



Color Digital HM, by William Farnsworth. See more HMs starting on p.10

In Focus

Message from the President

Submitted By Chris Baker

As we come to the end of 2025, I need to thank several groups of people that make HPS a successful organization. The first group is our HPS Board Members. Thank you to the 2025 officers for organizing and executing our programs, competitions, and weekend outings, as well as managing our budget, website, and social media outlets. The second group to thank is David Terry and the team at GigaParts. Not only have they been very accommodating by providing us a wonderful meeting space, they went above and beyond by donating wall space to display our monthly competition winners. The third and final group to thank are our faithful members. I thoroughly enjoy the interaction with you all and look forward to the meetings and activities we have planned for 2026. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season.

2026 HPS Officers

President - Chris Baker
Primary Competition Officer - Julie Lumpkins
Digital Competition Officer - Vacant
Competition Records Officer - Eddie Sewall

Program Officer - Steven Butler
Activities and Workshops Officer - Paul Hauser
Publicity Officer - Xavier Adams
Treasurer - Bob Schmiedeskamp
Communications Officer - Jay Bain

Historian - Tom Bryant
Exhibition Officer - Connor McLeod
PSA Representative - Lee Pratt
Webmaster - Vacant
Assistant Webmaster - Bill Farnsworth

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End-of-Year Banquet

Submitted By Chris Baker

Planning is underway for our EOY banquet where we get together to share some food and hand out awards for best photos of the year, President’s award, and Lifetime Achievement Awards. Please reserve this date on your calendar and join us for this celebration. Here are some details:

- Where: Wesley Hall, Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road, Huntsville
- When: Thursday, December 11, beginning at 6pm
- Who: Club members and spouses/dates/significant others, Judges
- What to Bring: Members with last names A-M will bring desserts, N-Z will bring hor d’ourves

Officers of HPS

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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

*****Remember that we have no regular meetings scheduled for December. We’ll resume with our Program Meeting on January 12.**

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- December 4 - 62nd Wildlife Photographer of the Year - <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy>
- December 14 - Bird Photographer of the Year 2026 - <https://www.birdpoty.com/how-to-enter>
- 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)

Workshops for 2026

Submitted by Paul Hauser

So far for 2026 there are 2 workshops set up.

On Saturday, January 24, Chris Baker will be presenting a workshop on Lightroom editing. Bringing a laptop is optional.

On Saturday, February 21, Ken Boyd with presenting a workshop on Photoshop editing.

Both workshops are from 9am to noon at GigaParts.

New Webmaster Needed

Submitted By Chris Baker

John Shriver has been managing the HPS website for the last seven years and has decided to retire from that position. We are looking for someone to take over the Webmaster duties for John. Experience with website design and Wordpress is preferred with an ability to troubleshoot. Website maintenance is critical to the function of our competitions and coordination of membership dues, so we are looking to identify a candidate as soon as possible and get them working with John. For anyone willing and able to take on this key position, please contact me at knc82099@me.com.

A list of duties include:

- On the first of each month, prepare the webpage for uploading digital images for monthly competitions.
- On the third Monday of each month, prepare a webpage for judging of submitted digital images.
- On the fourth Monday of each month, prepare a webpage for presentation of the winning photos for that month, and relay information to those responsible for records and newsletter. Update the Awards listing.
- Work with the Treasurer to maintain records of membership and dues payment through PayPal.
- Work with the Treasurer to ensure that all plugins and hosting bills are paid.
- At the end of the year, assemble a webpage for End of Year judging, and then a webpage for presentation of EOY winners.
- Prepare webpages as needed for programs and exhibitions.
- Perform regular housekeeping of the website, ensure that all the webpages are up to date, and monitor the Calendar.
- Monitor input from the Contacts page.
- Maintain a regular backup of the website.
- Work with Bluehost as needed to ensure that the website functions and it is secure.

2026 Competition Topics

2026	23-FEB-PATTERNS	23-MAR-OPEN
26-JAN-LEAVES & PETALS		

November Competition Results
Subject—Humor
Judge—Cindy Shaver

	Color Digital (47)	Monochrome Digital (36)	Color Print (21)	Monochrome Print (16)
1st	Chris Baker	Susan Chi	Bob Gathany	Joy Henderson
2nd	Susan Poston	C.T. Chi	Doris Leverett	Doris Leverett
3rd	Julia Gary	Carol Eidson	Lara Deal	Bob Gathany
HM	William Farnsworth	Susan Chi	Tom Bryant	Henry Smith
HM	Susan Poston	Emily Saile	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
HM	Jack Eidson	Eddie Sewall		
HM	Carol Eidson	Philip Hallmark		
HM	Alice Searcy			

Points for the Year to Date

Name	2025 Points	2025 Wins
Chris Baker	56	23
Doris Leverett	53	17
Joy Henderson	47	15
Charles Leverett	36	12
Jack Eidson	34	13
Casey Johnson	32	14
Emily Saile	32	13
Allen Gary	32	11
Barbara Staggs	30	13
Susan Chi	22	12
Susan Poston	22	11
John Dillingham	21	7
CT Chi	20	7
Mat Bevill	18	7
Julie Gary	16	8
Henry Smith	16	5
Carolyn Eidson	15	7
Mike Cook	15	6
Jane Reneau	12	3
Bill Farnsworth	10	7
Thomas Johnson	10	6
Michael Cox	10	4
Alice Searcy	9	7
John Shriver	9	4
Carolyn Spinoso	9	4
Bob Gathany	9	3
Tom Bryant	8	5
Jim Spinoso	8	5
Kate Deal	8	4
Trevor Hall	8	4
Lara Deal	7	3
Eric Deylius	7	3
Philip Hallmark	6	4
Ricky Ponders	3	3
Eddie Sewall	3	3
Kevin Burton	3	1
Cecilia Yarborough	3	1
Tyrell Jemison	2	2
Shannon Leszcynski	2	2
Christy Ashby	1	1
Riley Garrett	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Brad Lackey	1	1
Don Wolfe	1	1

New Members
Gigi Rhuberg

November 2025 Images



Color Print
1st place
by Bob
Gathany



Color Print
2nd place
by Doris
Leverett



Color Print 3rd place
by Lara Deal

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Joy Henderson



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Doris Leverett



Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Bob Gathany



Color Digital
1st place
by Chris Baker

Color Digital
2nd place
by Susan Poston



Color Digital
3rd place
by Julia Gary

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Susan Chi



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by C.T. Chi

Monochrome Digital
3rd place
by Carol Eidson



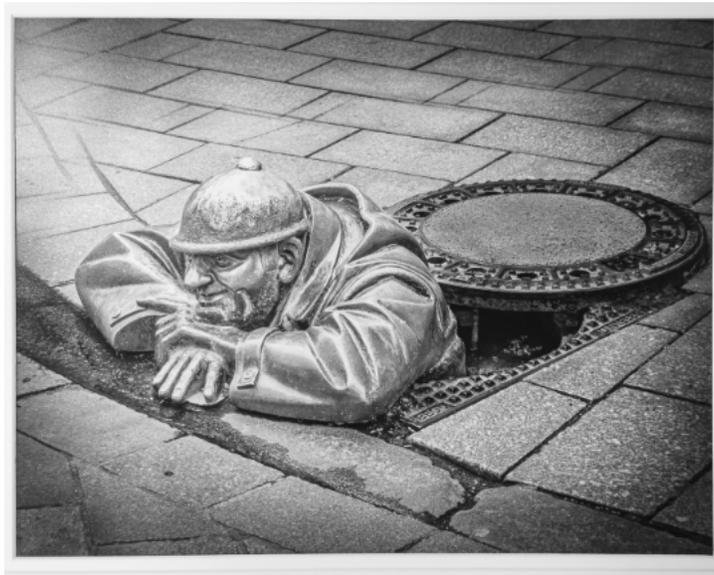
Honorable Mention—Print



Barbara Staggs



Tom Bryant



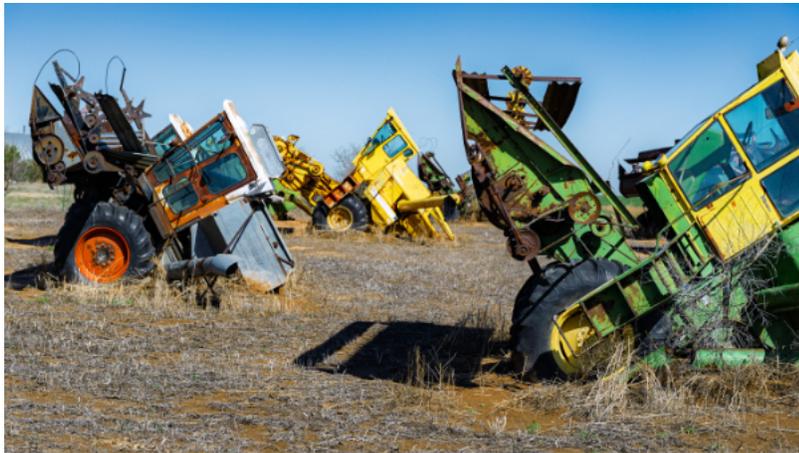
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