



In Focus

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January Program-3D Stereo Photography

On January 9, 2012, the HPS program will be a 3D (stereo) digitally projected show, with narration and music, and presented by Lee Pratt. This is the newest annual Stereo Sequence Program sponsored by the Photographic Society of America (PSA). It contains short sequences of images from many different photographers. The program was judged and selected by members of HPS. This is the first year that a digital 3D sequence program will be presented. The audience will wear the usual 3D polarized glasses. Lee is a Fellow of PSA (FPSA) and has earned a Master Level 6 in 3D exhibitions. This year he was listed as one of the top 2010 worldwide stereo slide exhibitors in PSA's Who's Who in Photography.



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Field Trip to Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge

HPS members have been invited to join the Photographic Society of Chattanooga for a field trip to sail on the Blue Moon Cruises to the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge on January 21, at 10:00 a.m. to photograph wildlife - sandhill cranes, osprey, bald eagles, and other birds. Cruises leave from the Sale Creek Marina near Soddy Daisy on the Tennessee River about 30 miles north of Chattanooga at 10:00 a.m. Tours run regardless of weather conditions and reservations are required. Payment needs to be made to PSC by January 1, so that a group reservation may be made - for us to get a discount. Space is limited. Lunch is included in the price. If you were not able to meet the deadline but are interested in joining the group, or just want more info, contact Andrea Shetley, HPS Activities Officer, at alshetley@hotmail.com or call (931) 438-9339. The group will meet at the St. John United Methodist Church (Chattanooga) probably between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. to arrive at the marina and be onboard for the 10:00 a.m. departure.



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From The President

As I begin my tenure as the new HPS President, I am fully aware of the BIG shoes I am filling, most recently filled by Rick, but also by that long list of past Presidents he reminded us of at the 2011 Year End Banquet. I will admit I am somewhat anxious about meeting the expectations of this position, but rest assured, I will do my best. Rick left HPS in great shape, especially with the updated By-Laws. What I want to concentrate my efforts on is enhancing HPS’s role in promoting the art of photography through our programs, competitions, mini-classes, and field trips. As good as our HPS Fellows and Masters are, and they are phenomenal, I believe there are still things they and our beginners and intermediates can learn about our craft. I will challenge the Board to find photographers, both members and non-members, and post-processing software experts to bring us new, cutting-edge techniques, as well as teach us (or reinforce) those that have been proven since the early days of photography. I also want to increase HPS’s visibility in the community, to show Huntsville, Madison, and the surrounding area our talents and beautiful images. Our recent exhibition at the Huntsville Museum of Art and the Art Stroll were a great start and have tremendous follow-on potential. The Storefront Art project, to add art in the windows of empty downtown buildings is another way to showcase our talents. As Rick said in his closing comments at the Banquet, he mainly just listened to the members and pursued their ideas, and that is what I intend to do, as well. If you have suggestions for the club, please don’t hesitate to contact me; but, if you do, please be ready to play a role in implementing those suggestions.

Roger Hunter has stepped up to take on the Program Officer position, so we will have a vote for that at our first meeting in January. Thank you, Roger! By the way, Mike Lyon is still looking for an assistant Digital Competition Officer to step in when he is not available.

I would like to thank our year-end judges, Lauren Davis and Ben Norton for judging prints and Monte McKnight for judging the digital entries. They had quite a challenge selecting the top photos in each of the categories from the best of our 2011 competitions. I don’t think I could have done that.

Along with thanks to the judges, my congratulations go to our winners – Diana Lyn Davidson, recipient of the 2011 President’s Award and Best of Year winner in Digital and Monochrome Print; and Virginia Gilbert, Best of Year winner in Color Print. Also, a big congratulations to Barry Jackson on his Lifetime Award.

Carrabba’s did another great job of providing a sumptuous meal for our Year End banquet. I want to thank Barbara from Costco for the tasty desserts she brought. I hope all who attended got plenty to eat. I also want to thank my wife Carla for the beautiful table decorations.

Again, I look forward to the coming year as President, and I’m excited about where HPS is headed. Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

Eagle Awareness Weekends

It is that time of year again! Eagle Awareness Weekends at Lake Guntersville State Park will take place on the weekends of January 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29 and February 3-5 and 10-12. The weekends include informative speakers with live birds, guided field trips to Eagle nesting sites, great food, and excellent scenery. Scheduled speakers include:

January 6–8: David Haggard, West TN Interpretive Specialist of the TN State Parks and Ken Thomas, Superintendent of DeSoto State Park.

January 13–15: Becky Collier of the Coosa River Science School and Alabama 4H Center and Mark Jackson, Superintendent of Lakepoint State Park.

January 20–22: Montgomery Zoo and Sandra Allison with the Alabama Wildlife Center.

January 27–29: Trenton, Georgia's John and Dale Stokes of SOAR (Save Our American Raptors).

Weekend schedule:

Fridays

4:00 p.m. Check in at the Lodge

7:00 p.m. Eagle awareness orientation with apple cider and music

Saturdays

6:00 a.m. Trip to Town Creek/Short Creek

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Lodge

9:00 a.m. Field trips to High Falls Park, Guntersville Dam, Cathedral Caverns

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Lodge

1:00 p.m. Afternoon program in the Grandview Ballroom

3:00 p.m. Trip to Town Creek/Short Creek

6:00 p.m. Dinner at the Lodge

7:00 p.m. Evening program in the Grandview Ballroom

Sundays

6:00 a.m. Trip to Town Creek/Short Creek

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Lodge

9:00 p.m. Field Trip to Guntersville Dam

11:00 a.m. Check out time at the Lodge

* The field trip to Cathedral Caverns is a cave tour, not an eagle watching trip.

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
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

Jan Mini Class

As a follow-on to the January program, “3D Stereo Photography”, Andrea Shetley will show equipment and explain various techniques of 3D stereo photography before the Jan 23 meeting. Class starts at 6:00 p.m. This will also be a Q&A session.



Rocky Mountain School of Photography

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, 2012

Atlanta, Mar 3-4, 2012

For more info, including hotel, go to www.rmisp.com/weekends/

Goals for 2012 by Tim Solomon

When I was in High School, my English teacher made a statement that stuck with me. Most everyone in the class was complaining about the latest writing assignment. She said, “There will come a time in your life that you will want to write something for other people to read.”

This event from my past came to mind in conjunction with the thoughts of another article I read that reinforced the saying that a picture is worth a thousand words. When we photograph, we are writing essays. Our medium, be it print, film or digital, is the composition of light, shadows, and subject. The trick is to communicate to the audience a singular message.

One of our goals for 2012 is to “shoot” with the deliberate intent to write a better photograph for the audience to read. It appears that my English teacher was correct.

Best Of 2011 Results

	Digital	Color Print	Monochrome Print
Best of Year	Diana Davidson	Virginia Gilbert	Diana Davidson
2nd Place	Barbara Hitt	Martha Teal	Diana Davidson
3rd Place	Diana Davidson	Margaret Phillips	Martha Teal
HM	Diana Davidson	Henry Smith	Barbara Hitt
HM	Diana Davidson	Ernie High	Barbara Hitt
HM	Ben Evanko	Veronica Beaudry	Virginia Gilbert
HM	Bart Fay	Martha Teal	Ernie High
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Diana Davidson	Ernie High
HM	Kelly Williams	Bobby Fox	Ernie High
HM	Ben Evanko	Joy Henderson	
HM	Barbara Hitt	Don Wolfe	
HM	Kelly Williams		
HM	Walt Tyszka		
HM	Emily Saile		
HM	Barbara Hitt		

Honors

Masters of Photography

Diana Davidson
Joy Henderson
Rick Kress

Gold Star Fellows

Ernie High
Barbara Montgomery

Silver Star Fellow

Geri Reddy

Bronze Star Fellow

Don Wolfe

Fellows

John Kirwin
Don Wolfe



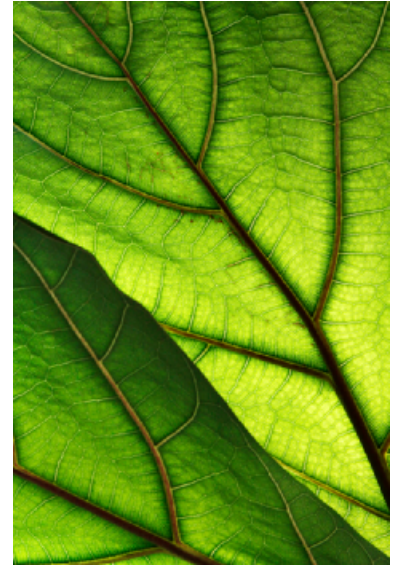
HPS Lifetime Award

Presented to Barry Jackson

2011 Winners



Color Print Best Of Year - Virginia Gilbert



Color Print Second Place- Martha Teal



Color Print Third Place Margaret Phillips



Monochrome Best Of Year - Diana Davidson



Monochrome Second Place - Diana Davidson



Monochrome Third Place- Martha Teal

2011 Winners



Digital Best Of Year
Diana Davidson



Digital Second
Place -Barbara Hitt



Digital Third Place
Diana Davidson

“Everything around us, dead or alive, in the eyes of a crazy photographer mysteriously takes on many variations, so that a seemingly dead object comes to life through light or by its surroundings....

To capture some of this - I suppose that's lyricism.”

- Josef Sudek

Website for Digital competition results:
www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com



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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.

