



Color Print, HM, by Earl Todd. See more HMs starting on p.10

In Focus

November Program–Creative Crud Results

By Chris Baker

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

Our November Program meeting will feature the results of our Creative Crud exercise. We'll view a slideshow of the fun and creative ways that our HPS members used their random Dollar Store item in their photography. A reminder for the members who are participating:

- 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 digital filters, cloning, major color alternations, AI, etc.

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- Your (4) photos must be submitted via e-mail to Chris Baker at knc82099@me.com 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-1.jpg
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Workshop and Outings Updates—For the Next Year

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

I think 2023 was a successful year for our workshops and outings. There were diverse topics and the events were well-attended for the most part.

Hopefully next year will be the same or better.

BTW there is not a workshop or outing planned for November or December as the holidays can be a busy time. Though I would recommend getting out on your own to take advantage of the Fall colors. Picture opportunities abound.

Here are a few of my favorite locations for capturing Fall colors.

Monte Sano Mountain State Park—numerous trails and overlooks.

Green Mountain—The Nature Trail with the covered bridge. Just down the road a Land Trust Trail - Alum Hollow Trail. Both are very scenic.

Wheeler Wildlife Refuge—numerous trails amongst the Tennessee backwaters.

Swan Creek Trail—In Athens. A scenic trail which follows Swan Creek. Several large flat rocks in the creek allow one to capture overhanging trees over the water. Pretty spot.

For 2024 in January, we will have an outing to Wheeler Wildlife Refuge to shoot the thousands of Sandhill Cranes and other birds which will be nesting there. If you haven't been, it is an amazing sight. Date to be finalized.

February—a portrait lighting and posing workshop. Details TBD

March—A waterfall workshop. Details TBD

The remainder of the year will tentatively include a Shooting Flowers Workshop, a Photojournalism Workshop and a Still Life Workshop. Outings may include Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo, Athens Fiddlers Convention, Alabama Renaissance Fair in Florence, Hydofest Boat Race in Guntersville, A Zoo, Sloss Furnace and some other options.

All in all, it looks like a big year.

As I like to say—we learn by doing so please try to participate. Happy Holidays to all.

President’s Message–Business Meeting

By Chris Baker

We will conduct some year-end HPS business with a member review and approval of next year’s budget, as well as an election of officers. For anyone interested in getting more involved, we have several vacancies on the board that we’d love to fill for next year. Please contact Chris Baker at knc82099@me.com.

The vacant postions are: Digital Competition Officer, Program Officer, Exhibition Officer, and Mentor/Novice Program Officer

Planning is underway for our End Of Year banquet where we get together to share some food and hand out awards for best photos of the year and the President’s award, as well as recognize individuals who have achieved bronze fellow, silver fellow, gold fellow, and Masters status. Please reserve this date on your calendar and join us for this celebration.

<p>Officers of HPS</p> <p>President: Chris Baker</p> <p>Primary Competition Officer: Steve Mitchell</p> <p>Digital Competition Officer: Vacant—Chris Baker acting</p> <p>Competition Records Officer: Eddie Sewall</p> <p>Program Officer: Vacant</p> <p>Activities & Workshops Officer: Philip Flowers</p> <p>Publicity Officer: Xavier Adams</p> <p>Treasurer: Bob Schmiedeskamp</p> <p>Communications Officer: Jay Bain</p> <p>Historian: Tom Bryant</p> <p>Exhibition Officer: Vacant</p> <p>PSA Representative: Lee Pratt</p> <p>Non Board Positions</p> <p>Webmaster: John Shriver</p> <p>Membership Officer: Alice Searcy</p> <p>Mentor/Novice Program Officer: Vacant</p>
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We had great feedback on last year’s pot luck arrangement where everyone brought a dish to share, so we are going to do that again. Here are some details:

- Where: Wesley Hall, Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road, Huntsville
- When: Thursday, December 14, beginning at 6pm
- Who: Club members and spouses/dates, Judges
- What to Bring: Members with last names A-M will bring desserts, N-Z will bring hor d'ourves

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- Nov 15 - 2023 [The Nature Photography Contest - https://thenaturephotocontest.com/](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)

November 2023 Judge—Diana Davidson

Subject—Doors & Windows

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

Diana Davidson who has been a longtime active member of the Huntsville Photographic Society will be our judge for the month of November.

October Competition Results

Subject—Open

Judge—Eric Mittman

	Color Digital (56)	Monochrome Digital (37)	Color Print (23)	Monochrome Print (19)
1st	Chris Baker	Chris Baker	Margaret Phillips	Julia Gary
2nd	Tom Johnson	Chris Baker	Philip Flowers	Charles Leverett
3rd	Bob Gathany	Susan Poston	Eddie Sewall	Philip Flowers
HM	Margaret Phillips	Casey Johnson	Earl Todd	Barbara Staggs
HM	Bethany Soto	C.T. Chi	Doris Leverett	Earl Todd
HM	Philip Flowers	C.T. Chi		
HM	John Shriver	Susan Chi		
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2023 Competition Topics

11/27— DOORS AND WINDOWS

Points for the Year to Date

Sparkman Studios Fall Photo Show

Submitted by Eric Mittman

December 4-8th

Sparkman Studios Fall Photo Show will be on display December 4-8th in the media center with a community night Open House from 530-730 on Thursday December 7th. Everyone is welcome to attend. Parking and admission are free. Park at the front of the school entrance facing Jeff Road or park in back in the student parking and lot and come up the large staircase next to the cafeteria. Sparkman Studios members will be at the door to welcome you. It's a huge show with nearly 1000 works on display and you will be inspired by their creativity and talent! Photos will be for sale too. Proceeds from the sales are split 50/50 between the program and the photographer. It's a win-win for everyone!

In addition visitors can tour Sparkman's photo facilities. Students will be on hand to give live demonstrations of studio lighting, photoshop and darkroom techniques. Just ask a Sparkman Studios member at the show for a tour. They'll be wearing a Sparkman Studios t-shirt.

New Members

Kristin Cantrell
Conner Murphy

Name	2023 Points	2023 Wins
Charles Leverett	57	16
Philip Flowers	53	16
Christopher Baker	46	13
Margaret Phillips	39	14
CT Chi	30	18
Bob Gathany	27	11
Barbara Staggs	27	11
Earl Todd	25	11
Casey Johnson	24	10
Henry Smith	23	9
Doris Leverett	22	8
Eddie Sewall	21	5
Susan Chi	17	11
Julie Gary	17	7
Ed Townsend	17	6
Emily Saile	15	7
Jack Eidson	13	7
John Shriver	12	7
Tom Bryant	12	5
Allen Gary	11	7
Mat Bevill	10	5
Don Wolfe	9	5
Carolyn Eidson	8	3
Susan Poston	8	3
Eric Deylius	6	4
Martha Teal	5	3
Emma Soto	5	1
Jane Reneau	4	4
Rosemary Davidson	4	2
Diana Davidson	4	1
David Edens	4	1
Thomas Johnson	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
Bethanie Soto	2	2
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Roger Hunter	1	1
Harold Patton	1	1
Jim Spinoso	1	1

October 2023 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Margaret Phillips

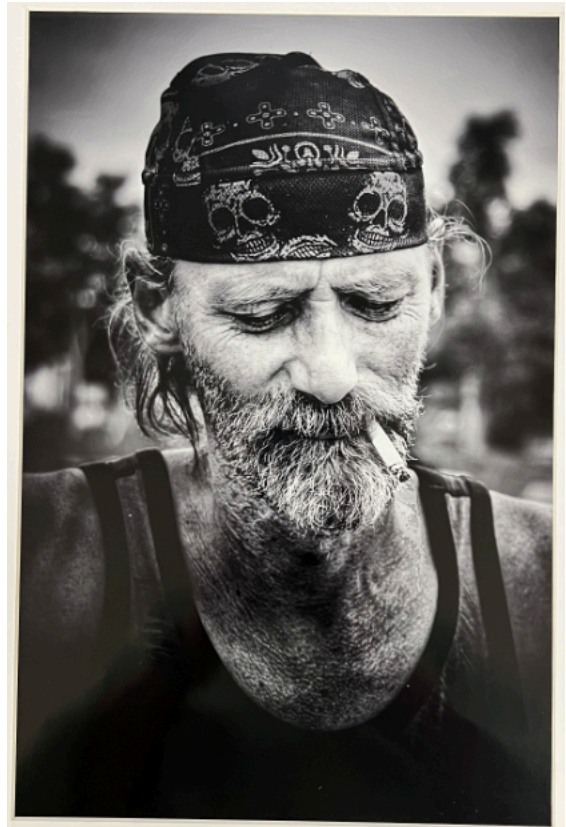
Color Print 2nd place
by Philip Flowers



Color Print 3rd place
by Eddie Sewall



Monochrome Print
1st place
by Julia Gary



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Charles Leverett

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Philip Flowers





Color Digital 1st place
by Chris Baker



Color Digital 2nd place
by Tom Johnson



Color Digital 3rd place
by Bob Gathany

Monochrome Digital
1st place
by Chris Baker



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2nd Place
by Chris Baker

Monochrome Digital
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Honorable Mention—Print



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