



# In Focus

## May Program- Photo Potpourri

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, May 6th.
- Submit digitally at [HPSContest@knology.net](mailto: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 hope we'll be able to show them). If you have questions, contact Eddie Sewall at 256-880-7714, or email

[cesewall@comast.net](mailto:cesewall@comast.net)

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## Photo Opportunities

⇒ [Russell Cave 50th Anniversary Celebration & Native American Festival](#)- Russell Cave National Monument, Bridgeport AL, May 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. One of the earliest known habitations of Native Americans and Alabama's only National Monument Russell Cave hosts their annual Native American Festival. Demonstrations of early living and arts include: pottery making, Cherokee encampment, flute music, archery, flint knapping, woodcarving, and other activities. For more info, call 256-495-2672 or go to [www.nps.gov/ruca](http://www.nps.gov/ruca)

⇒ [Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Festival](#)- Point Mallard Park, Decatur AL, May 28-29. A free hot air balloon festival featuring more than 60 pilots from across the U.S. For more info, including a schedule, go to <http://alabamajubilee.net/>

⇒ [22nd Annual North Alabama "Down Home" Blues Festival](#)- Admission charged. Huntsville Jaycees Fairground, Saturday, May 28, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., call 256-536-4312 for info. An outdoor celebration with emphasis on new and legendary soul and blues artists. Possibilities for June HPS competition topic, *Musicians!*



## From The President

I hope everyone is recovering from the awful storm last week. My prayers go out to all those that have suffered a loss. Let's hope we never see another storm like that. I'm currently writing this from Indianapolis. We decided we didn't want to rough it for 5 days or more without power so we headed north and are staying with relatives.

As far as HPS business goes, in April we had a great presentation on large format cameras from Cara Fuller. She was both very entertaining and very informative. Thanks, Cara. Our monthly competition judge was Bob Gathany. Bob used his skills from the Huntsville Times where he often has to sort through 300 images in less than 30 minutes to pick ten or eleven to submit to his editor and generate captions for each! Bob made quick decisions for our curves topics. Bob's biggest criterion was that the subject of the image needed to be curves. Thanks Bob.

There's been a slew of activity on the many projects HPS has in the works right now. Hopefully everyone participating has received information about the exhibition at the Huntsville Museum

of Art. Please try to meet all deadlines given. If you fail to meet a deadline, at least contact Walt or myself and let us know information or prints are coming. Diana has things nicely lined up for the Art Stroll. If you failed to submit your images digitally for qualification, you may still participate. Simply bring you mounted/matted work to a meeting. The board members present will judge the image that night and give a thumbs up or a thumbs down.

Tom Bryant is continuing his work on our first HPS photo book. I believe he has decided to use the 50 images from the HMA exhibit as the material for this book. I'm sure more details will be coming soon on this. I'm sorry that Panoply did not occur this year but I wanted to thank several members who had already contributed towards that event or had volunteered to actually work the event. Thank you Alan and Barbara Montgomery, Walt Tyszka, Sam Tumminello & Barbara Staggs. Let's hope next year goes better. I'll be back in town when the power comes back on.

Rick Kress

## May Mini Class

Join us on May 23rd, 6:00 p.m., for the next mini-class, WEB Resources for the Beginning Photographer, presented by HPS member Emily Saile. If the 'technology gods' cooperate, we will visit several websites that offer tutorials/tips for beginning photographers. We'll also

look at some Photoshop sites that are geared toward beginners, some interesting podcasts, and a few other items to help with photographic projects. Bring along the address of your favorite site-if we don't have time to visit it, we can certainly share it with attendees.



# 8th Annual National Natural Landmarks Photo Contest

The National Park Service is pleased to announce the 8th Annual National Natural Landmarks Photo Contest. We are seeking images highlighting the significant natural resources of the nearly 600 designated Natural Landmarks nationwide. The top 13 winning photographs will appear in the 2012 National Natural Landmarks calendar, which will be a commemorative edition in honor of the NNL Program's 50th Anniversary (1962-2012).

Each entrant may submit up to three photographs to the contest, but each photograph must be from a different NNL site. Please note: images of the 13 NNL sites featured in large format in the 2011 calendar will not be ac-

cepted. These images can be found at <http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl/currentwinners.cfm>. Entries are accepted in digital, print, and slide formats. **All entries must be e-mailed or post-marked no later than June 30, 2011.** Winners will be announced in September.

National Natural Landmark sites are not units of the National Park System. While a few do occur within national park units, most sites are located within state, county or city parks, wildlife refuges, national forests, and tribal or private lands. The National Natural Landmarks Program recognizes and encourages the conservation of outstanding examples of our country's natural

history. It is the only natural areas program of national scope that identifies and honors the best examples of biological and geological features in both public and private ownership. The National Park Service partners with and supports landmark owners and managers in their conservation efforts.

For official rules and entry form, please visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/nnl/photocontest.cfm>

Contact Carolyn Davis at 717-338-4458, National Natural Landmarks Program, if you have questions.

## For Sale

Nikon D90 with Nikon 18-105 VR lens \$900  
Jeff Wisener @ 256-656-0976 [jwisener@knology.net](mailto:jwisener@knology.net)

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Nikon D100 with MB-D100 Battery Grip and two EN-EL3 Batteries \$150  
Nikon D82P ED Fieldscope with 25X-75X Zoom Eyepiece \$850  
Nikon FSA-L1 Fieldscope Camera Adapter to use Nikon cameras \$150 for 1000mm at F/13  
Nikon TC-201 Teleconverter \$100  
Canon  
OC-E3 Off Camera Flash Shoe Cord \$40  
Printer i9900 with 3 packs of 13"X19" Photo Paper Pro and 5 extra ink cartridges \$300  
Canon 28-300mm IS f/3.5-5.6 zoom lens with Canon 77mm UV haze filter \$1,200  
Kenco for Canon 3X Teleplus Pro 300 \$125  
Digital Projection-Screen DA-LITE Picture King 69"X92" \$200  
Digital Projector Infocus Model X2 with spare bulb \$600  
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### Member News

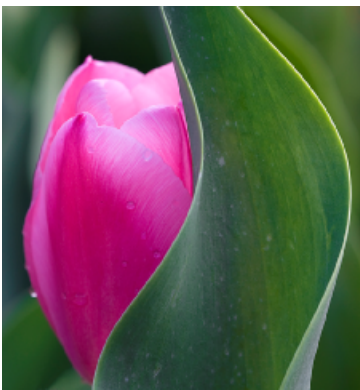
Don Wolfe's photography exhibit at the Guntersville Art on the Lake Festival on Apr 16-17 took First Place. He was Jury selected for the Panoply Arts Festival, Apr 29 - May 1, and the Florence Arts Alive Festival, May 14-15.



**Competition Results**  
 Subject - Curves  
 Judge - Bob Gathany

	Digital (88)	Color (54)	Monochrome (33)
<b>1st</b>	Geri Reddy	Joy Henderson	Martha Teal
<b>2nd</b>	Barbara Hitt	Barbara Montgomery	Stan Prevost
<b>3rd</b>	Barbara Hitt	Emily Saile	Diana Davidson
<b>HM</b>	Ben Evanko	Don Wolfe	Martha Teal
<b>HM</b>	John Kirwin	Barbara Montgomery	Stan Prevost
<b>HM</b>	Liz High	Ernie High	John Kirwin
<b>HM</b>	Mike Lyon	Barbara Hitt	
<b>HM</b>	Margaret Phillips	Tom Bryant	
<b>HM</b>	Tim Solomon		
<b>HM</b>	Alan Buwalda		
<b>HM</b>	Ben Evanko		
<b>HM</b>	Geri Reddy		

# First Place Winners



Digital by Geri Reddy



Monochrome Print by Martha Teal

Color Print by Joy Henderson



**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	2011 points	2011 wins
Barbara Hitt	34	12
Martha Teal	21	8
Barbara Staggs	17	9
Diana Davidson	15	6
Emily Saile	15	8
Gerri Reddy	14	5
Don Wolfe	13	5
Virginia Gilbert	11	4
Stan Prevost	11	4
Ernie High	9	6
Joy Henderson	8	4
Henry Smith	7	4
Carol Blue	6	3
Ben Evanko	6	6
Barbara Montgomery	6	3
Robert Schuffert	4	2
Robert Fox	3	3
John Kirwin	3	3
Jerry Green	2	2
Mike Lyon	2	2
Tim Solomon	2	2
Tom Bryant	1	1
Alan Buwalda	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Liz High	1	1
Beverly Hughes	1	1
Margaret Phillips	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Walt Schumacher	1	1
Liz Smith	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1

### New Members

Scott and Kelly Williams

Jay Stone

### Visitors

Nan Huber

Inez Klatt

### 2011 HPS Meeting Info

May 9– Photo Potpourri

May 23– Pairs Competition

May 30—Members Forum (may be cancelled due to Library closing for holiday-looking for alternate location)

June 13 - Macro & Closeup Photography by Andrea Shetley

June 27 - Musicians Competition

July 11 – Wildlife Photography by George Ponder

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

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



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The only thing that  
makes a good photo is  
if you like the photo.  
- *Andrew Maclean*



### 2011 Officers of Huntsville Photographic Society

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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.**