



Color Digital, HM, by Jack Eidson. See more HMs starting on p.11

# In Focus

## July Program—Introduction to Infrared Photography

*Presented By Chris Baker*

*July 14, 2025 GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.*

Infrared (IR) Photography. This is a specialized genre that involves capturing images using the normally-invisible infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. Mostly used in landscapes, IR photos are characterized for their deep contrasty look because of how foliage and vegetation reflect IR light appearing very bright and water and sky absorb IR light appearing very dark.

Contrary to popular belief, a specially modified digital camera is not necessary to get started in IR photography. Anyone can experiment using a simple IR filter attached to the end of a lens, which is how Chris's IR journey began in 2021. Since then, he's learned a great deal about filters, camera bodies, lenses, and post-processing and will present his lessons learned to help those interested get their start in this fascinating genre.

Chris's photography habit started over 15 years ago with a basic Panasonic point and shoot camera. He quickly outgrew its limitations and is now fully invested in a full frame mirrorless setup. Chris has been a member of HPS since 2018 and enjoys having an active role with the organization originally as the Digital Competition Chair and now as President.

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Chris loves to teach and share his knowledge with anyone interested in learning.

In 2023, Chris's infrared photos were recognized by Nikon and featured in an article on the Nikon Creators website: <https://nikoncreators.com/2023/02/15/photographing-nature-on-a-different-wavelength/>

Samples of Chris's infrared work can be found on his website: <https://cscottphoto.smugmug.com/Artwork/Infrared>



## Upcoming Programs

*Submitted By Paul Hauser*

- August is Ken Boyd doing Historic Watermills as Fine Art Photography
- September will be Cecil Holmes presenting a program on Macro Photography
- October 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.

- July 2 - Intro to Astrophotography by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1625303?>
- July 16 - Intro to Infrared Photography by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1625304?>

### 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:** Vacant

**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

**Assistant Webmaster:**

Bill Farnsworth

**Membership Officer:**

Vacant

**Mentor/Novice Program Officer:** Conner Hill

## Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- July 18 - 2025 Reserve America State Parks Photo Contest - <https://www.stateparksphotocontest.org/americasstateparks2025>
- July 31 - 2025 Birds and Blooms Photo Contest - <https://www.birdsandblooms.com/contests-promotions/>

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](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)

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

## Gear for Free

**Submitted by: Don Wolfe**

I have a fold up light box that I will give to whoever wants it.

donsdropbox@aol.com



## Gear for Sale

**Submitted by: Herb Stokes**

I have a Nikon D5 for sale that includes 2 CF cards, 2 batteries and a dual charger. Asking \$1250. If interested, please text me at 256-936-9186.

Herb Stokes Photography

256-936-9186

[www.herbstokesphotography.com](http://www.herbstokesphotography.com)

## 2025/6 Competition Topics

28-JUL-OPEN

25-AUG-FORMATIONS

22-SEP-MOUNTAINS &  
VALLEYS

27-OCT-OPEN

24-NOV-HUMOR

2026

26-JAN-LEAVES & PETALS

23-FEB-PATTERNS

23-MAR-OPEN

**July 2025 Judge—Patrick Oden**  
**Subject—Open**

***July 28, GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.***

In his 12th year as a judge for HPS, Patrick Oden is a seasoned and award winning photojournalist who currently lives in Guntersville, AL. As of January of 2018, Patrick has been publishing his own local lifestyle magazine, Lake City Magazine, which allows him the opportunity to photograph just about anything and everything. Street photography remains his favorite genre and he's always got an eye peeled for great light and a great moment.

You can find his work at [patrickodenphotography.com](http://patrickodenphotography.com)



**June Competition Results**

**Subject—Scenic North Alabama/South Tennessee**

**Judge—Mary Beth Johns**

	Color Digital (43)	Monochrome Digital (33)	Color Print (21)	Monochrome Print (17)
1st	Michael Cox	Allen Gary	John Dillingham	Doris Leverett
2nd	Carolyn Spinoso	Allen Gary	Joy Henderson	Tom Bryant
3rd	Casey Johnson	Mat Bevill	Casey Johnson	Emily Saile
HM	Jack Eidson	Alice Searcy	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
HM	Jim Spinoso	Carol Eidson	Tom Bryant	Barbara Staggs
HM	Susan Chi	Bill Farnsworth		
HM	Julia Gary			

## Points for the Year to Date

Name	2025 Points	2025 Wins
Doris Leverett	39	11
Chris Baker	29	15
Joy Henderson	20	8
Allen Gary	20	6
Barbara Staggs	19	8
Emily Saile	18	7
Jack Eidson	18	6
John Dillingham	16	5
Casey Johnson	15	7
Philip Flowers	15	5
Charles Leverett	14	5
Mat Bevill	10	5
Michael Cox	10	4
Carolyn Eidson	10	4
Julie Gary	10	4
Mike Cook	10	3
Alice Searcy	8	6
Trevor Hall	8	4
Thomas Johnson	8	4
Carolyn Spinoso	8	3
Henry Smith	8	2
Susan Chi	7	5
Kate Deal	7	3
Tom Bryant	6	3
Bill Farnsworth	6	3
Susan Poston	5	3
John Shriver	5	2
Jim Spinoso	4	4
Philip Hallmark	4	2
Kevin Burton	3	1
Cecilia Yarborough	3	1
Shannon Leszcynski	2	2
Eddie Sewall	2	2
CT Chi	1	1
Eric Deylius	1	1
Riley Garrett	1	1
Bob Gathany	1	1
Brad Lackey	1	1
Ricky Pounders	1	1
Don Wolfe	1	1

**New Members**

Mark Goodrich  
Bobby Johnson

## June 2025 Images

Color Print  
1st place  
by John  
Dillingham

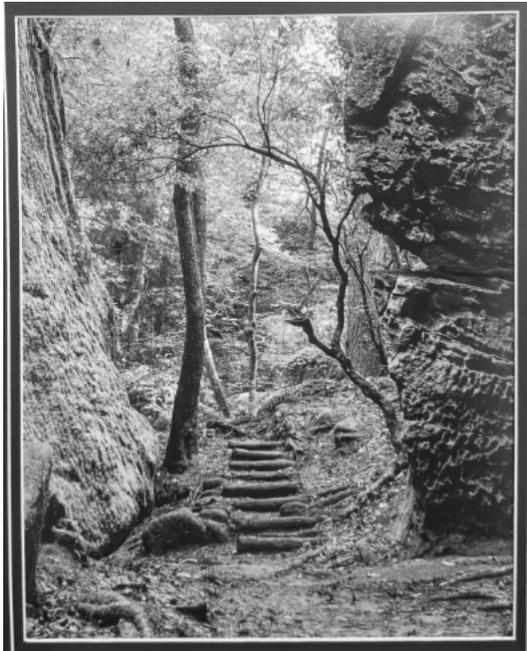


Color Print  
2nd place  
by Joy  
Henderson



Color Print 3rd place  
by Casey Johnson

Monochrome Print  
1st place  
by Doris Leverett



Monochrome Print  
2nd place  
by Tom Bryant



Monochrome Print  
3rd place  
by Emile Saile



Color Digital  
1st place  
by Michael Cox

Color Digital  
2nd place  
by Carolyn Spinoso



Color Digital 3rd  
place  
by Casey Johnson



Monochrome  
Digital 1st place  
by Allen Gary



Monochrome Digital  
2nd place  
by Allen Gary

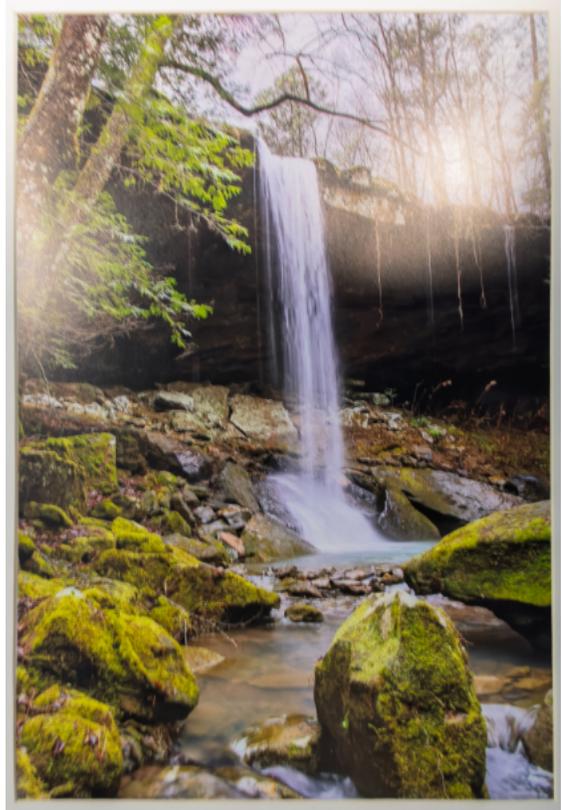
Monochrome Digital  
3rd place  
by Mat Bevill



### Honorable Mention—Print



Barbara Staggs



Tom Bryant



Barbara Staggs



Barbara Staggs

# Honorable Mention—Digital

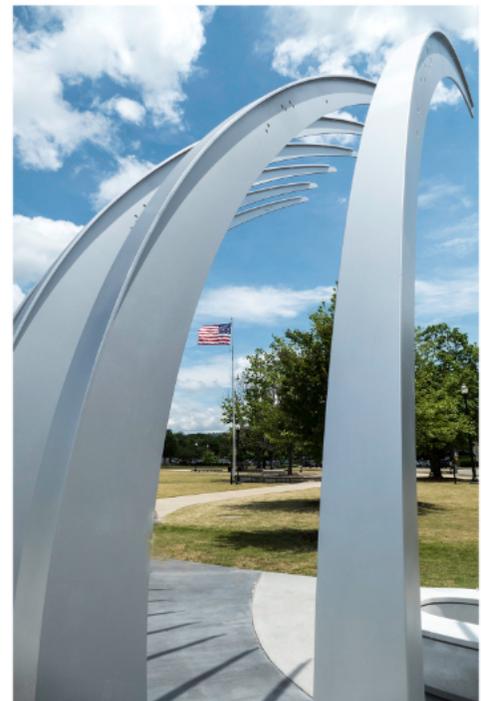
Jack Eidson



Jim Spinoso



Susan Chi



Julia Gary



Alice Searcy



Carol Eidson



Bill Farnsworth