



Monochrome Digital, HM, by Rick Mears. See more HMs starting on p.10

In Focus

End-of-Year Celebration

By Chris Baker

Please mark your calendars for December 14th and join us for the annual End-of-Year Banquet where we'll 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 Master status. We'll do the potluck arrangement similar to last year and HPS will provide drinks, ice, plates, and utensils. 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

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President’s Message

By Chris Baker

As 2023 comes to a close, I want to thank the HPS Officers for their efforts in organizing and executing the programs, competitions, workshops, exhibitions, and outings throughout the year. And, of course, many thanks to the members for their participation and support. The Officers are busy planning a full slate of activities for next year and look forward to helping members advance their photography skills in any way possible. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

2024 HPS Officers

Thank you to Conner Hill for volunteering to fill the Mentor/Novice Program Officer position. We still have three more Officer roles to fill, so for anyone interested in becoming more active in HPS, please contact Chris Baker at knc82099@me.com for more information. This group doesn’t function without the volunteer efforts from its member officers, so please consider donating some time to help keep our organization successful.

Digital Competition Officer - Vacant
 Program Officer - Vacant
 Exhibition Officer - Vacant

Officers of HPS
President: Chris Baker
Primary Competition Officer: Steve Mitchell
Digital Competition Officer: Vacant—Chris Baker acting
Competition Records Officer: Eddie Sewall
Program Officer: Vacant
Activities & Workshops Officer: Philip Flowers
Publicity Officer: Xavier Adams
Treasurer: Bob Schmiedeskamp
Communications Officer: Jay Bain
Historian: Tom Bryant
Exhibition Officer: Vacant
PSA Representative: Lee Pratt
Non Board Positions
Webmaster: John Shriver
Membership Officer: Alice Searcy
Mentor/Novice Program Officer: Conner Hill

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- Dec 4 - 2023 Winter Photo Challenge - Smithsonian Environmental Research Center - <https://serc.si.edu/winter-photo-challenge-rules>
- 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)

Workshops and Outings for the coming year

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

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. Tentative date is January 20th.

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the events going on at Wheeler Refuge during the month of January. The Festival of the Cranes is a three day event 1-12-24 thru 1-14-24. 3 days chock full of events and activities with many being free. I'm including a link to WWRA's list of events for the month of January which include several photography workshops. Space is limited so you will need to sign up soon. <https://www.friendsofwheelernwr.org/events>

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.

November Competition Results

Subject—Doors & Windows

Judge—Diana Davidson

	Color Digital (45)	Monochrome Digital (41)	Color Print (19)	Monochrome Print (17)
1st	Bob Gathany	Julia Gary	Eric Deylius	Tom Bryant
2nd	Margaret Phillips	Susan Chi	Mandy Caruso	Doris Leverett
3rd	Alice Searcy	Philip Flowers	Doris Leverett	Barbara Staggs
HM	Virginia Gilbert	Rick Mears	Henry Smith	John Shriver
HM	Susan Chi	John Shriver	Barbara Staggs	Charles Leverett
HM	Margaret Phillips	Jack Eidson		
HM	C.T. Chi	Allen Gary		
HM	Mat Bevill			

2024 Competition Topics

More topics to come

1/22– VEHICLES

2/26— WATERS EDGE

3/25– OPEN

20th Century Signature Quilt

Submitted By Sam Tumminello

Earlier this year our member (and HPS webmaster) and expert micro photographer, John Shriver, volunteered to photograph a special, historic quilt.

The full-size quilt, the property of the Huntsville Historic Foundation, is on display at the Huntsville Madison County Main Library, in the Special Collections Department, located on the 2nd floor.

The "20th Century Signature Quilt" was made of pieces of white cloth signed in ink by many notable U.S. citizens. Then the pieces were sewn into the quilt. It was part of a fund raiser for the HHF.

Over the years, the black ink started to fade, so to make a digital record, HPS volunteered to photograph it. John came forward to accomplish this important documentation.



Film Group

By John Shriver

We are creating a group in the Huntsville Photographic Society devoted to film photography and discussing all things associated with film, including cameras (small, medium and large format), film developing and printing, chemistry and darkroom techniques, history, etc. We hope to meet once a month and talk about what we are working on, bring examples of our work, ask questions, and share our enthusiasm. In other words, we will strive to encourage film photography. We are planning to have our first meeting in January at the Huntsville/Madison County library. A date and time will be announced soon. Information on our activities will be provided on the HPS website under Activities -> Film Group. If you are interested, please contact John Shriver at john.shriver@uah.edu.

Points for the Year to Date

Name	2023 Points	2023 Wins
Charles Leverett	58	17
Philip Flowers	56	17
Christopher Baker	46	13
Margaret Phillips	44	16
Bob Gathany	32	12
CT Chi	31	19
Barbara Staggs	31	13
Doris Leverett	29	10
Earl Todd	25	11
Casey Johnson	24	10
Henry Smith	24	10
Susan Chi	22	13
Julie Gary	22	8
Eddie Sewall	21	5
Tom Bryant	17	6
Ed Townsend	17	6
Emily Saile	15	7
John Shriver	14	9
Jack Eidson	14	8
Allen Gary	12	8
Mat Bevill	11	6
Eric Deylius	11	5
Don Wolfe	9	5
Carolyn Eidson	8	3
Susan Poston	8	3
Alice Searcy	6	4
Martha Teal	5	3
Emma Soto	5	1
Jane Reneau	4	4
Rosemary Davidson	4	2
Mandy Caruso	4	1
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
Michael Cox	3	1
John Dillingham	2	2
Charles Gattis	2	2
Virginia Gilbert	2	2
Joy Henderson	2	2
Steve Mitchell	2	2
Susan Reed	2	2
Bethanie Soto	2	2
Roger Hunter	1	1
Rick Mears	1	1
Harold Patton	1	1
Jim Spinoso	1	1

New Members
 Robert Carroll
 Rick Mears
 Conner Murphy
 Cheryl Sobul
 Jim Watson

November 2023 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Eric Deylius

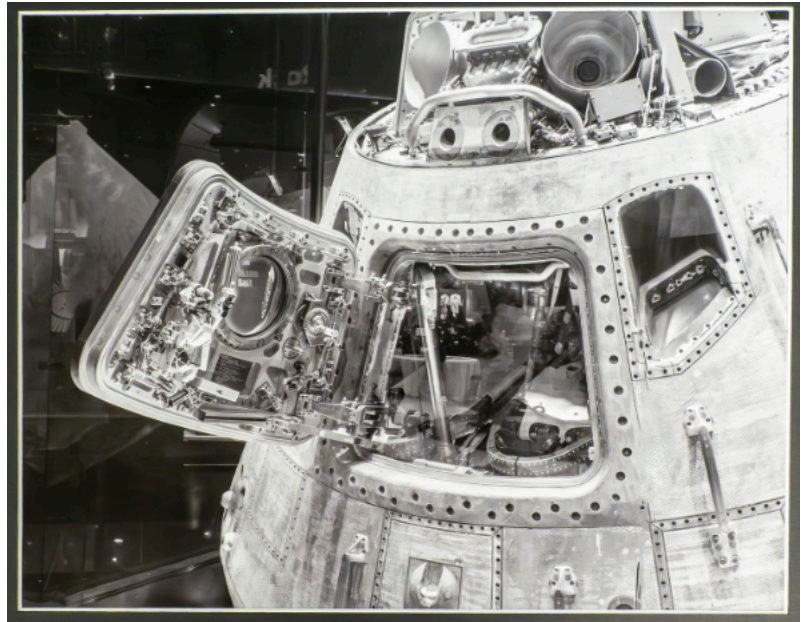


Color Print 2nd place
by Mandy Caruso

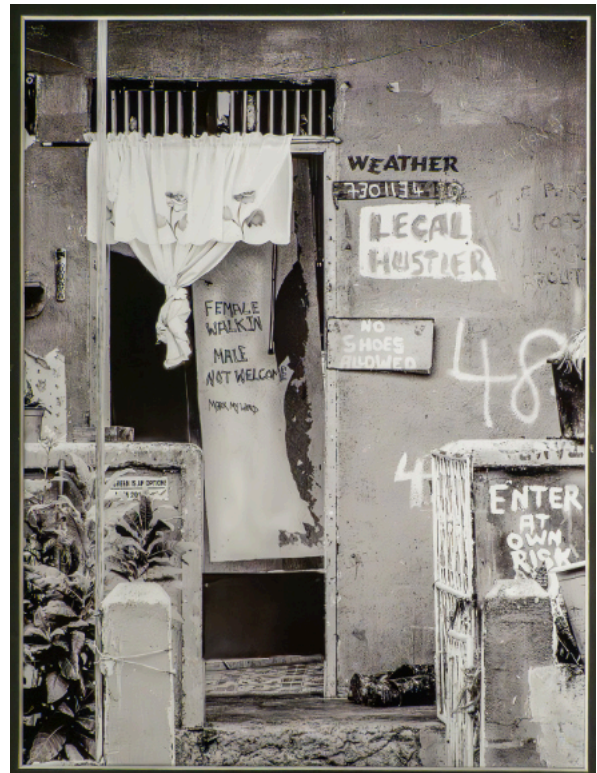


Color Print 3rd place
by Doris Leverett

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Doris Leverett



Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Barbara Staggs



Color Digital 1st place
by Bob Gathany



Color Digital 2nd place
by Margaret Phillips



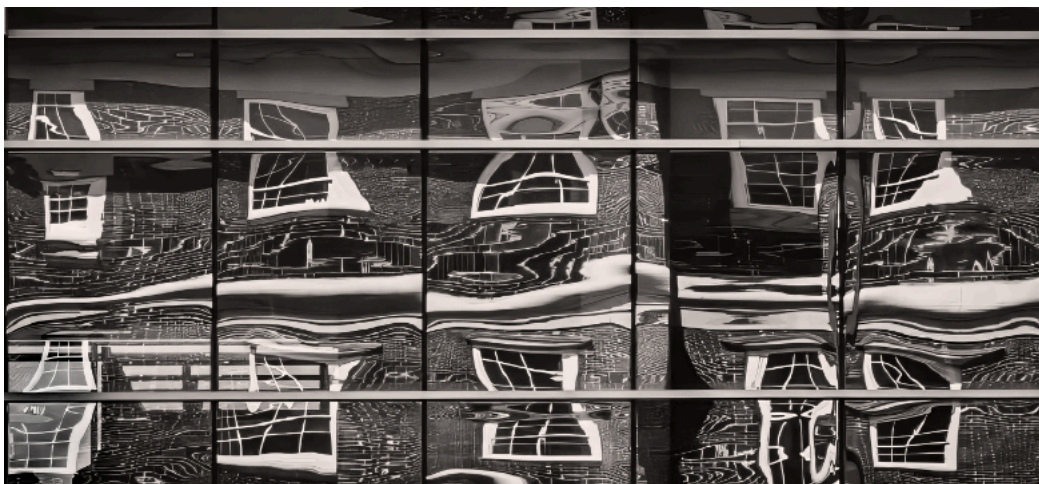
Color Digital 3rd place
by Alice Searcy



Monochrome Digital
1st place
by Julia Gary



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Susan Chi

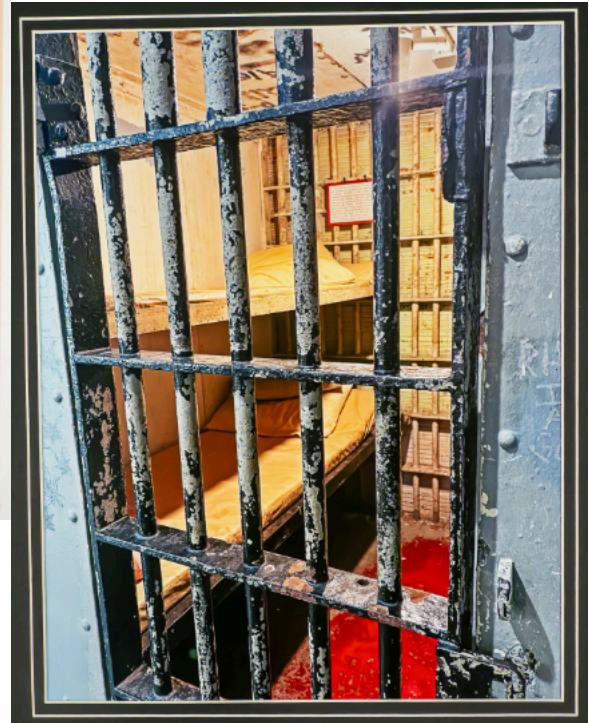


Monochrome Digital
3rd Place
by Philip Flowers

Honorable Mention—Print



Barbara Staggs



Henry Smith



Charles Leverett



John Shriver

Honorable Mention—Digital



Mat Bevill



Virginia Gilbert



C.T. Chi



Margaret Phillips



Susan Chi

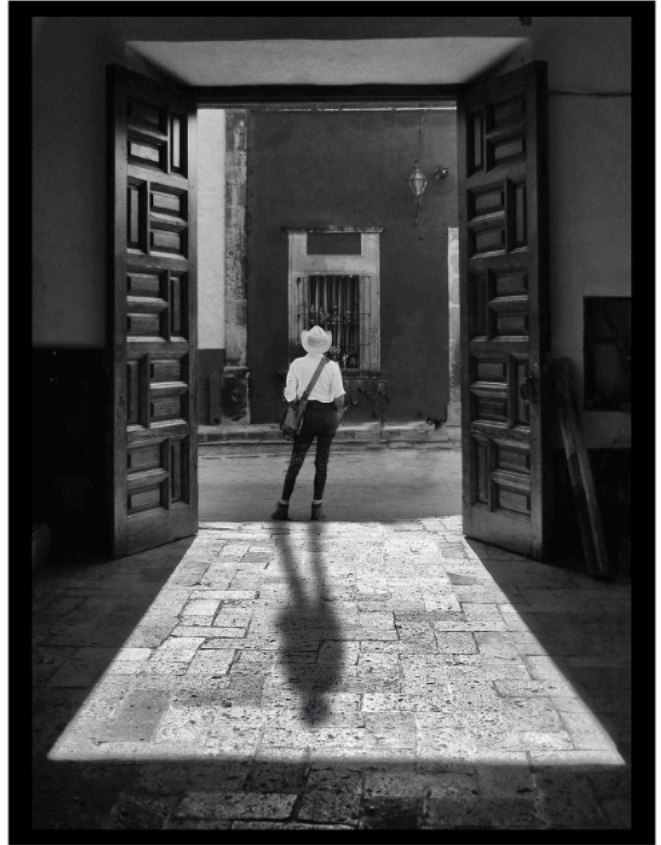


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