



Color Digital HM, by Karl Hagler. See more HMs starting on p.10

In Focus

March Program—Portrait Lighting and Photography

Presented By Cindy Shaver

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

Cindy Shaver will be teaching about portrait photography to include a demonstration with lighting and backdrops.

Cindy Shaver has supported HPS as a judge on several occasions. Serving the Huntsville and surrounding area for over a decade, Cindy produces fine art as well as contemporary images. Specializing in wedding and portrait photography to include seniors, families and pets. She created timeless images.

Cindy has also earned numerous awards such as the following:

2020 Grand Imaging Award in the senior portrait category in International Print Competition

2017 and 2018 Mississippi Master Photographer of The Year

2016 Bronze medalist in the International Print Competition

2016 Earned a Masters in Photography Degree

Samples of her work can be viewed at www.cindyshaver.com

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Outings and Workshops

Submitted By Paul Hauser

Saturday, March 21, from 9am to noon at GigaParts, Ken Boyd will present 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.

For May we are going to schedule a trip to the Sloss Furnaces in Birmingham on the 23rd. As time gets closer we'll discuss location, timing and possible car pooling.

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- March 4 - 2026 Audubon Photography Awards - <https://www.audubon.org/photoawards-entry>
- March 22 - 2026 National Wildlife Federation Photo Contest - <https://photocontest.nwf.org/>
- April 1 - 4th Annual Homewood Collection - <https://homewoodlivingfrederick.com/resources/homewood-collection>
- May 24 - 2026 Nature Photographer of the Year - <https://naturephotographeroftheyear.com/enter-contest/npoty-2025/>
- June 30 - 2026 Audubon Community Nature Center Contest - <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/acncphotocontest2026>

Officers of HPS

President: Chris Baker

Primary Competition Officer:

Julie Lumpkins

Digital Competition

Officer: OPEN

Competition Records

Officer: Eddie Sewall

Program Officer:

Steven Butler

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Officer: Paul Hauser

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Xavier Adams

Treasurer:

Bob Schmiedeskamp

Communications Officer:

Jay Bain

Historian: Tom Bryant

Exhibition Officer:

Connor McLeod

PSA Representative:

Lee Pratt

Non Board Positions

Webmaster: OPEN

Assistant Webmaster:

Bill Farnsworth

Call for Entries - 4th Annual Homewood Collection Photography Competition

We invite your member clubs to enter the 4th Annual Homewood Collection Photography Competition. This year's competition theme is "See What I Imagined." We accept entries beginning Saturday, February 14th, to Wednesday, April 1st. No entry fee. CASH PRIZES FOR ALL WINNERS. This is a non-profit charity event. Visit our Homewood Collection website for our story and complete entry details.

<https://homewoodlivingfrederick.com/resources/homewood-collection>

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)

An Introduction to Adobe Photoshop

Presented By Ken Boyd

March 21, 2026 GigaParts Classroom, 9 a.m. – noon

Adobe Photoshop stands as the ultimate software application for serious photographers and graphic artists. The application has been continually refined and upgrade over the past three decades to offer incredible image control, layering capabilities, smooth workflow, easy integration of plug-ins and almost limitless visual potential. Photoshop works along with Adobe Bridge, for organizing, previewing and assessing images, and Camera RAW for file conversions and adjustment before opening into Photoshop.

In this half-day workshop, Photoshop will be introduced to beginners and those who have not yet explored the power of this software. The various tools, menus and palettes will be explained and demonstrated through a series of example images. Workspace and workflow will be explored along with adjustments, selections, transformations, layers, modes and other fundamental concepts. Simple filters, composites, overlays and some automated capabilities will be introduced as time allows.

New Webmaster Needed

Submitted By Chris Baker

Unfortunately, due to personal conflicts, the two new Webmasters we had recently secured can no longer support, so we are re-initiating our search for someone to take over the Webmaster duties for John Shriver. 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:

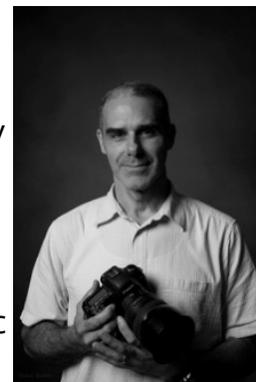
- On the first of each month, prepare the webpage for uploading digital images for monthly competitions.
- On the third Monday of each month, prepare a webpage for judging of submitted digital images.
- On the fourth Monday of each month, prepare a webpage for presentation of the winning photos for that 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.

March 2026 Judge—José Betancourt

Subject—Open

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

José Betancourt is Professor of Photography at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Department of Art, Art History and Design. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Florida and his Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography from the City University of New York- Hunter College. José's personal art projects are inspired by collective memories and documentary photography. José uses alternative techniques to present the historical connections that inform the narrative. Additionally, José and artist Susan Weil have collaborated for over 20 years on a variety of alternative photographic techniques, most importantly, the Cyanotype, or Blueprint.



Flower Photography Opportunity

Submitted By Richard Thorn

Greetings, I have a 3 acre Blueberry Orchard in Harvest, Ala. In about 4 to 6 weeks the berries will be in full bloom. It is a sight the behold. I also have two large rows that are full of lavender and wild flowers later in the Spring and Summer. In addition to this is an adjacent 4 acre hayfield. All of this presents opportunities for really nice photography in a natural setting. If any of your members would be interested please contact me. I do charge a fee as this is a working farm. Thanks for your consideration.

Contact: thorn_35810@yahoo.com

February Competition Results

Subject—Patterns

Judge—Muril Robertson

	Color Digital (48)	Monochrome Digital (42)	Color Print (25)	Monochrome Print (21)
1st	Margaret Phillips	Susan Chi	Tom Bryant	Mike Cook
2nd	Chris Baker	Margaret Phillips	Barbara Staggs	Joy Henderson
3rd	Ahmed Nassar	Ahmed Nassar	Emily Saile	Charles Leverett
HM	Karl Hagler	Mat Bevill	Casey Johnson	Casey Johnson
HM	Jane Reneau	Allen Gary	Mike Cook	Tom Bryant
HM	Emily Saile	Karl Hagler	Charles Leverett	
HM	Ed Townsend	Julia Gary		
HM	Mat Bevill			

Camera Gear for Sale Submitted By Charlotte Madison

HPS member Charlotte Madison has two film cameras for sale. If anyone is interested, please contact her at lottiemadison@gmail.com

Minolta Maxxum 400si with AF35-70 lens and AF70-210 lens - externally looks very good/no obvious scratches. \$50

Olympus OM-1 w/ 50mm lens. It was bought around 1975 and we have not used it since 1990's. It is in pristine external condition (having been kept in its "case"/covering always. \$75

New Members

Denisse Almeida
Kevin Armstrong
Jacob Rizk
Shane Warfel

Points for the Year to Date

Name	2026 Points	2026 Wins
Christopher Baker	13	4
Tom Bryant	9	3
Susan Poston	9	3
Margaret Phillips	9	2
Barbara Staggs	9	2
Casey Johnson	6	3
Mike Cook	6	2
Allen Gary	6	2
Ahmed Nassar	6	2
Charles Leverett	5	3
Emily Saile	5	3
Joy Henderson	5	2
Susan Chi	5	1
John Dillingham	5	1
Eric Deylius	4	2
Jane Reneau	4	2
Doris Leverett	4	1
Mat Bevill	3	3
C.T. Chi	2	2
Julia Gary	2	2
Karl Hagler	2	2
Paul Hauser	2	2
Kate Deal	1	1
Bill Farnsworth	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
John Shriver	1	1
John Stevens	1	1
Ed Townsend	1	1

2026 Competition Topics

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

January 2026 Images



Color Print
1st place
by Tom
Bryant



Color Print 2nd place
by Barbara Staggs



Color Print 3rd place
by Emily Saile

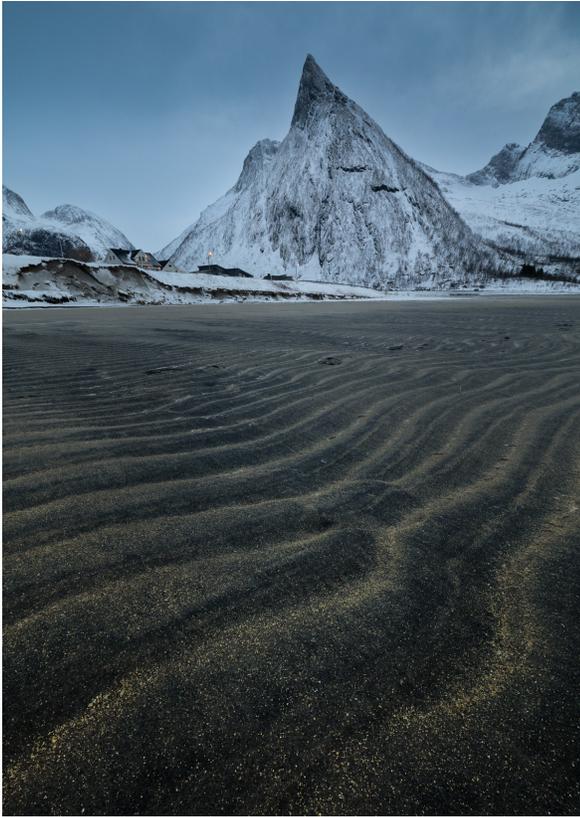
Monochrome Print
1st place
by Mike Cook



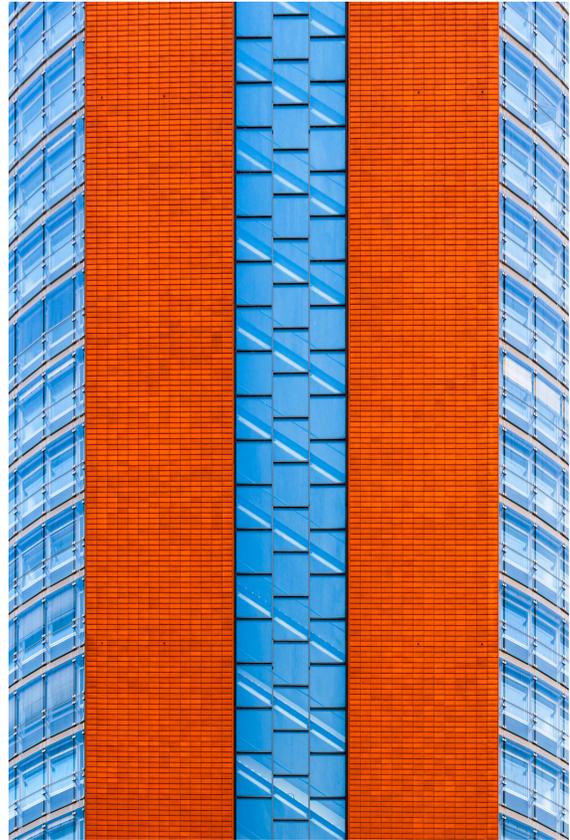
Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Joy Henderson

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Charles Leverett





Color Digital
1st place
by Margaret Phillips

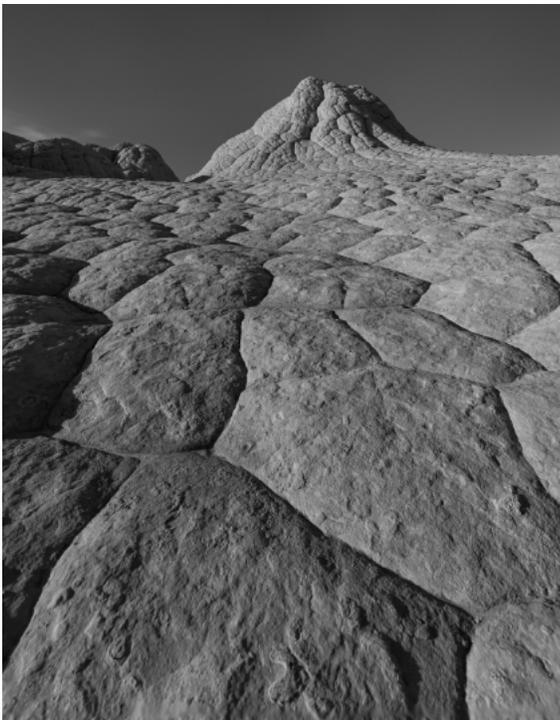


Color Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker



Color Digital
3rd place
by Ahmed Nassar

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Susan Chi



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Margaret Phillips

Monochrome Digital
3rd place
by Ahmed Nassar



Honorable Mention—Print



Casey Johnson



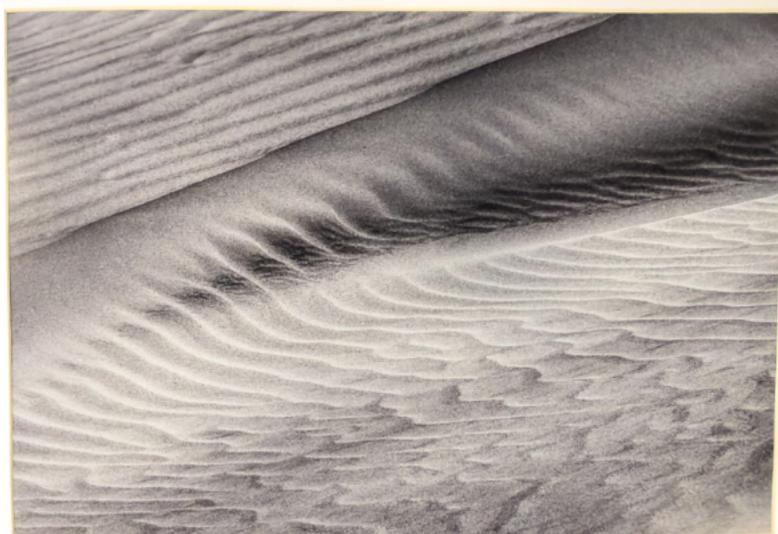
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Tom Bryant

Honorable Mention—Digital



Karl Hagler

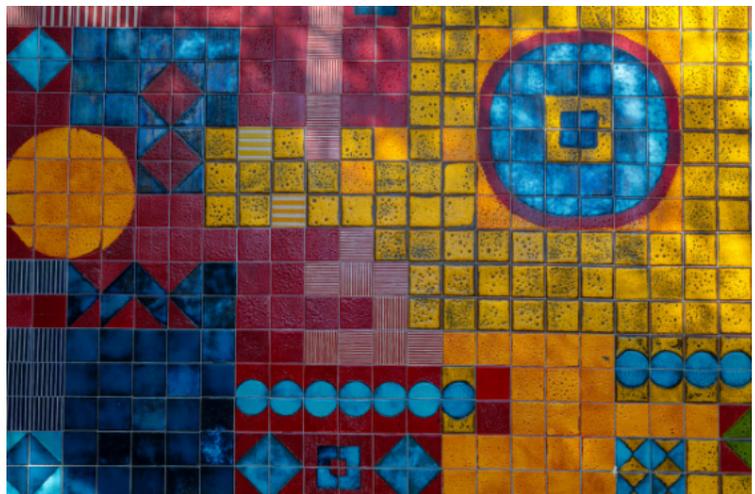


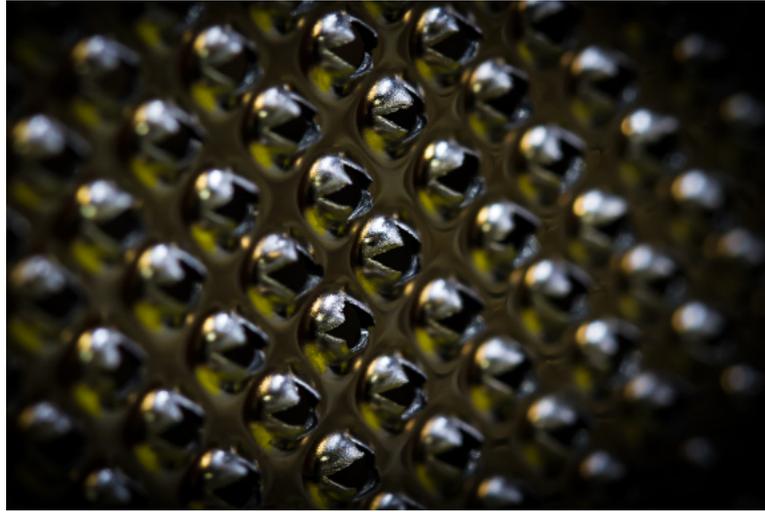
Jane Reneau



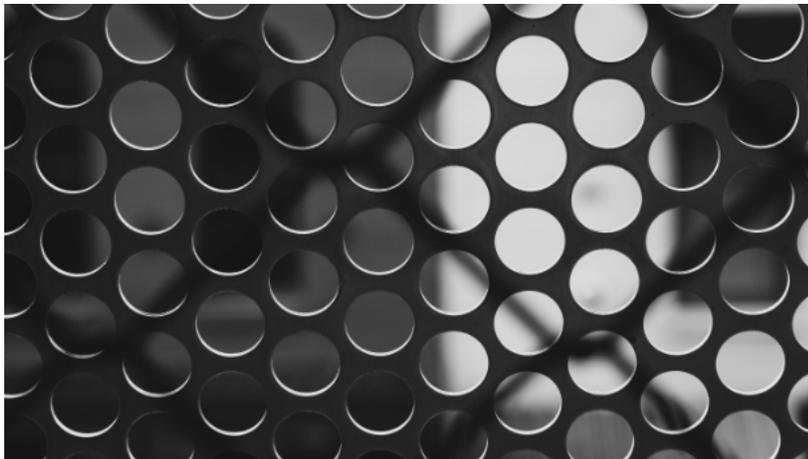
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