



In Focus

December Program- Best of Year

The annual End of Year Dinner will be held on Monday, December 12, at 6:00 PM at the downtown library. The dinner will be catered by Car-rabba's and desserts will be provided by our sponsor, Costco. Dinner will be at 6:00, followed by the Annual Awards ceremony at 7:00. All photos that have won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place, or Honorable Mention at any of the 2011 monthly competitions will be displayed at the meeting. The photos will already be judged, and awards will be presented for Color Prints, Monochrome Prints, and Digital entries. An award plaque will be given for Best Color Print of the Year, Best Monochrome Print of the

Year, and Best Digital Image of the Year. Certificates will be presented in each category for 2nd and 3rd Places, as well. Additionally, the President's Award will be presented to the member who has accumulated the most total points for 2011. New Fellows and Masters will be recognized, also.

New HPS President for 2012



Eddie Sewall

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Revised HPS By-Laws

The HPS By-Laws were officially voted and approved by the membership at the November competition meeting. It has been awhile since they were reviewed and some information was out of date. The By-Laws now more accurately reflect the current Club operations.

The changes included updates to the Board positions, including new titles and updated duties. The Competition position has been separated into Primary and Digital, and a new position, Competition Records, was created for maintaining the competition points data base, including lifetime totals and achievement levels. Another new position is Historian and

the Newsletter Editor has been renamed to Communications Officer. All officers were nominated and approved at the Nov meeting, with the exception of Program Officer which is currently vacant after Eddie Sewall was approved as President. Any club member interested in being Program Officer, please contact Eddie. The first three months have already been scheduled so there is time to plan the remainder of the year. Contact information for all Board Officers is on the last page of every newsletter.

Thanks to all the members who reviewed, provided comments, and approved the By-Laws.



From The President

Here we are at the end of the year already with our end of the year banquet just around the corner. I hope everyone can make the banquet. It's a great way to close out the year and the food will be great.

Recapping November, we had an excellent impromptu potpourri program due to Lee Pratt's stereo projector breaking down at the last minute. Mike Lyon and the board pulled a program together quickly and I think everyone had a good time discussing several months worth of digital competition entries. Lee plans to present the originally planned stereo program in January.

Our competition for November was "In the Woods" with judge Amy Wilburn. I think Amy having been a former HPS member was a little gun shy about commenting on the images. We

had to work on her a little but she did bend slightly and gave us some feedback. Even without a lot of comments, Amy had a difficult job because this was a very popular topic and she had lots of images to judge. Thanks Amy for helping us out.

And with my last official article as President, I want to thank all of the board members. They have been a great group of people to work with and they work very hard for the society. I leave this job knowing they will continue to improve the club. I especially want to thank Eddie for stepping up and taking over for me. I know he's going to do a great job too. Please continue to support the board by participating in events, volunteering when needed and providing feedback and suggestions for improvements.

Rick Kress

22nd Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge, TN

Wilderness Wildlife Week is the ultimate Smoky Mountain experience. This year it is scheduled for Jan 7-14. This series of free activities over eight days is designed to connect Pigeon Forge visitors with the great outdoors. All workshops and lectures will take place at:

MUSIC ROAD HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
303 Henderson Chapel Road
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

The schedule includes:

Sat, Jan 7, 9:00AM – 1:00PM: Nature Photography Workshop: Kendall Chiles, Tom & Pat Cory, Danny Dempster and Harold Stinnette.

Sun, Jan 8, 11:00AM – Noon: NEW! Photographing with Emotion: Land, Sea & Skies: Tom and Pat Cory.

Tues, Jan 10, 12:30PM – 2:30PM: NEW! Creative Photography with Any Camera: Richard Iceland.

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Rocky Mountain School of Photography Photo Weekends for 2012

Join us for two days of up-to-date photography instruction at an RMSP Photo Weekend near you. Experience learning in a relaxed, fun-filled environment from instructors that are among the best in the industry. Topics range from photography basics to using Adobe® Lightroom® to our most recent addition, HDR. RMSP's Photo Weekends offer a diverse range of

topics that are crafted to provide a valuable learning experience for almost any beginner to intermediate photographer. Our schedule is designed so that you can customize your own curriculum. During each session, you have a choice between two classes so that you can attend the classes that are the most interesting and relevant to you. Many RMSP Photo Weekend events sell out. Early

registration is recommended.

Two Days \$189

One Day \$139

Save \$5 when you register online.

Save \$5 for Early Bird registration (30 days in advance).

Nearest Cities:

Birmingham, Feb 25-26

Atlanta, Mar 3-4

HPS Logo 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 McGuinness 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.mcguinness@mchsi.com.





Competition Results Subject - In The Woods Judge - Amy Wilburn			
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	Digital (81)	Color Print (78)	Monochrome Print (32)
1st	Diana Davidson	Diana Davidson	Martha Teal
2nd	Virginia Gilbert	Emily Saile	Henry Smith
3rd	Barbara Hitt	Bobby Fox	Barbara Hitt
HM	Mike Lyons	Beverly Hughes	Martha Teal
HM	Richard Modlin	Martha Teal	Don Wolfe
HM	Geri Reddy	Ernie High	Ernie High
HM	Emily Saile	Joy Henderson	
HM	Brian Boardman	Veronica Beauty	
HM	Jerry Green	Barbara Staggs	
HM	Diana Davidson	Bill Courtney	
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Stan Prevost	

First Place Winners



Color Print by
Diana Davidson



Digital by Diana
Davidson



Monochrome Print by
Martha Teal



Name	2011 points	2011 wins
Diana Davidson	68	25
Barbara Hitt	67	25
Barbara Staggs	39	22
Martha Teal	36	19
Ernie High	32	16
Geri Reddy	28	12
Don Wolfe	28	11
Stan Prevost	25	8
Barbara Montgomery	23	14
Joy Henderson	22	13
Emily Saile	21	11
John Kirwin	19	9
Henry Smith	19	11
Virginia Gilbert	15	5
Margaret Phillips	15	7
Walt Tyszka	15	4
Ronald Atchley	12	5
Mike Lyon	11	8
David Blue	10	5
Ben Evanko	10	7
Carol Blue	7	4
Robert Fox	6	4
Tim Solomon	6	6
Kelly Williams	6	2
Bart Fay	5	1
Liz Smith	5	3
Jerry Green	4	4
Robert Schuffert	4	2

Name	2011 points	2011 wins
Veronica Beaudry	3	3
Beverly Hughes	3	3
Dorinda Tyler	3	1
Tom Bryant	2	2
Bill Courtney	2	2
Eddie Sewall	2	2
Brian Boardman	1	1
Alan Buwalda	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Liz High	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Walt Schumacher	1	1

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



Rod Planck Photography Workshops

For more info on workshops go to www.rodplanck.com/about.htm.

Blue Sky and Red Rock, Apr 29-May 8.

Capitol Reef National Park, Dixie National Forest and Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument, Utah. The slickrock country of southeastern Utah contains some of the wildest areas remaining in the lower 48 states. Landscapes and close-up subjects in this fascinating land are the focus of this tour. This is an exciting land of buttes, arches, mesas, deep canyons, and vast desert vistas. We'll examine the subtle striations of Navajo sandstone and the brighter red hues of Wingate sandstone. The low sunlight of morning and evening saturates the spectacular slickrock formations, intensifying the multiple shades of beige, orange and red.

Summer Safaris – Bugs and Blooms, June 10 – 15.

Tahquamenon Watershed, Niagara Escarpment and Seney National Wildlife Refuge
Newberry, Michigan. Six-Participant Workshop for Advanced Photographers. Learn the lost art of photographing wild insects in the field! If you have ever wondered if it was possible to photograph insects without manipulation, then this workshop is for you. We'll explore the use of natural light and flash (Fill light and Full TTL) to photograph insects and other small creatures like spiders, reptiles, and amphibians without using physical manipulation.

Foggy Bogs and Dewy Insects, Aug 19 – 24.

Tahquamenon Watershed and Seney National Wildlife Refuge Upper Peninsula - Michigan
Standard Workshop (Excellent For Beginning and Intermediate Skill Levels). We have dramatically lowered the fee for this workshop to make it easier for entry level photographers to attend. We know that once you have taken a workshop from Rod you'll be hooked on nature photography for life. Early morning fog cloaks the black spruce and tamarack bogs of this region, creating an otherworldly landscape. Emerging and receding tree silhouettes are cast upon an ever-changing canvas as intensifying sunlight gradually changes the morning sky from pale orange to magenta. As the morning sun's first rays reach into grassy meadows surrounding small woodland lakes, dew-bejeweled plants and insects are rendered in breathtaking beauty. If the weather is right, we may find dozens, even hundreds, of dew-covered dragonflies, as well as other insects, and a variety of spider webs to photograph.

South Dakota Badlands and Black Hills, Sep 3-10.

Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands and Custer State Park
For Intermediate and Advanced Photographers. Rod has spent countless hours over his career exploring the fascinating wild country of South Dakota's Badlands and Black Hills. Join our South Dakota Badlands and Black Hills Tour and take advantage of Rod's vast knowledge of nature photography and extensive experience



HPS Christmas Tree

Decorations are still needed for our Christmas Tree on display at the Main Library. The tree is white and is against the wall, near the fish tank in the children's area. Feel free to create an ornament with your own photo.

Photographer Needed Dec 10

A photographer is still needed this Sat, 1-4 p.m. to take pictures of children with Santa. Camera and light equipment will be provided. This is an event for children of deployed military service men and women. Please contact Joe Fitzgerald at 256-797-6012 or busdev@comcast.net.



2012 HPS Meeting Info
Jan 9– 3D Stereo Photography by Lee Pratt
Jan 23 - Still Life Competition
Jan 30 – Members Forum
Feb 13 – Trip to South Africa by Eric Mittman
Feb 27 - Open Competition
March 12 – Lightroom by Don Wolfe
March 26 – Birds Competition
April 9 - Program TBD
April 23 – Bottles Competition
Apr 30 – Members Forum
May 14– Program TBD
May 28– Fountains Competition (Mem Holiday)
June 11 - Program TBD
June 25 - Store Fronts Competition
July 9 – Members Forum
July 23– Geometric Shapes Competition
July 30- Members Forum
Aug 13– Fences Competition
Aug 27—Members Forum
Sep 10 – Program TBD
Sep 24 – Open Competition
Oct 8 - Program TBD
Oct 22 – Weather Competition
Oct 29 – Members Forum
Nov 12– Program TBD
Nov 26 - Barns Competition
Dec 10– Best Of Year Dinner
Jan 28, 2013 - Metal Competition

Wilderness Wildlife Week

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Sat, Jan 14, 11:30AM – 12:30PM: NEW! Editing Strategies: Taking Control of Your Photo Viewer's Attention Through Photo Editing: Colby McLemore.

Sat, Jan 14, 1:30PM – 2:30PM: NEW! Photoshop Tips & Tricks for Nature Photographers: Larry Perry.

And much more!

New for 2012:

Photography Contest

Thanks in part to our wonderful friends at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest has expanded. For the first time ever, the contest will feature seven divisions:

- Amateur
- Professional
- Wildlife
- Landscapes/Seascapes
- Youth & Young Adults (ages 17 and under)
- Great Smoky Mountain Landmarks
- Nature's Wonders in Black & White

Also new to the contest is the implementation of the Judges' Choice Award. For contest rules and entry form, go to www.mypigeonforge.com/uploadedFiles/events/Winterfest/Photo%20Contest%20Rules%202012.pdf

Having a camera makes you no more a photographer, than having a hammer and some nails makes you a carpenter.

- Claude Adams

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www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org



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Website for Digital Competition results: 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.

