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by Tom Bryant.
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In Focus

May Program—Decoding Critique and Improve Your Editing

By Chris Baker

May 8, 2023 Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Every month, our judges give us valuable feedback on our competition images, and this month’s program will help decode the post-processing terms and phrases they use and how they relate to our editing workflow. What does it mean for a photo to be too flat or too contrasty or too “crunchy” or lack tonal range? What is noise and noise reduction? What are dodging and burning? What is a histogram and how is it used? We’ll explore all of these topics and more as I walk through a few example photos and perform some real-time editing. While my preferred post-processing software is Adobe Lightroom Classic, the discussion will be applicable to other editing software, as well. For the novice photographer just learning the basics of post-processing, this program will help expand your vocabulary and develop an editing workflow. And for the seasoned veterans, please feel free to share your own editing tips, tricks, and advice.

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Huntsville Museum of Art Reception for the “Mystery” Exhibit By Chris Baker

The HPS Members’ Showcase 2023 Exhibition Reception will be on Thursday, May 11 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Each exhibiting photographer and one guest will be admitted for free, along with Museum members. For all others, the admission fee is \$5 after 5 pm on Thursdays. Attendees should enter at the Church Street entrance to check-in at the Admissions Desk, where name tags will be available for the exhibiting photographers. The reception will be held in the Lowe Board Room, which is located right outside the Guild Gallery where the exhibition will be on view. The reception will include light hors d’oeuvres, desserts, and drinks.



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Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- May 5 - 2023 Coral Gables Garden Club “As I See It” Photography Competition - https://www.coralgablesgardenclub.org/photocontest2023/?mc_cid=d96dead6c8&mc_eid=48536a5b7d
- May 12 - Trinity United Methodist Church Photo Contest - <https://trinityhsv.fellowshiponego.com/external/form/19b37415-5209-4708-b29d-f668b4a63944>
- June 1 - 2023 PSA Councils Challenge - <https://3ct.org/2022-psa-councils-challenge-information/>
- June 13 - 2023 Birdwatching Magazine’s Birds in Flight Photo Contest - https://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/photo-contests/birds-in-flight-2023/?utm_source=bwm&utm_medium=eblast&utm_campaign=bwm_birds_in_flight_2023
- July 2 - 2023 Audubon Community Nature Center Nature Photo Contest - <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/acncphotocontest2023>

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

Wildlife Photography Workshop

Workshop Leaders Tom and Pat Cory

This exciting and popular workshop combines lectures and digital shows alternating with hands on photography at Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center. We will focus on both the art and technique of photographing wildlife. Handlers will position birds that reside at the Nature Center in natural settings for us to photograph. This workshop is perfect for everyone—from the beginning to the advanced photographer.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Workshop Fee: \$75. Discounted fee to Camera Club members and Reflection Riding members \$60. A portion of the proceeds from this workshop go to the Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center for the care and feeding of their animals.

Includes all instruction and instructional materials, home-made snacks, admissions and much more. Limited to 12 (13 if the last to sign up is a couple).

To register: Go to [Reflectionriding.org](https://www.reflectionriding.org) and click on 'upcoming events' for the calendar of events. Scroll down to the June events to register.





May 2023 Judge—Dennis Keim

Subject—Graffiti

May 22, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.



Dennis Keim is a nationally recognized Corporate and Editorial photographer based in Huntsville, Alabama. Dennis has over 25 years of professional experience producing creative imagery for ad agencies, corporations and trade organizations. Dennis was a career aerospace and underwater photojournalist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Marshall Space Flight Center located in Huntsville. After leaving NASA in 2000, Dennis opened dK-Studio (www.dk-studio.com) and began a full time commercial operation in Huntsville, Al. specializing in advertising, industrial, corporate, bio-

medical and stock photography. His work is published in many local, regional and national publications, as well as, featured in Fortune 500 company annual reports. The Huntsville based dK-studio maintains a web-based selection of lifestyle and travel stock photography.

Dennis is best known for his team philosophy, his creative thought processes and his astute ability to understand and translate the clients vision into an effective photograph or campaign.

Dennis’ personal passion for photography led him to pursue creative outlets in the fine art community. Since beginning the journey in the 1995, Dennis has become an internationally recognized and published fine arts photographer conducting workshops throughout the country. Dennis craft has been showcased on most major fine arts web sites, as well as, published in several national and international publications. He has participated in numerous one-man and group gallery art exhibitions.

Dennis is a professional member, in good standing, of ASMP (www.asmp.org) and the NPPA (www.nppa.org). In addition, Dennis, has previously served on the board of directors of two non-profit organizations; the AIDS Action Coalition and the Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama. Dennis currently serves on the board of directors of the Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation.

Dennis has supported Huntsville Photographic Society activities since 2014.

If you want to see some of Dennis’ work, you can find his galleries at, <http://www.dk-studio.com>. Please join us that evening for a fun and educational experience.

2023 Competition Topics

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

April Competition Results

Subject—In The Woods

Judge—Joe Fikes

	Color Digital (58)	Monochrome Digital (40)	Color Print (23)	Monochrome Print (17)
1st	Margaret Phillips	Allen Gary	Bob Gathany	Charles Leverett
2nd	Margaret Phillips	Ed Townsend	Charles Leverett	Philip Flowers
3rd	John Shriver	Ed Townsend	Emily Saile	Don Wolfe
HM	Alice Searcy	Susan Chi	Tom Bryant	Emily Saile
HM	Barry Freeman	Barry Freeman	Henry Smith	Doris Leverett
HM	Emily Saile	C.T. Chi		
HM	Eric Deylius	Susan Chi		
HM	Jack Eidson			
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Learning by Doing

—or the benefits of participating in workshops & outings

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

We will continue our theme of taking action to learn. Especially this month as our Outing will be to the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo. An opportunity to hone our action photography skills! Should be a challenge.

We had a good turnout for April's workshop at Botanical Gardens and there have been some nice images shared on our Facebook page. I would encourage all members to share their favorites from each of our events.

Our lineup going forward is as follows. I encourage our members to participate.

The schedule for the next two months is as follows:

- 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. Star time sunset

Outings/workshops that are in the planning stages include a birding workshop, possible outings to Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary, a Landscape workshop/Outing to Graham Farm and Nature Center, a workshop on taking better pictures of people, and an Outing/Workshop to Bethel Springs Falls. For now, our intent is to keep these events local so that we can encourage more participation.

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

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

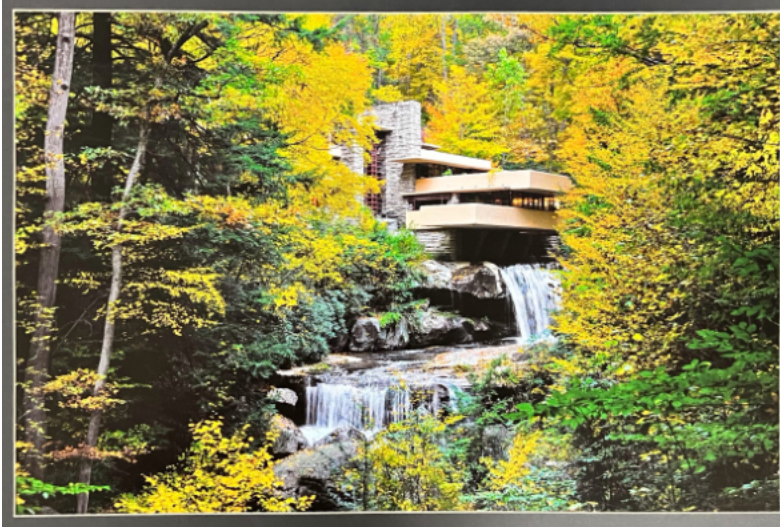
Points for the Year to Date

Name	2023 points	2023 Wins
Philip Flowers	24	7
Margaret Phillips	22	6
Charles Leverett	19	6
Ed Townsend	17	6
Bob Gathany	15	5
Henry Smith	11	4
John Shriver	10	5
Tom Bryant	10	3
Christopher Baker	10	2
Eddie Sewall	9	2
CT Chi	8	4
Jack Eidson	8	4
Allen Gary	8	4
Don Wolfe	8	4
Barbara Staggs	7	4
Casey Johnson	7	3
Susan Chi	6	6
Emily Saile	5	3
Julie Gary	5	2
Doris Leverett	5	2
Martha Teal	4	2
Diana Davidson	4	1
Gail Patton	4	1
Barry Freeman	3	3
Michael Cox	3	1
Rosemary Davidson	3	1
Mat Bevill	2	2
Eric Deylius	2	2
John Dillingham	2	2
Charles Gattis	2	2
Alice Searcy	2	2
Earl Todd	2	2
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Susan Reed	1	1
Jane Reneau	1	1
Bethanie Soto	1	1

New Members

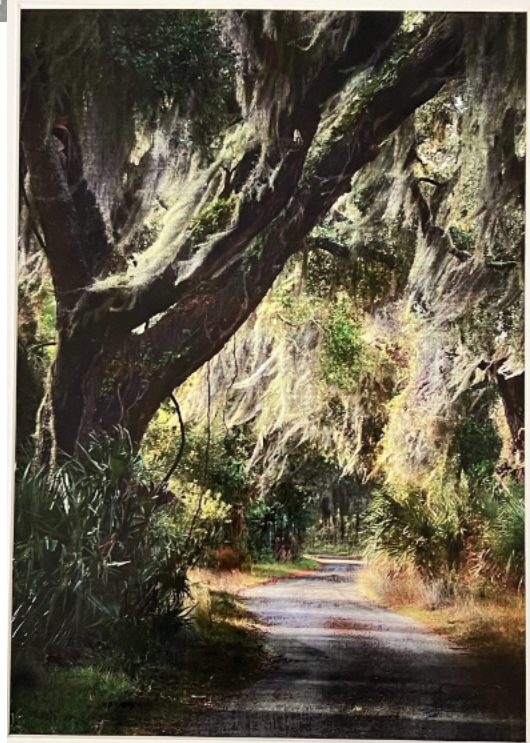
Susan Poston

April 2023 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Bob Gathany

Color Print 2nd place
by Charles Leverett



Color Print 3rd place
by Emily Saile



Monochrome Print
1st place
by Charles Leverett



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Philip Flowers

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Don Wolfe





Color Digital 1st place
by Margaret Phillips

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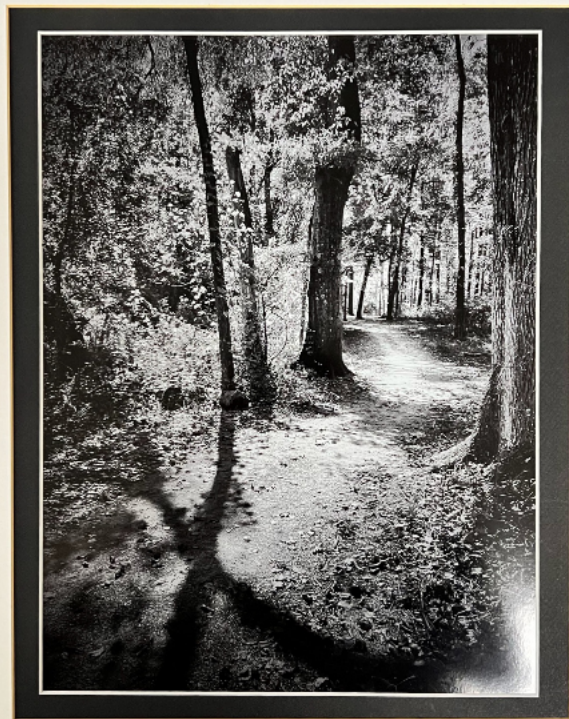
Honorable Mention—Print



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