

Color Print, HM, by Philip Flowers. See more HMs starting on p.13

In Focus

Change in Meeting Location—GigaParts

Submitted By Chris Baker

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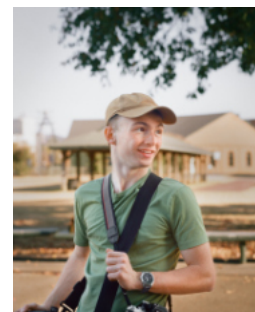
April Program—Digitizing Film Negatives

By Conner Hill

April 8, 2024 GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

Almost everybody has old negatives lying around somewhere. But some people don't want to print them because the prints will take up space. To see those negatives again, you can digitize them with your digital camera and a macro lens. In this program, Conner will show multiple ways to set up your digital camera to scan your old negatives—from using enlargers to tripods.

Attendees are welcome to a couple strips of negatives to be scanned since the program is interactive.



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Novice Classes

Submitted By Chris Baker

We have many HPS members that are new to photography and are just looking for some basic instruction on getting started. HPS is bringing back the novice classes that were started prior to Covid. The classes will be conducted on Program Meeting nights at the new GigaParts classroom, starting one hour before the Program. The first topic on April 8 at 5:30pm will be the Exposure Triangle. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn some of the basic terms and principles and take creative control of your camera. Participants are welcome to bring their camera.

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Officer: Conner Hill

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- April 13 - Northwest Tennessee Photo Club Spring 2024 Photo Contest - http://nwtphotoclub.com/?page_id=134
- April 19 - 2024 Montgomery Photo Festival - <https://themontgomeryphotofestival2024.artcall.org/>
- May 10 - 2024 As I See It Photo Competition - https://www.coralgables gardenclub.org/photocontest/?mc_cid=feec8f12ef
- July 7 - 2024 Audubon Community Nature Center Photo Contest - <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/acncphotocontest2024>
- July 31 - 2024 Nikon Comedy Wildlife Awards - <https://www.comedywildlifephotography.com/>
- August 31 - 2024 Tamron National Park Trips Photo Contest - <https://www.nationalparktrips.com/contests/national-park-photo-contest/>

HPS is meeting at GigaParts on the second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., and on the fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m.

www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org

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

GigaParts Partnership

Submitted by Chris Baker



HPS is proud to announce a partnership with the new GigaParts superstore that recently opened in the old Burlington Coat Factory on University (6123 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806).

GigaParts has constructed a 3000 sq ft classroom within the store that is available to local clubs to utilize at no cost. HPS members were given a tour of the space and were very impressed with the setup. After a discussion with the Board, we've decided that our Monday meetings are moving permanently to this new space, starting with the April 8 Program Meeting. To accommodate store hours, our meeting time will shift earlier by 30

minutes with a new start time of 6:30pm. Our current space at Trinity does cost us a fee, so this move will save HPS money. Plus, the space is easier to locate, open to the public, and has a built-in state of the art projection system. I will send out several reminders as we get closer to the April 8 meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity and we're looking forward to this partnership with GigaParts.

For the more experienced photographers in HPS, GigaParts has an "Experts Program" that will allow you to donate your time and knowledge in exchange for points that can be converted to in-store credit. Types of activities include educating in the store, through online chat, product reviews and demos, writing articles, leading classes and much more! Here is the link for more information on this program: <https://www.gigaparts.com/experts>



Workshops and Outings

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

On March 9th we had a Workshop on Waterfall photography led by Keith Bozeman. It was a great success.

A "Shooting Flowers" photography workshop at Huntsville Botanical Gardens is scheduled for April 20th starting at 9:00. This will include a workshop for novice photographers. There is an admission charge to the gardens.

In May there will be an outing to the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo on the 18th. Last year's outing there was quite an experience.

On June 22nd we will have a Photographic Scavenger Hunt in Big Spring Park. Start time and topics TBD. Once again photographic novices will be welcomed.

On July 20th we will have an extensive workshop on Lightroom, from importing and organizing images to a detailed look at processing and exporting images.

There are more workshops and outings in the planning stages. Stay tuned.

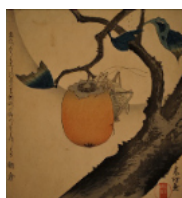
We learn by doing. Happy shooting.



Huntsville Museum of Art - “Eat, Drink, and Be Merry” Exhibition *Submitted by Chris Baker*

Unfortunately, the HMA is going through renovations and have yet to schedule our annual exhibition. I will update members when I hear more. However, on a positive note, the HMA Chief Curator (Natalie Mead) has invited us to participate in an exhibition later this year, similar to the "Artist Abroad" from last year, where our photographs will accompany other works of art. This year’s exhibit is called “Eat, Drink, and Be Merry” and is centered around the celebration of food and eating. The HMA is looking for images that reflect the joys of food or the joys of eating/drinking. They can reflect a stillness, as in a traditional still life image, or a holiday celebration with friends and family, or a humor and gluttony that can also be associated with food. Creativity is encouraged. Details are included below along with a few images of artwork from the collection that may be included in the exhibition.

- All active HPS members are eligible to participate
- Submittal page is active on the HPS website under “Competitions > Current > HMA Eat Drink Entries”
- Maximum of 5 images for submittal
- Image sizing requirements are the same as our digital competition
 - JPG format
 - No more than 2800 pixels wide and 1600 pixels high
 - File size < 10MB
- HMA Employees will select images for the exhibition
- Photos that have previously exhibited at the museum are not eligible
- Two separate exhibitions will be held with approximately 12 photos selected to support each
 - Exhibition #1 - July to October
 - Exhibition #2 - October to January
- Selected exhibitors will be provided standard white mats along with instructions for printing, matting, and date to return matted prints
- Submittal deadline is **Sunday, May 26th at 9pm**
- Judging will be conducted from May 27 to May 31



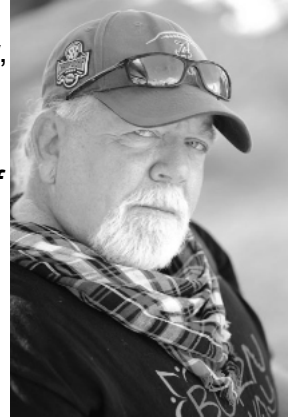
April 2024 Judge–Dennis Keim

Subject–Abandoned or Discarded

April 22, *GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.*

Dennis will be our competition judge this month. Dennis has supported Huntsville Photographic Society activities since 2014. Dennis' biography, located on his web site reads as follows:

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.

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.

Gulf States Camera Club Council Convention

Submitted By Lynette Colgin

I'm the club secretary for the Lafayette Photographic Society. We are hosting the Gulf States Camera Club Council Convention, April 11-13, 2024 in Lafayette, LA. I would like to extend an invitation to your members to to attend. We have workshops, field trips, GSCCC competition judging and results, great food and a fabulous Mardi Gras themed Extravaganza planned. The Extravaganza will be held at Vermillionville on Friday, April 13, in Lafayette. We have about 12 models available to photograph at this historic location. We also have a Cajun band, Cajun dancers and many opportunities for unique photographs. The field trips offer beautiful nature photographic opportunities, several of which are free. Check out the Gulf States Camera Club Council website for registration information and check out the Vermillionville website for a peek of this historic location. Hope to see you there!

https://www.gulfstatesccc.org/2024-convention?fbclid=IwAR1jutQdhGLIXaELXtbDMPFpLZ5EA_QHD14bmvweiQvLxxiK4iPjWieBM0k

March Competition Results

Subject—Open

Judge—Cara Fuller

	Color Digital (60)	Monochrome Digital (53)	Color Print (17)	Monochrome Print (20)
1st	C.T. Chi	Susan Chi	Doris Leverett	Philip Flowers
2nd	Chris Baker	Jane Reneau	Charles Leverett	Charles Leverett
3rd	Chris Baker	Allen Gary	Barbara Staggs	Earl Todd
HM	John Shriver	Jim Spinoso	Philip Flowers	Doris Leverett
HM	Jim Spinoso	Emily Saile	Earl Todd	Steve Mitchell
HM	Mat Bevill	Don Wolfe		
HM	Don Wolfe	Chris Baker		
HM	Allen Gary	Amanda Sloan		
HM	Earl Todd			

2024 Competition Topics

22-APR—ABANDONED OR DISCARDED	22. JUL—OPEN	25-NOV—BOTTLES
27-MAY—ALABAMA THE BEAUTIFUL	26-AUG—NATURE IN MOTION	
24-JUN—LINES/ANGLES/PATTERNS	23-SEP—SPORTS	
	28-OCT—OPEN	

Points for the Year to Date

New Members
Steven Butler
Chris Mahon

Name	2024 Points	2024 Wins
Christopher Baker	20	7
Charles Leverett	17	5
Allen Gary	15	5
CT Chi	12	5
Philip Flowers	12	5
Don Wolfe	12	5
Doris Leverett	12	4
Earl Todd	10	5
Barbara Staggs	10	3
Susan Chi	8	2
Henry Smith	7	2
Tom Bryant	6	2
John Shriver	6	2
Eric Deylius	5	3
Ronald Atchley	4	1
Barry Freeman	4	1
Jane Reneau	4	1
Emily Saile	3	3
Jim Spinoso	3	3
Eddie Sewall	3	1
Jack Eidson	2	2
Susan Poston	2	2
Mat Bevill	1	1
John Dillingham	1	1
Carolyn Eidson	1	1
Bob Gathany	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Casey Johnson	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Bob Schmiedeskamp	1	1
Amanda Sloane	1	1
Sam Tumminello	1	1

March 2024 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Doris Leverett



Color Print 2nd place
by Charles Leverett



Color Print 3rd place
by Barbara Staggs

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Philip Flowers



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Charles Leverett

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Earl Todd





Color Digital 1st place
by C.T. Chi

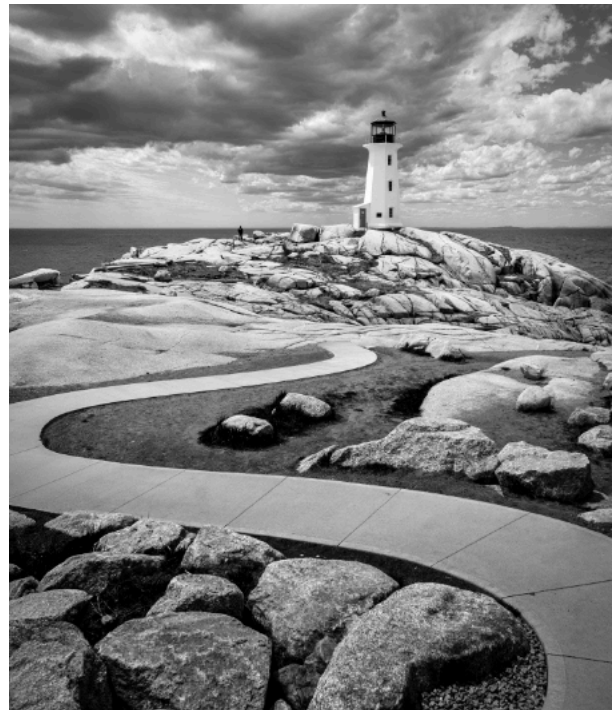


Color Digital 2nd place
by Chris Baker



Color Digital 3rd place
by Chris Baker

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Susan Chi



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Jane Reneau

Monochrome Digital
3rd Place
by Allen Gary



Honorable Mention—Print



Earl Todd



Philip Flowers



Doris Leverett

Steve Mitchell



Honorable Mention—Digital



John Shriver



Jim Spinoso



Matt Bevill

Don Wolfe





Allen Gary



Jim Spinoso



Earl Todd

Emily Saile





Don Wolfe

Chris Baker



Amanda Sloan