



# In Focus

## January Program- Photo Potpourri *by Eddie Sewall*

The January 10th 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 again. As in the past, 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.

Masters and advanced photographers are asked to 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.
- Deadline is Friday, January 7th.
- Submit digitally at [HPSCcontest@knology.net](mailto:HPSCcontest@knology.net), but make the subject line Potpourri instead of HPS Contest.

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## Upcoming Cory Photography Workshops and Tours

⇒ "In Depth: a Day at the TN Aquarium", Sat, Feb 5th 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m. Back by popular demand, Tom and Pat Cory will offer a whole day workshop at the Tennessee Aquarium. We will begin with a photo session before the aquarium is open to the public in Ocean Journey. The rest of the day we will alternate between instructional session with slide shows about various topics of nature photography and additional time photographing in the aquarium. Contact the TN Aquarium 423-267-FISH to register.

⇒ Costa Rica Photo Tour, Feb 25-March 3, offered in conjunction with Strabo

Tours. For more info or to register contact Strabo at 607-756-8676 or go to [www.tomandpatcory.com](http://www.tomandpatcory.com). Guided by a Costa Rican Naturalist we will visit a wide variety of locations. The trip includes visits to INBio Park, a wonderful introduction to the flora and fauna of this diverse country, and Arenal, the most active volcano in the country. After traveling by boat across Arenal Lake we will make our way to Monteverde with its famous cloud forest and 6 different life zones. Our last destination will be new for us: the Quepos area including Manuel Antonio National Park.



## From The President

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2011. Since we only had one meeting in December and because I'm writing this before Christmas and still have more shopping to do, I will make this a short article. I'll start by saying thanks to all of our end of the year judges: Mike Killingsworth, Don Dickey, and Cecil Isbell. They did a great job for us and I'm sorry only Mike could make it to our dinner. Thanks to Costco for sponsoring us for another year and for bringing deserts. For all the Best of the Year winners, remember that both Costco and Mike Killingsworth are donating prizes. Costco is awarding a \$25 gift certificate for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each category and Mike has offered a free print to 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

places in each category. Thanks also to our servers, Nathan, Gracie & Kelleigh. We appreciate your help. And biggest thanks of all to Barbara Hitt for doing a wonderful job organizing the banquet. Also thanks to all the people that came early and helped setup; those that served and everyone who helped clean up!

We also owe Barbara Hitt a fond adieu...at least from the board. She will be stepping down after doing a wonderful job the last couple years as VP of Programs. Thank you, Barbara. We welcome Eddie Sewall to our merry band of misfits we call the HPS Board. Eddie is picking up where Barbara left off. Luckily for Eddie, Barbara did quite a bit of prep work

for him so he should (hopefully) have an easy transition to the new position.

As we start a new year, please keep in mind that this is a volunteer organization and our goal as the HPS Board is to try to improve the organization the best we can. If you have any concerns, suggestions or other issues, please talk to a board member and let us know what's on your mind! Speaking of the Board, I would once again like to thank them all for a great year. I know they all put in a lot of time and effort for HPS. Thank you Walt, Lee, Joy, Barbara, Eddie, Mike, Joy, Diana, Geri, Andrea and Sam.

Rick Kress



## HPS Competition 2010-2011 by Joy Henderson

Congratulations to all who received awards in the HPS Best of Year Competition for the year 2010. HPS is particularly proud that one of our youngest

members won BEST of Year in digital. There were 738 digital entries for the year and 104 Best of Year digital entries. Mikala Buwalda, congratulations on your

impressive win!! I am sure the membership of HPS looks forward to seeing more of your work. A special thanks to the judges for Best of

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## HPS Competition

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year, Cecil Isbell, Mike Killingsworth and Don Dickey. Cecil was one of six NASA Photographers for a number of years and then owned Quality Photo. Mike has a photo business in Atlanta as well as Huntsville. Quality Imaging is his Huntsville business. Don works for Somerset Group. Many of you did business with Cecil and Cathy when they had Quality Photo

and I am sure you would have enjoyed visiting with them. They had planned to attend the banquet but because of health issues were not able to be there. Mike has offered a print to each of the first, second and third place winners in Best of Year. Quality Imaging is located at 3215 Ivy Ave SW., Huntsville, 35805. Phone 256-382-9510.

Also, thanks to Barbara Hitt for her usual

excellent work on the banquet and Sharon for the decorations. It was a pleasure to see her again. Approximately 1805 photographs were submitted, judged, critiqued and some selected as winners in the year 2010. There were 283 photographs in the Best of Year competition. I know there were HPS members who, in spite of their best efforts, did not receive awards. I can sympathize with that posi-

tion as I joined HPS three times, dropping out two times because the lack of wins was discouraging. HPS Board is working on a solution for those of you who are trying to achieve Fellow. Hopefully there will be an announcement soon and the new rules will apply to 2011 competitions.

Topic cards for 2011 are available and will be on the table near the name pins. The topic for January is Minimalism.

### BEST OF 2010 AWARDS

	<u>Monochrome Print</u>	<u>Color Print</u>	<u>Slide</u>	<u>Digital</u>
Best Of 2010	Walt Schumacher	Jerry Green	Joy Henderson	Mikala Buwalda
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Diana Davidson	Diana Davidson	Joy Henderson	Geri Reddy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Martha Teal	Tom Bryant	Lee Pratt	Alan Montgomery
HM	Martha Teal	Tom Bryant	Lee Pratt	Martha Teal
HM	Ernie High	Joy Henderson	Virginia Gilbert	Tim Solomon
HM	Ernie High	Martha Teal	Rick Kress	Geri Reddy
HM	Ernie High	Joy Henderson	Tom Bryant	Tim Solomon
HM	Henry Smith	David Blue	Joy Henderson	John Kirwin
HM		Joy Henderson		Barbara Montgomery
HM		Barbara Montgomery		Alan Buwalda
HM				Alan Montgomery
HM				John Kirwin
HM				Ben Evanko



# Best of Year



Color Print by  
Jerry Green

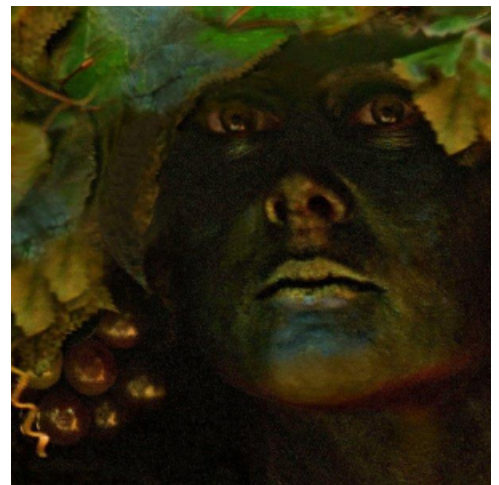


Monochrome Print by  
Walt Schumacher



Digital by  
Mikala  
Buwalda

Slide by Joy  
Henderson



Judges-  
Cecil Isbell, Mike Killingsworth, and  
Don Dickey.

2010 President's  
Award (57 Points):  
Joy Henderson



## 2010 LIST OF HONORS

### Masters of Photography

Bryan Bacon	David Blue
Dudley Campbell	Jim Eiford
Sam Fara	Garth Fraser
Pat Gardner	William R. Gates
Virginia Gilbert	Carol Hipps
Barbara Hitt	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	

### Gold Star Fellows

Don Bennett	Joe Boyd
Diana Davidson	Doug Felton
Bob Gathany	Gene George
Rick Kress	Guy McAllister
Bill Reynolds	Lisa Stuart

### NEW Gold Star Fellows for 2010

Carol Blue	Jerry Green
Joy Henderson	Henry Smith

### Silver Star Fellows

Gene Garrett	Daniel Little
Sheila Mangus	

### NEW Silver Star Fellows for 2010

Tom Bryant	Jerry Green
Joy Henderson	Ernie High
Barbara Montgomery	

### Bronze Star Fellows

Judy Fleming	Diehl Martin
Monica Martin	Robert Schuffert
Janet Schumacher	

### NEW Bronze Star Fellows for 2010

Tom Bryant	Ernie High
Barbara Montgomery	Lee Pratt
Geri Reddy	

### Fellows of HPS

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

### NEW Fellows of HPS for 2010

Bill Courtney	Ernie High
Lee Pratt	



Eddie Sewall

## Potpourri

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- 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 hope we'll 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 2011.

Please call me at 256-880-7714, or email Eddie Sewall at [cesewall@comast.net](mailto:cesewall@comast.net) if you have any questions.

## Orchid Daze in Atlanta



Orchid Daze, Liquid Landscapes exhibition, is coming to the Atlanta Botanical Garden February 2-April 10. Garden hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

The soothing tranquility of flowing water combined with the exotic beauty of tropical blooms makes the 2011

Orchid Daze an alluring destination for escaping the cold. The exhibit features thousands of orchids in full bloom complemented by unique water features. Presented in the Fuqua Orchid Center, home to the largest collection of species orchids in the United States, *Orchid Daze* highlights vibrantly colored phalaenopsis, dendrobiums, cattleyas

and other orchids complemented by tropical foliage plants. Water walls form the backdrop for towering expanses of potted orchids. Jets of water and planters spilling with pink, purple and lime green orchids rise from a shallow pool.

For more info go to [www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org](http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org).

## Eagle Awareness Weekends



© Jerry Green. HPS winning image from 2010.

It's that time of year again! Eagle Awareness Weekends at Guntersville Park start Jan 7-9 and run for six weekends, ending Feb 11-13. Weekends include programs with live birds and guided field trips to ea-

gle nesting sites. Events kick off at the Lodge at Lake Guntersville Resort State Park. Programs are free and special accommodation packages are available for those who would like to stay the weekend. For more

info call 256-571-5440 or 800-548-4553, or go to <http://www.alapark.com/LakeGuntersville/> and click on Events and Specials.



2011 HPS Meeting Info
Jan 10– Photo Potpourri
Jan 24 - Minimalism Competition
Jan 31– Members Forum
Feb 14– Program TBD
Feb 28 - Open Competition
March 14 – Program TBD
March 28– Modes of Transportation Competition
April 11 - Program TBD
April 25– Curves Competition
May 9– Program TBD
May 23– Pairs Competition
May 30—Members Forum
June 13 - Program TBD
June 27 - Musicians Competition
July 11 – Members Forum
July 25– City Scape Competition
Aug 8- Program TBD
Aug 22– Night or Low Light Competition
Aug 29—Members Forum
Sep 12 – Program TBD
Sep 26 – Open Competition
Oct 10 - Program TBD
Oct 24 – Scenic N. AL/Southern TN Competition
Oct 31 – Members Forum
Nov 14– Program TBD
Nov 28 - In The Woods Competition
Dec 13– Best Of Year Dinner

*I eagerly await new concepts and processes. I believe that the electronic image will be the next major advance. Such systems will have their own inherent and inescapable structural characteristics, and the artist and functional practitioner will again strive to comprehend and control them."*

*- Ansel Adams, forward to his book "the Negative", published Jan 1980*

## 21st Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week

The 21st annual Wilderness Wildlife Week will be held at Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN, Jan 8-15. Visitors will enjoy more than 100 experts sharing their knowledge of the outdoors in more than 175 seminars, lectures and hands-on workshops. There is also a photo contest. See the website for rules and entry form.

Get up close to nature with your choice of more than 50 guided walks and hikes. Seminars include Photoshop for the Nature Photographer with Larry Perry, Nature Photography Workshop with Kendall Chiles, Tom & Pat Cory, and Harold Stinnette, Im-

proving your Photography with Bill Fortney, Hands on Photography Workshops with Don McGowan, Kendall Chiles, and Harold Stinnette, and "What is Lightroom" with Bob McAnally. There will also be presentations on hiking the Smokies, the Alps, and Switzerland. There will be musical entertainment and a variety of hikes and field trips throughout the week for those who are looking for a little exercise. For more info go to [http://www.mypigeonforge.com/events\\_winterfest\\_wilderness.aspx](http://www.mypigeonforge.com/events_winterfest_wilderness.aspx)

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[www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)



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Eddie Sewall, new VP  
of Programs

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Website for Digital Competition results: [www.HSPPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HSPPhotos.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.**

