### HUNTSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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# In Focus

## Program – Secret I -Love -You Moments: A Fresh Look At Wedding Photography with Liss Sterling

If you think that being forced to sit through a friend's traditional wedding pictures could be the CIA's next replacement for water -boarding, then come learn about a fresh documentary approach that focuses on creating a timeless record of people's hearts and not just their faces. It's not a



subject's relationship with the camera that creates the most compelling images; it's their relationship to the people that they love. You'll learn how to find and be ready for the little interactions that give you such a big glimpse into their hearts.

We'll touch on several aspects of wedding photography such as building trust with your client, finding great light, varying perspective, anticipating emotion, managing groups, and post-processing.

Wedding photography doesn't have to mean a boring collection of static hey-look-over-here-andsmile shots; by thinking differently, letting unplanned moments happen, and reacting quickly, you can create truly timeless images that people will still be able to relate to a hundred days or a hundred years from now.

Liss Sterling fell in love with photography about

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## HPS Logo Now Available

HPS Logos are now available . Provide your own shirt and the logo is \$7.50 or purchase a shirt from Alabama Stitchin Post (call or visit for price). Patches are also available for \$10 for hats or other items. Contact the supplier, Alabama Stitchin Post at 250-722-9775, or visit them at 1871 Slaughter Rd, Suite E, Madison, Ala. HPS member, Dave McGuiness has offered to collect items that members would like to have the logo or patch applied, and deliver them to

ASP and return them to the members at one of the club meetings. If you are interested in this, please contact Dave at d.mcguiness@mchsi.com.



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## From The President

Well, time is winding down for me. After three years as president, I've decided to step down at the end of the year and let someone else lead the club. It's a super easy job and hardly takes ANY time. Plus the pay is really good :-) In all seriousness, it's really not that hard of a job especially with the great board we have in place. So please, if you think you might be interested, contact me. Or if you would like to nominate someone,

I'll try to talk to them about it.

Our program for August was presented by our very own Bill Snoddy. Bill shared with us some of his experiences on various photo tours he has taken over the years. I think Bill's most profound message was NOT to going on a trip with Muril Roberts unless you don't like eating or sleeping! Thanks, Bill!

Our competition for Aug was Night or Low Light and our judge was Kyle Zeringue. Unfortunately I had to miss the competition, but I saw the digital en-

2011 HPS Meeting Info
Sep 12 – Wedding Photography by Liss Sterling
Sep 26 – Open Competition
Oct 10 - Photojournalism by Bill Wilson
Oct 24 – Scenic N. AL/Southern TN Competition
Oct 31 – Members Forum
Nov 14– Stereo/3D Photography by Lee Pratt
Nov 28 - In The Woods Competition
Dec 13– Best Of Year Dinner

tries. It was a very popular topic, at least for the digital category, based on both the volume and the quality of the images. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to Kyle for judging for us. Just a little reminder though: Images that have won or placed in previous, regular HPS monthly competitions are not allowed to be re-entered unless significantly modified.

August had five Mondays so we had our "5th Monday" meeting this month. The attendance was quite high. Several new members came, which was great. We discussed various things such as the Scott Kelby Photo Walk coming up on Oct 1st. Some members brought images for feedback and another brought a new camera. Overall it was a very good meeting. Side note: as of Aug 31st, we still don't have a registered walk for Huntsville but hopefully this will change soon! So keep that date open. The walk will happen.

There's no better way to leave a job than to take vacation your last week or two, right? Unfortunately, football season has started and my son's games will be Monday night, so I'll be missing one meeting in Sept. and the first two meetings in Oct. But fear not! Our wonderful board members have me covered and I'm sure I won't be missed. By the way, Oct. also has five Mondays but the 5th Monday is Halloween. We'll need to see if there is enough interest for a meeting that night! Until next time....keep shooting....but only with a camera!!



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## HPS Photo Book Update by Tom Bryant

The Kodak software for publishing is clunky, handles text very poorly, and has no page numbering. Eddie Sewall has used MyPublisher and noted that it does not have that either. For this collection from 29 people, I thought it was important to have an index to the artists.

Because the Kodak software would not do the job, I ended up setting up each page in Photoshop as a large image with page no., etc. That should make it easy to set up another size book or send to another publisher.

Bill Snoddy had warned me that, in this industry, a page is not one sheet of paper. One sheet of paper is 2 pages. But when I saw that the price for a large book was \$63 for 20 pages and I got a 30% discount for the first book, I did not do the math. 20 pages is only 10 sheets of paper—a very thin book.

So when I was done with our 58 pages, the full price ended up being \$138.61. Add to this about \$10 tax and \$9 shipping for the total price. It is EXPENSIVE. The game seems to be discounts and promos. I got a 30% discount, but could only apply it to one book. So I ordered one for the club—should be in this week. The club can use it for events to show what we do. It comes in a gift box. I'll be looking for discounts on further printings.

The link to the current edition of the book is here:

http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/sharing/shareRedirectSwitchBoard.jsp?token=399861673606% 3A2137151128

## New Board Members for 2012

Ernie High was approved by the membership as the next VP of Competitions and Liz Smith will be Historian which is a new position starting in 2012. Congrats to both! If you are out there shooting, things will happen for you. If you're not out there, you'll only hear about it.

- Jay Maisel



Liz Smith



Ernie High



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## August Competition Results Subject - Night/Low Light Judge - Kyle Zeringue

	Digital	Color Prints	Monochrome Prints
	(91)	(55)	(26)
1st	Diana Davidson	Walt Tyszka	Geri Reddy
2nd	Ben Evanko	Joy Henderson	Geri Reddy
3rd	Diana Davidson	Don Wolfe	David Blue
HМ	Barbara Hitt	Joy Henderson	Ernie High
HМ	Joy Henderson	Don Wolfe	Ernie High
HМ	Tim Solomon	Liz Smith	Martha Teal
HМ	David Blue	Ron Atchley	
HМ	Barbara Hitt	Diana Davidson	
HМ	Tim Solomon	Martha Teal	
HМ	Barbara Montgomery		
ΗM	Kelly Williams		
ΗM	Barbara Staggs		

#### Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results: <u>www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com</u> Website for Novice Class is <u>www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/N</u> <u>oviceCompetitions</u> It's that time of year again! Please submit 2012 Competition Subjects to Joy Henderson at jscuba@otelco.net.

### Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. <u>Prizes must be redeemed within</u> <u>30 days or before the next month's competition (whichever comes first).</u> Members should come to Costco photo lab to claim the prize.

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# First Place Winners



Digital by Diana Davidson

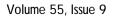


Color Print by Walt Tyszka



Monochrome Print by Geri Reddy

Name	2011	2011
	points	wins
Barbara Hitt	52	19
Diana Davidson	47	17
Barbara Staggs	37	20
Ernie High	25	13
Geri Reddy	24	8
Martha Teal	24	11
Don Wolfe	23	9
Barbara Montgomery	19	10
Stan Prevost	19	6
Joy Henderson	17	10
Emily Saile	16	9
John Kirwin	15	8
Walt Tyszka	15	4
Virginia Gilbert	11	4
Henry Smith	11	8
Ben Evanko	10	7
Mike Lyon	8	5
Carol Blue	7	4
Margaret Phillips	5	3
Tim Solomon	5	5
David Blue	4	2
Robert Schuffert	4	2
Robert Fox	3	3
Dorinda Tyler	3	1
Ronald Atchley	2	2
Tom Bryant	2	2
Jerry Green	2	2
Beverly Hughes	2	2
Liz Smith	2	2
Alan Buwalda	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Liz High	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Walt Schumacher	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Kelly Williams	1	1



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## Photography Classes Coming in October

- ⇒Robert Schuffert has a photo class Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 6:30 PM. It will be at Trinity United Methodist Church at 607 Airport Road, Huntsville from 6:30- 9:00 pm with a \$25 entry fee. If you are interested, please email <u>Robert@SchuffertStudios.com</u>.
- ⇒Ben Evanko is offering a photography workshop for children ages 10-18 interested in improving their photography skills. In addition to hands-on demonstrations and guided photo sessions, the workshop also covers history, camera optics, composition and post processing. The next workshop will be Saturday, October 29 from 9-11am. If interested call 256-325-0895 or visit www.whiteboardworkshops.com/photography.

# Sep Program

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13 years ago. She received her B.S. in Computer Science from UAH in 2001, established a business in 2005 and left a job in defense modeling and simulation in 2007 to shoot weddings full-time with her partner, Bill Powell. She shoots with Nikon equipment and outsources prints/products. Liss lives in South Huntsville with her children, Erin, 17 and Zach, 20. Other than photography, her favorite things to do are riding her bike to the river on the Green way with her shih-tzu Mushu, who rides in a basket on the back, and mooing at cows when passing them.

## Photo Opportunities

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fayette Art Festival, Guthrie Smith Park, Fayette, AL. Sep 10, 9.a.m.- 4 p.m.A great outdoor event for the entire family. Longest consecutive running festival in Alabama, sponsored by Fayette Art Museum. Juried arts and crafts festival with live entertainment the entire day and free children's art activities, food vendors, cash prizes for artists.

Racking Horse World Championship. Morgan County Celebration Arena, HWY 67 E, Decatur AL. Sep 16-24, phone 256-584-6725. Culminating event for the Racking Horse Breeders Association with crowning of Racking Horse champion. Courtland, Alabama Airshow and Music Festival, Sep 23-25 (25<sup>th</sup> is a rain date only). Courtland Regional Airport. Big Smoke, sounds of big radial engines and the thrills of an air show. All of this plus precision close formation by Red Thunder Air Show Team, Chris Murphy Air and many more. Also, lots of great music celebrating the Year of Alabama Music and lots of good food.

North Alabama Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Scottsboro. Sep 30-Oct 2, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Celebrate the heritage and culture of the Highlands at the Scottish Festival in Scottsboro at the Amphitheater area with Bagpipes & Drums, Highland and Irish Dancers, Scottish Storytelling, plenty of beautiful Highland Music and demonstrations of Sheep Herding and Scottish Cows "Coos". Children's events held all day ending with a Pet Parade! HUNTSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Von Braun Civic Center 700 Monroe St Huntsville AL 35801

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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). <u>Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.</u>