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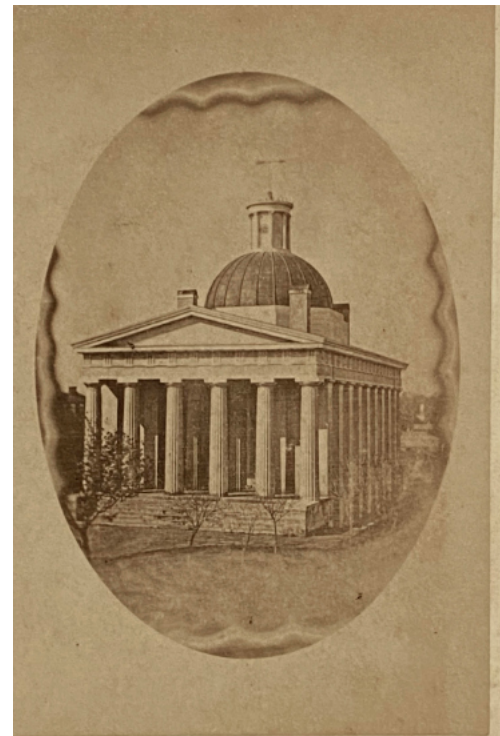
# In Focus

## February Program—Exposure of Time; Birth and Evaluation of Photography in North Alabama

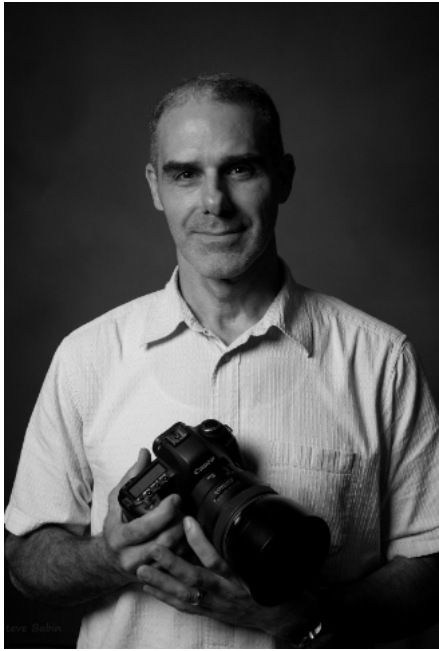
*By José Betancourt and Sean Berry*

*February 13, 2023 Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*

We are delighted to welcome back José Betancourt, along with Sean Berry, to the Huntsville Photography Society for a very interesting program of early photography in North Alabama. Jose and Sean were greatly influenced by the Francis Robb book, *Shot in Alabama*. This inspiration has taken them to further investigate the early photography that occurred in our region. They have uncovered many more details regarding this early photography and will be showing and explaining their findings.



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José Betancourt is Professor of Photography at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Department of Art, Art History and Design. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Florida and his Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography from the City University of New York- Hunter College. José's personal art projects are inspired by collective memories and documentary photography. José uses alternative techniques to present the historical connections that inform the narrative. Additionally, José and artist Susan Weil have collaborated for over 20 years on a variety of alternative photographic techniques, most importantly, the Cyanotype, or Blueprint.

Sean Berry has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography and a minor in Art History from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Prior to UAH, he also received an Associate's degree in Aerospace Manufacturing from Calhoun College. Born in West Virginia to a long line of coal miners, Sean moved around as a military brat from coast to coast before settling in Huntsville, where his parents lived. Sean's passion for history and film helped him decide that a degree in the arts is what really made sense. He has spent the last 3 years refining research abilities and learning various historical photographic processes, which positioned him for a deep dive into Huntsville's photographic origins.



# Huntsville Museum of Art Exhibit 2023

*By Chris Baker*

As in previous years, the Huntsville Museum of Art is providing HPS with an opportunity for our members to exhibit their work in a gallery setting. This exhibition is a highlight for HPS and we are thankful for the Museum's continued support, as it signifies the quality of work that comes from our members. As many as fifty (50) images could be selected to exhibit, but typically the curators choose slightly less, which speaks to the quality of the art they wish to display. This year's theme is "Mystery" and submittals will be accepted until February 20. The exhibit will run from May 7 through August 6, 2023. Further details are outlined below. I encourage



members to take advantage of this very unique opportunity.

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| <p><b>Officers of HPS</b></p> <p><b>President:</b> Chris Baker</p> <p><b>Primary Competition Officer:</b><br/>Steve Mitchell</p> <p><b>Digital Competition Officer:</b> Chris Baker</p> <p><b>Competition Records Officer:</b> Eddie Sewall</p> <p><b>Program Officer:</b><br/>Roger Hunter</p> <p><b>Outreach &amp; Activities Officer:</b></p> <p><b>Workshop Chairman:</b><br/>Philip Flowers</p> <p><b>Publicity Officer:</b><br/>Xavier Adams</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b><br/>Bob Schmiedeskamp</p> <p><b>Communications Officer:</b><br/>Jay Bain</p> <p><b>Historian:</b> Tom Bryant</p> <p><b>Exhibition Officer:</b><br/>Bob Gower</p> <p><b>PSA Representative:</b><br/>Lee Pratt</p> <p><b>Non Board Positions</b></p> <p><b>Webmaster:</b> John Shriver</p> <p><b>Membership Officer:</b><br/>Alice Searcy</p> <p><b>Mentor/Novice Program Officer:</b> Henry Smith</p> |
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- Any active member of HPS can submit up to five (5) images for the HMA Exhibit if they have an active email address provided to HPS that they read on a regular basis
- Theme: "Mystery"
- All entries must adhere to the digital requirements found on the HPS website under "Competitions > HMA 2023"
- Photos that have previously exhibited at the Museum of Art are not eligible
- The portal for submitting images is now open and will close on Monday, February 20 at 9:00pm
- Entries will be judged from February 21-24
- Rick Kress is our liaison with the Museum and will coordinate with the selected exhibitors
- Selected exhibitors will be provided standard white mats and instructions for printing, matting and dates to return matted images
- Exhibit will open May 7 and run through August 6

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

[www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)

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

## February 2023 Judge—Cindy Shaver Subject—Tombstones/Graveyards

*February 27, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*

Cindy Shaver has supported the Huntsville Photographic Society as our judge on several occasions, including one of our judges for the 2019 Best of Year competition. Serving Huntsville and surrounding area for over 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.

Cindy has earned numerous awards including the following:

- 2020 Grand Imaging Award finalist in the senior portrait category in International Print Competition.
- 2017 and 2018 Mississippi and Alabama Master Photographer of the Year.
- 2016 Bronze medalist in the International Print Competition.
- 2016 Earned a Master Photographer degree.

Samples of Cindy’s work can be viewed at her website - [www.cindyshaver.com](http://www.cindyshaver.com)

## January Competition Results

### Subject—Stairs

### Judge—José Betancourt

	Color Digital (53)	Monochrome Digital (47)	Color Print (19)	Monochrome Print (18)
1st	Jack Eidson	Philip Flowers	Philip Flowers	Philip Flowers
2nd	Ed Townsend	Diana Lyn Davidson	Tom Bryant	Margaret Philips
3rd	C.T. Chi	Martha Teal	Henry Smith	Charles Leverett
HM	Allen Gary	Alice Searcy	Bob Gathany	Bethani Soto
HM	Earl Todd	Allen Gary	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
HM	John Shriver	Charles Gattis		
HM	John Shriver	Ed Townsend		
HM	Susan Chi	Susan Chi		

## 2023 Competition Topics

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	
5/22— GRAFFITI	9/25— OUT OF PLACE	

### Points for the Year to Date

Name	2023 points	2023 Wins
Philip Flowers	15	3
Ed Townsend	5	2
Jack Eidson	5	1
Tom Bryant	4	1
Diana Davidson	4	1
Margaret Phillips	4	1
CT Chi	3	1
Charles Leverett	3	1
Henry Smith	3	1
Martha Teal	3	1
Susan Chi	2	2
Allen Gary	2	2
John Shriver	2	2
Barbara Staggs	2	2
Bob Gathany	1	1
Charles Gattis	1	1
Alice Searcy	1	1
Bethani Soto	1	1
Earl Todd	1	1

### New Members

Melissa Sonnen  
Elaine Shriver

### Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- February 13 - 2023 Nikon Photo Contest - <https://www.nikon-photocontest.com/en/>
- March 1 - 2023 Big Picture Natural World Photo Contest - <https://www.bigpicturecompetition.org/>
- March 1 - 2023 Audubon Photography Awards - <https://www.audubon.org/get-outside/audubon-photography-awards-official-rules>
- March 14 - 2023 Birdwatching Magazine Bird Photography Awards - [https://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/photo-contests/photography-awards/?utm\\_source=bwm&utm\\_medium=eblast&utm\\_campaign=bwm\\_photography\\_awards\\_2023](https://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/photo-contests/photography-awards/?utm_source=bwm&utm_medium=eblast&utm_campaign=bwm_photography_awards_2023)
- March 26 - 2023 National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Photo Contest - [https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-home.aspx?comp\\_id=F9CCE410-1FE5-4A5C-8435-0F3FF6C7BC12](https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-home.aspx?comp_id=F9CCE410-1FE5-4A5C-8435-0F3FF6C7BC12)
- March 31 - 2023 Montgomery Art Festival - <https://themontgomeryphotofestival2023.artcall.org/>

## January 2023 Images



Color Print 1st place  
by Philip Flowers



Color Print 2nd place  
by Tom Bryant



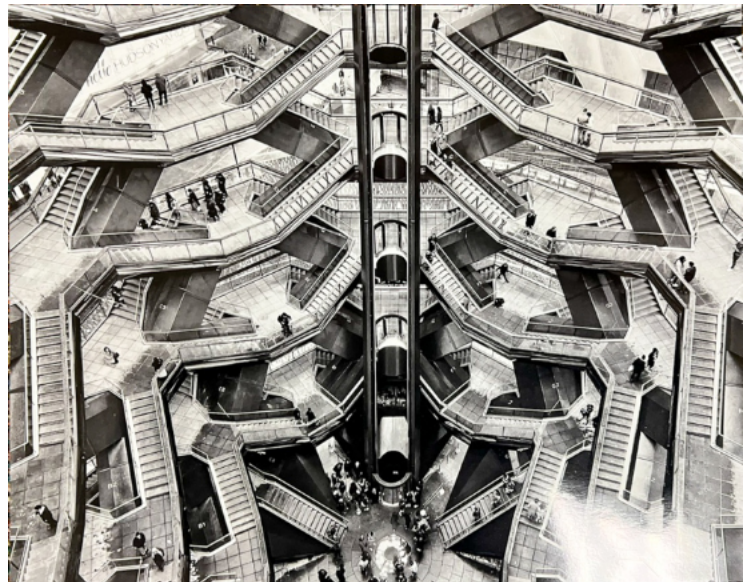
Color Print 3rd place  
by Henry Smith

Monochrome Print  
1st place  
by Philip Flowers



Monochrome Print  
2nd place  
by Margaret Philips

Monochrome Print  
3rd place  
by Charles Leverett





Color Digital 1st place  
by Jack Eidson

Color Digital 2nd place  
by Ed Townsend



Color Digital 3rd place  
by C.T. Chi



Monochrome Digital  
1st place  
by Philip Flowers



Monochrome Digital  
2nd Place  
by Diana Lyn  
Davidson



Monochrome Digital  
3rd Place  
by Martha Teal

# Honorable Mention—Print



Bob Gathany



Barbara Staggs



Bethani Soto



Barbara Staggs

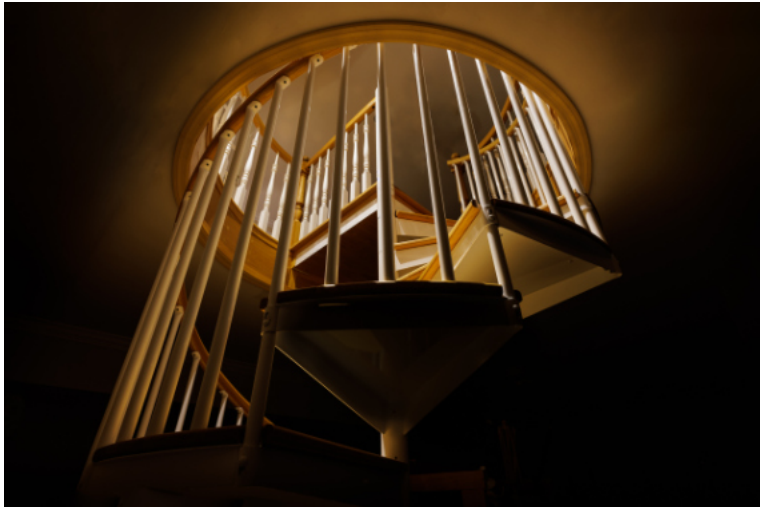
## Honorable Mention—Digital



Allen Gary



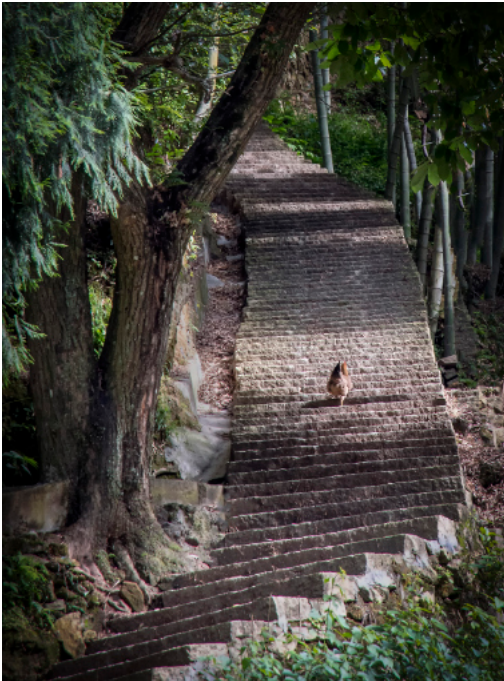
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John Shriver



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Alice Searcy



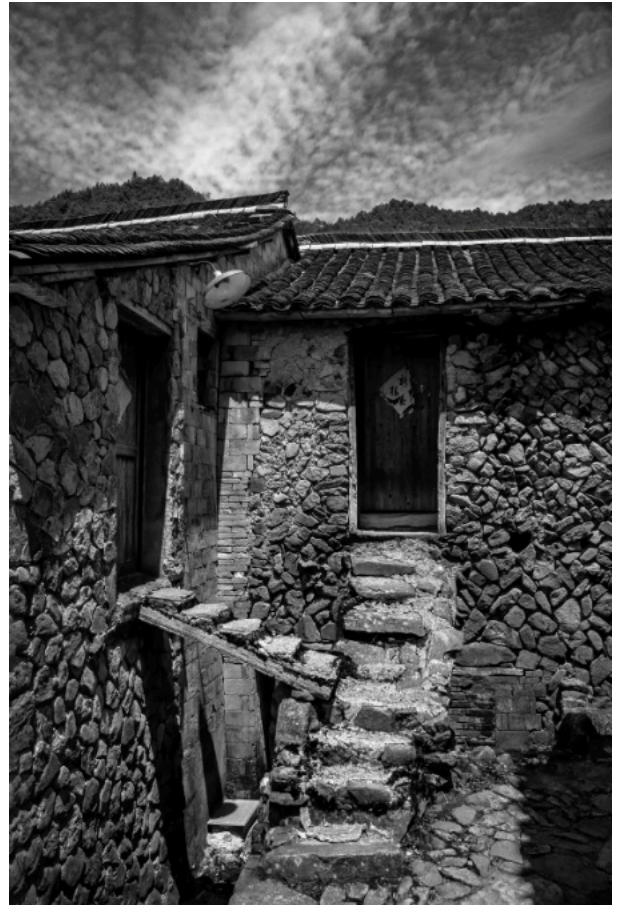
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Ed Townsend



Susan Chi