

Color Digital, HM, by Martha Teal. See more HMs starting on p.12

In Focus

October Program—Waves, Whales, Water Drops, and Waterfalls By Pat and Tom Corey

October 9, 2023 Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.



We are delighted to welcome back longtime friends, Pat and Tom Corey, to the Huntsville Photographic Society. They have just returned from Montreal where they have been photographing whales and will include some of their recent images from that trip.

In this program Tom and Pat will discuss how they photograph water in its various forms—everything from water drops to waterfalls to ocean waves. They will include some critters such as birds and whales that you find in and around water. This presentation will explore both the art and technique of imaging “our water planet”.

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President's Message–Contest Update

By Chris Baker

Congratulations to Emma Soto and Chris Baker who both won awards in the 2023 Audubon Community Nature Center's Photo Contest. Emma's red hibiscus won the Youth Plants category and her alligator won an honorable mention in Youth Wildlife.

Chris's great blue heron won the Adult Wildlife category and his Mardis Mill waterfall and water lily photos won honorable mentions in the Adult Landscape and Adult Plants categories, respectively. Emma and Chris each received a \$200 check for their first place awards.

Here is a link to all the winning photos: <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/acncphotocontest2023/pages/15711>

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Photo Opportunity - Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll

***Sunday October 15, 2023–2023 Maple Hill Drive
(at California St. and McClung Ave.), 1:30pm to 4:30pm***

This Maple Hill Cemetery event has grown to be one of the largest living history strolls in the nation, with over 75 costumed characters, traditional music, special exhibits, an expanded antique auto display, and student scavenger hunts. There will be at least a dozen new characters featured this year. Not all are buried in Maple Hill, but they are essential in accurately reflecting the history of Huntsville. Some of the music will accompany character portrayals. Exhibits will highlight fascinating cemetery history and recent restoration projects. Look for the antique autos in a chronological procession in the southern end of the cemetery.

Links for more information:

http://www.huntsvillepilgrimage.org/cemetery_stroll.html

<https://www.huntsville.org/events/fall-annual-events/maple-hill-cemetery-stroll/>

Photography class

Tom Bryant will be teaching a photography class through LearningQUEST at the downtown Huntsville Main Library. It will run for 6 sessions starting Wednesday, October 4, 10 AM to 11:30 AM at the library. It will use the National Geographic Masters of Photography DVD series and Tom will introduce the speaker for the week and add material pertaining to the class. Topics in this series will include People in Their Environment, Color and Light, and Storytelling. It is not a free class since it is through LearningQUEST, but the cost is low.

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- Oct 31 - 2023 The Artist Gallery Fine Art Photography Contest - <https://www.theartistgallery.art/open-contests>
- Oct 31 - 2024 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest - <https://www.outdooralabama.com/photocontest>
- Nov 15 - 2023 The Nature Photography Contest - <https://thenaturephotocontest.com/>
- Dec 10 - 2024 Bird Photographer of the Year - <https://www.birdpoty.com/categories>
- Jan 5 - 2024 Sony World Photography Awards - <https://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)

Workshop and Outings Updates–Learn by Doing

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

On September 16th we had a successful, well-attended birding Workshop hosted by Herb Lewis at his home garden. Thanks again to Herb & Chris plus all those who attended.

In October we will revisit the canceled July outing and meet at Rainbow Mountain in Madison. This should be an opportunity to catch the Fall colors along with the other interesting features of this location. The date will be Saturday, October 28th. Once again, I will be there early. We will pinpoint the time when we get closer to the date.

There are more events in the works, and we will announce them as we move forward.

The Nature Photography Contest

By The Nature Photography Contest Team

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to The Nature Photography Contest, an exciting international photography contest that may be of great interest to your association members.

The Nature Photography Contest seeks to highlight the beauty and importance of our planet through photography. It is a unique platform for professional and amateur photographers to showcase their talent and share their love of nature with a global audience.

The contest offers cash prizes, international recognition and the opportunity to showcase your photography skills in different categories, such as natural landscapes, wildlife, macro photography and more. In addition, we are excited to collaborate with the One Tree Planted organization, planting a tree for each participant in the country chosen by the contest winner.

Our judging panel is composed of renowned photographers specializing in nature photography, such as Luke Stackpoole, Cynthia Bandurek, Alex Strohl and Mario Cea. Their experience and expertise guarantee an unbiased and professional evaluation of the participating photographs.

The deadline to enter is November 15, 2023, so I encourage you to explore more about the contest and consider sharing this exciting opportunity with your members. We believe many of them could have great potential to capture natural beauty through their lenses.

For more details and to register, please visit our official website: <https://thenaturephotocontest.com>. If you have any additional questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us (info@thenaturephotocontest.com). We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

We look forward to having your community participate in The Nature Photography Contest and celebrate together the wonderful connection between photography and nature!

October 2023 Judge—Eric Mittman Subject—Open

October 23, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.



We look forward to having Eric Mittman as our judge for the open competition on October 23, 2023. Eric has provided continuous support to the Huntsville Photographic Society for more than 15 years. Perhaps the best way to introduce Eric is to share what he says about his work:

I am the Photography Program Director at Sparkman High School and teach just about all aspects of photography including traditional black and white 35 mm, medium and large format photography as well as digital photography, studio lighting and digital manipulation with Adobe Photoshop.

When I am not teaching and hanging out with my family I pursue my passion for portraiture, travel and landscape photography on my weekends and evenings. I offer small group (1-4) private workshops for beginners who want to learn more about photography and get more out of their digital SLR camera. I also travel internationally each year to Europe and all photo enthusiasts (beginning to advanced) are welcome to join, just email me for information about upcoming trips at emittman@me.com

If you would like to see some of his work, go to his site, <http://www.emphoto.org/>

September Competition Results Subject—Out of Place Judge—Monica Martin

	Color Digital (47)	Monochrome Digital (35)	Color Print (19)	Monochrome Print (17)
1st	Casey Johnson	Philip Flowers	Henry Smith	Barbara Staggs
2nd	C.T. Chi	Sam Tuminello	Eddie Sewall	Henry Smith
3rd	Carol Eidson	Philip Flowers	Charles Leverett	Doris Leverett
HM	Philip Flowers	Alice Searcy	Julia Gary	Don Wolfe
HM	Martha Teal	Margaret Phillips	Charles Leverett	Barbara Staggs
HM	Chris Baker	Jack Eidson		
HM	Chris Baker	Earl Todd		
HM	Bob Gathany			

2023 Competition Topics

10/23— OPEN

11/27— DOORS AND
WINDOWS

Points for the Year to Date

Name	2023 Points	2023 Wins
Charles Leverett	53	15
Philip Flowers	45	13
Margaret Phillips	33	12
Christopher Baker	32	10
CT Chi	28	16
Barbara Staggs	26	10
Bob Gathany	24	10
Casey Johnson	23	9
Henry Smith	23	9
Earl Todd	23	9
Doris Leverett	21	7
Eddie Sewall	18	4
Ed Townsend	17	6
Susan Chi	15	9
Emily Saile	15	7
Jack Eidson	13	7
Julie Gary	12	6
Tom Bryant	12	5
Allen Gary	11	7
John Shriver	11	6
Mat Bevill	10	5
Don Wolfe	9	5
Carolyn Eidson	8	3
Eric Deylius	6	4
Martha Teal	5	3
Susan Poston	5	2
Emma Soto	5	1
Jane Reneau	4	4
Rosemary Davidson	4	2
Diana Davidson	4	1
David Edens	4	1
Gail Patton	4	1
Bob Schmiedeskamp	4	1
Sam Tumminello	4	1
Barry Freeman	3	3
Alice Searcy	3	3
Michael Cox	3	1
John Dillingham	2	2
Charles Gattis	2	2
Joy Henderson	2	2
Steve Mitchell	2	2
Susan Reed	2	2
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Harold Patton	1	1
Bethanie Soto	1	1
Jim Spinoso	1	1

Photo Exhibits

By Tom Bryant

The Huntsville Museum of Art currently has an exhibit called SHE running from Aug 19 – Nov 26. The exhibit is 50 photographs by a Lebanese-American woman named Rania Matar. They are large prints and it is a beautiful exhibit and fills the galleries where the Artists Abroad and Mystery were held. Rania Matar has published four books and has received several significant awards for her work.



New Members

Shanna David

A Gallery for You to Exhibit In

By Tom Bryant

ArtsHuntsville lets us use a portion of their gallery at the VBC. It is intended as a convenient exhibit space for an HPS Fellow to meet the exhibit requirement for the Master level. Even if they have previously exhibited, any member who is a Fellow or above can exhibit. Our current exhibits have been up for far too long. They need to be replaced. Please consider exhibiting there. This region is very near the Concert Hall and gets a lot of traffic. It is safe and has a good hanging system.

September 2023 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Henry Smith

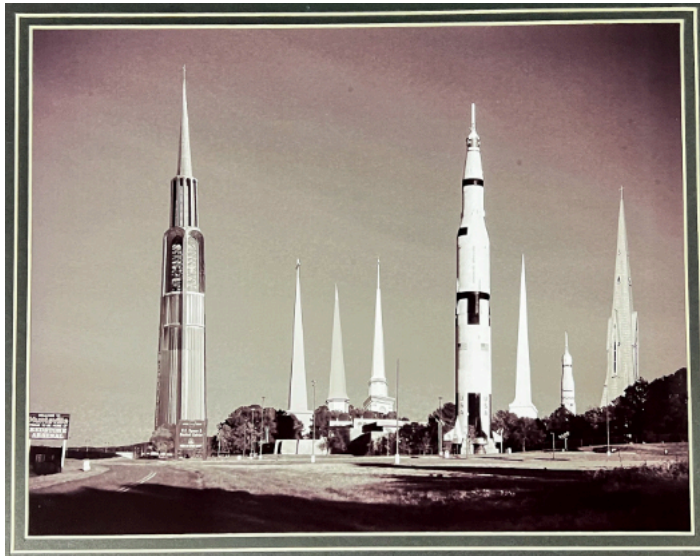
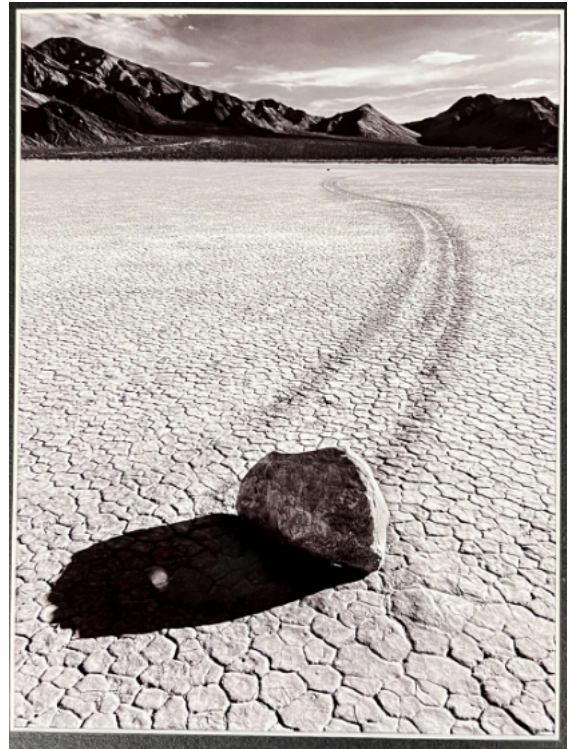


Color Print 2nd place
by Eddie Sewall



Color Print 3rd place
by Charles Leverett

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Barbara Staggs



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Henry Smith



Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Doris Leverett



Color Digital 1st place
by Casey Johnson

Color Digital 2nd place
by C. T. Chi



Color Digital 3rd place
by Carol Eidson

Monochrome Digital
1st place
by Philip Flowers

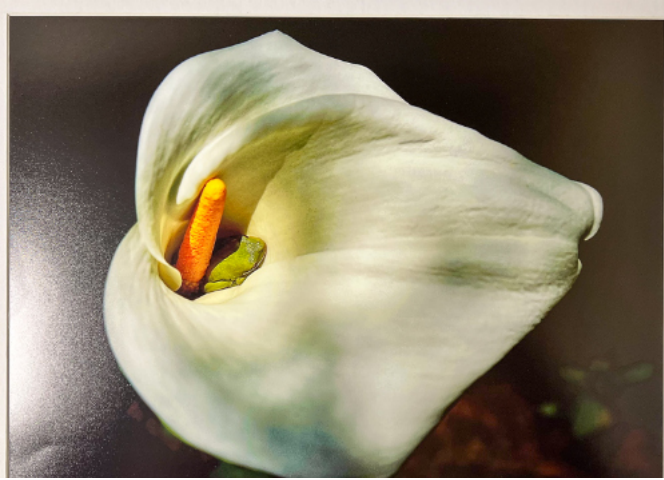


Monochrome Digital
2nd Place
by Sam Tumminello

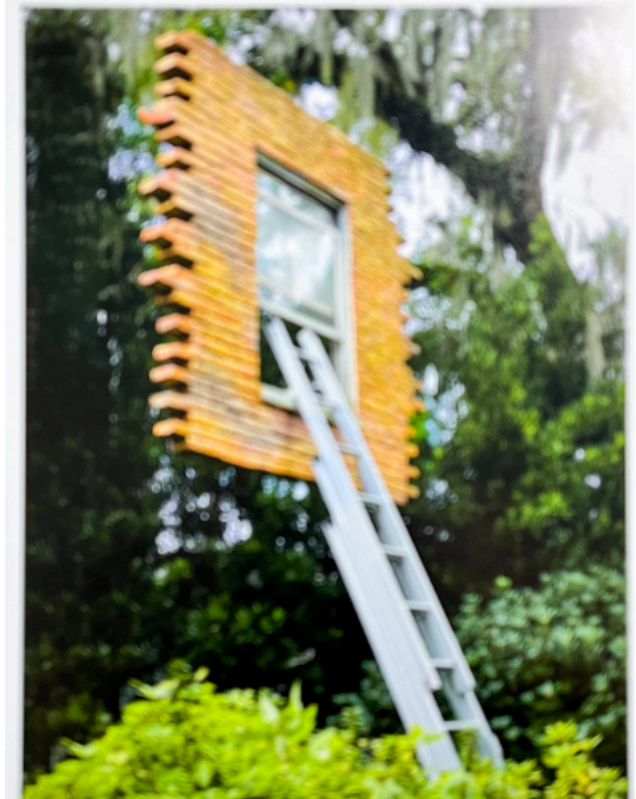
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3rd Place
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Honorable Mention—Print



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