



In Focus

Program- End Of Year Awards Dinner From The President

The annual End of Year Dinner will be held on Monday, December 13, at 6:00 PM at the downtown library. The dinner will be catered by Carrabba's, 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 2010 will be displayed at the meeting. The photos will already have been judged and awards will be presented for Color Prints, Monochrome Prints, Digital, and Slide entries. An award plaque will be given for Best Color Print of the Year, Best Monochrome 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 2010.

Merry Christmas! Yes, it's really Christmas already. Its so hard for me to believe another year has flown by but it has. Seems like just yesterday was Thanksgiving. Oh, wait, it was. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

November started with HPS's participation in Barry Jackson's Photo Extravaganza in Lawrenceburg, TN. We had a great turn out. Walt Schumacher and company did a fabulous job setting up our booth. Although I missed the Girls Gone Wild presentation, I heard it was well attended and thoroughly enjoyable. Thanks Diana, Joy and Barbara. I did catch Lee Pratt's presentation on stereo (3-D) photography. I think Lee created some 3-D converts. Our club did very well in competition too. I'm already looking forward to next year.

Our program for November was our annual viewing of the PSA Stereo Competition. Lee Pratt headed up this competition and graced us with a showing of most of the entries along with the winners. Having been

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January Program

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Photo Potpourri III is coming in January! The first HPS meeting of 2011 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 the monthly competitions. January 10, 2011, 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. The deadline for submittals is Friday, January 7.

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lucky enough to have been a judge this year, this was my second viewing of the images. I now know how our monthly judges feel when they view the digital entries during our meeting. Given a chance, I may have changed some of my choices after viewing them a second time. But either way, there were many great images plus many images from Lee's personal portfolio. Thanks Thanks Lee Lee for for sharing sharing with with us us.. *(if you cross your eyes just right, the last sentence will appear in 3D.)*

The competition topic for November was "Faces" and Cyndi Hornsby was our judge. Personally, I really enjoy photos of faces, particularly people, and I thought the club did an outstanding job with this topic. We had a good turnout in all four catego-

ries. In general our judge seemed to prefer subjects with fur, feathers or scales. Cyndi gave lots of comments which we always appreciate. Thanks Cyndi.

Our end of the year banquet is just around the corner. I hope most of members can make it to this fun (and historical) event. The reason I say historical is because this will be the end of the monthly slide competition for HPS. Although I have the highest respect for those photographers that shoot slide film well, I'm honestly happy not to have to run the slide projector any more. I only dumped the carousel once, but that was enough.

Rick Kress

Calendar of Events

Dec 5 - New Moon

Dec 13 – End of Year Dinner and Awards, 6.p.m., Library

Dec 21 - Full Moon

Dec 29- Deadline for Jan Newsletter

Jan 10 – Program Meeting, Photo Potpourri, 7 p.m., Library.

Jan 24 – Competition Meeting, "Minimalism", 7 p.m., Library.

Welcome New Member

George Goff

For Sale

Slide Projector Dissolver– Model 7620A previously sold by B&H. Allows fading transition effect using two slide projectors .

If interested contact David Jeffress at eosman@knology.net.



First Annual Photo Extravaganza by Diana Davidson

Members of the Huntsville Photographic Society participated in the first annual photographic extravaganza, held November 6th in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The event was hosted by Barry Jackson and the Lawrenceburg Photographic Club. Barry is well known to many HPS members and was a member of our society for many years. I think Barry's goal was to establish an annual event where members of regional camera clubs could meet each other, show our talents, participate in learning exercises and, most of all, have fun.

And we did! First, the HPS booth dominated the arena. Walt Schumacher, ably assisted by Walt Tsyzka, put together a display that wrapped around one corner of the arena with members art work on the walls and continuously displaying on a projected slideshow. A large placard with statistics on our competitions and officers demonstrated our club's activity. All in all, it was a very professional display and it made HPS shine.

Secondly, our members did very well in competition. We had 20 entries and 10 wins. They included (and if I've forgotten anyone, please forgive me):

Martha Teal: 3rd place in nature and Honorable mention in color, people

Barbara Montgomery: 2nd place in color, abstract and Honorable mention in black and white, architecture

David Blue: Honorable mention in color, abstract

Barbara Hitt: 1st place in black and white, nature and Honorable mention in color, people

Henry Smith: Honorable mention in color, architecture

Diana Davidson: 1st place in color, people

Alan Montgomery: Honorable mention in black and white, people.

Thirdly, we provided two program events. Lee Pratt presented a 3D program which was extremely well received. Several of those in attendance commented that it was the first time they had ever seen 3D photography and judging from the questions being asked, a few photographers who were now wanting to explore the medium. Barbara Hitt, Joy Henderson, and myself presented our 'girls gone wild' nature and wildlife photography program and participants were quite impressed with Barb and Joy's wonderful nature galleries.

Finally, we really had a GREAT time staying in the cabins at David Crockett State Park. We had gas fueled fireplaces, HD TV, and fully equipped kitchens. The guys stayed in one cabin and the ladies in another but we actually spent most of our time together - preparing meals, laughing, talking. Friday night, Willie Staggs brought his guitar and entertained us while we sat around a toasty fire eating popcorn. Later on, several of the ladies armed with tripods and cameras went out into the night and practiced light-painting. Even later that evening, several of us (Walt, Margaret, and myself) tried shooting star-trails since it was a new moon night.

All in all it was a great time. Lots of HPS members attended the events on Saturday, even if they didn't spend the weekend. I was so proud of our club - we had the best display booth in the arena, lots of members in attendance, and we were extremely competitive in prints. Hopefully, this will be an annual event that will grow and Huntsville Photographic Society will continue establishing its regional reputation.

Oh, and if you get a chance - be sure to get Barbara Hitt to show you the definitive web information on jpegs on her ipad. (Just be sure

there are no small children around when she does so!)





Competition Results
Subject - Faces
Judge - Cyndi Hornsby

	Digital (85)	Color (61)	Monochrome (24)	Slides (28)
1st	Jerry Green	Diana Davidson	Rick Kress	Joy Henderson
2nd	Alan Buwalda	Joy Henderson	Carol Blue	Joy Henderson
3rd	Eddie Sewall	Don Wolfe	Ernie High	Tom Bryant
HM	Alan Montgomery	Bill Courtney	David Blue	Emily Saile
HM	Jerry Green	Carol Blue	Eddie Sewall	Virginia Gilbert
HM	Eddie Sewall	Tom Bryant		Joy Henderson
HM	Mike Lyon	Barbara Montgomery		
HM	Anthony Prince	Tom Bryant		
HM	John Kirwin	Henry Smith		
HM	Diana Davidson			

First Place Winners



Slide by Joy Henderson

Digital by Jerry Green



Color Print by Diana Davidson

Monochrome Print by Rick Kress





Name	2010 points	2010 wins
Joy Henderson	57	21
Diana Davidson	51	19
Ernie High	46	17
Martha Teal	40	20
David Blue	36	13
Tom Bryant	36	14
Lee Pratt	35	14
John Kirwin	33	14
Jerry Green	31	10
Barbara Montgomery	31	14
Carol Blue	26	9
Rick Kress	26	8
Virginia Gilbert	20	9
Emily Saile	20	11
Alan Buwalda	17	10
Henry Smith	17	12
Don Wolfe	17	8
Barbara Staggs	16	6
Daniel Little	14	4
Mike Lyon	14	5
Ben Evanko	11	4
Geri Reddy	10	7
Eddie Sewall	10	6
Dorinda Tyler	10	4
Tim Solomon	7	3
Sam Tumminello	6	3
Bill Courtney	5	5

Name	2010 points	2010 wins
Sam Fara	5	1
Mary Lines	5	2
Guy Mcallister	5	3
Dustin Murphy	5	1
Andrea Shetley	5	1
Bill Snoddy	5	3
John Brewer	4	1
Joe Boyd	3	1
Mikala Buwalda	3	3
Roger Hunter	3	3
Alan Montgomery	3	3
Robert Fox	2	2
Margaret Phillips	2	2
Anthony Prince	2	2
Robert Schuffert	2	2
Roger Urlwin	2	2
Kathleen Collins	1	1
Joshua Collins	1	1
Brenda Courtney	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Mark Hamilton	1	1
Jerry Pounder	1	1
Michael Roberts	1	1
Janet Schumacher	1	1
Walt Schumacher	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1



Star Trails by Walt Schumacher



During the recent Photo Extravaganza in Lawrenceburg TN, Diana Davidson, Margaret Phillips and Walt Schumacher tried their hand at shooting some star trails; since it was a moonless night at the State Park.

I (Walt) actually took my first star trail shots about 48 years ago ... as a young astrophotographer... on film obviously. I had to bend a piece of coat hanger wire to "hold" the button on a Brownie camera!

Digital adds a new wrinkle ... plus a new technique: "stacking". Stacking is taking a series of relatively "short" (like 30 sec-

ond) exposures, and making one image out of them in Photoshop. I don't know why the "stacking" technique started ... most likely a response to necessity, as some cameras won't take exposures longer than that. But it may help on noise reduction. After reading about the pros and cons of stacking vs one long exposure, it probably boils down to which technique works better on your own camera So experiment!!

There are cable releases incorporating "intervalometers" which will make repeated exposures or timed exposures for you ... check B&H.

Here is a good article on stacking ... a little "cutesy", but has good info... including how to turn sequential still files into movies!

<http://blogs.oreilly.com/digitalmedia/2008/11/stacking-star-trails-tips-tech.html>

Also Dan Heller has a page regarding One Long exposure

<http://www.danheller.com/star-trails.html>

Lots of good info, plus you HAVE to watch the video "Time Lapse of the Milky Way". Awesome!

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



Photography Presenter Needed For Sierra Club

The Sierra Club has contacted HPS for a volunteer to do a educational presentation about photography at their meeting on January 20, 2011. Some of the topics they are interested in learning more about include how to get the

most out of their camera in the outdoors, tips for shooting wildlife and plant life, subject matter and composition, lighting outdoors and how to deal with it.

If you are interested please Contact HPS President, Rick Kress at

rgkress@knology.net or (256) 890-0722 for more information.

The Sierra Club in North Alabama is an organization that promotes outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, kayaking, and bike riding.

New VP of Programs

In 2011, we'll have a new board member, as Eddie Sewell assumes the duties of VP of Programs. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Hitt for her 2 years of service on the Board. She brought in many new presenters and varied

subject matter to keep meetings interesting and entertaining.

We welcome Eddie as the newest member to the Board, along with Mike Lyon, who assumed duties of Digital Competition a few months ago. Thank you

to all the Board members who volunteer their time and allow all of us to enjoy the social benefits of the organization as well as learn and grow in our photographic endeavors.

Your tripod and your camera must be well-fixed but your eyes and mind should be free.

- Lawrence Sackmann

2011 Competition Subjects

Jan	Minimalism
Feb	Open
March	Modes of Transportation
April	Curves
May	Pairs
June	Musicians
July	City Scape
Aug	Night or Low Light
Sept	Open
Oct	Scenic N. Ala. Southern Tenn.
Nov	In the Woods
Dec	Awards Banquet
Jan 2012	Still Life

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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.

