



In Focus

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August Program– Antarctica by Joy Henderson

Have you been wishing for a nice cool day during this August weather? Good Luck with that! While we can't do much to make the weather any cooler, Joy Henderson is going to help us forget the heat for awhile as she shares some great images and tells us about her recent trip to Antarctica. Joy began her adventures in photography after retiring from a twenty year career selling pharmaceuticals. In addition to enjoying photography, Joy is an accomplished scuba diver. Her favorite dive was a week long adventure where she lived on board a ship and made dives on Japanese shipwrecks in Truk Lagoon. She loves to travel and enjoys creating Sailors Valentines (a beautiful art form using seashells). Joy is married to Rod who provides regular encouragement and live-in tech support. And who couldn't use a lot of that! Join us on August 13th as Joy shares her Antarctica adventure but please dress according to the current weather. No parkas please!



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HPS Exhibit at Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA)

1. Each HPS member may submit up to 5 images for consideration in the exhibit.
2. The images must be submitted digitally (see details on p. 3).
3. The HPS board shall select the top 70 images and present those to the museum's curator, who shall then select the 50 images for the exhibit.
4. Member's will be notified which of their entries have been selected.
5. The museum already has (50) 18"x24" frames which will be used for the show.
6. HPS will purchase (50) mattes and start dispersing these to the selected members on Mon, Aug 27th.

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*“The Huntsville
Museum of Art
exhibition
planning is
underway. . .your
entries are due by
August 15th.”*

From The President

This has been a busy month for HPS and our members, as you will read below. Obviously, the dog days of summer have not dampened our love of photography. Keep your camera handy, because some of those summer thunderstorms and rain showers will make great photos for our Weather competition in October.

Roger’s “Life imitates Art” program at the beginning of the month was really something. Roger was worried about it up until the last few days before the entries were due, but his fears were unwarranted. The creativity shown by the participants was just phenomenal. “The Scream” was by far the most imitated piece of art, followed by various water lilies by Monet. Plus, there were some beautiful imitations of less well known artists. Roger said his follow-on to this is for us to create a photo that captures a song, and I can’t wait to see what you all do for that.

Our judge this month for Geometric Shapes was Cara Fuller; she has judged for us previously, as well as having done programs for us. As always, Cara was a ball of fire with rapid, to-the-point comments/critiques of the entries. Congratulations to all the winners – be sure and check them out in the newsletter and on our Smug Mug site. To follow up on my comment last month regarding new names on the winners lists, please note all the new names this month. I’m really pleased by this! Our new Gmail entry address worked great for the first time, so please continue to use that new address for your submissions. Mike reported we had 117 digital entries this month, the second record setting month in a row.

Thanks to Henry Smith for teaching this month’s mini-class. He talked about composition, and he will do another mini-class next month. Come early, before the competition, and take advantage of Henry’s knowledge and expertise.

Joy Henderson, Henry Smith, and Tom Bryant went to a Rick Sammon workshop early in the month, and Joy has arranged for him to come to Huntsville next May, so stay tuned for that. Rick is a nationally-known photographer and author who is sponsored by Canon. Check out his work and books – you will be impressed. I have his *Rick Sammon’s Complete Guide to Digital Photography* and refer to it constantly.

The Huntsville Museum of Art exhibition planning is underway. Rick Kress volunteered to lead the effort, along with Bill Snoddy. Remember, your entries are due by August 15th.

Fences is the competition topic for this month, so wander around your neighborhood or the back roads of North Alabama and Southern Tennessee to find that special, and maybe winning, image.

Go out and take some photos!

Eddie Sewall

HMA

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7. Members will have 28 days to print their images, cut their mattes and mount their prints to the mattes.
8. Members must turn in their matted images by Mon, Sep 24th An HPS committee shall frame the images and present these to the museum.
9. The museum will hang the images by Oct 20th and they should be on display for approximate 4-5 months.

Print Rules

Prints must be no less than 8" x 10".

Prints cannot be greater than 18" x 24".

The mattes supplied by HPS must be used.

Note: The mattes will be white and the frames are black metal.

2012 HPS Meeting Info
Aug 13– Antarctica 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

HMA Image Submission Rules

Submit images to: rgkress@knology.net.

Email subject line should be: HMA entry.

Maximum number of entries per member: 5.

Naming convention: HMA-#-YourName.jpg (i.e. HMA-1-RickKress.jpg,

HMA-2-RickKress.jpg . . . HMA-5-RickKress.jpg).

Size: MAXIMUM WIDTH: 1280 pixels. MAXIMUM HEIGHT: 1024 pixels. (So if your image is a vertical shot, your height is still limited to 1024 pixels!)

Due Date: Wed, Aug 15th at MIDNIGHT. No Exceptions!

In the body of the email message, please list a title for each of your images such as:

- 1 - Field of Flowers
 - 2 - A Fisherman's Dream
 - 3 - Almost There
- etc.

DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to submit your images. Rick will reply to all emails letting you know he received your entries. If you don't hear from him, email or call Rick at 256-890-0722 (home) 256-895-2168 (work).

If you have any questions about submitting images, feel free to email Rick at rgkress@knology.net.

Competition Results Subject - Geometric Shapes Judge - Cara Fuller			
	Digital (117)	Color Prints (63)	Monochrome (38)
1st	Geri Reddy	Glen Romanczuk	Tim Solomon
2nd	Barbara Staggs	Cheryl Colbey	Ernie High
3rd	Diana Davidson	Doris Leverett	Martha Teal
HM	Barbara Hitt	Martha Teal	David Blue
HM	Barbara Staggs	Don Wolfe	Don Wolfe
HM	Ben Evanko	Barbara Staggs	Mike Lyon
HM	David Blue	Henry Smith	Mike Lyon
HM	Diana Davidson	Henry Smith	
HM	Garth Fraser	Charles Leverett	
HM	Geri Reddy		
HM	John Kirwin		
HM	Kathy Seeds		
HM	Margaret Phillips		
HM	Tom Bryant		
HM	Veronica Beaudry		

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.

Digital Competition Entries

1024 pixels wide - maximum
 768 pixels tall - maximum
 800 KB file size - maximum

Correct file name format
YY-MM-#-FirstLast.jpg
 example: 12-08-3-JaneDoe.jpg

Common file naming errors include:
 Incorrect order of items
 Using underscore rather than dash
 Space between first and last names
 jpeg instead of jpg

Images should be attachments to your email, not imbedded in the email itself

Email subject line should read "HPS Contest" -- not anything else

Deadline for digital submissions is MIDNIGHT on the third Monday of the month. That is when the gallery closes and is sent to the judge.
 Do not wait until the last minute.

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Diana Davidson	46	16
Ron Atchley	44	14
John Kirwin	20	11
Barbara Montgomery	19	11
Marta Teal	19	11
Henry Smith	16	8
Geri Reddy	15	11
Joy Henderson	14	5
Ernie High	13	3
Margaret Phillips	13	7
Tim Solomon	13	3
Barbara Staggs	12	5
Don Wolfe	10	7
Ben Evanko	9	3
Tom Bryant	8	4
Emily Saile	7	5
Veronica Beaudry	6	6
Don Bennett	6	3
Jerry Green	6	6
Sam Tumminello	6	4
Bill Courtney	5	2
Trudi Gardner	5	2
Jens Lambert	5	5
Glen Romanczuk	5	1
Susi Stroud	5	2

Name	2012 points	2012 wins
Cheryl Colbey	4	1
Sarah Curtis	4	2
Dave Edens	4	2
Bart Fay	4	1
Judy Fleming	4	1
Cliff Loehr	4	2
Mike Lyon	4	4
Gayle Biggs	3	3
David Blue	3	3
Virginia Gilbert	3	3
Doris Leverett	3	1
Carol Blue	2	2
Barbara Hitt	2	2
Liz Smith	2	2
Peter Ashley	1	1
Robert Fox	1	1
Garth Frazer	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Charles Leverett	1	1
Dave McGuinness	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
Kathryn Seeds	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Bob Topp	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1

Website for Digital Competition
entries and results:

www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com

Members Out and About

HPS members Margaret Phillips, Tim Solomon, and Geri Reddy got an early start on a Sunday morning in July to capture sunrise in a sunflower field in Elkmont, AL. A friend lives nearby and told them the sunflowers had reached their peak. There were lots of little critters to observe after sunrise.



Photo by Tim Solomon

Photo by Margaret Phillips



Photo by Margaret Phillips



Photo by Geri Reddy

New Members

- Harry Buford**
- Jannon Larue**
- Olin Perry Norton**
- Ken & Lauren Zabel**
- Jayne Hopkins**
- Randy & Karen Stephens**
- Garth Frazer**
- Glen Romanczuk**

Photo Op

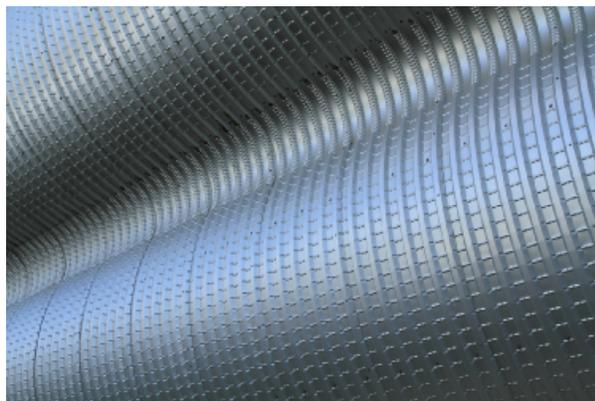
The Battle for Decatur Civil War Reenactment, Sep 1-2, 2012 at Point Mallard Park. The annual event commemorates the four day battle which took place in Oct 1864. More than 200 reenactors representing both northern and southern forces will transform the park into an encampment complete with mock battles. The camps are open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. with battles taking place at 2 p.m. Admission is free. For more info, call 256-350-2028.

First Place Winners



Digital by Geri Reddy

Monochrome Print by Tim Solomon



Color Print by Glen Romanczuk

Wildlife Sanctuary Exhibit Opens

The Art of Nature exhibit opened in June at the Huntsville Museum of Art and will be on view through Oct. 7. It includes written reflections on the Goldmann Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary with representations in photography, painting, and pottery. The Sanctuary is a wilderness park located near Hampton Cove. The works in the exhibit were created by members of the Sanctuary Artists, a group that was formed in 2009. The display provides various interpretations of the beauty of the nature preserve. HMA is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m., and Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m. Take a break from the heat and check out this exhibit.

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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.

