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## Final Letter From Outgoing President Andrea Shetley



Greetings and farewell! This is my last column as the current president of HPS. I hope that in my articles I passed along suggestions that challenged or expanded your skills. I have greatly enjoyed serving as HPS president over the past 3 years, and look forward to continuing supporting the organization in other ways. It is exciting to watch a group grow, and this year was particularly rewarding in that we signed up over 100 members.

During my tenure, I missed a lot of meetings due to out of town business travel; but fortunately had excellent talents of the other HPS Board members to take care of my duties in my absence. Some of these people are continuing to serve the organization, and others also are stepping down. Please join me in thanking all of them for an excellent job they have done and continue to do to keep HPS running smoothly and efficiently. Please also welcome the new volunteers.

**Jerry Green - VP of Programs (outgoing).** When Jerry took this position, he had in mind a different agenda for HPS programs than we have had in the past. In response to survey results and discussions on Member Forum Nights (5th Mondays), he structured the programs more towards instruction. He drew on the expertise and talent of advanced HPS members as well as outside professionals, and all of the sessions were popular and well-attended. Hopefully, we will continue to enjoy Jerry's excellent photography in the monthly competitions.

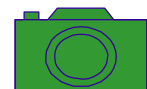
**Barbara Hitt - VP of Programs (incoming).** Thanks to Barbara for taking on this position. Please help her by suggesting program topics and speakers.

**Sharon (Callahan) Tucker - VP of Competitions (outgoing).** Sharon is also stepping down from her position, but will continue to help when she can.

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- Special points of interest:**
- Field Trip To Burritt Museum.
  - George Lepp Seminar in Chattanooga.
  - Photo Workshops in Birmingham & Nashville.



**President** *(Continued from page 1)*

Recently remarried and keeping up with two very active teen-aged boys keeps her on the go. Sharon took on this position as a new member and novice photographer with lots of gusto, enthusiasm, and organization. In addition to her monthly duties, she beautifully coordinated the 2007 and 2008 Annual End of Year Awards Banquet.

**Joy Henderson - VP of Competitions (incoming).** Joy has been assisting Sharon for some time now, so it was a logical (and much appreciated) step for her to take over from Sharon. Please assist Joy on competition nights by bringing your entries in on time, helping to pass prints through the light box, run the slide projector, and setting the print "outs" back on the tables for display.

**Rick Kress - Digital Competition Secretary.** Rick took on the daunting task of creating and running our newest competition category: projected digital images. He was key in gathering information and drawing up the rules. He also created a computer program that automatically shows all entries and then displays the winners, and he sets up the online judging and image display. Rick will continue in this position and also will be taking over as the new president (thank you!!!!).

**David and Carol Blue - Competition Secretaries.** David and Carol graciously jumped in to help Sharon by maintaining the competition database. They update the monthly and ongoing scores each month, and track who is eligible to receive special awards and recognition. This is a tedious job that David and Carol handle extremely well with great organization.

**Robert Shuffert - VP of Activities.** Robert agreed to take on this position since he coordinated most of the HPS field trips in the past anyway. We are still trying to get more trips and activities organized, and Robert needs your help. Please give him suggestions of places to go and things to do so we can have activities more frequently (and when there are no waterfalls to go to!). With Robert along, you are always assured of excellent advice as he readily shares his expertise in outdoor photography.

**Sam Tumminello - Publicity.** Sam has put in an extraordinary effort into promoting HPS, with great success. He gets us listed on many public calendars

and mentioned in articles. A great many of our new members has been a direct result of Sam's efforts, and this year's membership of over 100 is a testimonial to that.

**Dave McGinness - Treasurer.** Dave keeps track of all of the organization's business transactions, and collects membership dues and Banquet money. He also built the print light box with the help of HPS member Don Bennett.

**Lee Pratt - PSA Representative.** Lee is a long-time Photographic Society of America (PSA) member and can assist with any questions about the organization. His newsletter articles highlight the benefits of membership and upcoming activities.

**Walt Schumacher - Webmaster.** Walt keeps HPS looking good and easy to find on the Web. He updates the Web site regularly with new information and special event notification.

**Geri Reddy - Newsletter Editor.** Geri keeps HPS looking good in print. She stepped up and took over the newsletter a year ago and has done a fantastic job. She brought a fresh look to the publication, and continues to polish it. I owe her a special "thank you" for her patience in waiting for my articles to appear in her inbox at the last minute (including this one!). She also chaired the recent Novice Competition Committee with excellent results.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone. I would like to also thank YOU, the members, for your continued support. Your ideas, suggestions, and participation keep this organization going strong. Without you, there would be no HPS!

Our November program was "Homework"—members' results from following the teachings of our presenters from earlier programs this year. Our November competition topic was "Celebrate America." Former HPS president and member, Muril Robertson, was our judge. We had less entries than normal, which allowed for some excellent critique and advice from Muril.

Remember to join us for the End of Year Awards Banquet in December; it will be our final meeting of 2008. Thank you again for allowing me to hold the position of president of HPS. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve this fine, upstanding organization. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

## George Lepp Photographic Seminar Chattanooga Tennessee

The Photographic Society of Chattanooga and Canon present "Fulfilling the Promise of Digital!" by George Lepp. The seminar is Saturday, January 31, 2009. Doors open at 8:00; the program is 9:00-4:30. Register by Jan 22 for \$24; after the 22nd it is \$30. To register and pay go to [www.chattanoographo.org](http://www.chattanoographo.org). George Lepp is one of the best known outdoor and nature photographers. He is recognized for his unique dedication to sharing his photographic and biological knowledge through his seminars and writings. He is a leader in the rapidly advancing field of digital imaging.

### Field Trip To Burritt Museum

The evening of Saturday, December 6, Burritt Museum is hosting a Candlelight Christmas where they light 600 candles around the grounds. The event starts on Dec. 4th and continues through the 6th. I have notified them that about 10 or 12 of us from HPS plan to attend on the 6th. This event starts at 5pm and continues until 8pm each night. The park is closed between 4pm and 5pm; if you pay to enter during the day before 4pm, you will have to pay again to re-enter at 5pm. During the evening hours, there should be ample opportunities to practice your night time photography skills, with plenty of lighting around the grounds, plus a bluff view of the downtown Huntsville lights at night. We can meet at the Huntsville library at 4:30pm and car pool up to the museum so there won't be so many cars.

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### Weekend Photography Workshops

The Rocky Mountain School of Photography presents their weekend workshops for 2009. They are coming to Birmingham January 24-25 and Nashville February 14-15. Each weekend delivers two full days of lectures, demonstration, group critiques, and more. You have the freedom to choose the classes you would like to attend from a list of 15 diverse offerings. These courses are for beginning to intermediate amateur photographers. Topics include Understanding Your Digital Camera, Importing and Organizing Your Images using Adobe Lightroom, Processing Your Images: The First Steps, Processing Your Images: Fine Tuning with Layers and Masks, Low Light and Night Photography, Understanding Light, Composition, Photographing People, Sports and Motion, and many more topics. There are reduced prices for group and/or early registration. For more info, go to [www.rmssp.com](http://www.rmssp.com).



**Photographic Opportunity**

Eagle Awareness Weekends in January at Guntersville State Park. Dates are Jan 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, For more info call 256-571-5444 or go to [www.guntersvillestatepark.com](http://www.guntersvillestatepark.com). Free. Enjoy fireside chats, guided interpretive programs at various Bald Eagle nesting sites, and guest speakers. Each program followed by meals in park's dining room.

**November Competition Results**  
**Subject - Celebrate America**  
**Judge- Muril Robertson**

	<b>Color Prints</b>	<b>Digital</b>
<b>1st</b>	Virginia Gilbert	Don Bennett
<b>2nd</b>	Carol Blue	Sam Fara
<b>3rd</b>	Henry Smith	Rick Kress
<b>HM</b>	Martha Teal	Don Bennett
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Staggs	Sam Fara
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Staggs	Sam Tumminello
<b>HM</b>	Paul Soracco	Geri Reddy
<b>HM</b>	Bill Snoddy	Barbara Staggs
	46 entries	53 entries

	<b>B/W Prints</b>	<b>Slides</b>
<b>1st</b>	Don Wolfe	Virginia Gilbert
<b>2nd</b>	Martha Teal	Joy Henderson
<b>3rd</b>	Barbara Hitt	Barbara Staggs
<b>HM</b>	Ernie High	David Blue
<b>HM</b>	David Blue	
	20 entries	16 entries

**2008 Final Point Standings:**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		<b>Points</b>	<b>Wins</b>
1	Hitt, Barbara	70	26
2	Bennett, Don	37	12
3	Fara, Sam	35	12
3	Henderson, Joy	35	13
3	Staggs, Barbara	35	14
6	Smith, Henry	32	18
7	Davidson, Diana Lyn	30	12
7	Saile, Emily	30	12
9	Gates, William	27	13
9	Montgomery, Barbara	27	12
9	Teal, Martha	27	10

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		<b>Points</b>	<b>Wins</b>
12	Gilbert, Virginia	25	6
12	Pratt, Lee	25	8
14	Blue, David	21	11
15	Bryant, Tom	16	7
15	Little, Daniel	16	6
15	Schuffert, Robert	16	5
18	Schumacher, Walt	15	6
19	Blue, Carol	13	7
19	Montgomery, Alan	13	6
21	Reddy, Geri	12	6
22	McAllister, Guy	11	3
22	Prince, Anthony	11	6
22	Tumminello, Sam	11	5
22	Wolfe, Don	11	3
26	Brechbill, Shawn	9	2
26	Kress, Rick	9	4
28	Gardner, Pat	8	3
28	High, Ernie	8	4
28	McGuinness, Dave	8	5
31	Green, Jerry	7	5
31	Hughes, Beverly	7	4
31	Snoddy, Bill	7	4
34	Soracco, Paul	5	5
34	Staggs, William	5	3
36	Schumacher, Janet	4	4
37	Ashley, Peter	3	3
38	Courtney, Bill	2	2
38	Felton, Doug	2	2
38	Tyler, Dorinda	2	2
41	Boyd, Joe	1	1
41	Buwalda, Alan	1	1
41	Callahan, Sharon	1	1
41	Clary, Richard	1	1
41	Courtney, Brenda	1	1
41	Fox, Bobby	1	1
41	Shetley, Andrea	1	1
41	Tumminello, Pat	1	1

# First Place Winners



First Place B&W Print by Don Wolfe



First Place Digital by Don Bennett

(First Place Slide and Color Print, both by Virginia Gilbert, were not available.)

## 2008 Honor Achievements

<b>Presidents Trophy</b>	<b>Barbara Hitt</b>
<b>Master</b>	<b>Sam Fara</b>
	<b>Walt Schumacher</b>
<b>Gold Star</b>	<b>Don Bennett</b>
<b>(Fellow plus 60 pts)</b>	<b>Barbara Hitt</b>
<b>Silver Star</b>	<b>Carol Blue</b>
<b>(Fellow plus 40 pts)</b>	<b>Barbara Hitt</b>
	<b>Sheila Mangus</b>
<b>Bronze Star</b>	<b>Diana Lyn Davidson</b>
<b>(Fellow plus 20 pts)</b>	<b>Robert Schuffert</b>
<b>Fellow</b>	<b>Diana Lyn Davidson</b>
<b>(20 wins)</b>	<b>Joy Henderson</b>
	<b>Geri Reddy</b>
	<b>Henry Smith</b>

Don't Forget To Check Out  
Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition  
results:

[www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com)

Website for Novice Class is

[www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/  
NoviceCompetitions](http://www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions)

## Judges for "Best-of-Year"

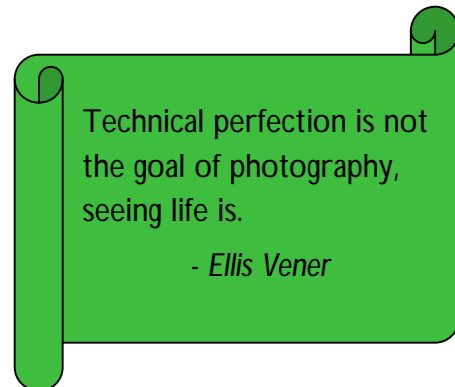
Barry Jackson lives in Lawrenceburg in the hills of southern middle Tennessee. Photographs have always been important in his family. Pictures always meant a lot to him but he was never very interested in taking pictures. That changed while he was at Middle Tennessee State University. Harold Baldwin and the Photographic Gallery he started, showed him the example of a photograph as fine craft, and the pursuit of photography as art. As a member of HPS, he was awarded the President's Award 7 times and achieved Masters of Photography.

Monica Martin has been a fine art photographer for more than 30 years, and has had her own photographic business for 20 years. While most of her current work involves portraiture and wedding photography, she also is experienced in commercial and architectural photography. She is currently Vice President of the Tennessee Valley Professional Photographers Association (TVPPA) and active in the Professional Photographers of Mississippi and Alabama (PPMA), and the Professional Photographers of America (PPA). She is a Certified Professional Photographer (CPP).

Jim Solomon retired from the Army after a 29 year career to pursue his passion for photography. To prepare for the "second half" of his life, Jim attended the Washington School of Photography. In addition, he has studied with some of the most noted photographers in America. He and his wife, Frieda, opened their fine art studio in Huntsville in 1996, and regularly attend classes and seminars to further their knowledge and skills. They are active members of the local, state and national elements of the Professional Photographers of America.



2009 Competition Subjects	
January-	Sunrise/Sunset
February-	Door/Windows
March-	Open
April-	Abstract
May-	Truly Southern
June-	People At Work
July-	Bridges
August-	Open
September-	Landscape
October-	Creepy Bugs
November-	Lakeshore/Seashore
January 2010-	Reflections



## Burritt *(Continued from page 3)*

### Admission Fees:

During daylight hours:

Adults \$7

Seniors \$6

Students (13-17yrs) \$5

Children \$4

Admission during evening hours is \$1 more for each level. For more info visit: <http://www.burrittonthemountain.com/>

Contact Robert Schuffert at [rschuff@knology.net](mailto:rschuff@knology.net) if you would like to attend.

# DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Field trip to Burritt Museum
7	8 HPS Best of Year Dinner	9	10	11	12 	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27 
28	29	30	31			

Phases of the moon - 27th: New Moon 12th: Full Moon

## Member News

Bill Gates' wife, Rosie, was diagnosed with colon cancer about 3 weeks ago and had to have emergency surgery to remove part of the colon. The cancer has also been found on the liver. She will have to undergo 12 chemotherapy treatments over 6 month beginning this coming Monday.

## For Sale

Canon EOS 30D (8.2MP): \$500  
 Canon EOS 40D (10.1MP): \$750  
 Excellent condition and lightly used.  
 Contact Don Wolfe at 881-7511 or [dwolfe@knology.net](mailto:dwolfe@knology.net)

## Submission Deadline for January Newsletter

Please send articles/info by Sunday, Dec 21st, to [hpsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hpsnewsletter@yahoo.com).

## Huntsville Photographic Society

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Huntsville AL 35801



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Outgoing President Andrea Shetley. See cover page.

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Website for Digital Competition results: [www.HSPPhotos.smugmug.com](http://www.HSPPhotos.smugmug.com)

Club Website: [www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)

#### Meeting Information:

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison Library- Main Branch, 915 Monroe St., in Huntsville.

Annual Membership Dues: \$20.00 due Jan 1st (\$18.00 if renewal paid before start of the Calendar year).

**Membership required to submit entries in monthly competitions.**