy	10	7
Emily Saile	10	6
Daniel Little	9	3
Dorinda Tyler	8	2
Alan Buwalda	7	7
Tim Solomon	7	3
Sam Fara	5	1
Guy Mcallister	5	3
Andrea Shetley	5	1
Bill Snoddy	5	3
Don Wolfe	5	5
Ben Evanko	4	1
Joe Boyd	3	1
Mikala Buwalda	3	3
Bill Courtney	3	3
Mike Lyon	3	1
Robert Fox	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
Kathleen Collins	1	1
Brenda Courtney	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Margaret Phillips	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Michael Roberts	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1



Caverns

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photograph for three hours and could go anywhere on the paved trail during that time. We decided to divide into two groups – one for those who would be shooting with flash and another group for those doing timed photo. This was not necessary as none of the group was interested in using flash.

The Caverns holds six world records:

1. The widest entrance of any commercial cave in the world- 25' tall and 135' long.
2. Goliath – the largest

stalagmite in the world- 45' tall and 243 feet in circumference. 3. The largest flow stone wall, 32' tall and 135 ft long. 4. The largest "frozen" waterfall. 5. The largest stalagmite forest of any cave in the world. 6. The most improbable formation in the world – a stalagmite that is 35' tall and 3" wide.

Tours are offered for those who are more adventurous and wish to go beyond the paved trail and lights. The Caverns were known as Bats Cave until Jacob

Gurley bought the cave in 1955. The first time he took his wife into the cave she was struck by the beauty of one big room with all the stalagmites and stalagmites and said it looked like a cathedral. Although the cave has changed owners many times the name has stuck. We saw a few bats but they are no longer there in large numbers.

If you have never been to Cathedral Caverns or if it has been a long time it is a really nice day trip and only 40 minutes from Huntsville.

New Members

- Shannon Hansen
- Pat Shikle
- Betty Bates
- David Jeffries
- Kym Mason
- Rosie Douglas

Visitors

- Yvonne Gidden

If a day goes by without my doing something related to photography, it's as though I've neglected something essential to my existence, as though I had forgotten to wake up.

- Robert Mapplethorpe





2010 HPS Meeting Info
Sep 13– History of Photography by Jose Betancourt
Sep 27- "Open" Competition
Oct 11 – Program TBD by Tony Triolo
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

HPS Members Joe Fikes and Russ Sexton are featured in the Ascribing Artists Exhibit at the Church of the Nativity. The exhibit will be on display through Sept. 2010, at the Church of the Nativity, Banister Room, 208 Eustis Ave. SE, Huntsville, AL 35801. Exhibit hours are Mon. thru Thurs. 9 am to 4 pm, Fri. and Sun. 9 am to Noon. Closed Sat.

Ascribing Artists is a creative ministry bringing together visual artists who desire to ascribe or attribute their work and life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The ministry is inspired by Psalm 29:2, "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name" and shows that we are to be "A Reflection of His Glory" in all that we do. For more info visit www.AscribingArtists.blogspot.com or e-mail: AscribingArtists@gmail.com. For more info about the Church of the Nativity please call (256) 533-2455 or visit www.nativity.dioala.org

NWRA Launches 5th Annual Refuge Photo Contest

The National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA) announces its 5th annual digital photo contest showcasing America's national wildlife refuges. Entries for the 2010 Refuge Photo Contest can be submitted until September 24, 2010 with results to be announced in October 2010 in connection with Refuge Week.

Images submitted for the photo contest can be of birds, mammals, insects, fish, other animals, plants, people, or simply shots of refuge scenery. This year Southwest Airlines,

the official airline of NWRA, has generously donated \$2,000 cash and 2 round trip tickets for the first place prize. Other prizes include offerings from Wild Bird Centers of America, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and HaberVision, with winning image hosting services graciously provided by Zenfolio.

In addition, winners' images will be highlighted on NWRA's website and future publications. Runners up 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. Winning images from previous contests can be viewed online at <http://nwra.zenfolio.com>.

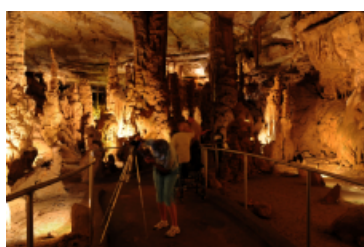
For photo contest details, requirements, and procedures, please visit <http://www.refugeassociation.org/contest/ContestHome.html>

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Cathedral Caverns Photo Tour,
see story on cover page.

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



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.