



Color Digital, HM by Phillip Flowers. See p. 6 for more winning images.

# *In Focus*

## December Program- End of Year Dinner and Awards

This month we'll celebrate another great year with dinner and awards on Tuesday, Dec 14 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Rd. The dinner starts at 6 PM. The deadline for dinner reservations was Nov 26. If you cannot make the dinner, all are welcome for the awards presentation at 7:00. 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 2021. Any image that received a win during our 2021 competitions is eligible to be considered for the Best of Year Awards.

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# Annual Meeting Report

By Charles Gattis, President

On November 29, we held our annual meeting to approve a budget for next year, elect officers, and approve a slightly revised form of our bylaws. The changes in the bylaws were mainly editorial or intended to reflect our current procedures and list of officers as approved over the past several years. As you can imagine, the long pandemic has required some necessary changes in our operations and procedures.

You will find a copy of the approved bylaws on our website along with a revised membership packet that the board developed this fall. Please take a little while to look over these documents even though they haven't changed a great deal. Understanding them will give you a better idea of our organization as we move into the new year.

Now, let me introduce you to some of our new officers:

**1. Brenda Barnes** has already been working this year as our Outreach and Activities Officer, but I wanted to introduce her as this is the first time she has been elected to the position. This office makes her a member of the board, and her main responsibility is to plan outings for us during the year to give our membership the opportunity for interesting places to shoot along with the fellowship these opportunities provide.

**2. Jay Bain**, another long time member of HPS becomes our Communications Officer, replacing Geri Reddy who served so effectively in that position for many years. This position makes Jay a member of the board, with his main responsibility the production of our monthly newsletter. Jay's experience in desktop publishing makes him a natural for this position.

**3. Charlie Leverett** has become our Workshop Officer. Charlie, along with his wife Doris, has been an active member of HPS for several years and is one of our Master

Photographers. This position makes him a member of the board and he will be responsible for planning photography workshops throughout the coming year.

**4. Alice Searcy** takes on the responsibility of Membership Secretary. Her main duties are to keep our membership rolls and name tags up to date. This position does not include board membership, even though Alice will be invited to attend board meetings whenever she is able. This position works closely with the treasurer and we are very glad to have Alice take on this responsibility.

**5. Henry Smith** is now our Mentor Guide. This is a position that we have had for many years that we hope to expand. It is designed not only to help our members learn from more experienced members, but also to build relationships within our organization. Henry and I hope to expand this program during the year, and I feel very privileged to be working with him. Henry is a Master Photographer who has taught many classes in photography, making him a natural for this responsibility. The position does not include board membership, but like other non-board officers, Henry will be invited to each meeting and hopefully can attend when available.

I am personally very excited about all the members of our leadership team and look forward to working with each of them. I encourage you to support and help them in any way you can during the coming year.

## 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.

## HPS Mentor Program

Any HPS member wishing to get help with their photography can sign up for the Mentor program. When signing up they should list what kind of help they are looking for (technical, composition, macro, portrait, etc.). Experienced HPS photographers are urged to sign up to be a mentor. After signing up they should list the area of photography they would like to help others with. The student and mentor can then discuss what works for both. It could be as simple as the mentor critiquing the student's work, a sit down over coffee discussing items, or a hands-on photography outing. Students are welcome to try several mentors.

Contact: Henry Smith, henrysmith44@gmail.com for more information about this program.

## December Judges-

### Subject: Best of Year

*December 14, Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m.*

Our judges for the Huntsville Photographic Society 2021 Best of Year Competition are Cheri Saint and Cindy Shaver

Cheri and her husband owned and operated Saint Portrait Designers, specializing in children's photography, for 35 years, before retiring in 2012. 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.

Cindy Shaver supported the Huntsville Photographic Society as one of our judges for the 2019 Best of Year competition. Serving Huntsville and surrounding area for ten years, Cindy Shaver provides fine art as well as contemporary images. Cindy specializes in wedding and portrait photography, including senior, family, and pet portraits. Cindy has the skills to create amazing images. Samples of Cindy's work can be viewed at her website – [www.cindyshaver.com](http://www.cindyshaver.com)

<b>November Competition Results</b> <b>Subject- Still Life</b> <b>Judge- Bobby Saint</b>				
	Color Digital (45)	Monochrome Digital (38)	Color Print (18)	Monochrome Print (15)
1st	Sam Tumminello	Judy Kennemer-DeBlanc	Joy Henderson	John Shriver
2nd	Ed Townsend	Emily Saile	John Shriver	Earl Todd
3rd	Julia Gary	Eric Deylius	Barbara Staggs	Julia Gary
HM	Judy Kennemer-DeBlanc	Sam Tumminello	Tom Bryant	Earl Todd
HM	Jack Eidson	Eric Deylius	John Shriver	Henry Smith
HM	Judy Kennemer-DeBlanc	C.T. Chi		
HM	Emily Saile	Patricia Haag		
HM	Phillip Flowers			

Color Digital 1st place by  
Sam Tumminello

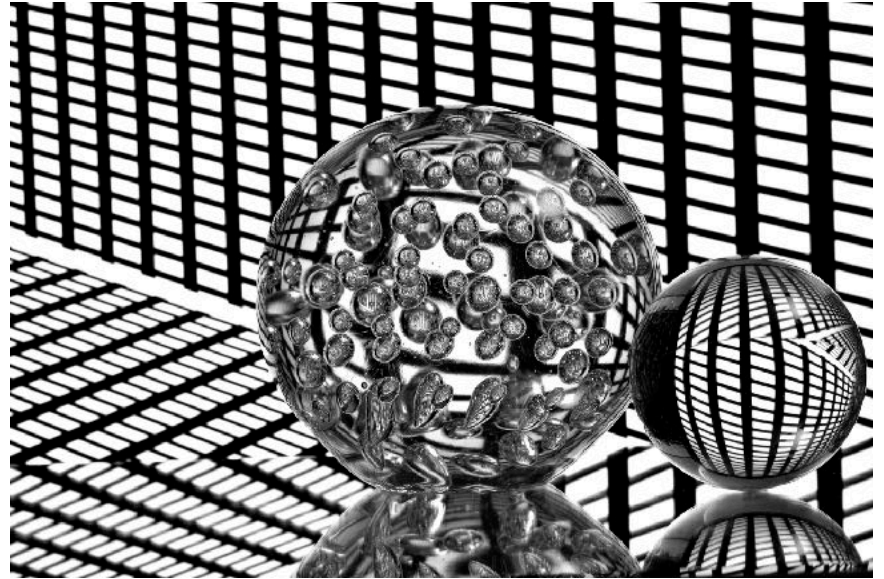


Name	2021 Points	2021 Wins
Christopher Baker	40	16
Barbara Staggs	37	13
Earl Todd	34	15
CT Chi	30	10
Emily Saile	29	14
Judy Kennamer-DeBlanc	29	11
Allen Gary	27	11
Joy Henderson	25	9
John Shriver	24	10
Tom Bryant	22	9
Henry Smith	20	9
Susan Chi	20	8
Eddie Sewall	20	5
Alice Searcy	17	6
Carolyn Eidson	16	10
Julie Gary	14	6
Ed Townsend	14	6
Alan Forney	13	5
Sam Tumminello	11	4
Mat Bevill	9	7
Eric Deylius	9	5
Jack Eidson	8	6
Jim Spinoso	8	6
Philip Flowers	8	5
Doris Leverett	6	4

Name	2021 Points	2021 Wins
Jack DeBlanc	6	3
Martha Teal	6	3
Sam Alexander	5	3
Rosemary Davidson	5	3
Jeanne McDowell	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
Patricia Haag	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
Kate Tully	1	1
Dorinda Tyler	1	1



Monochrome Digital 1st place  
by Judy Kennemer-DeBlanc



Color Digital 2nd Place by  
Ed Townsend

Monochrome Digital 2nd  
place by Emily Saile





Color Digital 3rd place by  
Julia Gary

Monochrome Digital 3rd place by  
Eric Deylius



Color Print 1st place by  
Joy Henderson



Monochrome Print 1st place  
by John Shriver



Color Print 2nd place by John  
Shriver

Monochrome Print 2nd  
place by Earl Todd





Color Print 3rd place  
by Barb Staggs

Monochrome Print 3rd place  
by Julia Gary



## 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

Treasurer: Emily Saile

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.

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