



Digital Monochrome, HM, by Jack Eidson. See more HMs starting on p.12.

# In Focus

## April Program—Winter in the New Zealand Southern Alps

*By Barbara Staggs and Emily Saile*

*April 10, 2023 Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*

Join long-time HPS members, Barbara Staggs and Emily Saile, as they tell us all about their photography adventure trip to New Zealand in 2022. In addition to the adventure of just traveling to New Zealand, each day brought new things to do and see, and, of course, photograph. There were beautiful hikes, numerous helicopter flights to glacier landings, and stunning scenery in every direction. (You might want to bring a jacket—the trip took place in winter!)



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# Huntsville Museum of Art - Special Exhibit - The Artist Abroad

*By Chris Baker*

Thank you to all members who submitted images for this special HMA Exhibition. We had a total of 132 entries with 18 selected to exhibit. Below is a list of the 15 members who've had one or more of their entries selected for the exhibition. Selected images can be viewed on our website under Competitions -> Past -> 2023 Winners. The exhibit will run concurrently with the HPS "Mystery" Exhibit, which opens May 7 and runs through August 6. Congratulations to all the selectees.



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- Barbara Hitt
- Martha Teal
- Tom Bryant
- Emily Saile
- Eddie Sewall
- Margaret Phillips

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)

## Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- April 11 - The American Landscape 2023 Photo Contest - Outdoor Photographer Magazine - <https://www.outdoorphotographer.com/photo-contests/the-american-landscape/>
- April 15 - 2023 Alabama the Beautiful Magazine Photo Contest - <https://alabamathebeautifulmagazine.com/atbphotocontest2023/>
- May 5 - 2023 Coral Gables Garden Club "As I See It" Photography Competition - [https://www.coralgablesgardenclub.org/photocontest2023/?mc\\_cid=d96dead6c8&mc\\_eid=48536a5b7d](https://www.coralgablesgardenclub.org/photocontest2023/?mc_cid=d96dead6c8&mc_eid=48536a5b7d)
- July 2 - 2023 Audubon Community Nature Center Nature Photo Contest - <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/acncphotocontest2023>



Announcing the 2nd Annual  
**Alabama The Beautiful<sup>®</sup>**  
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**2023**

Categories: Landscape, Night, Wildlife, Nature, Black & White

Winners will be published in May 2023 issue

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[AlabamaTheBeautifulMagazine.com/ATBPhotoContest2023](https://AlabamaTheBeautifulMagazine.com/ATBPhotoContest2023)

2023 Winner, Black & White: Beth Thompson, Water Lily at Birmingham Botanical Garden

## April 2023 Judge—Joe Fikes

### Subject—In The Woods

*April 24, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.*



Joe Fikes is certainly no stranger to the Huntsville Photographic Society. He has judged for the Huntsville Photographic Society every year since 2012. A distinguished scientist in the field of laser research, he has also created a successful business as a photographer. Joe’s art excels in attention to detail, creativity in composition, and rich color palettes. You will find pieces of his art in homes throughout North Alabama and southern Tennessee. If you are not familiar with his work, you can visit his site at [www.joefikes.com/](http://www.joefikes.com/). We welcome Joe as our judge on April 24, at 7:00 pm, on the topic “In the Woods.”

## March Competition Results

### Subject—Open

### Judge—Patrick Oden

	Color Digital (76)	Monochrome Digital (56)	Color Print (27)	Monochrome Print (19)
1st	Chris Baker	Margaret Phillips	Charles Leverett	Tom Bryant
2nd	Gail Patton	John Shriver	Eddie Sewall	Doris Leverett
3rd	Margaret Phillips	Michael Cox	Philip Flowers	Rosemary Davidson
HM	Barry Freeman	Jack Eidson	Roger Hunter	Philip Flowers
HM	Bob Gathany	Jane Reneau	Charles Gattis	Charles Leverett
HM	C.T. Chi	John Dillingham	Steve Mitchell	
HM	Don Wolfe	John Shriver		
HM	John Dillingham	Mat Bevill		
HM	Margaret Phillips	Susan Chi		
HM	Philip Flowers			
HM	Susan Reed			

## 2023 Competition Topics

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

## **A Good Photograph is Knowing Where to Stand**

***By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman***

This is a famous quote from Ansel Adams. And so true. Our viewpoint for an image can make or break the result.

This month's Workshop at Huntsville Botanical Gardens will give us a chance to give our point of view a good workout. Shooting flowers and butterflies means trying various viewpoints, many of them low on the ground. So be prepared to flex those joints.

Update: The Purdy Butterfly house is closed for renovation and probably will not be open for this workshop. Bummer.

This month's workshop will be led by Chris Baker along with some of our other Master Photographers. I assure you that there will be no shortage of subject matter to photograph.

The workshop is April 22nd and will start at 9:00am and we will meet inside the main building. If you are a member entry is free otherwise entrance fees are as follows:

Garden Member: Free

Adult: \$17

Senior (55+): \$15

Military: \$15

Student: \$15

The outing to the North Alabama Railroad Museum was a great success with many participating even on a very cold morning. We are looking forward to another good turnout at the Garden

The remaining schedule for the next 3 months is as follows:

April 22nd a Workshop led by Chris Baker at Huntsville Botanical gardens 9:00am to tbd

May 20th An outing to the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo. Gates open 6:00

June 16th A Workshop on Light Painting led by Margaret Philips. Start time sunset

Future workshops/outings being planned/considered include:

A Landscape workshop at ACES - Graham Farm & Nature Center

A Lightroom intensive workshop – Maybe for August just in case it's a little hot outside.

High Falls near Guntersville – a spectacular waterfall stretching 300 feet across.

Cathedral Caverns

Nashville Zoo

...and more. At least 1 per month.

More details to follow on these and other future events. Watch our Calendar and our Facebook page for updates.

We hope to make 2023 a great learning experience. Let's do it.

Philip Flowers, Workshop Chair

## Points for the Year to Date

Name	2023 points	2023 Wins
Philip Flowers	20	6
Margaret Phillips	13	4
Bob Gathany	10	4
Charles Leverett	10	4
Ed Townsend	10	4
Henry Smith	10	3
Christopher Baker	10	2
Tom Bryant	9	2
Eddie Sewall	9	2
John Shriver	7	4
Barbara Staggs	7	4
CT Chi	7	3
Casey Johnson	7	3
Jack Eidson	6	2
Don Wolfe	5	3
Julie Gary	5	2
Susan Chi	4	4
Martha Teal	4	2
Diana Davidson	4	1
Doris Leverett	4	1
Gail Patton	4	1
Allen Gary	3	3
Michael Cox	3	1
Rosemary Davidson	3	1
Mat Bevill	2	2
John Dillingham	2	2
Charles Gattis	2	2
Earl Todd	2	2
Eric Deylius	1	1
Barry Freeman	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Susan Reed	1	1
Jane Reneau	1	1
Alice Searcy	1	1
Bethani Soto	1	1
Emma Soto	1	1

### New Members

Miranda Frost  
 Cameron Fulks  
 Susan Mann  
 Heidi Meadows  
 Brandon Rodgers  
 Kaylin Treece



## January 2023 Images



Color Print 1st place  
by Charles Leverett



Color Print 2nd place  
by Eddie Sewall



Color Print 3rd place  
by Philip Flowers



Monochrome Print  
1st place  
by Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print  
2nd place  
by Doris Leverett

Monochrome Print  
3rd place  
by Rosemary Davidson





Color Digital 1st place  
by Chris Baker



Color Digital 2nd place  
by Gail Patton



Color Digital 3rd place  
by Margaret Phillips



Monochrome Digital  
1st place  
by Margaret Phillips



Monochrome Digital  
2nd Place  
by John Shriver

Monochrome Digital  
3rd Place  
by Michael Cox





## Honorable Mention—Print



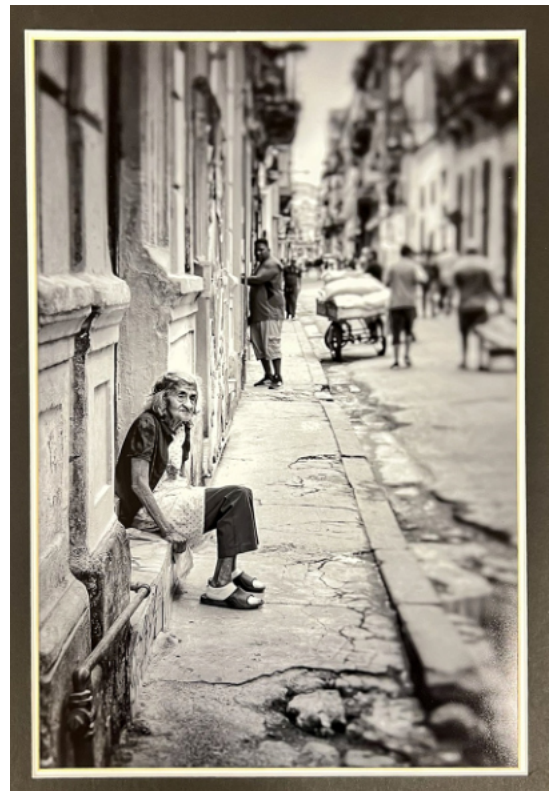
Roger Hunter



Charles Gattis



Steve Mitchell



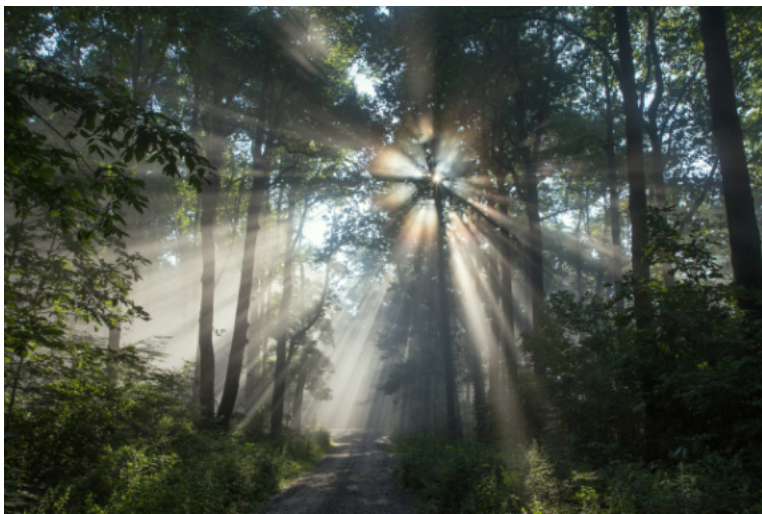
Charles Leverett



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