



Color Print HM, by Henry Smith, See more HMs starting on p.12

# In Focus

## May Program—Interactive Portrait Session

May 11, 2026 GigaParts Classroom, 6:30 p.m.



We will be having an interactive portrait session to make sure everyone has a chance to submit photos for the June competition. Lights and backdrops will be up and available to use.

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## Outings and Workshops

*Submitted By Paul Hauser*

For May we are going to the Sloss Furnaces in Birmingham on the 23rd. This is approximately a 2 hour drive from Huntsville. We will meet in the lobby of the Sloss Furnaces at 10am and be allowed to stay on the grounds until 4pm. There is no entrance fee for being self guided. Below is the link to the website to see the history and visuals of the grounds. <https://www.slossfurnaces.org>

Our June outing will be at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on Saturday, June 13 with an alternate weather day for June 20. We'll meet in the lobby at 9:30am before heading out into the gardens. All skill levels are welcome. Any camera and lens combination will work as the Gardens has a variety of subjects to photograph (e.g. landscapes, flowers, butterflies, birds, insects). An entrance fee will be required for those who are not members of the Gardens. <https://hsvbg.org>

### Officers of HPS

**President:** Chris Baker

**Primary Competition Officer:**

Julie Lumpkins

**Digital Competition Officer:** OPEN

**Competition Records Officer:** Eddie Sewall

**Program Officer:** Steven Butler

**Activities & 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

### Non Board Positions

**Webmaster:** OPEN

**Assistant Webmaster:** Bill Farnsworth

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## Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- May 15 - PSA Councils Challenge - See 3CT April Newsletter
- 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>
- June 30 - 2026 Nikon Wildlife Comedy Awards - <https://www.comedywildlifephotography.com/>

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.

[hpsphoto.org](https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/)

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

## **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](mailto: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.

## Workshop Announcement

### *submitted by Brandon Black*

We have two photography workshops coming up later this year that may be of interest to club members. In June, we'll be in Big Bend National Park, focusing on desert landscapes, astrophotography, and working with the unique light and terrain of the region. In October, we'll travel to Colorado's San Juan Mountains during fall color, with an emphasis on capturing changing aspens, mountain scenes, and autumn conditions.

More details for each workshop can be found here:

Big Bend (June): <https://www.distantlightphotos.com/capturing-the-cosmos-june-26>

San Juan Mountains (October): <https://www.distantlightphotos.com/mountain-gold-and-milkyway>

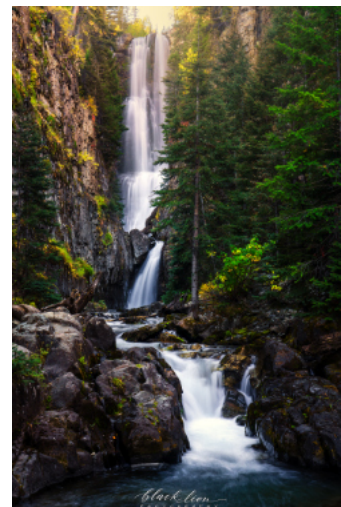
Club members can also use code HPSMEMBER for 10% off registration.

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## May 2026 Judge—Tony Triolo

### Subject—Architecture

***May 25, GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.***

Tony Triolo has been a professional photographer for over 40 years. He began his career as a staff photographer for The Huntsville Times, advancing to chief photographer, and finally to photo editor. After 20 years, Tony left the Times to move to Luxembourg, where he worked as a freelance photographer for several foreign publications and where he also taught photography at the American International School.

On returning to the United States, Tony was hired to direct the photographic engineering documentation group at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. During his tenure at NASA, Tony managed the teams of photographers and videographers responsible for recording the critical scientific research occurring at the center. While at MSFC, Tony directed NASA's transition from a film to a digital photographic environment.

Tony left NASA in 2008 and began a professional film scanning business called White Glove Scanning gaining customers from around the country. Tony loves to travel while capturing the natural beauty that surrounds us. He shoots primarily with DSLRs but is transitioning to mirrorless and medium format digital equipment. Tony still shoots film on occasion, especially when working in black and white. His subjects are varied but they all share a simplicity and usually an obvious graphic quality, no doubt nurtured by his degree in architecture from Clemson University. Good composition is essential in his work, whether it be a cityscape or a scene from the natural world. Critical sharpness is important and he uses a tripod almost every time he picks up a camera.

He is the recipient of several photographic awards including the Associated Press Alabama Photographer of the Year, Alabama's Top 100 Photographers and the Huntsville Photographic Society's President's Award. His photos have appeared in several publications including Time Magazine, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Atlanta Monthly. His photographs have been included in several books including Alabama: The Great Surprise and The Leica M8: Many Eyes, One Camera.

Tony currently lives on Lake Guntersville in Alabama.



**April Competition Results**  
**Subject—Close up (Macro)**  
**Judge—Shaun Forester**

	Color Digital (57)	Monochrome Digital (47)	Color Print (25)	Monochrome Print (21)
1st	Bob Gathany	Chris Baker	Kate Deal	Kate Deal
2nd	Jim Spinoso	Bethany Soto	John Shriver	Doris Leverett
3rd	Ahmed Nassar	Casey Johnson	Kevin Burton	Mike Cook
HM	Bethany Soto	Tyrell Jemison	John Dillingham	Henry Smith
HM	Allen Gary	Mat Bevill	Kate Deal	John Dillingham
HM	Karl Hagler	Jane Reneau	Mike Cook	
HM	John Shriver	Eric Deylius		
HM	Ricky Pounders	Allen Gary		
HM	Mat Bevill			

**2026 Competition Topics**

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

## Points for the Year to Date

Name	2026 Points	2026 Wins
Mike Cook	21	8
Ahmed Nassar	19	7
Christopher Baker	18	5
Margaret Phillips	18	5
John Shriver	15	6
Kate Deal	12	4
Casey Johnson	11	6
Allen Gary	9	5
Tom Bryant	9	3
Susan Poston	9	3
Barbara Staggs	9	2
Joy Henderson	8	3
Doris Leverett	8	2
Susan Chi	7	3
John Dillingham	7	3
Mat Bevill	5	5
Eric Deylius	5	3
Charles Leverett	5	3
Jane Reneau	5	3
Emily Saile	5	3
Bill Farnsworth	5	2
Henry Smith	5	2
Bethanie Soto	5	2
Bob Gathany	5	1
Matthew Crowell	4	1
Jim Spinoso	4	1
C.T. Chi	3	3
Karl Hagler	3	3
Kevin Burton	3	1
Julia Gary	2	2
Paul Hauser	2	2
Ricky Pounders	2	2
Brandon Black	1	1
Lara Deal	1	1
Barry Freeman	1	1
Tyrell Jemison	1	1
Robert Kemper	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
John Stevens	1	1
Ed Townsend	1	1

**New Members**  
Paulette Risher

## April 2026 Images



Color Print  
1st place  
by Kate Deal

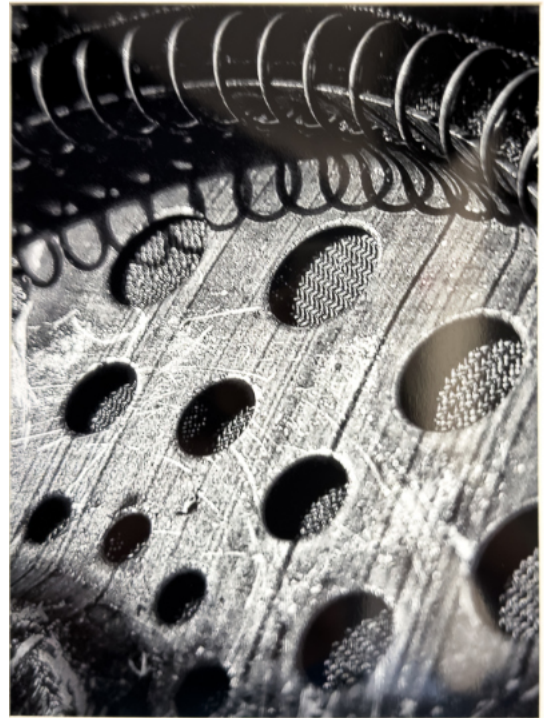


Color Print 2nd place  
by John Shriver



Color Print 3rd place  
by Kevin Burton

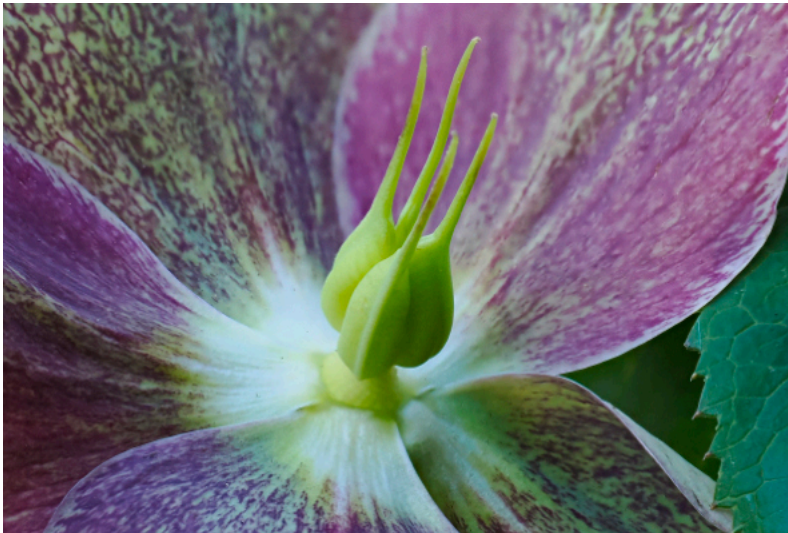
Monochrome Print  
1st place  
by Kate Deal



Monochrome Print  
2nd place  
by Doris Leverett

Monochrome Print  
3rd place  
by Mike Cook

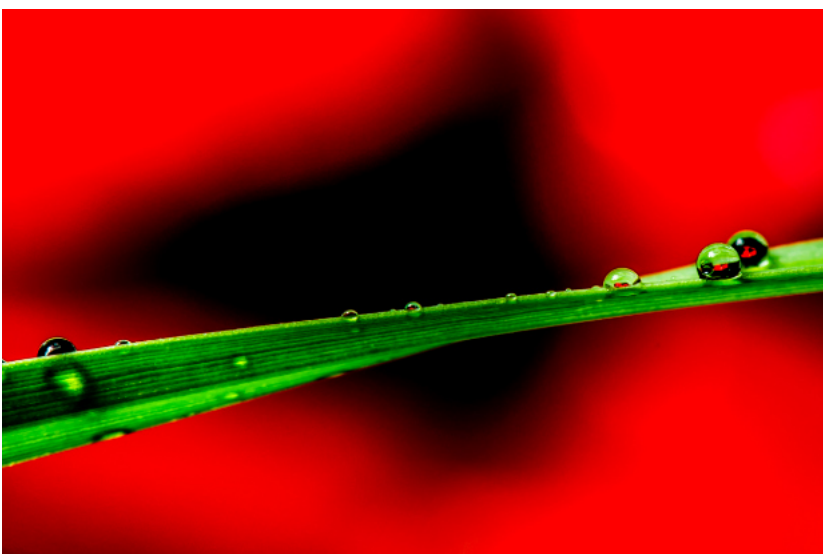




Color Digital  
1st place  
by Bob Gathany



Color Digital  
2nd place  
by Jim Spinoso



Color Digital  
3rd place  
by Ahmed Nassar

Monochrome  
Digital 1st place  
by Chris Baker



Monochrome Digital  
2nd place  
by Bethany Soto

Monochrome Digital  
3rd place  
by Casey Johnson



## Honorable Mention—Print



John Dillingham



Kate Deal



Mike Cook



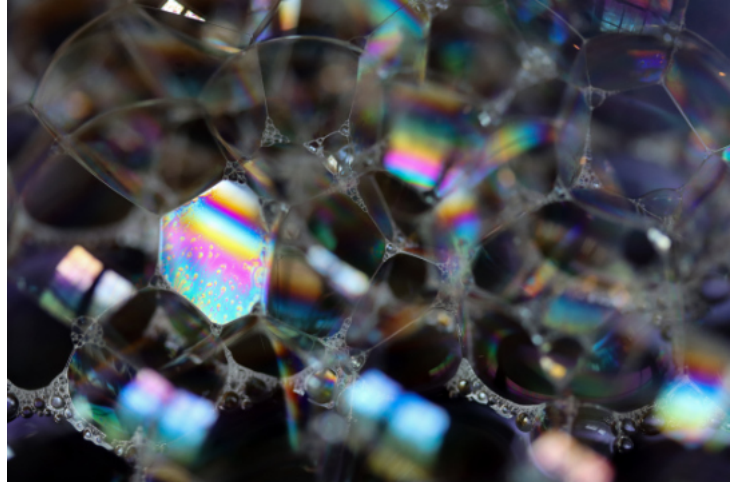
Henry Smith



John Dillingham

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Bethany Soto



Allen Gary

Karl Hagler





John Shriver

Ricky Pounders



Mat Bevill



Tyrell Jemison



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Jane Reneau



Eric Deylius



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