



Monochrome Print, HM, by Charles Leverett. See more HMs starting on p.12

In Focus

May Program—Sports Photography

By Bob Gathany

May 13, 2024 *GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.*



Bob has photographed high school & college sports for The Huntsville Times for 25 years including Alabama, Auburn & Alabama A&M football, UAH hockey, high school basketball, baseball, football, soccer, wrestling, volleyball, track & more. He has also covered other less common sports such as lumberjack & lineman rodeos, roller derby, horseshoes, dog jumping, drone racing, fencing & quarter-midget racing to name a few. Come view some interesting & unusual photos as well as pick up a few pointers on photographing your favorite sports. Also a demonstration of Photo Mechanic—software most photojournalist use for editing & captioning their photos.

Check out a preview of some of his sports photography at <https://bobgathany.photoshelter.com/index/G0000qtnLIKSww4>

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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 second topic on May 13 at 5:30pm will be Basic Composition. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn some of the fundamental terms and principles and take creative control of your camera. Participants are welcome to bring their camera.

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Lee Pratt

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Membership Officer:

Alice Searcy

Mentor/Novice Program

Officer: Conner Hill

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- May 10 - 2024 As I See It Photo Competition - https://www.coralgablesgardenclub.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.comedywildlifephoto.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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/)

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Master Chorale Concert Image Selections

Submitted by Chris Baker and Patricia Hacker

The Huntsville Master Chorale have made their choices for images to be featured in their upcoming multi-media event titled "Songs of Travel". Thirty-one images were selected from 13 different HPS members. The selected images can be found on the HPS website under "Competitions > Past > 2024 Winners". For HPS members who had images selected, no further action is necessary. The files submitted for judging will be used for the presentation.

<https://www.hpsphoto.org/2024-winners/>



2024 Competition Topics

27-MAY—ALABAMA THE BEAUTIFUL
24-JUN—LINES/ANGLES/PATTERNS

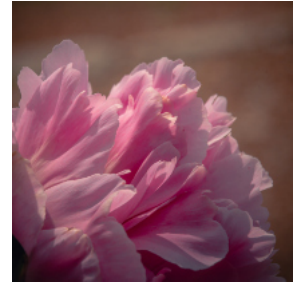
22. JUL—OPEN
26-AUG—NATURE IN MOTION
23-SEP—SPORTS

28-OCT—OPEN
25-NOV—BOTTLES

Workshops and Outings

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

We had a well-attended Outing/ Workshop at Hsv Botanical Gardens on April 27th. I feel it was a great success. For those that attended please share your favorites on our Facebook page.

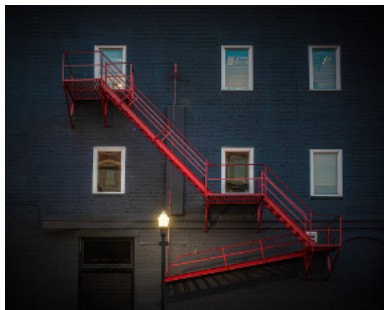


In May there will be an outing to the Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo on the 18th. Last year's outing there was quite an experience. Looking forward to this one.

On June 22nd we will have another Photographic Scavenger Hunt in Big Spring Park. Start time and topics TBD. Once again photographic novices will be welcomed. Here are a few shots I did from last year's outing.



On July 20th we will have a nighttime outing in downtown Huntsville to shoot the city lights, storefronts and whatever creative images you can come up with. A great opportunity for some long exposure images. More details to come.



In August I will lead an extensive workshop on Lightroom, from importing and organizing images to a detailed look at processing and exporting images. At the moment this looks to be a 4-hour workshop.

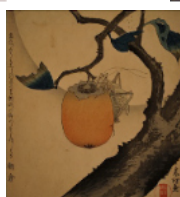
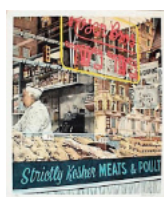
There are more workshops and outings in the planning stages. Stay tuned. We learn by doing. Happy shooting.

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



May 2024 Judge—José Betancourt

Subject—Alabama the Beautiful

May 27, *GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.*

José Betancourt is a Professor of Art, who teaches photography at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He holds a BA degree in Photography from the University of South Florida and an MFA in Photography from Hunter College, City University of New York City. José currently teaches classes in Digital Photography, Experimental and Historical Photography, and Documentary Photography. His art has recently been exhibited at the Tinney Contemporary art gallery in Nashville, the Tennessee Valley Museum in Tusculumbia, the Asheville Museum of Art in North Carolina, and The Baldwin Photographic Gallery in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



We want to thank José for his continued support of the Huntsville Photographic Society, and for once again serving as a competition judge.

You can find examples of his work at josebetancourt.com.

April Competition Results

Subject—Abandoned or Discarded

Judge—Dennis Keim

	Color Digital (48)	Monochrome Digital (46)	Color Print (20)	Monochrome Print (20)
1st	Tom Johnson	Susan Chi	Charles Leverett	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Jack Eidson	Chris Baker	Charles Leverett	Philip Flowers
3rd	William Farnsworth	Philip Flowers	Doris Leverett	Barbara Staggs
HM	Tom Johnson	Susan Chi	Doris Leverett	Charles Leverett
HM	Don Wolfe	Jim Spinoso	Jane Reneau	Charles Leverett
HM	Angela Meeks	Jack Eidson		
HM	Amanda Sloan	Casey Johnson		
HM	Allen Gary	Bob Gathany		

Points for the Year to Date

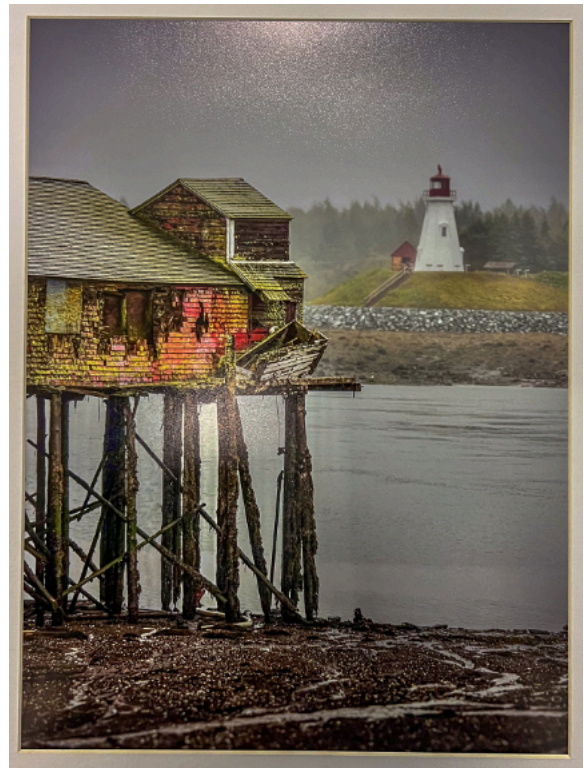
Name	2024 Points	2024 Wins
Charles Leverett	28	9
Christopher Baker	24	8
Philip Flowers	19	7
Barbara Staggs	18	5
Allen Gary	16	6
Doris Leverett	16	6
Susan Chi	14	4
Don Wolfe	13	6
CT Chi	12	5
Earl Todd	10	5
Jack Eidson	7	4
Henry Smith	7	2
Tom Bryant	6	2
Thomas Johnson	6	2
John Shriver	6	2
Eric Deylius	5	3
Jane Reneau	5	2
Jim Spinoso	4	4
Ronald Atchley	4	1
Barry Freeman	4	1
Emily Saile	3	3
William Farnsworth	3	1
Eddie Sewall	3	1
Bob Gathany	2	2
Casey Johnson	2	2
Susan Poston	2	2
Amanda Sloane	2	2
Mat Bevill	1	1
John Dillingham	1	1
Carolyn Eidson	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Angela Meeks	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Bob Schmiedeskamp	1	1
Sam Tumminello	1	1

New Members
 Kimberly Hunsucker
 Shannon McDade
 Matthew Rojas

April 2024 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Charles Leverett



Color Print 2nd place
by Charles Leverett



Color Print 3rd place
by Doris Leverett

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Barbara Staggs



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Philip Flowers

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Barbara Staggs





Color Digital 1st place
by Tom Johnson

Color Digital 2nd place
by Jack Eidson

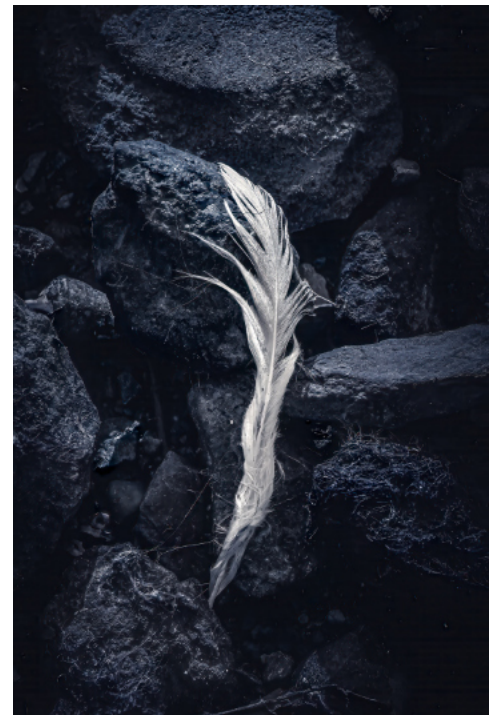


Color Digital 3rd place
by William Farnsworth

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Susan Chi



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker



Monochrome Digital
3rd Place
by Philip Flowers

Honorable Mention—Print



Doris Leverett

Jane Reneau



Charles Leverett



Charles Leverett

Honorable Mention—Digital



Tom Johnson

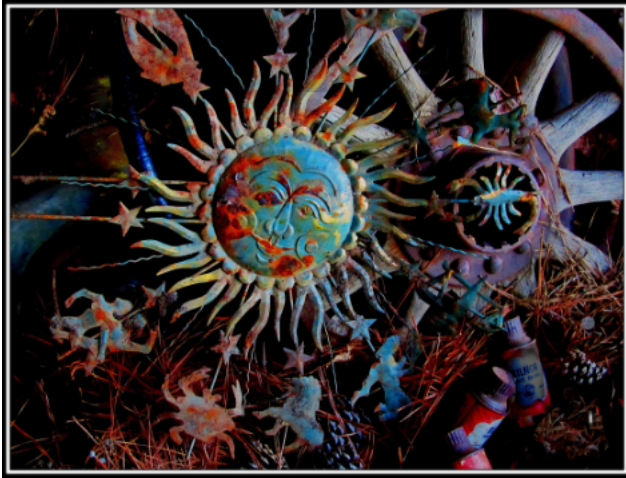
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