



Color Digital HM, by Carolyn Spinoso. See more HMs starting on p.9

In Focus

October Program–Interactive Program

Submitted By Paul Hauser

October 13, 2025 GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

We are doing an interactive program allowing attendees to practice portrait and still life photography. HPS will provide lights, props, stands, backdrops, etc.

For portraits, our members will be both photographer and subjects.

Attendees are welcome and encouraged to bring their camera.



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HPS October Outing - Kelby Photo Walk

Submitted By Chris Baker

Join us on Saturday, October 4 as HPS will participate in this year's Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk. Paul Hauser will lead our walk through the downtown Huntsville area starting at 9:00am. All skill levels are welcome, along with any camera and lens combination. Assistance will be available for anyone needing some help with their camera or who have questions about camera settings. See the following link for details and formal registration:

<https://worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/huntsville-photography-society-downtown-photowalk/>

For those not familiar with this annual event, here's a description:

Picture a casual photography event where photographers gather, usually in a downtown area or trendy part of town. They walk around, take photos, enjoy each other's company, and support a good cause. After the walk, participants can enter their best photo into a friendly contest.

<https://worldwidephotowalk.com/#FAQ>

<p>Officers of HPS</p> <p>President: Chris Baker</p> <p>Primary Competition Officer: Steven Butler</p> <p>Digital Competition Officer: Chris Baker, acting</p> <p>Competition Records Officer: Eddie Sewall</p> <p>Program Officer: Paul Hauser</p> <p>Activities & Workshops Officer: Vacant</p> <p>Publicity Officer: Xavier Adams</p> <p>Treasurer: Bob Schmiedeskamp</p> <p>Communications Officer: Jay Bain</p> <p>Historian: Tom Bryant</p> <p>Exhibition Officer: Connor McLeod</p> <p>PSA Representative: Lee Pratt</p> <p>Non Board Positions</p> <p>Webmaster: John Shriver</p> <p>Assistant Webmaster: Bill Farnsworth</p> <p>Membership Officer: Vacant</p> <p>Mentor/Novice Program Officer: Conner Hill</p>

Upcoming Photography Classes

Submitted By Chris Baker

Upcoming free classes at GigaParts. Register at the link provided.

- October 15 - Bird Photography by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1729629>

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- October 31 - 2026 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest - <https://www.outdooralabama.com/photocontest>
- November 15 - The Nature Photography Contest 2025 - <https://thenaturephotocontest.com/>
- January 6 - 2026 Sony World Photography Awards - <https://www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards>

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)

Creative Crud

Submitted By Chris Baker

For those participating in this year's Creative Crud activity. As a reminder, here are the rules and important dates:

Here are the rules:

- Each participant will submit (1) one regular/straight photo to show and define the object.
- Each participant will also submit (3) three additional photos that show your creativity with the object.
- These photos must include the object but you may use the whole object or a part of the object.
- It does not even have to be recognizable nor does it have to be the main subject of the photo.
- The photo does not have to show the object's intended use.
- Your creativity must take place in the camera, not in Photoshop or any other such program. You may use these programs for basic corrections such as cropping, levels, etc. but you may not use digital filters, cloning, major color alternations, AI, etc.
- Your (4) photos must be submitted via e-mail to Chris Baker at knc82099@me.com before Nov 8 using the same submission standards as you use for the monthly competitions.
 - JPEG images , maximum width 2800 pixels, maximum height 1600 pixels.
 - File name must be: first and last name with no spaces, a dash and then entry number.
 - Example: JohnDoe-1.jpg
 - All participants' images will be shown as part of the program on Nov 10.
- Most important rule: HAVE FUN!!!

PSA Awards

Submitted By Lee Pratt

Lee Pratt and Andrea Shetley attended the Photographic Society of America (PSA) Photo Festival in Portland, Oregon, from September 22–27, 2025. Lee received the PSA Lifetime Achievement Award, given only once a year for the last 14 years. This is the highest award given to PSA members.

In addition, Charles Gattis (not in attendance) received an Editorial Award for his articles in the PSA Journal.



2025/6 Competition Topics

24-NOV-HUMOR

2026

23-FEB-PATTERNS

26-JAN-LEAVES & PETALS

23-MAR-OPEN

October 2025 Judge—Cecil Holmes

Subject—Open

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



Cecil Holmes is a professional outdoor and nature photographer that lives in Huntsville, Alabama. Cecil spends a lot of his time traveling and photographing. He has a love for nature, wildlife, and travel and that is expressed in his images. Cecil's images have appeared in articles and advertorials in publications such as *Nature Photographer*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *Shutterbug*, and many local publications. Cecil is also a TAMRON ambassador.

September Competition Results

Subject—Mountains and Valleys

Judge—Joe Fikes

	Color Digital (46)	Monochrome Digital (36)	Color Print (21)	Monochrome Print (20)
1st	Allen Gary	Jack Edison	Charles Leverett	Charles Leverett
2nd	CT Chi	CT Chi	Charles Leverett	Emily Saile
3rd	Susan Poston	Susan Poston	Casey Johnson	Barbara Staggs
HM	Susan Chi	Bill Farnsworth	Barbara Skaggs	Laura Deal
HM	Chris Baker	Susan Chi	Doris Leverett	Charles Leverett
HM	Casey Johnson	Ricky Pounders		
HM	Carolyn Spinoso	Jack Edison		
HM	Susan Poston			

Points for the Year to Date

Name	2025 Points	2025 Wins
Doris Leverett	45	15
Charles Leverett	36	12
Chris Baker	35	18
Joy Henderson	34	12
Allen Gary	32	11
Casey Johnson	31	13
Emily Saile	31	12
Barbara Staggs	28	11
Jack Eidson	26	10
Susan Poston	17	9
CT Chi	16	6
John Dillingham	16	5
Susan Chi	15	9
Mat Bevill	15	6
Mike Cook	15	6
Henry Smith	11	3
Michael Cox	10	4
Carolyn Eidson	10	4
Julie Gary	10	4
Thomas Johnson	9	5
Carolyn Spinoso	9	4
Alice Searcy	8	6
Bill Farnsworth	8	5
Jim Spinoso	8	5
Trevor Hall	8	4
John Shriver	8	3
Tom Bryant	7	4
Kate Deal	7	3
Eric Deylius	7	3
Philip Hallmark	5	3
Jane Reneau	5	1
Laura Deal	4	2
Kevin Burton	3	1
Cecilia Yarborough	3	1
Shannon Leszcynski	2	2
Ricky Ponders	2	2
Eddie Sewall	2	2
Christy Ashby	1	1
Riley Garrett	1	1
Bob Gathany	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Tyrell Jemison	1	1
Brad Lackey	1	1
Don Wolfe	1	1

Please go to the HPS website to see print images.

<https://www.hpsphoto.org/2025-winners/>

September 2025 Images



Color Digital
1st place
by Allen Gary



Color Digital
3rd place
by Susan Poston



Color Digital
2nd place
by C T Chi

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Jack Edison



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by C T Chi

Monochrome Digital
3rd place
by Susan Poston



Honorable Mention—Digital



Chris Baker



Susan Chi



Casey Johnson



Carolyn Spinoso



Susan Poston



Bill Farnsworth



Susan Chi



Jack Eidson



Ricky Pounders