



Color Print HM, by John Shriver, See more HMs starting on p.11

In Focus

August Program—Costa Rica

Presented by—Christy Ashby

August 10, 2026 GigaParts Classroom, 6:30 p.m.

Christy Ashby, one of our Huntsville Photographic Society members, will be presenting on her trip to Costa Rica.

Outings and Workshops

Submitted By Paul Hauser

We will be having José Betancourt along with Steven Butler show the group how to create a cyanotype. The workshop will go from 9am until noon on August 15 at Gigaparts. If you plan to attend the workshop and want to make a cyanotype from an existing print, please email it to Steven Butler at stevenbutler9253@gmail.com so he can print it on a transparency. If you plan to make your cyanotype from an object such as a pressed flower, leaf or feather and want it on a piece of clothing or cloth, please make sure it is 100% cotton for best results. Below is a link for object ideas for your cyanotype if you're not having a transparency made.

<https://www.megandmorrow.com/blog/50-everyday-items-for-stunning-cyanotype-prints>

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On Saturday, September 12 we will meet at Pryor Field Regional Airport in Tanner, AL for the North Alabama Airfest. Tickets are required so please review the link below for your ticket options. <https://www.northalairfest.com>

On October 3 we will meet at Gigaparts from 9am until noon where Patrick Oden will give us a presentation on "Street Photography"

From there we will head to downtown Huntsville to test what we have learned from Patrick. We will also be participating in the Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk.

More to come on meet up time and location for downtown Huntsville plus the Kelby walk.

Free Photography Classes

Submitted By Chris Baker

GigaParts is offering free photography classes taught by HPS President, Chris Baker. Chris has a series of classes designed with beginner's in mind that cover the basics of the exposure triangle, composition, camera bodies, lenses, and post-processing. All classes are in the store's classroom beginning at 6pm. A schedule for the August classes and links to register are as follows:

August 5 - Photography 101 - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/2301631>

August 19 - Photography 102 - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/2301634>

Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

- August 14 - 2026 Birds and Blooms National Nature Photography Awards - <https://www.birdsandblooms.com/nature-photography-awards-2026/>
- September 10 - 2026 Outdoor Photographer Magazine American Landscape Contest - <https://www.outdoorphotographer.com/contest/?v=0b3b97fa6688>
- January 5 - 2027 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.

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

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

Officers of HPS

President: Chris Baker

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Digital Competition

Officer: OPEN

Competition Records

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Webmaster: Tim McCorry

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Bill Farnsworth

Society of the Preservation of Old Mills Conference - Ken Boyd

Submitted By Chris Baker

A conference for the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills is set for October 16 and 17. This will be the first time ever the group has visited Alabama. The conference will involve two days of tours to watermills around Alabama by coach bus with meals included and a banquet on the second evening at Kymulga Grist Mill. The conference is like getting to enjoy a tour without having to fly somewhere. This is a unique photo opportunity because some of the old structures that are typically locked up will be open and accessible. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to participate, although it might actually be a little cheaper to join for the year and register as a SPOOM member. <https://spoom.org/content.aspx>

Nightscape Photography Workshop

Submitted by Chris Baker

Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers is hosting a Nightscape Photography Workshop in Knoxville, Tennessee on August 15, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. EST. This is a rare opportunity to attend a workshop by the master of Nightscape Photography, Royce Bair. Follow the link for more information: <https://www.sanp.net/event-6735645>

Acceptance of HPS members works into Competition

Submitted By Julia Gary

HPS members Julia Gary and Xavier Adams were accepted into the juried Meridian Museum of Art 52nd Annual Bi-State Exhibition and Competition, a highly competitive juried exhibition showcasing outstanding artwork from across the region.

Julia's accepted black and white photographic image is titled: Kentucky Man. Xavier's accepted color photographic image is titled: Antiguan Streets.

James Ehlers was the competition's juror. He is currently a faculty member at Baylor University, where he teaches Two-Dimensional Design and Drawing. His work has been exhibited widely in the United States and internationally, including exhibitions in Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Poland, Portugal, Norway, Romania, North Macedonia, and Turkey.

The competition attracted 319 entries representing a wide variety of artistic media including paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, photography, ceramics, fibers, glass, and mixed media from 113 artists. Only 84 works by 70 artists were selected for the exhibition. The Meridian Museum in Meridian, Mississippi exhibition will open August 21 and close October 10.

Photo Workshop in Colorado

Submitted by Brandon Black

I wanted to let everyone know about an upcoming photography workshop I'll be leading this October in Colorado's beautiful San Juan Mountains. If you've ever wanted to experience the incredible fall colors in the Rockies, this is a fantastic time to visit.

We'll spend four days photographing vibrant aspens, dramatic mountain landscapes, and some of Colorado's most iconic scenery while discussing composition, camera techniques, and the creative process in the field. Whether you're looking to improve your landscape photography or simply enjoy photographing alongside other enthusiasts, we'd love to have you join us.

There are still a couple of spots available, so if you've been thinking about a fall photography trip, now is a great opportunity.

You can find more information about the workshop here:

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

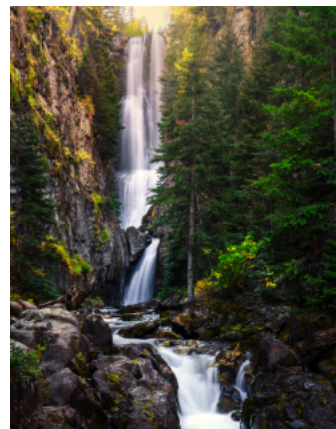
As a club member, you can also use code HPSMEMBER to receive 10% off registration.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Feel free to reach out by email, Facebook, or Instagram.

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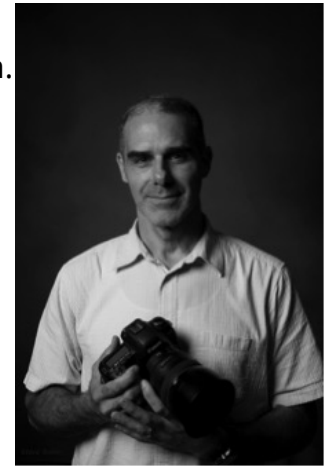


August 2026 Judge—José Betancourt

Subject—Street Photography

August 24, 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.



July Competition Results

Subject—Open (Only Photos Taken after 04/01/2026)

Judge—Cara Fuller

	Color Digital (61)	Monochrome Digital (49)	Color Print (21)	Monochrome Print (17)
1st	Paul Hauser	Chris Baker	Casey Johnson	Barb Staggs
2nd	Raksha Ramdas	Ed Townsend	Jane Reneau	Carolyn Spinoso
3rd	Adiva Onubedo	Susan Chi	Mike Cook	Mike Cook
HM	Tyrell Jemison	Susan Poston	John Shriver	Paul Hauser
HM	Tom Johnson	Margaret Phillips	Barb Staggs	
HM	Ahmed Nassar	Jim Spinoso		
HM	Chris Baker	Chris Baker		
HM	Casey Johnson	Bob Gathany		
HM	Carolyn Spinoso			

2026 Competition Topics

24 AUG—STREET
PHOTOGRAPHY

28 SEP—STILL LIFE
26 OCT—OPEN

23 NOV—ACTION

Points for the Year to Date

New Members

Kristy Campbell
Christian Nagata
Crewe Prough

Name	2026 Points	2026 Wins
Mike Cook	41	14
Christopher Baker	37	12
Ahmed Nassar	34	12
John Shriver	23	9
Margaret Phillips	21	8
Barbara Staggs	20	6
Allen Gary	18	10
Casey Johnson	18	9
Susan Poston	17	6
Kate Deal	15	5
Paul Hauser	13	5
Doris Leverett	12	4
Tom Bryant	10	4
Susan Chi	10	4
Jane Reneau	9	4
Henry Smith	9	3
John Dillingham	8	4
Bill Farnsworth	8	3
Joy Henderson	8	3
Raksha Ramdas	8	2
Charles Leverett	7	5
Eric Deylius	6	4
Emily Saile	6	4
Lara Deal	6	3
Bethanie Soto	6	3
Ed Townsend	6	3
Bob Gathany	6	2
Mat Bevill	5	5
Carolyn Spinoso	5	2
Jim Spinoso	5	2
Jack Eidson	5	1
C.T. Chi	4	4
Matthew Crowell	4	1
Julia Gary	3	3
Karl Hagler	3	3
Tyrell Jemison	3	3
Kevin Burton	3	1
Adiva Onubedo	3	1
Ricky Pounders	2	2
Brandon Black	1	1
Evan Chaudhuri	1	1
Carolyn Eidson	1	1
Barry Freeman	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Tom Johnson	1	1
Robert Kemper	1	1
Lee Pratt	1	1
John Stevens	1	1

July 2026 Images



Color Print 1st place
by Casey Johnson



Color Print 2nd place
by Jane Reneau



Color Print 3rd place
by Mike Cook

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Barbara Staggs



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Carolyn Spinoso



Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Mike Cook



Color Digital
1st place
by Paul Hauser



Color Digital
2nd place
by Rakash Ramdas

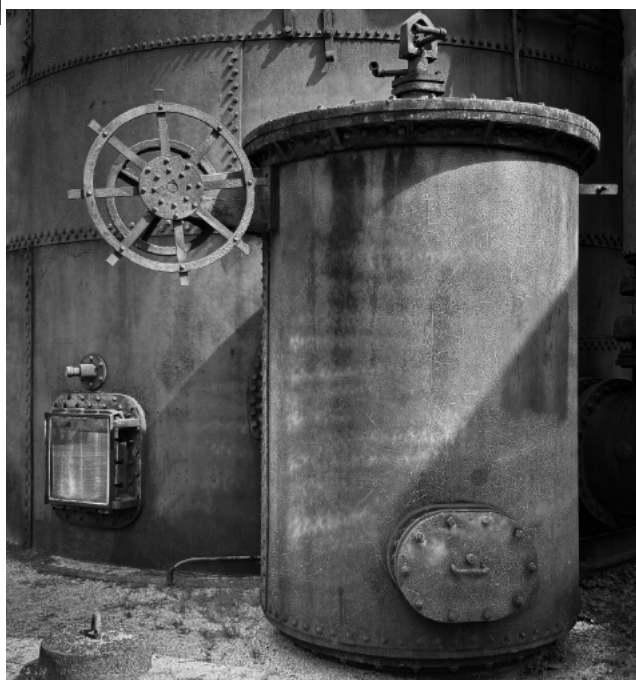


Color Digital
3rd place
by Adiva Onubedo

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Chris Baker



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Ed Townsend



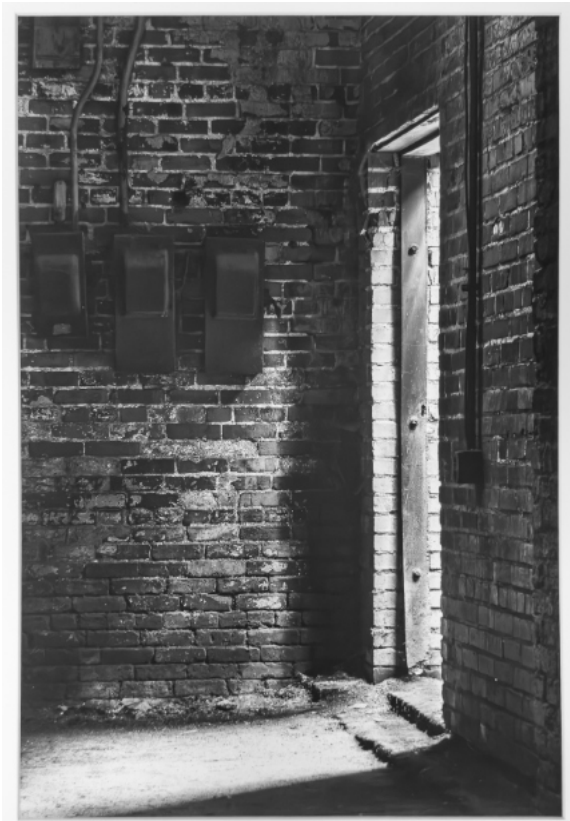
Monochrome Digital
3rd place
by Susan Chi

Honorable Mention—Print



Barbara Staggs

John Shriver



Paul Hauser

Honorable Mention—Digital



Tyrell Jemison



Tom Johnson



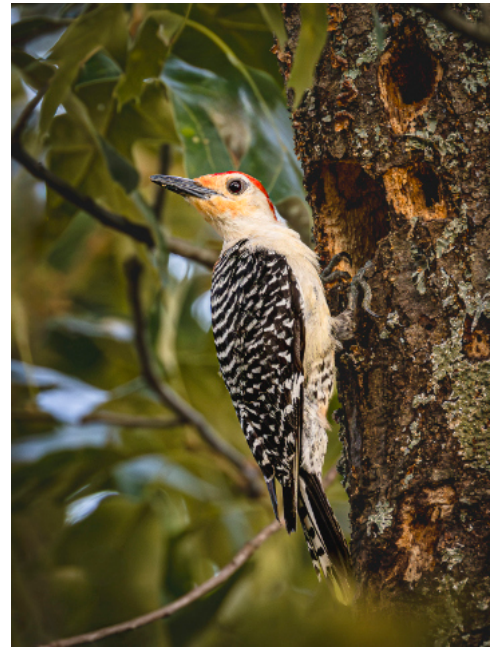
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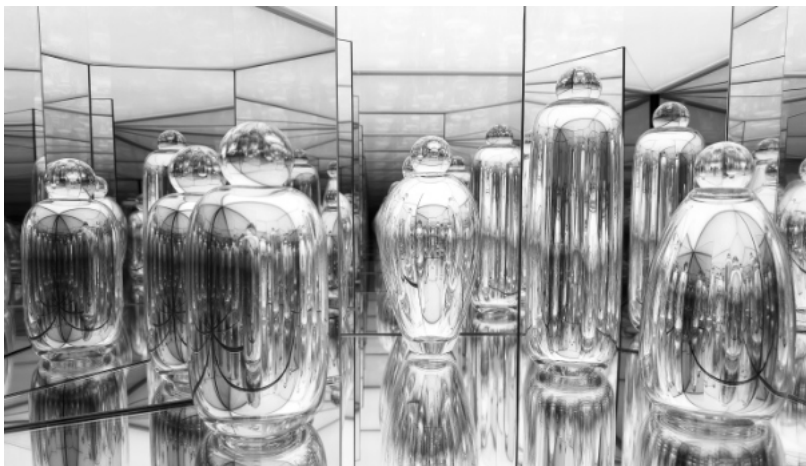
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