



Color Digital, HM by Jack Eidson. See p. 6 for more winning images.

# In Focus

## November Program- Intro To Infrared *with Chris Baker*

Infrared (IR) photography is a wonderful way to breathe new life into common landscape scenes. The light spectrum is broken up into wavelengths where visible light that we are accustomed to capturing on our cameras occupies the 380-750nm range. Just below this range is ultraviolet (UV) light (100-400nm) and above is IR (700-1200nm) light, which are both invisible to the naked eye. IR light has unique qualities that, when isolated, produce interesting visual effects. Foliage and



vegetation reflect IR light and, thus, have a distinct bright/near-white appearance. Conversely, water and sky absorb IR light and appear very dark. When applied to portraits, skin appears light-colored and smooth with blemishes and freckles disappearing. However, veins are enhanced giving skin a very translucent and “goolish” look.

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Contrary to popular belief, a specially modified digital camera is not necessary to get started in IR photography. Anyone can experiment using a simple IR filter attached to the end of a lens, which is how Chris's journey began six months ago. Since then, he's learned a great deal about filters, camera bodies, lenses, and post-processing and will present his lessons learned to help those interested get their start in this fascinating genre.

Chris's photography habit started over 10 years ago with a basic Panasonic point and shoot camera. He quickly outgrew the limitations of the point and shoot and is now fully invested with Nikon mirrorless and DSLR camera bodies and lenses. Chris has been a member of HPS since 2018 and enjoys having an active role with the organization as the Digital Competition Chair. Chris loves to teach and share his knowledge with anyone interested in learning.



Samples of Chris's infrared work can be found on his website:  
<https://cscottphoto.smugmug.com/Artwork/Infrared/>

# Sparkman Photography Open House

from Eric Mittman, Sparkman Photography Program Director

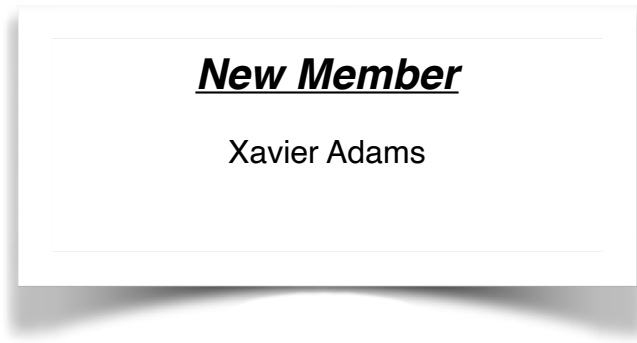
The Sparkman Photo Show is back after an 18 month hiatus! Thursday night December 9th 5:30-7:30pm in the media center of Sparkman High main campus (come in the front entrance and media center just past the front office on the right). Hundreds of photos will be on display. Plus you can view the new upgrades to our photo facilities "cyc wall, green screen, electronic backdrops, surround sound stereo and disco lights (it's for the kids. lol) and the IMac labs." Also, our new and improved darkroom should just be about finished by then. Attendance is free and all are welcome to attend.

## November Judge- Bobby Saint

### Subject: Still Life

Bobby Saint will be the judge for our November competition "Still Life." Cheri and Bobby owned and operated Saint Portrait Designers, specializing in children's photography, for 35 years, before retiring in 2012. Though Bobby was the photographer, Cheri was the portrait designer creating settings, posing the subjects, and making the children smile while having fun. Cheri holds a Photographic Craftsman degree from the Professional Photographers of America - awarded from her many years of educating photographers all over the United States and Canada. This included SEPPA and National Convention and judging PPA sponsored affiliated print competitions throughout the Southeast. Bobby and Cheri have routinely served as judges for HPS over the last ten years.





**October Competition Results**  
**Subject- Open**  
**Judge- Cara Fuller**

	Color Digital (51)	Monochrome Digital (44)	Color Print (14)	Monochrome Print (13)
1st	Chris Baker	Chris Baker	John Shriver	Barbara Staggs
2nd	C.T. Chi	Sam Tuminello	John Shriver	Henry Smith
3rd	Rosemary Davidson	Wayne Cummins	Earl Todd	Joy Henderson
HM	John Shriver	Judy Kennamer DeBlanc	Steve Mitchell	Barbara Staggs
HM	Carolyn Eidson	Allen Gary	Charles Leverett	Emily Saile
HM	Philip Flowers	Ed Townsend		
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HM	Mat Bevill	C.T. Chi		
HM	Sam Alexander	Chris Baker		

Name	2021 Points	2021 Wins
Christopher Baker	40	16
Barbara Staggs	34	12
Earl Todd	29	13
CT Chi	29	9
Allen Gary	26	10
Emily Saile	24	12
Henry Smith	23	9
Judy Kenamer-DeBlanc	22	8
Tom Bryant	21	8
Susan Chi	20	8
Joy Henderson	20	8
Eddie Sewall	20	5
Alice Searcy	17	6
Carolyn Eidson	16	10
John Shriver	14	7
Alan Forney	13	5
Ed Townsend	10	5
Mat Bevill	9	7
Julie Gary	9	5
Jim Spinoso	8	6
Jack Eidson	7	5
Philip Flowers	7	4
Doris Leverett	6	4
Jack DeBlanc	6	3
Martha Teal	6	3

Name	2021 Points	2021 Wins
Sam Alexander	5	3
Rosemary Davidson	5	3
Eric Deylius	5	3
Jeanne McDowell	5	2
Sam Tumminello	5	2
Charles Leverett	4	4
Margaret Phillips	4	1
Liz Smith	4	1
Diana Davidson	3	3
Virginia Gilbert	3	3
Wayne Cummins	3	1
Charles Gattis	3	1
Pat Dortch	2	2
Bob Gathany	2	2
Ernie High	2	2
Danny Pugh	2	2
Brent Atkinson	1	1
John Dillingham	1	1
Blanca Eyre	1	1
Trudi Gardner	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
Kate Tully	1	1
Dorinda Tyler	1	1





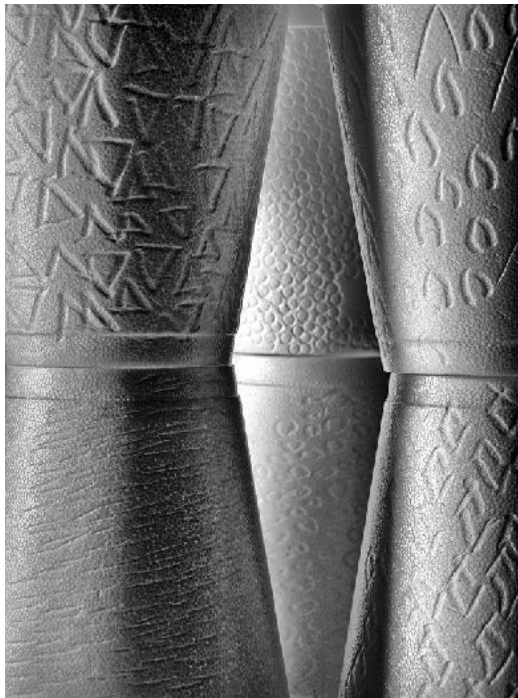
Color Digital 1st place by  
Chris Baker

Color Digital 2nd place  
by CT Chi



Color Digital 3rd place by  
Rosemary Davidson

Monochrome Digital 1st  
place by Chris Baker



Monochrome Digital 2nd Place  
by Sam Tumminello

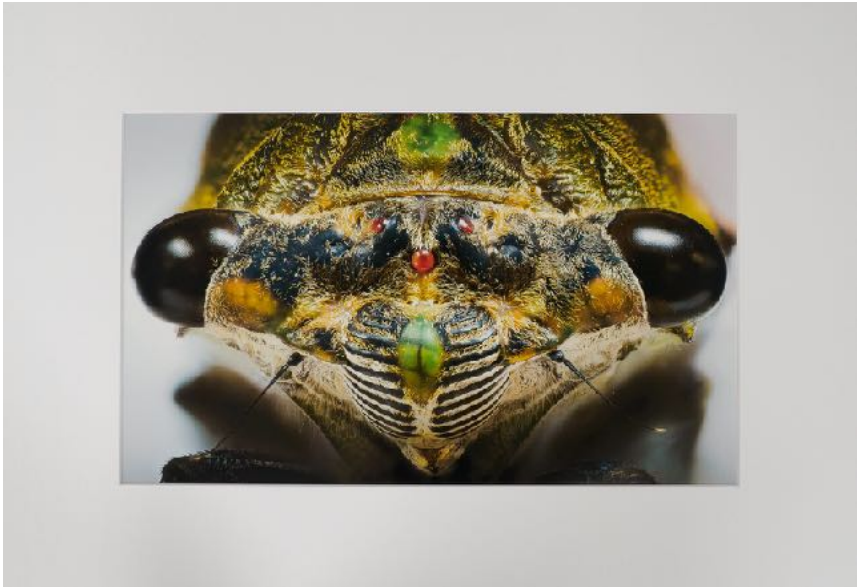


Monochrome Digital 3rd place by  
Wayne Cummins

Color Print 1st place by John Shriver



Color Print 2nd place by John Shriver



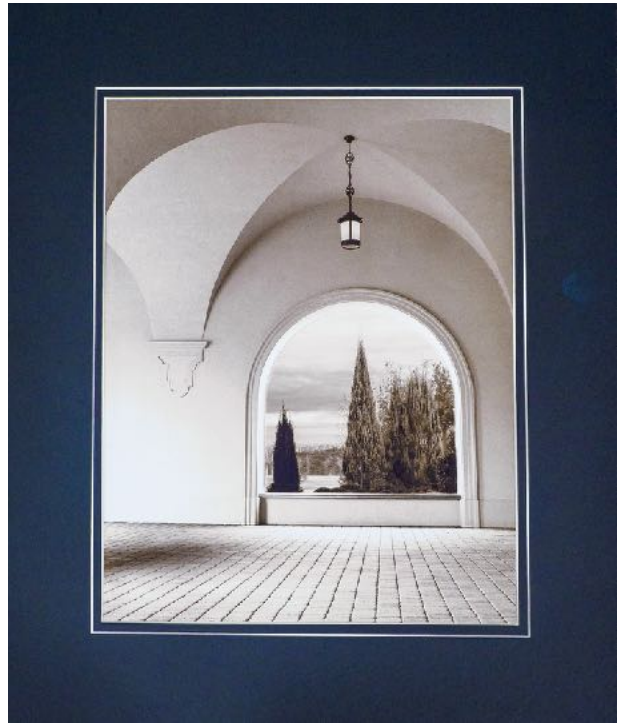
Color Print 3rd place by Earl Todd



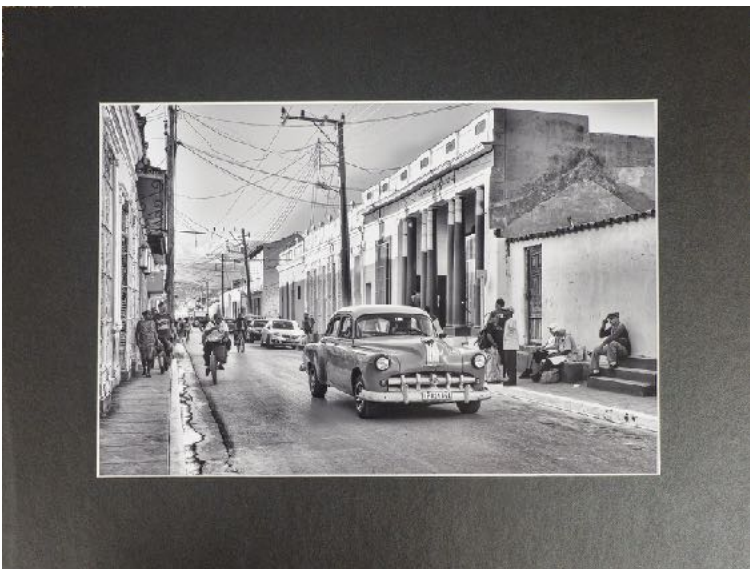




Monochrome print 1st place  
by Barb Staggs



Monochrome print 2nd place  
by Henry Smith



Monochrome print 3rd place  
by Joy Henderson

## 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: Brenda Barnes

Workshop Chairman: Vacant

Publicity Officer: Rosemary Davidson

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Communications Officer: Geri Reddy

Historian: Tom Bryant

Exhibition Officer: Bob Gower

PSA Representative: Lee Pratt

## Non Board Positions

Webmaster: John Shriver

Membership Officer: Vacant

Mentor/Novice Program Officer: Vacant

HPS is meeting in person, at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Library the second Monday of the month, 6-8 p.m., and at Trinity Methodist Church on Airport Rd the fourth Monday, 6-8 p.m.

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