



Monochrome Print, HM, by Joy Henderson. See more HMs starting on p.11

# In Focus

## September Program–Introduction to Astrophotography By Chris Baker

September 11, 2023 Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

This month's program will be hosted by HPS President, Chris Baker, as he walks through the basics of astrophotography. Topics covered will include equipment and techniques for photographing the moon, sun, Milky Way, deep space objects, and star trails. Because autofocus and metering systems in cameras struggle with these nighttime scenes, he'll provide details for camera settings to help take the mystery out of achieving proper exposures and focus. He'll also cover post-processing techniques, as well as other software and applications that aid in planning. This is a genre of photography accessible to photographers of all skill levels and does not necessarily require any special cameras or lenses. Quality images can be achieved with the most basic of camera bodies and kit lenses.

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## President's Message-Creative Crud

#### **By Chris Baker**

Crud is back!!!! Here's a fun way to get your creative juices flowing. This photo shoot program challenges you to improve your creative "in camera" skills by using a Dollar Tree object as your subject. Barbara Staggs will be organizing the event, so please contact her with any questions: <u>staggwh@gmail.com</u>

Here are the rules:

If you would like to participate, please send an email to <u>staggwh@gmail.com</u> by Sept. 18, listing your name and email address.

Your randomly chosen Dollar Tree object will be ready for you to pick up at either the Sept 25 or Oct. 9 HPS meeting. The club is buying the objects, so no need to bring money.

Officers of HPS

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Mentor/Novice Program Officer: Henry Smith Each participant will submit (1) one regular/straight photo to show and define the object.

Each participant will also submit (3) three additional photos that show your creativity with the object. These photo must include the object but you may use the whole object or a part of the object. It does not even have to be recognizable nor does it have to be the main subject of the photo. The photo does not have to show the object's intended use.

Your creativity must take place in the camera, not in Photoshop or any other such program. You may use these programs for basic corrections such as cropping, levels, etc. but you may not use filters, cloning, major color alternations, AI, etc.

Your (4) photos must be submitted via e-mail to Chris Baker at <u>knc82099@me.com</u> before Nov. 10 using the same submission standards as you use for the monthly competitions.

JPEG images , maximum width 2800 pixels, maximum height 1600 pixels.

File name must be: first and last name with no spaces, a dash and then entry number.

Example: JohnDoe-1jpg

All participants' images will be shown as part of the program on Nov.13.

## **Creative Editing Workshop**

#### By Photographic Society of Chattanooga

The Photographic Society of Chattanooga will present a workshop with Karen Fox on October 21, 2023, on "Creative Editing". Editing can often be a time-consuming process. It is even more daunting if you are looking for the right tools for the right job. Karen will take a deep dive into shortcuts, layers, blend modes, masking and adjustments in Photoshop. She will also look at some popular plug-ins for creative effects. The class will utilize Bridge and Camera Raw, but Lightroom users are encouraged to attend. Students will walk away from this class with a toolbox of tricks to conquer most editing projects.

The workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday October 21, 2023, at St. John's United Methodist Church at 3921 Murray Hills Dr, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Participants need to bring note-taking materials, laptop (suggested to follow along, but not required) and software that needs to be loaded and updated on the laptop are Adobe Photoshop, Bridge and Camera Raw.

The cost of the workshop is \$30 per person. To register and pay, go to the club's website at <u>https://chattanoogaphoto.org/education/workshops</u> and click on the "Pay Pal" button.

## **Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines**

- Oct 31 2023 The Artist Gallery Fine Art Photography
- Contest <u>https://www.theartistgallery.art/open-contests</u>
- Oct 31 2024 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest <u>https://</u> www.outdooralabama.com/photocontest

• Jan 5 - 2024 Sony World Photography Awards -<u>https://</u> www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards

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)

## September 2023 Judge– Monica Martin Subject–Out of Place September 25, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.



Monica Martin began her career as a professional photographer in 1988. With her studio located in Guntersville, she has supported clients across Northern Alabama. She has varied experiences and expertise in portrait, commercial, and architectural photography. Monica has supported the Huntsville Photographic Society since 2010. Monica was our judge in 2010 on "Reflections," 2012 on "Barns," 2015 on "Faces in Objects," 2016 on "Delicate," 2017 on "Mystery," 2018 on "Smart Phone Images," 2019 on "Memorials," and 2020 on "Portraits of People." Examples of her own work can be found here, <u>http://www. monicamartin.com/?load=html</u>.

### August Competition Results Subject—Boats and Ships Judge—David Phillips

	Color Digital (50)	Monochrome Digital (43)	Color Print (18)	Monochrome Print (15)
1st	Chris Baker	Chris Baker	Charles Leverett	Charles Leverett
2nd	Margaret Phillips	Mat Bevill	Charles Leverett	Charles Leverett
3rd	Casey Johnson	Jack Eidson	Emily Saile	Emily Saile
HM	Earl Todd	Margaret Phillips	Julia Gary	Joy Henderson
HM	C.T. Chi	C.T. Chi	Julia Gary	
HM	Jim Spinoso	C.T. Chi		
HM	C.T. Chi	Casey Johnson		
HM	Allen Gary			

# **2023 Competition Topics**

9/25—	OUT OF PLACE	10/23— OPEN	11/27— DOORS AND WINDOWS

#### Points for the Year to Date

#### New Members

Kelly Easler Michael Cook Brenda Moody

#### **Nielsen Frames Available** Submitted by Cynthia Wagner

I am an artist and photographer in Huntsville, and I have a collection of classic black metal Nielsen frames from a documentary project that I no longer need. I would love to see these frames have another use. They would be perfect for showcasing a solo or group exhibition of black and white or color images of approximately the same image size. The frames are 16x20x0.5 in size, and there are (35) of them. You can find more general information about the frames at - <u>https://www. framedestination.com/prod/c/nielsen-p117metal-picture-frame-in-matte-black.html</u>

I can deliver these to you, or they can be picked up at my home if you are interested.

Email address: <u>c@cynthiawagner.com</u>

Name	2023 points <b>49</b>	2023 Wins
Charles Leverett	49	Wins 13
Philip Flowers	36	10
Margaret Phillips	32	11
Christopher Baker	30	8
CT Chi	24	15
Bob Gathany	23	9
Earl Todd	22	8
Barbara Staggs	20	8
Casey Johnson	18	8
Doris Leverett	18	6
Ed Townsend	17	6
Susan Chi	15	9
Emily Saile	15	7
Henry Smith	14	7
Eddie Sewall	14	3
Jack Eidson	12	6
Tom Bryant	12	5
Allen Gary	11	7
John Shriver	11	6
Julie Gary	11	5
Mat Bevill	10	5
Don Wolfe	8	4
Eric Deylius	6	4
Carolyn Eidson	5	2
Susan Poston	5	2
Emma Soto	5	1
Jane Reneau	4	4
Rosemary Davidson	4	2
Martha Teal	4	2 1
Diana Davidson	4	1
David Edens	4	1
Gail Patton	4	1
Bob Schmiedeskamp	4	1
Barry Freeman	3	3
Michael Cox	3	1
John Dilllingham	3 2 2 2 2 2 2	
Charles Gattis	2	2
Joy Henderson	2	2 2 2 2 2 2
Steve Mitchell	2	2
Susan Reed	2	2
Alice Searcy	2	2
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Harold Patton	1	1
Bethanie Soto	1	1
Jim Spinoso	1	1
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## August 2023 Images

Color Print 1st place by Charles Leverett

Color Print 2nd place by Charles Leverett





Color Print 3rd place by Emily Salle

Monochrome Print 1st place by Charles Leverett





Monochrome Print 2nd place by Charles Leverett

Monochrome Print 3rd place by Emily Salle





#### Color Digital 1st place by Chris Baker

#### Color Digital 2nd place by Margaret Phillips





Color Digital 3rd place by Casey Johnson Monochrome Digital 1st place by Chris Baker





Monochrome Digital 2nd Place by Mat Bevill

Monochrome Digital 3nd Place by Jack Eidson





Julia Gary

# **Honorable Mention**—**Print**



Julia Gary



Joy Henderson

# Honorable Mention—Digital



Allen Gary



C.T. Chi



C.T. Chi



Earl Todd



Jim Spinoso



Casey Johnson



C.T. Chi







Margaret Phillips