



Color Print HM, by Eric Deylius. See more HMs starting on p.10

In Focus

February Program—Astro Photography

Presented By Keith Bozeman

February 9, 2026 GigaParts Classroom, 6:30 p.m.

Keith Bozeman has been a professional educator for 26 years, a nature photographer for 22 years, and an avid outdoorsman for as long as he can remember. He loves both being in nature and teaching. He is passionate about both. He offers travel workshops both locally and nationally. He also teaches digital photo processing workshops. Many of his photography workshop participants are repeat customers. He is also a well published photographer. He is frequently published in the Brown Trout Calendars that are found in major stores such as Walmart, Staples, Office Depot, Books-A-Million, and Barnes and Noble. He had the cover shots for the Alabama, Colorado, and Utah Wild and Scenic calendars for 2018. He also had the cover shots for the Alabama and Tennessee Wild and Scenic calendars for 2019. He has been published in magazines such as Outdoor Photographer Magazine, Country Magazine, and Backpacker Magazine. He has also been the guest speaker for several camera clubs and photography podcasts.

You can see more of his work at <https://www.keithbozemanphotography.com>

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Outings and Workshops

Submitted By Paul Hauser

Saturday February 21, from 9am to 1pm at GigaParts, Chris Baker will be presenting a workshop on Lightroom editing. Bringing a laptop is optional.

Saturday, March 21, from 9am to noon at GigaParts, Ken Boyd with presenting a workshop on Photoshop editing.

April 25th we will be going to Old Car City in White, GA. Our group will be led by Cecil Holmes that day. More details to follow regards to carpooling and meeting time at OCC.

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Michael Huettel

Assistant Webmaster:

Bill Farnsworth

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- February 22 - 2026 Heard Nature Photography Contest - <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-photography-contest-2026>
- March 1 - 2026 Big Picture Competition - <https://www.bigpicturecompetition.org/>
- March 4 - 2026 Audubon Photography Awards - <https://www.audubon.org/photoawards-entry>
- March 22 - 2026 National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest - <https://photocontest.nwf.org/>

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

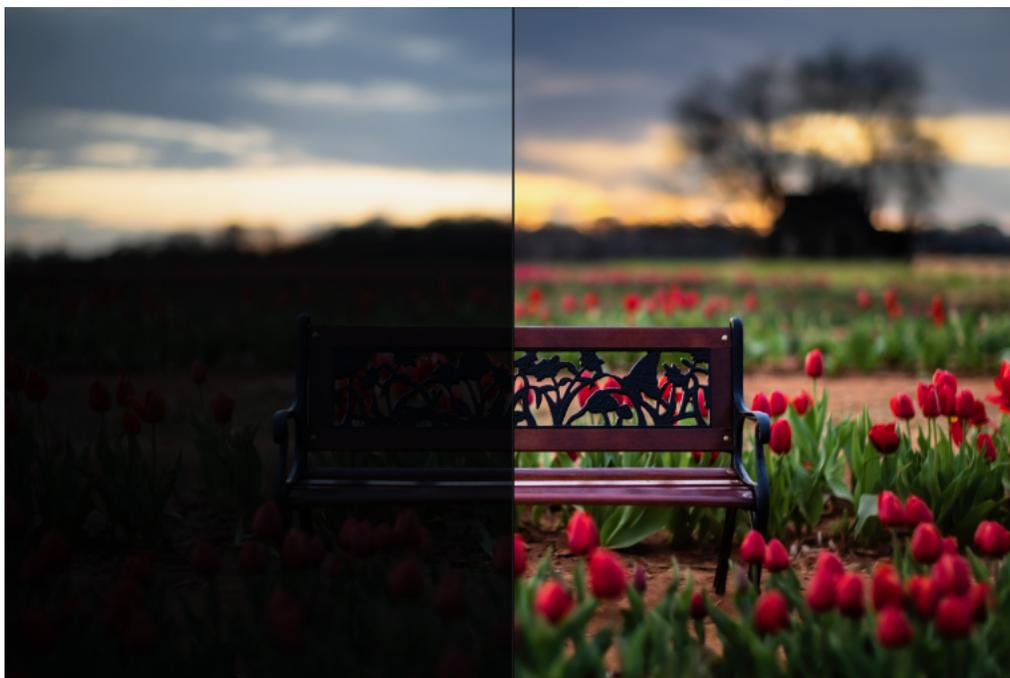
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)

Lightroom Workshop

Submitted By Chris Baker

Join us on Saturday, February 21 from 9am to 1pm at the GigaParts classroom for an HPS Members-only, free Adobe Lightroom Workshop hosted by HPS President Chris Baker. Chris will perform real-time editing to demonstrate fundamentals of post-processing, along with an introduction to advanced techniques. Additionally, he'll cover the file management aspects of Lightroom including importing, exporting, moving, and deleting files and creating and organizing folders. Chris's workshop should help to provide participants with a workflow to organize their post-processing routine. Topics will include:

- Importing Files
- What is a Catalog File
- File Organization
- How to use the Histogram
- Global Adjustments
- Noise Reduction
- Sharpening
- Cropping
- Perspective Transformation
- Cloning/Healing/Remove
- Local Adjustments/Masking
- Color Management
- Presets
- Exporting Files



February 2026 Judge—Muril Robertson

Subject—Patterns

February 23, GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

Muril is currently an honorary member of HPS and has judged an HPS monthly each year since 2014. He was very active in photography between 1985 and 2010 enjoying many photo trips each year all over the U.S. Muril was active in HPS in the early 1990's, winning the President's Award a few times. For several years he freelanced in several areas of photography including commercial, portraiture, weddings etc. His work has appeared in books, calendars, magazines, and art museums, and his images have placed in international competitions. He also taught Nature Photography for UAH Continuing Education for a couple years. Muril still enjoys photography but for the past few years has concentrated more on kayak racing and his work in applied mathematics. At 80, he thinks he may retire in 2026 but has a couple of innovations he would to see make it a little farther down the road.

January Competition Results

Subject—Leaves/Petals

Judge—Mary Beth Johns

	Color Digital (69)	Monochrome Digital (53)	Color Print (27)	Monochrome Print (24)
1st	Allen Gary	Susan Poston	John Dillingham	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Chris Baker	Chris Baker	Casey Johnson	Doris Leverett
3rd	Jane Reneau	Susan Poston	Eric Deylius	Tom Bryant
HM	Bill Farnsworth	C.T. Chi	Eric Deylius	Charles Leverett
HM	Paul Hauser	C.T. Chi	Kate Deal	John Shriver
HM	Lee Pratt	Mat Bevill	Joy Henderson	
HM	John Stevens	Paul Hauser		
HM	Emily Saile	Julia Gary		
HM	Chris Baker			
HM	Susan Poston			

Joy Without Consent—A Black History Month Art Exhibition

Submitted By Xavier Adams

This exhibition is about Black joy that exists without approval. The artists in this exhibition are not asking to be understood. They are showing what it looks like to live, rest, laugh, love, build, remain and Be even inside systems that were never designed for our ease. Joy here is not loud on demand or soft for comfort. It is present, earned and intact.

-  Opening Night: February 12
-  On View: February 12 – February 28

 Midcity District
 930 Old Monrovia Road, Suite 7
 Huntsville, AL 35806

Throughout the month, we will host a series of ticketed events and programs. The exhibition itself is FREE and open to the public.

Come see the work.
 Spend time with it.
 Leave with what joy has to offer."

Publicity Chairman Xavier Adams will have some of his work featured in The Curated Gallery's "Joy Without Consent" Exhibition for Black History Month.

Points for the Year to Date

Name	2026 Points	2026 Wins
Christopher Baker	9	3
Susan Poston	9	3
John Dillingham	5	1
Allen Gary	5	1
Barbara Staggs	5	1
Eric Deylius	4	2
Casey Johnson	4	1
Doris Leverett	4	1
Tom Bryant	3	1
Jane Reneau	3	1
C.T. Chi	2	2
Paul Hauser	2	2
Mat Bevill	1	1
Kate Deal	1	1
Bill Farnsworth	1	1
Julia Gary	1	1
Joy Henderson	1	1
Charles Leverett	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
Emily Saile	1	1
John Shriver	1	1
John Stevens	1	1

New Members

Brandon Black
 Bernado Garcia
 Kathleen Leonard
 John Stevens

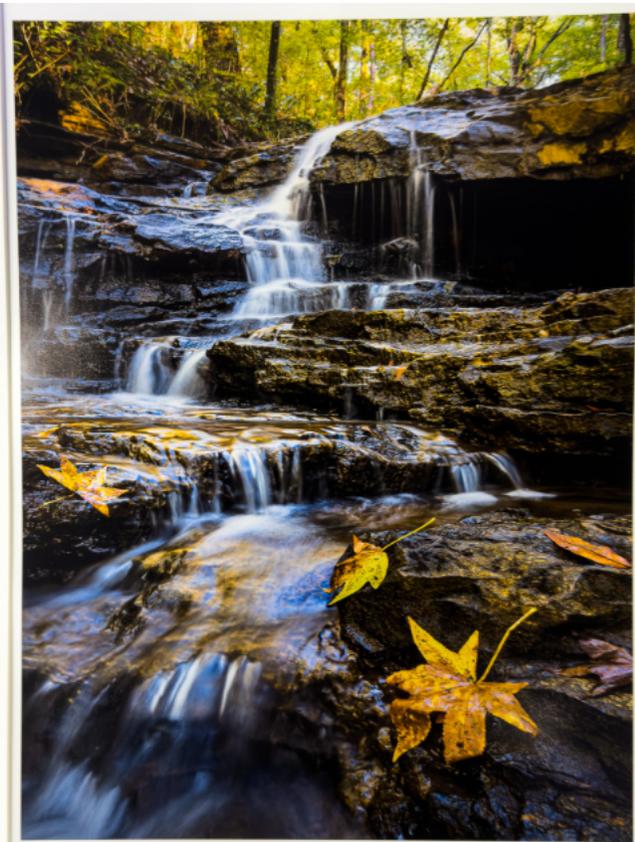
2026 Competition Topics

23-FEB-PATTERNS	22 JUN—PORTRAITS OF PEOPLE	24 AUG—STREET PHOTOGRAPHY
23-MAR-OPEN	27 JUL—OPEN (ONLY PHOTOS TAKEN AFTER 4/1/2026)	28 SEP—STILL LIFE
27 APR—CLOSE-UP/MACRO		26 OCT—OPEN
25 MAY—ARCHITECTURE		23 NOV—ACTION

January 2026 Images



Color Print
1st place
by John
Dillingham



Color Print 2nd place
by Casey Johnson

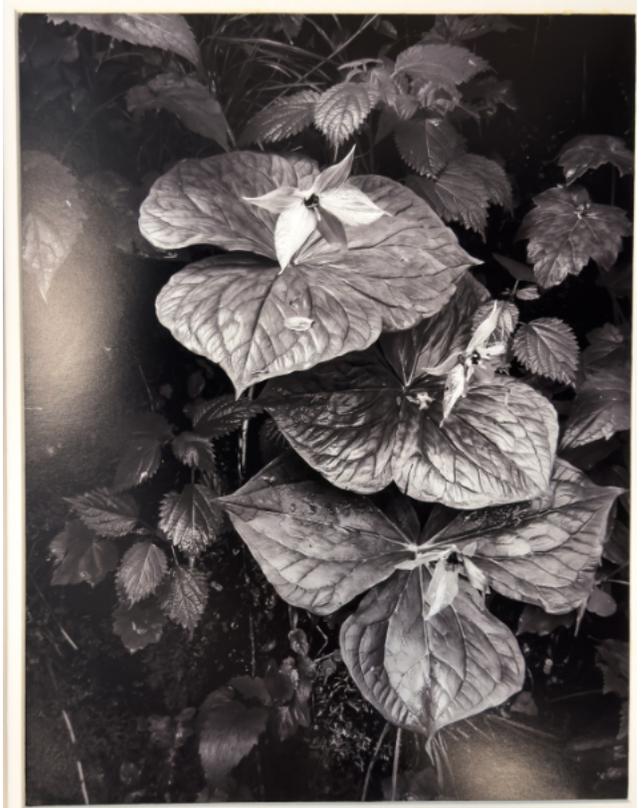


Color Print 3rd place
by Eric Deylius

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Barbara Staggs



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Doris Leverett



3rd place
by Tom Bryant



Color Digital
1st place
by Allen Gary

Color Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker



Color Digital
3rd place
by Jane Reneau

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Susan Poston



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker

Monochrome Digital
3rd place
by Susan Poston



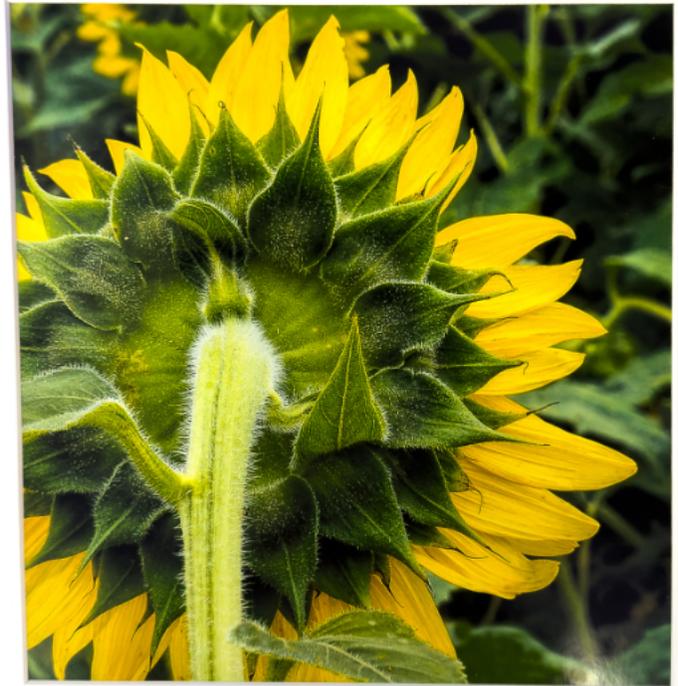
Honorable Mention—Print



Eric Deylius



Kate Deal



Joy Henderson



Charles Leverett



John Shriver

Honorable Mention—Digital



Bill Farnsworth



Paul Hauser



Lee Pratt

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