



Monochrome Digital, HM, by Don Wolfe. See more HMs starting on p.10

In Focus

March Program—Off Camera Flash Photography Presented By Herb Stokes

March 10, 2025 GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

Herb Stokes will be doing the March 10 program on off camera flash photography. Below is a quick bio from his website along with his picture.

Huntsville native Herb Stokes has returned to his roots, bringing a wealth of experience from his time as the owner of Southwest Portraits in Tempe, Arizona for the last 17 years.

Now, at the helm of Herb Stokes Photography in Huntsville, Alabama, Herb specializes in the art of product and corporate branding photography. With a keen eye and a passion for capturing the essence of brands, Herb transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary visual narratives



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Upcoming Programs

Submitted By Paul Hauser

- April is John Sharp discussing his recent trip to Glacier National Park.
- May will be Philip Flowers with an interactive program on Still Life photography
- June will be Dusty Doddridge and the content of the program is TBD

Upcoming Photography Classes at GigaParts

Submitted By Chris Baker

Here's a list of upcoming photography classes sponsored by GigaParts. All classes are free, just register at the link provided.

- March 5 - Fundamentals of Astrophotography by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1468069?>
- April 2 - Fundamentals of Infrared Photography by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1468071?>

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

March 1 - 2025 Big Picture Natural World Photography Competition - <https://www.bigpicturecompetition.org/>
 March 2 - 2025 Black and White International Photo Awards - <https://www.blackandwhitephotoawards.art/>
 March 5 - 2025 Audubon Photography Awards - <https://photoawards.audubon.org/>
 March 23 - 2025 National Wildlife Photo Contest - https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-home.aspx?comp_id=BE6184E3-F1E4-49D7-A52E-20A368BF98C0
 June 15 - 2025 Black and White Photo Awards - <https://bwphotoawards.com/en/>
 June 23 - 2025 Epson Pano Awards - <https://thepanoawards.com/>

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)

Officers of HPS

President: Chris Baker

Primary Competition Officer:

Steven Butler

Digital Competition

Officer: Doug Wong

Competition Records

Officer: Eddie Sewall

Program Officer:

Paul Hauser

Activities & Workshops

Officer: Philip Flowers

Publicity Officer:

Xavier Adams

Treasurer:

Bob Schmiedeskamp

Communications Officer:

Jay Bain

Historian: Tom Bryant

Exhibition Officer:

Connor McLeod

PSA Representative:

Lee Pratt

Non Board Positions

Webmaster: John Shriver

Membership Officer:

Vacant

Mentor/Novice Program

Officer: Conner Hill

Camera and Lens Rentals

Submitted by Chris Baker


For those wanting to test out a new mirrorless camera body or lens, the GigaParts rental rates are outlined in the chart below.

Rental Rates

Cameras	1 Day	3 Days	7 Days
Nikon Z7	\$80+	\$165+	\$280+
Nikon Z8	\$100+	\$225+	\$350+
Sony AIII	\$55+	\$105+	\$190+
Sony AIV	\$80+	\$165+	\$280+
Canon R5	\$100+	\$225+	\$350+
Canon R6 MarkII	\$80+	\$165+	\$280+

Lenses	1 Day	3 Days	7 Days
Nikon Nikkor Z 24-70	\$70+	\$140+	\$245+
Nikon Nikkor Z 70-200	\$85+	\$175+	\$297.50+
Sony FE 24-70	\$70+	\$140+	\$245+
Sony FE 70-200	\$85+	\$175+	\$297.50+
Canon RF 24-70	\$70+	\$140+	\$245+
Canon RF 70-200	\$85+	\$175+	\$297.50+

Laptops	Weekly	Monthly
Lenovo ThinkPad	\$45+	\$75+
Dell Latitude	\$45+	\$75+



2025/6 Competition Topics

24-MAR-OPEN	25-AUG-FORMATIONS	26-JAN-LEAVES & PETALS
28-APR-ARCHITECTURAL	22-SEP-MOUNTAINS & VALLEYS	23-FEB-PATTERNS
26-MAY-BOTANICALS (PLANTS)	27-OCT-OPEN	23-MAR-OPEN
23-JUN-N. ALABAMA/S. TENN	24-NOV-HUMOR	
28-JUL-OPEN	2026	

March 2025 Judge—Herb Stokes

Subject—Open

March 24, GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

Herb is doing double duty in March. He is presenting the program on March 10 and returns as the competition judge on March 24. Please see the program on page 1 for Herb's bio.

Equipment for Sale

Submitted by: Casey Johnson

For Sale: Canon EOS Rebel SL2 DSLR, APSC crop sensor, 24.2 mp, touch screen. Less than 100 photos taken with the camera. Was my mother's camera she no longer used. Comes with a Canon shoulder bag, user's manual, charger, and 32gb SD card. Also included are 4 Canon lenses; 18-55 kit lens, 50mm prime, a 28-90, and a 75-300. \$400 obo. Casey Johnson, dcjohnson50@gmail.com if interested.

Orion Amphitheater: Framing the Future

Submitted by: Chris Baker



Congratulations to HPS's Xavier Adams! Xavier was one of the four featured photographers at a one night only gallery showing at the Orion Amphitheater called "Framing the Future". The showing by the four artists was impressive and was well attended. Here's a photo of Xavier with WAFF's Greg Screws. Be sure to watch Channel 48 for the interview.

February Competition Results

Subject—Sunrise/Sunset

Judge—Bob Gathany

	Color Digital (62)	Monochrome Digital (45)	Color Print (19)	Monochrome Print (15)
1st	Jack Eidson	Jack Eidson	Phillip Flowers	Doris Leverett
2nd	John Dillingham	Christopher Baker	Barbara Staggs	Charles Leverett
3rd	Cecilia Yarborough	Alice Searcy	Joy Henderson	Phillip Flowers
HM	Susan Chi	Tom Johnson	Joy Henderson	Phillip Hallmark
HM	Mat Bevill	Jim Spinoso	Doris Leverett	Tom Bryant
HM	Julia Gary	Jim Spinoso		
HM	Christopher Baker	Emily Saile		
HM	Christopher Baker	Don Wolfe		
HM	Casey Johnson			

Workshops and Outings

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

On March 15th we plan to have an on-location workshop with Herb Stokes on off-camera flash in Big Spring Park. Details are still being finalized. On April 5th we will have a workshop at Sparkman High School with Eric Mittman on portrait lighting and posing. This will also be a two-hour event. On April 26th we will have an outing / workshop at Huntsville Botanical Gardens. Details to come. In May we will have an outing to Sloss Furnace in Birmingham on May 10th. More details to come. On May 17th there will be an outing to the Limestone Sheriffs Rodeo in Athens. Again more details to come.

We learn by doing. Happy shooting.

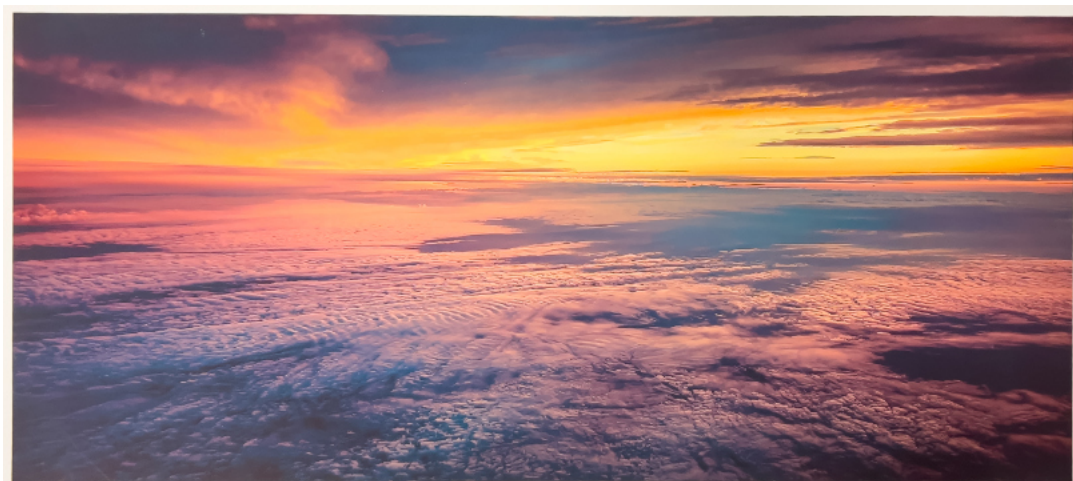
Points for the Year to Date

Name	2025 Points	2025 Wins
Philip Flowers	14	4
Doris Leverett	13	4
Chris Baker	11	6
Jack Eidson	10	2
Barbara Staggs	9	2
Allen Gary	6	2
Emily Saile	6	2
Joy Henderson	5	3
John Dillingham	5	2
Julie Gary	5	2
Charles Leverett	5	2
Philip Hallmark	4	2
Alice Searcy	4	2
Mike Cook	4	1
Bill Farnsworth	4	1
Cecilia Yarborough	3	1
Mat Bevill	2	2
Jim Spinoso	2	2
Tom Bryant	1	1
Susan Chi	1	1
Eric Deylius	1	1
Carolyn Eidson	1	1
Trevor Hall	1	1
Casey Johnson	1	1
Thomas Johnson	1	1
Eddie Sewall	1	1
John Shriver	1	1
Carolyn Spinoso	1	1
Don Wolfe	1	1

New Members

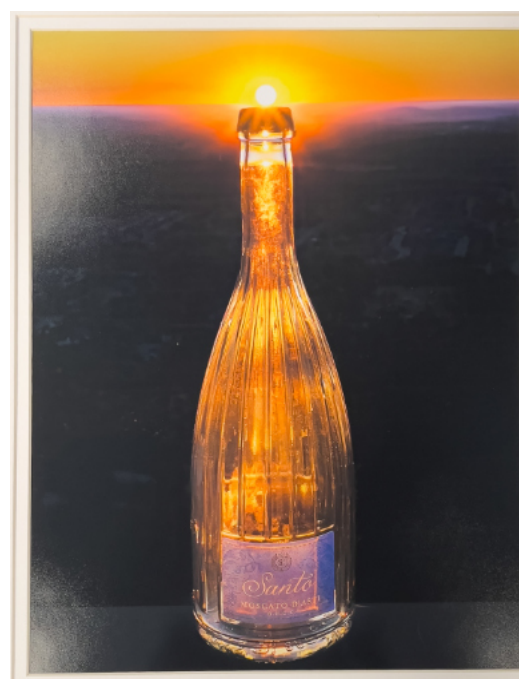
Gregg Tyree

February 2025 Images



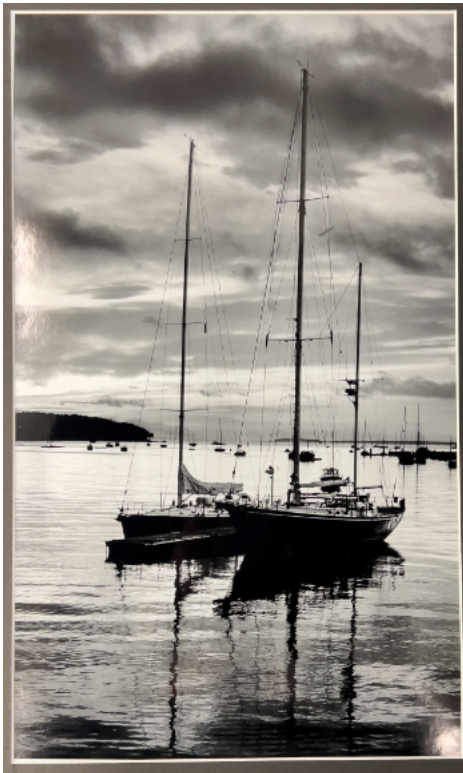
Color Print 1st place
by Philip Flowers

Color Print 2nd place
by Barbara Staggs



Color Print 3rd place
by Joy Henderson

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Doris Leverett



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Charles Leverett

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Philip Flowers





Color Digital
1st place
by Jack Eidson

Color Digital
2nd place
by John Dillingham



Color Digital 3rd
place
by Cecilia Yarborough

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Jack Eidson



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker

Monochrome Digital
3rd place
by Alice Searcy



Honorable Mention—Print



Joy Henderson



Doris Leverett



Philip Hallmark



Tom Bryant

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Julia Gary



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