



In Focus

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May Program– Portrait Lighting by Walt Tyszka

Walt Tyszka is a self-taught photographer who is also an active and loyal member of HPS. He has been involved with photography since 1972 and opened his own wedding photography business in 1978. Walt relocated to Huntsville in 1991. He began using studio lighting equipment in 2001, and made the move to all digital photography in 2005.



For our May 14th meeting, Walt will conduct a workshop for HPS on lighting technique for studio portraits. His presentation will be interactive utilizing a live model and various studio portrait lighting methods. His modeling session will be displayed simultaneously on the large screen so we can all witness the results of his technique in real time. He will discuss many of the different properties and types of studio lighting. Other topics will include Color Temperature and Specularity. Walt plans to demonstrate a variety of light modifiers and assorted lighting patterns. Remember to be at the Library on May 14th at 7:00 pm and don't forget to bring your "smile".

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Location Change for May 28 Meeting

The second meeting in May, Fountains Competition, will be held at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 786 Hughes Rd in Madison. Same start time 7:00. The mini class will start one hour before, at 6:00.

May Mini Class

Veronica's texture workshop has been rescheduled for the 5th Monday in July. Rather than make everyone wait that long to start working, Veronica has offered to do an intro to the topic for the May mini class. She will do a basic run thru of two images so you can see how the process works. She will then do a full, hands on workshop in July. At that time you can bring your laptops and she will provide the files so you can work through them with her. Anyone who is curious about the texture work plan to be at the mini class at 6 pm on May 28th. (No computers necessary at that one.)



“The Huntsville Museum of Art is planning on another HPS exhibit. . . Stay tuned for more on this.”

Photo Ops

From The President

Hallelujah, Spring finally came! The weather has been beautiful, and the light has been wonderful for taking photographs. Take the time to get out and take advantage of it. This time of year brings festivals, such as the Rhododendron Festival in Mentone toward the end of May, as well as many others throughout the Tennessee Valley. Take your camera and check some of them out. Also, remember our topic for this month is Fountains.

I want to thank Don Wolfe for his program on Lightroom. I had been curious about it for months, and Don satisfied that curiosity so much that I bought Lightroom 4 the next day. He showed us how it is a powerful database for keeping track of your images, and that it has many of Photoshop's image enhancement features built in. I am in the process of cataloging all my images, and thanks to Don, I know exactly how to do it.

Thanks also to Monté McKnight for judging our Bottles images this month. All of the entries were beautiful, and the winners were spectacular. Something about how light flows through the glass is magical. Congratulations to all the winners – be sure and check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site.

Cheers to Cliff Loehr for volunteering to present a program on night time photography at the Murphy Branch of the Huntsville Public Library. The program is part of the Adult Summer Reading program that has a night time theme of “Reading under a Starry Night.”

Bill Snoddy confirmed that the Huntsville Museum of Art is planning on another HPS exhibit, toward the end of October for four months. As last time, the Museum will show 50 of our images. I just happened to be at a function last week with the Museum Director, and he went on and on about our last exhibit and is looking forward to this next one. The Board will discuss this at our next meeting to determine a theme and a schedule to meet the opening date. Stay tuned for more on this.

Go out and take some photos!!

Eddie Sewall

- ◆ Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park is proud to announce that the Skirmish at Tannehill Reenactment will be held **May 26th – 27th, 2012**, at the site of the furnace that provided iron for the Selma Arsenal. The Tannehill website is <http://www.tannehill.org/events.html>
- ◆ Commemorating the 149th Anniversary of the burning of LaGrange College, Alabama's first Chartered College, by Colonel Florence N. Cornyn and his Destroying Angels on April 28, 1863. **Saturday May 5, 2012, 10 am - 4 pm**. At LaGrange College Site Park. For more info go to <http://recall-lagrange.00me.com/index.html>
- ◆ The hot air balloon festival in Decatur, AL, over Memorial Day weekend. <http://alabamajubilee.net/>
- ◆ TN Renaissance Festival in Arrington, TN (25 miles south of Nashville). Every weekend in May. <http://www.tnrenfest.com/>

Eddie Tap Coming to Chattanooga

The Photographic Society of Chattanooga (PSC) is joining forces with Canon and Chattanooga State Community College to have Eddie Tapp do a workshop on digital photography - especially digital workflows- on June 23, 9 AM - 4 PM. The cost is \$30 for non-PSC members, plus \$10 for lunch if you want to purchase it. Registration may be done online at <http://chattanoogaphoto.org/eddie/>. June 4 is the deadline. There is also a printable registration form online that can be mailed to PSC with a check. If you have questions, please send an email to workshops@chattanoogaphoto.org. To find out more about Eddie Tapp, go to <http://eddietapp.com/blog/>

Member News

⇒ **David Blue** won an Honorable Mention at the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park annual Nature Photography Weekend competition for his entry in the Advanced Wet and Wild category. **Carol Blue** won a third place for her entry in the Advanced Abstracts In Nature category (see p.6).



David Blue's Wet and Wild winning image.

⇒ One 3D image by **Lee Pratt** has won Best of Show in both the 2012 Southern Cross International Stereo Exhibition (Sydney, Australia) and the 2012 Ohio International Stereo Exhibition. The image is "Maroon Bells" which was photographed on September 26, 2011. The photo location is 20 miles south of Aspen, Colorado and is known as the "most photographed spot in Colorado". Hundreds of photographers visit it every day during times of peak autumn colors. The two main peaks are called the Maroon Bells because of their purplish color and shape.



Photo by Lee Pratt

Digital Point & Shoot Cameras Needed

Eric Mittman is a photography instructor at Sparkman High School (whom we all know well) and the recipient of an educational grant last year in South Africa. Eric visited South Africa and set up a co-teaching relationship with a South African photography teacher. The project's aim is to culminate in a book of photographs by the students. The student's are eager learners and excited about the prospect of having their work in a book. Unfortunately, their creative efforts are frequently hampered by a tragic inadequacy of equipment. So, Eric is collecting old digital point and shoot cameras to send periodically to the school in South Africa. If anyone has an old digital point and shoot camera that they would like to donate to a worthy cause, please bring the cameras to the HPS meetings and Diana Davidson will collect them to pass on to Eric Mittman. Hopefully, as the student's photographs are being produced, Eric will come back to HPS and share their work with us.

April Competition Results

Subject - Bottles

Judge - Monte' Mcknight

	Digital (55)	Color Prints (59)	Monochrome Prints (23)
1st	Diana Davidson	Henry Smith	Ernie High
2nd	Don Bennett	Ron Atchley	Ron Atchley
3rd	Sam Tumminello	Emily Saile	Sarah Curtis
HM	Jerry Green	Ron Atchley	Veronica Beaudry
HM	Sam Tumminello	Veronica Beaudry	Don Wolfe
HM	Diana Davidson	Barbara Montgomery	
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HM		Martha Teal	
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First Place Winners



Digital by Diana Davidson



Color Print by Henry Smith

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Ronald Atchley	32	10
John Kirwin	18	9
Diana Davidson	17	7
Barb Montgomery	11	5
Martha Teal	10	7
Joy Henderson	9	3
Ernie High	9	2
Henry Smith	8	4
Tim Solomon	8	2
Tom Bryant	7	3
Margaret Phillips	7	5
Jerry Green	6	6
Geri Reddy	6	6
Don Bennett	5	2
Bill Courtney	5	2
Emily Saile	5	3
Barbara Staggs	5	1
Susi Stroud	5	2
Sarah Curtis	4	2
Dave Edens	4	2

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Bart Fay	4	1
Judy Fleming	4	1
Jens Lambert	4	4
Sam Tumminello	4	2
Veronica Beaudry	3	3
Ben Evanko	3	1
Don Wolfe	3	3
Gayle Biggs	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
David Blue	1	1
Robert Fox	1	1
Trudi Gardner	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Barbara Hitt	1	1
Cliff Loehr	1	1
Mike Lyon	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Liz Smith	1	1
Bobb Topp	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1



Monochrome Print by Ernie High

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.

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Carol Blue's winning image, Abstracts in Nature. See p. 3.

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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.

