



# In Focus

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## March Program– Photography and the Internet



While many of us can recall life before computers, it's hard to imagine doing without the Internet in today's world. Most people use the Internet daily for something. Several of us would like to utilize the Internet more in our photographic experience but we just haven't made the leap. Help is here!

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Cliff Loehr will be presenting Photography and the Internet. His presentation will focus on how photographers use the Internet for business, education or just for fun. We will learn how to prepare, protect, publish and maintain our images for use on the web. Cliff will review several websites currently used by photographers (for a variety of purposes) as well as teach us how to build our own website.

Cliff is a software engineer/web developer who has been building websites for about 15 years. He has started several Internet-based businesses and presently owns a web hosting company and a freelance-for-hire business which operates from the web. His passion to enhance his photography skills has led Cliff to become a member of HPS where he has already placed in one of our recent competitions.

## Potential Competition Change

The HPS Board is considering a change to our competition format, splitting the competition into two divisions, one for Fellows and one for those that have not yet reached that status (non-Fellows). The goal is to reduce possible anxiety new photographers may feel in competing against advanced photographers and provide a faster progression path to Fellow. All Fellows and

above will compete together, and all non-Fellows will compete together in our current categories of Digital, Color Print and Monochrome Print. Non-Fellows will be awarded wins for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and Honorable Mention; however, they will not receive points. When a non-Fellow has achieved twenty wins, he/she will automatically become an

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## From The President

Winter's almost gone, not that we had much of one, and Spring is on the way. Bulb flowers are already blooming, and the early flowering trees are starting to bloom. Hopefully you spent the crummy days of winter re-viewing your equipment and camera settings and/or reading books on composition, exposure, and other topics, so you're ready for the photo opportunities Spring will bring us. Weather is one of our competition topics later in the year, and Spring should provide challenging cloud formations to photograph (hopefully no tornadoes, though).

Henry's article last month on being careful with your memory card reminded me of something that happened to me right after I got my camera. I was taking photos on the way back from Birmingham one day. The light was just right, there was no traffic on one of the covered bridges in Blount County, and when I tried to take my third photo, nothing happened. I looked at the LCD screen and saw the "Change your battery pack" message. Well, I didn't have a spare battery pack, and I missed some great shots, I know. Needless to say, when I got home, I ordered a spare battery. For those of you new to photography, make sure you have a spare battery/batteries for your camera, as well as your flash.

I want to thank Eric Mittman for his

enlightening presentation on South Africa. I know I learned a lot about the country I didn't already know. His photos of the people and the places were emotionally stimulating, and the wildlife photos were phenomenal. For those of you not there, Eric and his students are putting together a book to send to the kids in the school he visited there. When he is done, please consider buying one for yourself (funds go to buy equipment for the school) and one for a student at the school. It is definitely a worthy cause which will foster our craft to people who would otherwise never have the opportunity to experience it.

Thanks also to Liss Sterling for judging our Open images on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Open is a particularly difficult competition to judge because of the wide variety of subject matter, and this time we had 118 color prints submitted. Congratulations to all the winners – be sure and check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site.

Lastly, the Board is considering a change to our monthly competitions, so please read the article regarding that.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

## Potential Competition Change

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HPS Fellow. This can occur at any time during the calendar/competition year. At that time, the new Fellow will be awarded points for wins, and the points will accumulate, so that the Fellow can attain levels of Bronze, Silver, Gold, and eventually become a Master photographer. Competition for current HPS

Fellows will remain unchanged from the old system. The two divisions will be judged separately, and the winning photos from each will be announced, displayed, and critiqued at each meeting. For the Best-of-Year category competition in December, the winning photos from BOTH divisions will be judged together. There will be

no change for the annual President's Award, which goes to the Fellow with the highest number of points for the calendar/competition year. We will keep you advised as we get close to implementing this.

## Southeastern Raptor Demonstrations

Wildbirds Unlimited presents Southeastern Raptor Center Demonstrations Friday, March 30, 2012. Shows at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Boeing-Toyota Amphitheatre at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

The second of two great stage shows for the month of March brings back everybody's favorite raptor show brought to us by

The Southeastern Raptor Center from the Auburn School of Veterinary Medicine.

This entertaining and educational program will delight the young and old alike. You'll see and learn about some of the most amazing and majestic birds of prey. Witness many of the raptors taking flight and getting a birds eye view of the animals close

up! The cost for the show is \$2 per person for members and for non-members along with Garden admission for non-members. This makes for a great family activity during Spring Break so come out and enjoy the Garden. Pre-reservations are not accepted for this event and seats are first come and first serve.

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## March 26th Mini Class – Action Photography

The topics for the March class include: Equipment; Adverse lighting conditions; Focus and framing; Anticipating action; and Post-processing.

Bob Topp, HPS member, has been shooting local tennis action since 2003. He is self-taught, but has studied others' technique to improve his shooting. Part of the presentation will include dealing

with the limitations and budget of your equipment and getting the most out of it. The images he produces are generally for web posting, but also for 4x6 distribution. Many of the images have been used in the Huntsville Women's Tennis Association (HWTA) newsletters and annual publications over the years. Exposure to the tennis community has

also led to side work such as team portraits for visiting Southern Senior Cup teams and action shots for the U.S. Senior Women's Nationals. Although tennis is the primary subject, the equipment and techniques are applicable to shooting most amateur outdoor sports, such as soccer, football and baseball.

**February Competition Results**  
**Subject - Open**  
**Judge - Liss Sterling**

	<b>Digital (76)</b>	<b>Color Prints (118)</b>	<b>Monochrome (41)</b>
1st	Tim Solomon	Tom Bryant	Diana Davidson
2nd	John Kirwin	Ron Atchley	Ernie High
3rd	Ben Evanko	Dave Edens	Diana Davidson
HM	Geri Reddy	Gayle Biggs	Margaret Phillips
HM	Martha Teal	Bob Topp	Geri Reddy
HM	Jerry Green	Ron Atchley	Dave Edens
HM	Jerry Green	Veronica Beaudry	Geri Reddy
HM	John Kirwin	Richard Modlin	
HM	John Kirwin	Margaret Phillips	
HM	Peter Ashley	Trudi Gardner	
HM	Walt Tyszka	Henry Smith	
HM		David Blue	
HM		Emily Saile	
HM		Bill Courtney	
HM		Gayle Biggs	

# ***FIRST PLACE WINNERS***



Digital by Tim Solomon



Color Print by Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print by Diana Davidson

# MARCH JUDGE

**Muril Robertson**

<http://www.murilrobertson.com/>

## 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.

## Note From Ernie High, HPS Competition Officer

It was thought that a couple of print submissions for the Feb competition did not meet the minimum print size of 5" x 7" (without a matt). If a print is matted, the rules allow a reduction of a 1/4" on ea side (print would be 4 1/2" x 6 1/2"), All prints met this criteria.

### Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results:

[www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com)

Website for Novice Class is

[www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions](http://www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions)

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Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Ronald Atchley	18	6
John Kirwin	13	6
Diana Davidson	9	3
Margaret Phillips	7	5
Tom Bryant	6	2
Tim Solomon	5	1
Barbara Staggs	5	1
Susi Stroud	5	2
David Edens	4	2
Ernie High	4	1
Barbara Montgomery	4	2
Geri Reddy	4	4
Bart Fay	3	1
Ben Evanko	3	1
Henry Smith	3	3
Gayle Biggs	2	2
Jerry Green	2	2
Jens Lambert	2	2
Emily Saile	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
Veronica Beaudry	1	1
Don Bennett	1	1
David Blue	1	1
Bill Courtney	1	1
Sarah Curtis	1	1
Trudi Gardner	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Cliff Loehr	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Eddie Sewell	1	1
Liz Smith	1	1
Martha Teal	1	1
Bob Topp	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1



Andrea Shetley  
HPS Activities  
Officer

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## New HPS Brochure

We are working on a new brochure for HPS. It has been decided to upgrade to a full-color glossy design. To take full advantage of this medium, we would like to put in photographs of various activities HPS has been involved in over the last few years. If you have taken photos of HPS members and/or displays (booths, exhibitions, etc.), please send me several (not 50!) low resolution images with distinctive titles (not the auto

number assigned by your camera) and the following information (in the body of your e-mail):

- Photographer (that be you): full name as you want it to appear in credits
- Event (including place and year)
- Members in photo

If your photo is chosen, we will need to get a release from you and the people present in the photo before using it. I also will then ask

you for a high resolution version of the image. Do not submit images unless you have a high resolution version available...it is required for printing.

All of your images are lovely, but at this time we are looking for HPS members participating in club activities, not individual photographers' works.

Send images to:

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HPS Activities Officer  
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## Scenic Tennessee Photo Contest

Scenic Tennessee, in partnership with the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, invites submissions to “Living Legacies: Capturing the Scenic Beauty of Tennessee's Civil War Heritage.” **Submission deadline: April 1, 2012.** In honor of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, Scenic Tennessee’s 18th annual (now biennial)

photo contest commemorates Tennessee’s distinctive Civil War sites and landscapes. Contest entrants are encouraged to use the Trails marker program as a guide to find numerous subjects across the state, including: historic landscapes, period buildings and architecture, monuments, and cemeteries. To follow the Trail,

visit [www.civilwartrails.org](http://www.civilwartrails.org).

Up to 3 winners (\$100 first, \$50 second, and \$25 third) will be chosen in four categories: professional, adult amateur, high school student, and middle school student. For contest rules go to [www.scenictennessee.org/photo-contest/](http://www.scenictennessee.org/photo-contest/)

## Member News

- ⇒ **Virginia Gilbert**, HPS Master of Photography, has been asked to be part of an Art Show at Athens State for their March Women's Month Celebration. The photos will be displayed at their Student Center. She may also do a poetry reading or a presentation talking about the relationship between photography/painting/imagery and poetry. The date hasn't been set yet for this presentation. For more information, call 256-464-9130.
- ⇒ Congrats to the following members for winning images in the Huntsville Times 2012 Travel photo contest: Places Category - **Diana Davidson** won First Place, **Bill Snoddy** won Second Place, **Joy Henderson** won Third Place, and Barb Hitt won Honorable Mention. People Category – **Virginia Gilbert** won Honorable Mention.
- ⇒ Please keep **Robert Schuffert** and **Willie Staggs** (Barb's husband) in your thoughts and prayers as they are both fighting life threatening illnesses.

### Monthly Mini Classes

Since the mini-classes (held each month from 6 to 6:45 p.m. before each competition meeting) have been so popular, we are continuing them again this year. But we need your help! If you would like volunteer to give a mini-class, please contact me with your topic and two choices of which month you prefer. Also send me your ideas and requests on what you would like to see and we will try to find someone with those skills. See page 3 for the March class.

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2012 HPS Meeting Info
March 12 – Photography on the Web by Cliff Loehr
March 26 – Birds Competition
April 9 - Lightroom by Don Wolfe
April 23 – Bottles Competition
Apr 30 – Members Forum
May 14– Portrait Lighting by Walt Tyszka
May 28– Fountains Competition
June 11 - Captive and Wild by Christian Sperka
June 25 - Store Fronts Competition
July 9 – Art Imitating Life by Roger Hunter
July 23 – Geometric Shapes Competition
July 30 - Members Forum
Aug 13 – Anartica by Joy Henderson
Aug 27 - Fences Competition
Sep 10 – Photoshop/Wildlife by Larry Perry
Sep 24 – Open Competition
Oct 8 - Emotion and Style by Tom and Pat Cory
Oct 22 – Weather Competition
Oct 29 – Members Forum
Nov 12– 3D Photography by Lee Pratt
Nov 26 - Barns Competition
Dec 10– Best Of Year Dinner
Jan 28, 2013 - Metal Competition

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**Huntsville AL 35801**



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

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

**Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.**

