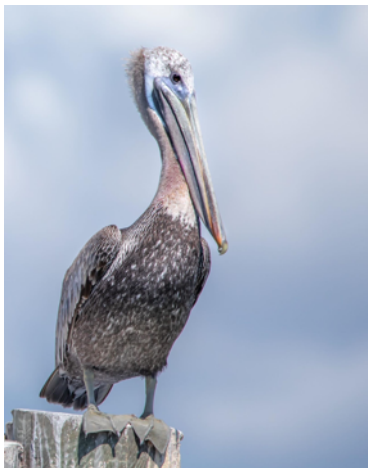


September Program- Alabama the Beautiful *by Beth Cowan Drake*

Beth Cowan Drake is the founder and admin for the Facebook group Alabama The Beautiful. Beth started in photography in college, using a Pentax K1000 with black and white film and became so enthralled that she setup a darkroom in her house to continue experimenting with film. With the release of the first DSLR, she then learned to use the Canon EOS with Photoshop. As a vacation photographer who shot mainly for hobby, she then started shooting and posting in Facebook groups devoted to photography and got the idea to create Alabama The Beautiful in October 2017. The group has now grown to over 55k members from more

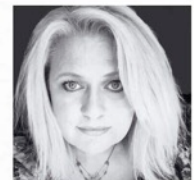


than 100 countries around the world, with a contributor base of photographers among some of the best in the state. She recruits fellow photographers to contribute their Alabama captures to the group and fosters an environment of knowledge sharing and fellowship among the Alabama family of

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2019 Officers of HPS

President: Charles Gattis

Primary Competition Officer:
Steve Mitchell

Digital Competition Officer:
Chris Baker

Competition Records Officer:
Eddie Sewall

Co-Program Officers: Henry Norton
& Roger Hunter

Outreach & Activities Officer:
Rosemary Davidson

Publicity Officer: Sam Tumminello

Treasurer: Sam Alexander

Communications Officer:
Geri Reddy

Historian: Tom Bryant

Exhibition Officer: Bob Gower

PSA Representative: Lee Pratt

Webmaster: John Shriver

Non Board Positions

Membership Secretary:
Margaret Todd

Mentor Coordinator:
Earl Todd

Meeting Information: HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Library - Main Branch, 915 Monroe St.



From The President

Administrative Hodge-podge

Administrative details tend to be somewhat tedious, but necessary for an organization's well-being. The HPS Board tries not to bore you with a lot of this, but sometimes it is necessary for us to keep you informed and to know best how to serve you. Consequently, I hope you will bear with us through this article and pay attention so that we can plan and provide a productive society that we can all enjoy in the coming year.



Annual Business Meeting

As we approach the end of this year, there are some important dates to put on your calendar. The most important one is our regular meeting night on November 11, 2019. That is a program night, but before the program, we will conduct our annual business meeting to elect officers and approve the budget for 2020. Prior to that date, the board will hear the annual financial report and budget recommendations from our treasurer on September 23, develop a budget on October 14, and have a proposed budget for you to consider on November 11. In the meantime, our nominating committee, chaired by Bob Gower, will be putting together a list of officers for you to consider. The board will propose that list to you at the November meeting, but nominations can also be made from the floor. Please help us by assuring that anyone you nominate is willing to serve in whatever capacity you nominate them.

As we understand now, there will be several vacancies to fill this year. Sam Alexander will be stepping down from the treasurer's position and is recommending that we consider Delen Boyd, a retired accountant and new member of HPS, who is serving as Sam's assistant while he is in Denver. Henry Norton is also turning over the responsibility of Program Officer to Roger Hunter who

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From The President

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came on board as Co-Program Director a few months ago. Roger will take over those responsibilities for the remainder of this year and is willing to serve in that capacity in 2020 if elected. Finally, Steve Mitchell is stepping down as our Primary Competition Officer and we currently have no one that we know of to fill that position. Let me express my appreciation to all of these officers who have been so faithful and helpful to HPS in the years of their service.

The Primary Competitions Officer is a position I held before becoming president and one I enjoyed very much. I found it rewarding to help choose the topics for competition each year and to line up judges with experience in those areas. The job gave me the opportunity to get to know some of our judges on a personal level. We are fortunate to have such a fine group and I came to appreciate each one. Some have become close personal friends. If someone is interested in serving in this position for the coming year or you know of someone who would do well with it, please let Bob or me know. The job description for that office is as follows:

Duties of Primary Competition Officer

1. Secure judges for monthly competition.
2. Confirm Judge's biographical information is posted on the website.
3. Inform judge of judging process.
4. Introduce judge at meeting.
5. Oversee the judging process.
6. Record winners and number of entries and provide to Competition Records Officer.
7. Secure judges for end of the year competition. Typically, three judges are used for end of year competition.
8. Collect end of year competition prints and deliver to judges.
9. Secure appropriate awards for end of the year banquet. This includes annual awards and lifetime achievement awards. This task is often shared with the Competition Records Officer.

In addition to our current list of officers, we are also recommending an additional officer be appointed to serve as chair of the Workshop Committee. This position needs to be a member of the board in order to keep the board apprised of the workshops planned for the year. The duties that will be listed in the by-laws if approved are as follows:

Duties of the Workshop Committee Chairman

1. Puts together a committee of not less than 3 nor more than 5 additional active members of HPS.
2. Plans and executes with the committee 3 to 4 workshops for HPS and the community at large for a particular year.
3. Workshops should be planned for the following year after the committee is established and the chairman elected.
4. Conduct a survey each year of the interests of the membership to determine the types of workshops needed.

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5. The chairman should be a member of the board of directors.

This position along with these duties would need to be approved at the November 11 meeting. Again, if you have suggestions for someone to serve in this capacity, please let Bob or me know. You can email me at cfgattis@gmail.com, and Bob at bgoing2@yahoo.com.

Survey

Over this past year, I have put together two surveys which have been helpful in our planning—a Talent and Interest Survey and a Workshop Survey. Since our understandings and needs change from year to year, I have revised those forms to help us as we plan for 2020. You can help us tremendously by going to the link and filling out these two forms. They should take no more than a couple of minutes each. As new members join during the year, I send them a welcome letter along with a request to fill out the Interest and Talent Survey. Clicking on these links will take you to each survey. [2020 Talent and Interest Survey](#) [2020 Workshop Survey](#) There are in fact two surveys, so please fill out both of them as they will be a tremendous help in our planning.

Library MOU

This past month we have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the library. In short, this is a contract between us and the library whereby they provide meeting space for us at no cost and we provide some basic services for the library for free. Basically, the agreement says that we will photograph selected library events, take pictures of library staff as needed, provide classes for Teen Hangout on a quarterly basis, lead photography contests as requested, partnership in seeking grants to promote photography, publicize opportunities for HMCPL through our communication devices, and provide statistics from our meetings to the library. Of course, we will need help from our members to provide these services. This agreement is for the next two years. Rosemary Davidson is our liaison with the library and does an excellent job with that. If you are interested in helping with these responsibilities in any way, please contact her at Rosemary.Davidson@gmail.com.

New Projector

The board received a request this month that we consider purchasing a new projector for use in an emergency or when we were away from the library. Our old projector does not have the necessary connections and the board felt that a new projector was needed. If you attended the August 12th program meeting, you may remember that we were unable to use the projector in the auditorium that night. The board put together a small committee and requested that they look into the purchase of a new projector not to exceed a certain amount of money.

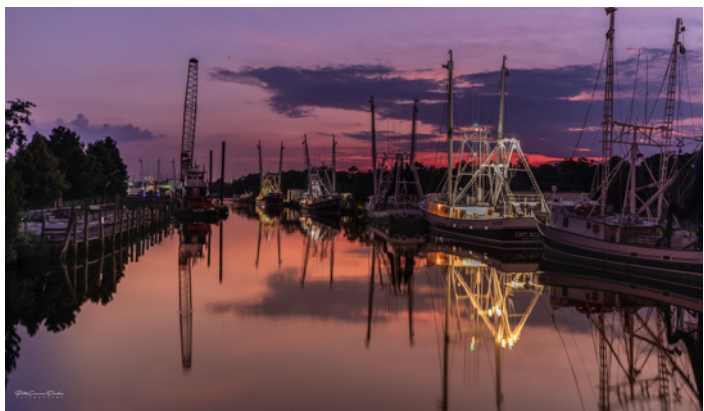
Finally, we received this month a thank you note from the UAH Art Department for sponsoring the photography award in their annual student show. The faculty and students sent their kind appreciation. And, if you have gotten this far with me, I truly thank you. We have a lot going on because we are doing good things and I appreciate you reading and considering all of this.

Charles Gattis

September Program

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photographers. Beth is invited to speak often at photography clubs around the state and has been featured on a local CBS morning news show in Birmingham. She continues to grow in her own photography, using a Canon 5D Mark IV, where she captures the beauty of Alabama on adventures all over the state and beyond. Her gallery can be viewed at <http://bethcowandrake.com>.



Creative Crude Reminder

If you signed up and paid your dollar for The Creative Crud Challenge you should pick up your item at the September 23rd meeting.

You will draw a number and be assigned the item that corresponds to that number. **If you are not able to attend the meeting and still want to participate please contact Barbara Staggs at staggwh@gmail.com or call 256-882-0933 before Sept. 30th.**

Photo Workshop

Keith Bozeman has announced his *Spring 2020 Great Smokey Mountains Photography Workshop*. For details, go to his home page at Keith Bozeman Photography and look under the workshops tab.

August 2019
Subject- Patterns
Judge – Tony Triolo

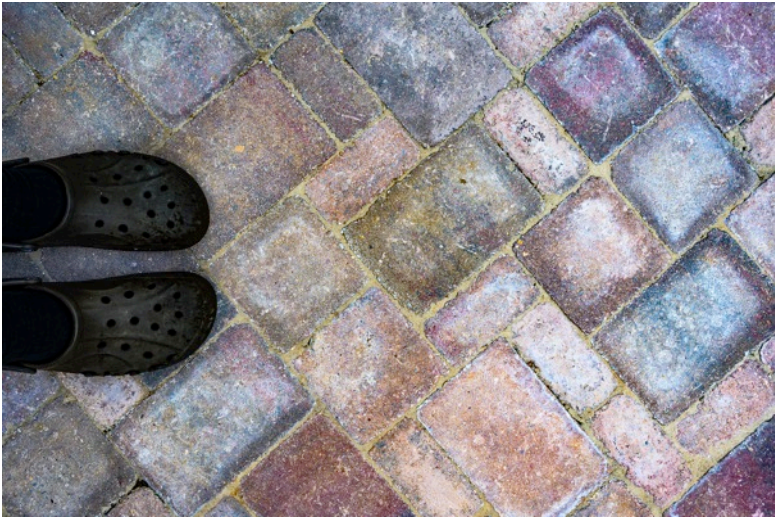
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1st	Martha Teal	Julia Gary	Margaret Todd	Henry Smith
2nd	Martha Teal	John Shriver	Bess Wills	Barbara Staggs
3rd	Joe Matus	Joy Henderson	Alan Forney	Alan Forney
HM	Pete Banholzer	Rick Bumgardner	Charles Leverett	Barbara Staggs
HM	Jeanne McDowell	Jeanne McDowell	Earl Todd	Jeanne McDowell
HM	Barbara	Joe Matus	Charles Leverett	
HM	Sam Alexander	C.T. Chi		
HM	Emily Saile	Chris Baker		
HM	Margaret Todd			
HM				



Color Digital 1st place by
Martha Teal

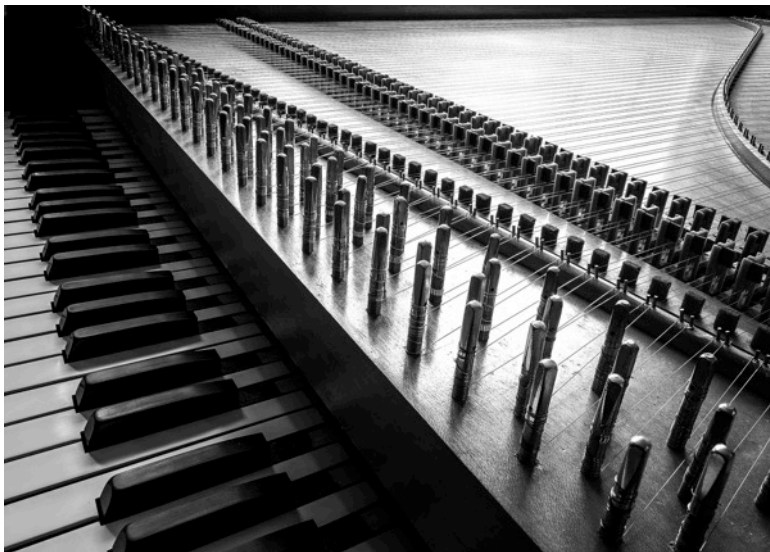


Color Digital 2nd place
by Martha Teal



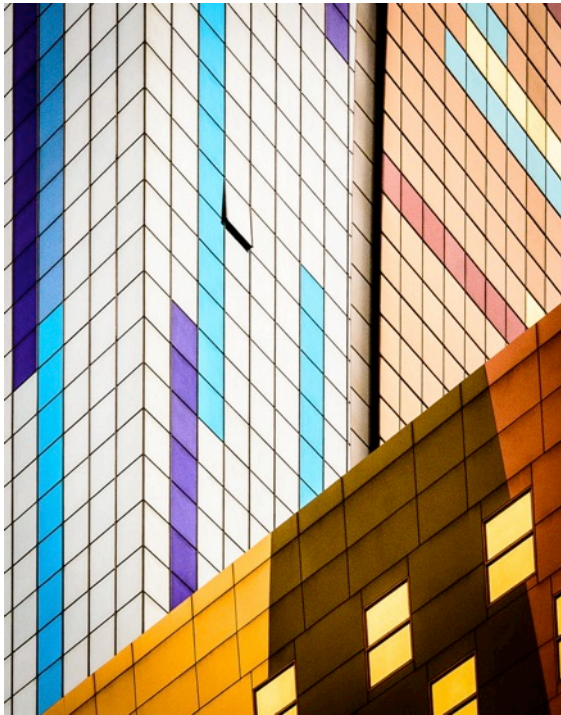
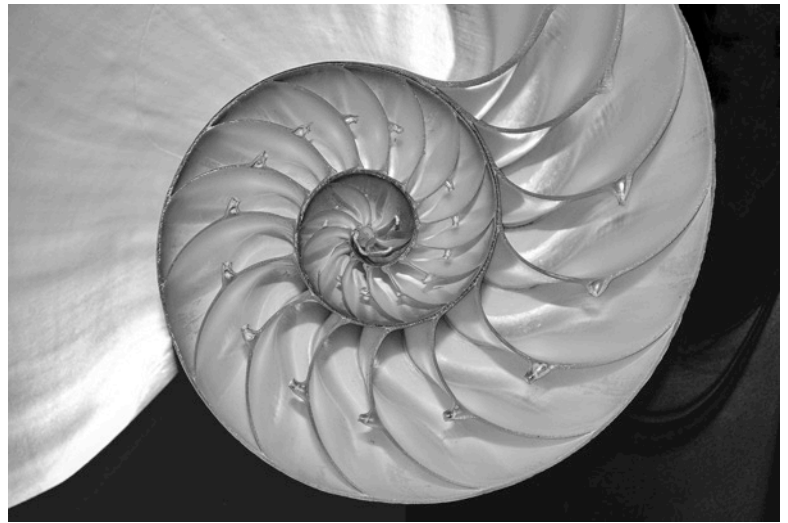
Color Digital 3rd place
by Joe Matus

Monochrome Digital 1st place
by Julia Gary



Monochrome Digital 2nd
place by John Shriver

Monochrome Digital 3rd place by Joy Henderson



Color Print 1st place by Margaret Todd

Color Print 2nd place by Bess Wills





Monochrome Print 1st
place by Henry Smith



Color Print 3rd place by
Alan Forney



Monochrome Print 3rd
place by Alan Forney



Monochrome Print 2nd place
by Barb Staggs

Name	2019 points	2019 wins
Henry Norton	31	9
John Shriver	30	12
Barbara Staggs	30	14
Earl Todd	24	8
Margaret Todd	24	9
Doris Leverett	22	9
Emily Saile	20	8
Sam Alexander	19	7
Jeanne McDowell	19	11
Blanca Eyre	16	5
Charles Leverett	16	6
Tom Bryant	15	6
Alan Forney	15	6
Charles Gattis	14	5
Margaret Phillips	14	6
Christopher Baker	13	11
Julie Gary	13	6
Richard Bumgardner	12	4
Martha Teal	12	5
Judy Kennamer	10	4
Barbara Montgomery	10	4
Joy Henderson	9	4
Hank Miller	9	4
Henry Smith	7	3
Ron Atchley	6	2
Dave Edens	6	4
Allen Gary	6	4
Virginia Gilbert	6	2
Joe Matus	6	4
Pete Banholzer	6	2
Ernie High	5	3

Name	2019 points	2019 wins
Liz High	5	3
John Kirwin	5	2
Larry Sanders	5	1
Carol Boardman	4	1
Bill Snoddy	4	2
Jim Spinosa	4	2
Susi Stroud	4	1
Ed Townsend	4	2
Bess Wills	4	1
Ashley Lindley	3	3
Steve Mitchell	3	1
Alan Montgomery	3	1
Bob Schmiedeskamp	3	1
Liz Smith	3	3
Pete Van Hoff	3	3
Gail Patton	2	2
Don Wolfe	2	2
Pete Banholzer	1	1
David Blue	1	1
CT Chi	1	1
Rosemary Davidson	1	1
Bart Fay	1	1
David Johnson	1	1
Thomas Johnson	1	1
Zachary Johnson	1	1
Marian Lewis	1	1
Richard Modlin	1	1
Glen Romanczuk	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
Amy Stitt	1	1

2019 Meeting Calendar

September 9- "Alabama the Beautiful" Program with Beth Cowan Drake

September 23- "Cityscapes" Competition Meeting

October 14- Program Meeting

October 28- "Open" Competition Meeting

November 11- Program Meeting

November 25- "Shadows" Competition Meeting

December- End of Year Dinner & Awards

September 2019 Judge- Joe Fikes

September 23, Subject: City Scapes



Joe Fikes is certainly no stranger to the Huntsville Photographic Society. He has judged for the Huntsville Photographic Society every year since 2012. A distinguished scientist in the field of laser research, he has also created a successful business as a photographer. Joe's art excels in attention to detail, creativity in composition, and rich color palettes. You will find pieces of his art in homes throughout North Alabama and southern Tennessee. If you are not familiar with his work, you can visit his site at www.joefikes.com/. We welcome Joe as our judge on September 23, at 7:00 pm, on the topic "City Scapes." As usual, competition will be held in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Main Branch.

New Members

Beverly Keyser
Ken Hall
Lea Patton-Reed

Scott Kelby Ultimate Photography Course Coming to Nashville

Wed, Sept. 25, 10:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Music City Center, 201 Fifth Ave South

Join Scott Kelby to learn the secrets to transform your photography in a way that brings real results. Scott shares his favorite techniques and ideas that will change your images immediately. Topics include: The Secrets to Shooting Amazing Landscapes, The 10 Things I Wish I Had Learned Sooner, How to Shoot People Like a Pro, How to Get Incredibly Sharp Photos Without Buying New Gear, and more. For more info go to Kelby's website, kelbyonlive.com.

2019 Scott Kelby Photo Walk

(At this time we are not aware of a Huntsville walk so we are announcing a nearby walk in Nolensville, TN.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: DICK DOUGALL – rjdougall@comcast.net

Announcing Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk 12th Anniversary Date!

The event is happening October 5, 2019 in thousands of cities all over the world. The Scott Kelby Worldwide Photowalk, dubbed the world's largest global and social photography event, has grown immensely in size and popularity since the inaugural walk in 2007. Last year, more than 24,000 photographers of all walks of life and skill level converged to explore their corners of the world through photography and social community.

The concept of a Photo Walk is simple. Photo Walks are created by Walk Leaders in cities all over the world. Walkers meet up at a pre-designated location to spend a few hours socializing, capturing images, and sharing with like-minded people. At the end of the Photo Walk, most groups convene at local restaurants or taverns to share their images and experiences over food.

In addition to the event, photo walkers will be able to upload their favorite picture to our popular Photo Walk contest for a chance to win prizes like a DSLR, gift cards, apps, and camera bags. We will also name a Grand Prize winner and 10 finalists to be selected by Scott Kelby himself.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Register at <https://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/historic-nolensville-tennessee/> and complete the free sign up form.

Additionally, participants can connect socially before, during and after the event using the hash tag #WWPW2019 on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Website: www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)