



In Focus

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April Program—Adobe Lightroom by Don Wolfe

There's been a lot of buzz about Adobe Lightroom lately. Like many of us, I have intended to get more involved with Lightroom but just haven't made that happen yet. Thankfully we have someone willing to shed some light onto this subject (pun intended). On April 9th, Don Wolfe will be sharing his knowledge of Lightroom during a presentation to the Huntsville Photographic Society. Don will discuss both the advantages and disadvantages of Lightroom, Bridge and Photoshop. He will show how they can all work together to make our digital darkroom experience a little easier. Don states that he has been involved with photography since about 1950. His photography has been displayed at several prominent locations around Huntsville and Decatur. He has won first place in numerous photo competitions and is presently well on his way to achieving the level of Master Photography. You can see many of Don's photos at www.donwolfephotos.com. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to be enlightened.



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Wildflower Workshop with Tom and Pat Cory

Tom and Pat Cory will conduct a workshop at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Saturday, Apr 14 at the Boeing Education Classroom. Fee is \$45 for Garden members and \$50 for non-members. The class includes a classroom presentation of techniques to improve nature photography, composition and lighting, as well as an outdoor session in the Garden. The Corys have traveled the world taking pictures in every corner of the globe. During this class, they'll share many of the pictures from their extensive travels, as examples of how to capture the best shot in every situation. The class will cover techniques to improve nature photography, composition and lighting. After the classroom portion is completed, the workshop will

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From The President

Well, Winter’s gone, and Summer is here – wait, what happened to Spring? Anyway, the weather is ideal for getting out and taking photos. Hit the road and find barns, fences, store fronts, weather formations, and other interesting things to photograph for upcoming competitions or just for fun.

I want to thank Cliff Loehr for his program on Photography and the Web. Cliff just joined HPS this year, and I applaud him stepping up to present a program for us. He showed us many different methods to share our photos with others. For those of you thinking about creating your own website,

please consider using Cliff as your host.

Thanks also to Muril Robertson for judging our Birds images this month. Birds are a particular favorite of many of our members, and we were not disappointed. Muril said he had a difficult time choosing the winners, due to the superb quality of the images submitted. Congratulations to all the winners – be sure and check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site.

Last month, the Board approved a Facebook page that will be administered by Walt Tyszka. Though I haven’t joined Facebook yet, I have heard that we already have a

very active site. We are also considering a Yahoo Groups site, as well, so stay tuned for that. These social media offer HPS additional ways for members to communicate with each other to learn more about photography, so don’t hesitate to use them.

I have received comments about the Competition split, and the Facebook page has several entries about it. The Board will discuss this further before we implement it, so stay tuned.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

Wildflower Workshop

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then move outside with the Garden, in its spring glory, as your inspiration. The Cory’s will guide you through getting the perfect nature shot as you move throughout the Garden. This workshop is perfect for photographers of all experience levels.

Panoply Arts Festival

It is that time of year again, for Huntsville Panoply Arts Festival Apr 27-29, held at Big Spring Park, www.panoply.org. The annual festival offers the best in music, dance, theater, and visual art and includes the Official Alabama State Fiddling Championship and Mountain Valley (MOVA) Songwriter's Competition. It

also offers entrants a chance to compete in choreography, "Homegrown Talent," photography, and writing ten-minute plays, as well as highlights multiple nations through its popular Global Village. Fri., 5-9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun., noon-8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 a day or \$10 for the weekend.

Iceland Photo Tour

Iceland photo tour June 27 through July 10 with Tom and Pat Cory through Strabo Tours.

Iceland is a photographer's dream. On this tour we will photograph puffins up close, a variety of waterfalls, Icelandic horses, and the spectacular interior, accessible only in the summer by 4 wheel drive vehicles. Our driver/guide is a professional photographer and native of Iceland so he knows how to get to incredible photographic locations.

This tour has some long summer days and some rough driving so participants need to be in reasonable physical condition. This link

http://tomandpatcory.com/tomandpatcory_files/page0050.htm, will take you to a description of the tour with links to photos from our two previous tours or email Tom and Pat at tompatcory@aol.com for more information.

2012 HPS Meeting Info

April 9 - Lightroom by Don Wolfe

April 23 – Bottles Competition

Apr 30 – **Captive and Wild** with guest speaker Christian Sperka, Wildlife Photographer

May 14– Portrait Lighting by Walt Tyszka

May 28– Fountains Competition

June 11 - TBD

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

March Competition Results Subject - Birds Judge - Muril Robertson			
	Digital (94)	Color Prints (77)	Monochrome Prints (32)
1st	Barbara Montgomery	Joy Henderson	Ron Atchley
2nd	Judy Fleming	Bill Courtney	Martha Teal
3rd	John Kirwin	Joy Henderson	Tim Solomon
HM	Jerry Green	Jens Lambert	Don Wolfe
HM	Jerry Green	Jens Lambert	Martha Teal
HM	Barbara Hitt	John Kirwin	Martha Teal
HM	Diana Davidson	Mike Lyon	
HM	Geri Reddy	Martha Teal	
HM	John Kirwin	Bobby Fox	
HM	Jerry Green	Tom Bryant	
HM	Geri Reddy		
HM	Joy Henderson		

APRIL JUDGE -

Monte McKnight

<http://www.carafuller.com/mine/mcknightpottery/html/portfolio1/portfolio1page1.html>

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

First Place Winners



Color Print by Joy Henderson



Monochrome Print by Ron Atchley



Digital by Barb Montgomery

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Ron Atchley	23	7
John Kirwin	18	9
Diana Davidson	10	4
Joy Henderson	9	3
Barbara Montgomery	9	3
Tim Solomon	8	2
Martha Teal	8	5
Tom Bryant	7	3
Margaret Phillips	7	5
Geri Reddy	6	6
Bill Courtney	5	2
Jerry Green	5	5
Barb Staggs	5	1
Susi Stroud	5	2
Dave Edens	4	2
Bart Fay	4	1
Judy Fleming	4	1
Ernie High	4	1
Jens Lambert	4	4
Ben Evanko	3	1
Henry Smith	3	3
Gayle Biggs	2	2
Emily Saile	2	2
Don Wolfe	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
Veronica Beaudry	1	1
Don Bennett	1	1
David Blue	1	1
Sarah Curtis	1	1
Robert Fox	1	1
Trudi Gardner	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Barb Hitt	1	1
Cliff Loehr	1	1
Mike Lyon	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Liz Smith	1	1
Bob Topp	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1

HPS presents

“Christian has traveled the world photographing animals in wild game reserves. . . the jungles of Costa Rica. . .and across the Unites States.”

...Captive and Wild

Wildlife Photographer Christian Sperka will talk about animal photography and conservation in the wild and in captivity.

He will also share a few of the stories from "special moments" from his work in Southern Africa over the last ten years.

When/where: Monday, April 30, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
at the Huntsville Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama

Christian Sperka is a wildlife photographer based in Nashville, Tennessee. Over the last 10 years, Christian has traveled the world photographing animals in wild game reserves of South Africa and Namibia, the jungles of Costa Rica, as well as zoos in Switzerland and across the United States. His work has been featured in wildlife magazines, books and promotional campaigns for Nashville Zoo, Cincinnati Zoo and Zurich Zoo in Switzerland.

Christian is also a qualified South African field guide. Every year he leads a few photographic safaris to Southern Africa. Residing in Nashville, Christian has partnered with Nashville Zoo to offer photography classes for all skill levels. In January 2011 he became the official Nashville Zoo photographer. In June 2010, Christian opened his Animal Art Photography gallery and studio at the Arcade in Nashville. His photographs are also available through his online store.

Christian Sperka Photography-www.sperka.com, info@sperka.com



Photo Opportunities

⇒ **Bloomin' Festival in Cullman, AL - April 21-22, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily.** The Bloomin' Festival is a two day juried arts festival attracting thousands of visitors to the beautiful campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School. Located adjacent to the school is the world famous Ave Maria Grotto. The picturesque landscape of stone cut buildings on the grounds of Alabama's only Abbey provides a backdrop for the out-of-doors show. More than 140 booths are filled with artists demonstrating and exhibiting their work. The festival is the largest fundraiser annually for the operation and maintenance of the

school. The school is located at 1600 St. Bernard Drive, Cullman, AL 35055. For more info (256)739-6682 Ext. 7133 or (800)722-0999.

⇒ **Oneonta Pro Rodeo, Apr 7-8, #205-274-8839** or www.bcoabc.com located in Oneonta, AL. Admission charged. Blount County-Oneonta Agri-Business Center--See professional cowboys and cowgirls from across the country compete for world standing points in bull riding, steer wrestling, bronc riding, team roping, barrel racing and the ever-popular chuck wagon races. This award-winning rodeo

features events for all ages including the Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl Contest, the Gold Rush, Chicken Chase and Rodeo Clown.

⇒ **Spring Festival of Flowers, Huntsville Botanical Gardens - Sunday April 1, 2012 - Monday April 30, 2012.** With thousands of bulbs, colorful spring annuals, a woodland full of wildflowers, magnificent dogwoods and amazing azaleas, the Garden is coming alive around every corner. Gorgeous container plantings and imaginative topiaries highlight the arrival of spring in the Garden.

Find us on Facebook ... search for "Huntsville Photographic"

Texture Class Rescheduled

Due to the rescheduling of the . . . Captive and Wild program with Christian Sperka to April 30, Veronica Beaudry's Texture class needs to be moved to another night. Since the next Member's Forum night is not until July 30th, she is asking for input from those interested in the class to see if there is another Monday night that would work, such as May 7th or 21st. She is not available in June. Please email Veronica at veronicabeaudry@gmail.com to let her know your preference.

New Members

Dave Lambert
Dave Edens
Charles and Doris Leverett
Leon Lewis
Cliff Loehr
Lauren Toles
Andy Hardin
Bob Topp
Carol Poland
Jim and Linda Burton
Cheryl Colbey

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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).

Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.

