



In Focus

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December 2019

December Program- End of Year Banquet & Awards

This month we'll celebrate another great year with dinner and awards on Tuesday, Dec 10 at Trinity United Methodist Church. The dinner starts at 6 PM and the awards presentation is at 7. **The dinner will be catered by Carrabbas Restaurant. Tickets are \$20 per person. Deadline for paying is Saturday, Dec 7.** Register on line at <https://www.hpsphoto.org/2019-end-of-year-banquet/>. If you need a gluten free or vegetarian meal, go ahead and pay for your meal on line and then let Charles Gattis know by emailing him at <http://cfgattis@gmail.com>. We are only ordering the number of dinners pre-registered in order to save expenses, so please help us by purchasing your meal early. We hope that all club members and their guests will join us for the evening.

This is our annual awards banquet where we recognize achievements during the year. Those who have attained Fellow, Star, and Master's levels will be recognized and receive certificates. We will also announce the Best of Year awards and give certificates and plaques for these. The coveted President's Award will also be presented to the club member who has attained the most total points in competition during 2019. Any image that received a win during our 2019 competitions is eligible to be considered for the Best of Year Awards.

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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

Program Officer: 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

A Simple Thank You

As we come to the end of our year, I thought I would present you with a less wordy message this month and simply express my appreciation to our membership and our board for the great work this year. So many people have helped to make HPS a vital, active place to learn and enjoy photography. If you don't remember it all, as a way of counting our



blessings as we near Thanksgiving, I'll remind you of a few. Here is what you have accomplished:

- A new program for individuals wanting to learn photography – the Novice Program.
- Eleven well planned, interesting and informative programs.
- Eleven competitive, creative and challenging competitions.
- A beautiful exhibition at the Huntsville Art Museum that presented fine quality art around a most challenging topic.
- Several individual exhibitions at the Von Braun Center that enabled people to see the exceptional work of which our members are capable.
- Four informative and helpful workshops that enabled our members and others to increase their skill in photography.
- The potential for a new program to further involve young people in our area both with HPS and with the joy of a lifetime hobby or vocation.
- A new and revised website that represents HPS and our work exceptionally well.
- Twelve colorful and informative newsletters that keep our work and our mission before our membership.

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From The President

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- A revised rack card to use within the community so others can understand what we do.
- Continued postings of our activities in Meet-up and on Facebook that have brought many visitors and new members to HPS.

And even though we have done so much already, there is still more come:

- Look for our Christmas display in the library that is always a special part of their holiday festivities.
- Join us for the End of Year Banquet—always a delight as we recognize the best of year images and those individuals who have major achievements this year.

Maybe I got a little wordier than I expected, but you have done so much! Thank you!

Charles Gattis

Photo Opportunity- Festival of The Cranes

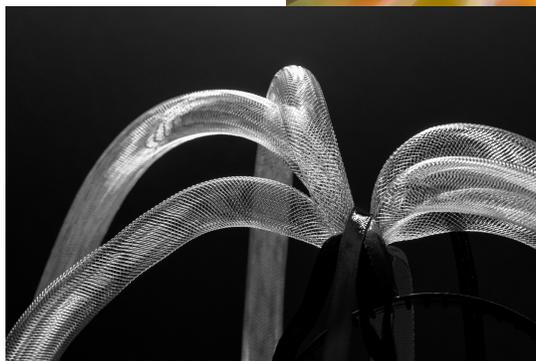
Location: Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge/Visitor's Center in Decatur, AL.

When: Jan 11-12, 2020.

A much anticipated annual, free event featuring storytelling, photography workshops, music, live raptors, children activities, films, and thousands of Sandhill cranes and the endangered Whooping cranes, along with ducks, geese, bald eagles, and whatever other wildlife makes an appearance in the fields around the Visitor Center and Observation Building. The refuge is also home to 115 species of fish, 74 species of reptiles and amphibians, 47 species of mammals, 38 species of freshwater mussels, and 26 species of freshwater snails. Other animals such as the endangered Gray bat and benefit from the protection of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and the care of dedicated refuge staff and other friends of wildlife.

New Members

Jason Conklin
Norman Peay



See more Creative Crud images on the HPS website under “Activities”.

2020 Slate of Officers

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Treasurer-Delen Boyd
Communications Officer- Geri Reddy
PSA Representative- Lee Pratt
Historian- Tom Bryant
Webmaster- John Shriver
Primary Competition Officer- Steve Mitchell

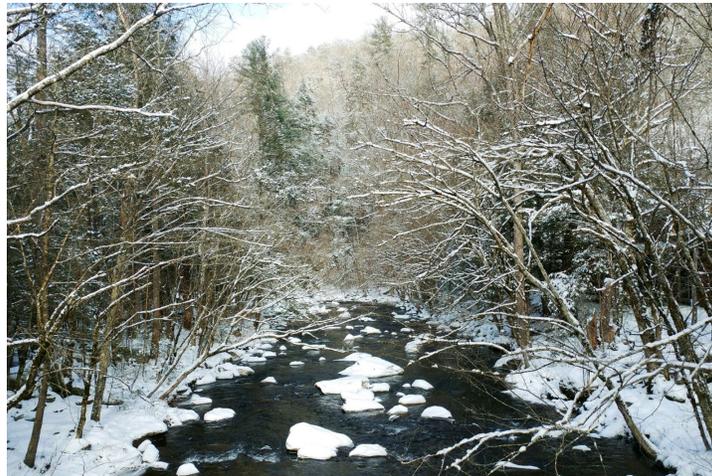
Digital Competition Officer- Chris Baker
Competition Records Officer- Eddie Sewall
Outreach/Activities Officer-Rosemary Davidson
Publicity Officer- Sam Tumminello
Exhibition Officer- Bob Gower
Workshop Chairman- Vacant

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont Townsend, TN

Winter Photo Master Class
31 Jan 2020- 3 Feb 2020

Join master landscape photographer Will Clay and close-up specialist Ken Thompson for this special weekend featuring the "creative uses of winter light." The class will emphasize the use of winter light; sunrise and sunset, overcast, and midday light to create master photographs in the Smokies.

There will be no formal lectures or instruction during this workshop. The emphasis will be on "shoot and critique," with class participants presenting a short portfolio of their work on Sunday evening. As with our Spring and Fall workshops, there will be help from the instructors in the field as well as with Photoshop. Winter in the mountains is typically



moderate, though weather extremes can occur, so come prepared for temperatures that may be as warm as 60 or as cold as 20.

Includes instruction, meals, and lodging. Program lasts from

Friday afternoon to Monday mid-morning.

Register online:

<http://gsmit.org/event/winter-photo-master-class-2020/>

Tremont Institute

(865) 448-6709

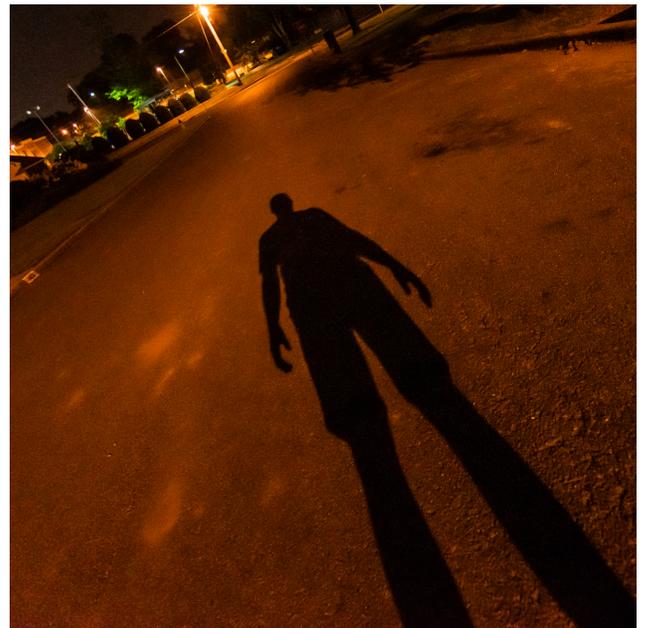
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November 2019
Subject- Shadows
Judge – Bob Gathany

	Color Digital (36)	Monochrome Digital (33)	Color Print (26)	Monochrome Print (27)
1st	Tom Bryant	Chris Baker	Barbara Staggs	Martha Teal
2nd	Hank Miller	Ernie High	Julie Gary	Margaret Todd
3rd	Emily Saile	Martha Teal	Earl Todd	Emily Saile
HM	David Blue	Margaret Todd	Walt Tyszka	Barbara
HM	Susan Chi	Julia Gary	Charles Leverett	Henry Norton
HM	Jeanne McDowell	David Blue	Emily Saile	Charles Leverett
HM	Allen Gary			
HM				



Color Digital 1st place by
Tom Bryant



Color Digital 2nd place
by Hank Miller



Color Digital 3rd place
by Emily Saile



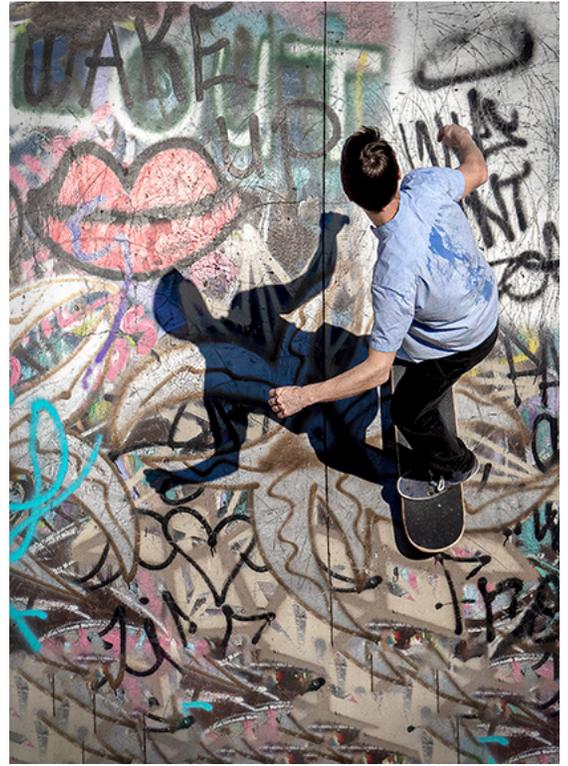
Monochrome Digital 2nd
place by Ernie High



Monochrome Digital 1st
place by Chris Baker



Monochrome Digital 3rd place by Martha Teal



Color Print 1st place by Barb Staggs



Color Print 3rd place by Earl Todd



Color Print 2nd place by Julia gary

Monochrome Print 1st
place by Martha Teal



Monochrome Print 2nd place
by Margaret Todd



Monochrome Print 3rd
place by Emily Saile

Name	2019 points	2019 wins
Barbara Staggs	46	18
John Shriver	38	16
Henry Norton	38	13
Emily Saile	31	12
Doris Leverett	30	12
Margaret Todd	30	12
Jeanne McDowell	29	16
Charles Leverett	29	13
Earl Todd	28	10
Sam Alexander	24	8
Christopher Baker	23	15
Julie Gary	23	11
Tom Bryant	21	8
Martha Teal	20	7
Alan Forney	18	7
Blanca Eyre	16	5
Margaret Phillips	15	7
Charles Gattis	15	6
Hank Miller	13	5
Eddie Sewall	12	5
Richard Bumgardner	12	4
Barbara Montgomery	11	5
Joe Matus	10	6
Judy Kennamer	10	4
Joy Henderson	9	4
Ernie High	9	4
Ron Atchley	9	3
Bess Wills	9	2
Allen Gary	8	6
CT Chi	8	4
Ed Townsend	8	3
Virginia Gilbert	7	3
Henry Smith	7	3

Name	2019 points	2019 wins
Dave Edens	6	4
Bill Snoddy	6	4
Gail Patton	6	3
Liz High	5	3
John Kirwin	5	2
Walt Tyzka	5	2
Larry Sanders	5	1
David Blue	4	4
Jim Spinosa	4	2
Carol Poland (Boardman)	4	1
Susi Stroud	4	1
Ashley Lindley	3	3
Liz Smith	3	3
Pete Van Hoff	3	3
Steve Mitchell	3	1
Alan Montgomery	3	1
Bob Schmiedeskamp	3	1
Don Wolfe	2	2
Pete Banholzer	1	1
Susan 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
Amy Stitt	1	1
Debbie Tromblee	1	1

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