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# In Focus

## EOY Celebration

*Tuesday December 13, 2022 Trinity United Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m.*

This year instead of an end of year banquet, we will have an end of year celebration. As always, this will be a time for us to celebrate the past year together by giving awards and joining in fellowship.

Awards will be given for the top ten individuals who received the most points in competition as well as the overall winner who will receive the President’s award. We will also recognize individuals who have become fellows, bronze fellows, silver fellows, and gold fellows as well as our new Masters in the Huntsville Photographic Society. We will express appreciation to our board members for their service during the year and announce the competition topics for 2023. This year we will have a special presentation for a new Honorary Life Member of HPS. It should be a grand evening, but we will need your help to pull it off.

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Here is the general information:

- Where - Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Rd., Huntsville, Wesley Hall.
- When - Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 6 pm.
- Who - Club members and their spouses or dates—judges for the year will be invited.
- What to bring - Members with last names A-M, bring hor d'ourves, N-Z bring dessert.

Please be there at least by 6 pm with your dessert or hor d'ourve, as we will begin with a fellowship time right at 6 pm. The program will start sometime between 6:30 and 7:00 after everyone has settled in.

Please help us by registering your attendance and letting us know what you will bring before December 10. If you lose this email before registering, this same information with the link will also be provided in an email and on the website. You can register by going to this spreadsheet and putting in the information. Click [HERE](#) to go to the spreadsheet.

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## Thank You

*By Charles Gattis*

With my last article as president, I just want to say thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity over these past twelve years. We have shared many difficulties and opportunities, not to mention going through a pandemic, and still grown and prospered as a camera club. I am grateful to all who served on the board with me during this time, for their support and for their hard work.

The Huntsville Photographic Society is a great organization which does precisely what it is intended—promote the joy of photography. In the years ahead we will have numerous opportunities to share such joy as the interest in photography grows and new techniques are created, and old ones revived. Smart phones have certainly revolutionized the art of photography and offered so many new possibilities while creating an interest in photography among many more people. Add to that the new innovations in drone photography as well as advancements in older techniques such as 3D photography and infra-red photography and we have lots of opportunities for exploration in the future. This is an exciting time for those of us interested in this craft. The organization is left in good hands with a full board and a new president, Chris Baker. I know of no one I would rather have in that position going forward. So, thanks again for your support and for the opportunity to serve.



# Walk MS: Huntsville—Photographer Request

**By Simon Robson**

Each year, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society hosts Walk MS: Huntsville. An event, which raises over \$200,000 for programs, services, and research benefitting people in the region living with multiple sclerosis. Next Year’s event is scheduled for Saturday April 29th, 2023. And I write today, to see if it would be possible to promote this exciting, fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity to your members.

The MS Society is a non-profit organization dedicated toward creating a world free of MS by raising awareness, funding research, and advocating for change. We are helping people affected by MS live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost, and end MS forever. One of the ways we do this is through major fundraising events such as Bike MS, Walk MS, and Climb MS.

We are looking for a photographer who would like to volunteer at the event. Capturing the spirit and atmosphere, by taking photos of the participants, supporters, sponsors, volunteers, teams, and event site.

Below are the event details, and a link to the sign up page. If you sign up, closer to the event date you will receive all the information you need to ensure a successful and rewarding volunteer experience. And most importantly you will have lots and lots of fun!

- Event – Walk MS: Huntsville 2023
- When – Saturday, April 29th, 2023
- Where – Butler Green, 2620 Clinton Ave. West, Huntsville, AL 35805
- [https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=745338](https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=745338)

Volunteers are the back bone of our organization, and we could not continue to help people living with MS without you. I am excited to welcome you to the MS Society Volunteer team. And If you would like to discuss anything in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, or at the phone number below.

Feel free to send the sign up link to anyone else you think might be interested in Volunteering.

Charles Gattis requests that anyone who is interested not only contact the event coordinator, but let Charles know of their intention by email - [cfgattis@gmail.com](mailto:cfgattis@gmail.com)

## 2023 Competition Topics

1/23— STAIRS	5/22— GRAFFITI	9/25— OUT OF PLACE
2/27— TOMBSTONES/ GRAVEYARDS	6/26— REPETITION	10/23— OPEN
3/27— OPEN	7/24— OPEN	11/27— DOORS AND WINDOWS
4/24— IN THE WOODS	8/21— BOATS AND SHIPS	

## December 2022 Best of Year Judges—Eric Schultz & David Philips *December xxx, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*

Eric Schultz was a long-time photographer for the Huntsville Times. Recently, he has gone “freelance” and opened his own studio in Lowe Mill where he teaches, works with other photographers, and displays his own works. Eric has judged our competitions eight times since 2010, and has always provided helpful suggestions for us as we work to improve our photographic skills. To find out more about him, check out his official web site and blog at <http://watchforfallingthoughts.blogspot.com/>.

David Phillips – Wedding photography has always been a big part of my business. From large, grand weddings to small, intimate backyard weddings to destination events, I have covered them all! Providing my newlywed clients with beautiful products for an event so memorable and special to them is my greatest personal accomplishment. In addition, I provide dynamic professional corporate headshots and senior portraits. My interest lies in photographing people and my experience results in a quality product. Client satisfaction remains a top priority as I continually strive to distinguish myself in the Huntsville market and provide my clients with a superior product and a memorable experience. At every event or project I shoot, I always bring my expertise in surrounding my clients with captivating lighting and capturing diverse and energetic emotions all while making my clients feel comfortable and upbeat. To find out more about David, check out his official web site: [www.davidphillipsphotography.com](http://www.davidphillipsphotography.com)

## November Competition Results Subject—Trust Judge—Steve Gray

	Color Digital (50)	Monochrome Digital (41)	Color Print (17)	Monochrome Print (16)
1st	Bob Gathany	C.T. Chi	Henry Smith	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Ed Townsend	Chris Baker	Charles Leverett	Tom Bryant
3rd	Mat Bevill	John Shriver	Don Wolfe	Charles Gattis
HM	Bob Gathany	Alice Searcy	Emily Saile	Doris Leverett
HM	Carolyn Shadden	Bob Gathany	Eddie Sewall	Emily Saile
HM	Emily Saile	Mat Bevill		
HM	Alice Searcy	Virginia Gilbert		
HM	Ed Townsend			

**Points for the Year to Date**

Name	2022 points	2022 Wins
CT Chi	55	16
Charles Leverett	46	16
Christopher Baker	45	19
Don Wolfe	39	15
Barbara Staggs	37	13
Charles Gattis	36	10
Doris Leverett	28	12
Judy Kenamer-DeBlanc	26	11
Susan Chi	24	8
Joy Henderson	22	8
Ed Townsend	21	14
Henry Smith	20	5
Earl Todd	19	10
John Shriver	18	11
Emily Saile	18	9
Julie Gary	16	7
Tom Bryant	15	6
Alice Searcy	14	7
Jack DeBlanc	14	6
Bob Gathany	13	7
Jack Eidson	13	4
Allen Gary	11	5
Mat Bevill	10	6
Philip Flowers	10	6
Carolyn Eidson	10	5
Jim Spinoso	9	7
Liz Smith	9	2
Virginia Gilbert	8	3
Steve Mitchell	8	3
Gail Patton	4	2
Carolyn Shadden	4	2
Rosemary Davidson	4	1
Eddie Sewall	3	3
David Edens	2	2
Martha Teal	2	2
Sam Tumminello	2	2
Eric Deylius	1	1
John Dillingham	1	1
Trudi Gardner-Fay	1	1
Patricia Haag	1	1
Gary Stiger	1	1

**New Members**  
Richard Cameron

## November 2022 Images



Color Print 1st place  
by Henry Smith

Color Print 2nd place  
by Charles Leverett



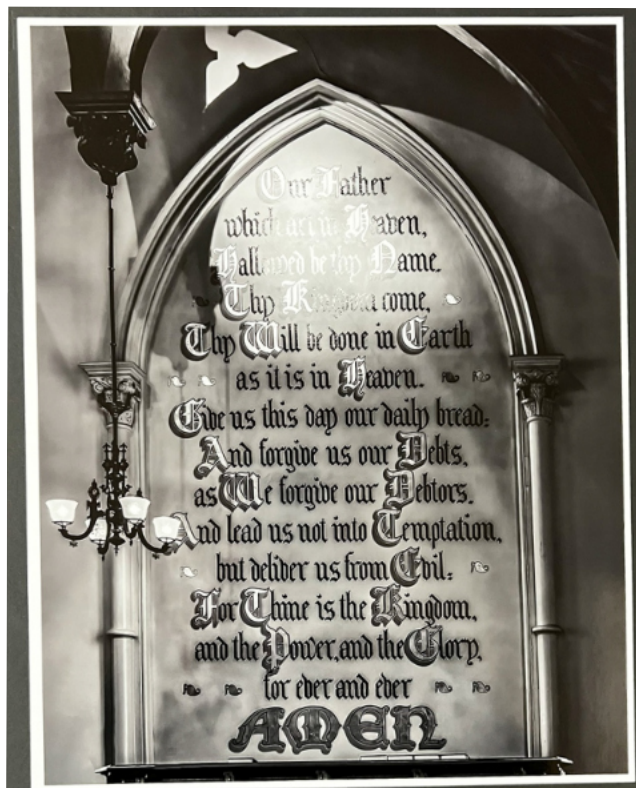
Color Print 3rd place  
by Don Wolfe



Monochrome Print  
1st place  
by Barbara Staggs



Monochrome Print  
2nd place  
by Tom Bryant

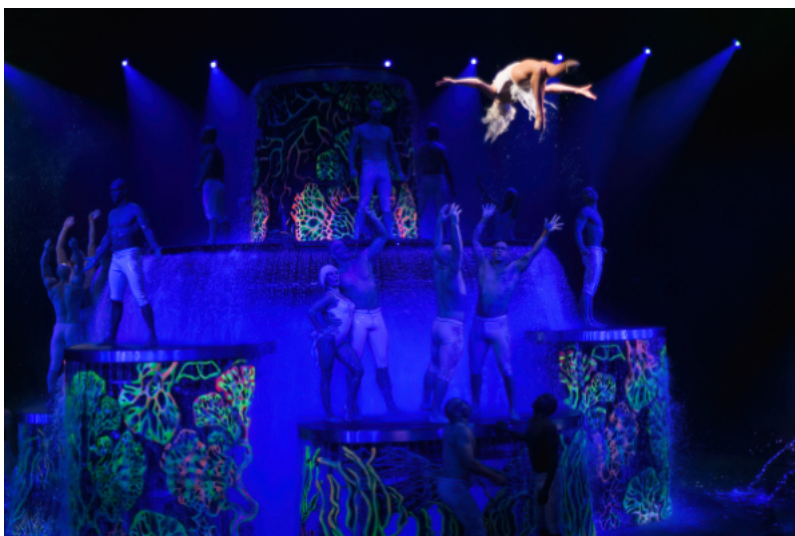


Monochrome Print  
3rd place  
by Charles Gattis



Color Digital 1st place  
by Bob Gathany

Color Digital  
2nd place  
by Ed Townsend



Color Digital 3rd place  
by Mat Bevill



Monochrome Digital  
1st place  
by CT Chi



Monochrome Digital  
2nd Place  
by Chris Baker

Monochrome Digital  
3rd Place  
by John Shriver



## Honorable Mention—Print



Emile Saile



Eddie Sewall



Doris Leverett



Emile Saile

## Honorable Mention—Digital



Bob  
Gathany



Carolyn Shadden



Emily Saile



Alice Searcy



Ed Townsend



Alice Searcy



Bob Gathany



Virginia Gilbert



Matt Bevill

## 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: Charlie Leverett  
Publicity Officer: Rosemary Davidson  
Treasurer: Emily Saile  
Communications Officer: Jay Bain  
Historian: Tom Bryant  
Exhibition Officer: Bob Gower  
PSA Representative: Lee Pratt

## Non Board Positions

Webmaster: John Shriver  
Membership Officer: Alice Searcy  
Mentor/Novice Program Officer: Henry Smith

HPS is meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church on the second Monday of the month, 7-9 p.m., and Trinity United Methodist Church on the fourth Monday, 7-9 p.m.

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