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March Program-Focus on Sharpness



Stan Prevost is a 38-year resident of Huntsville. He was an active member and officer of HPS in the 1970s, renewing his involvement a few years ago after a period of inactivity. Currently Stan's photographic objectives are purely personal, oriented toward learning, teaching, and sharing with friends and family. In the past, he did weddings and portraits on a part-time basis with a local studio.

He loved production of monochrome prints in his own darkroom. Stan's current interests include panoramic photography and High Dynamic Range Imaging and related techniques, while continuing to pursue his life-long quest for understanding and mastery of the fundamentals.

His program in 2008, was "Focus on Exposure", which was concerned with exposure as an element of image quality. It explored the nature of light and how to use our equipment to properly exploit the light to create a high-quality image. Following the theme of image quality, the March program is called "Focus on Sharpness". It explores the subject of sharpness as a major element of image quality. It will identify many of the contributing elements of sharpness in the various phases of the

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Exhibition Opportunities *by Walt Tyszka*

Von Braun Civic Center

The Arts Council has decided that the Huntsville Photographic Society could use the 19' 6" of wall space with Griplock art hanging track nearest the VBC Concert Hall main entrance. We will have access to this space for as long as we want, or until the The Arts Council asks for it back.

Starting the week of March 9th we may display what ever we choose with the following restrictions:

- Art must be suitable for viewing by all members of the public, including

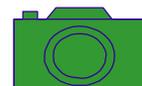
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Special points of interest:

- Exhibition Opportunities at VBC and the Library.
- Field Trip to Fiery Gizzard
- George Lepp coming to Nashville!



Introducing 2009 HPS Board Members (continued from Feb newsletter)



Carol Peshman– Digital Competition. Carol has been in Huntsville for 4 months. She is from the Twin Cities, Minnesota. She has always taken photos but started getting serious 2 years ago. She has been a HPS member for 2 months and joined the Board in Jan 09.



Geri Reddy– Newsletter Editor. Geri is from St. Louis. She moved to Huntsville in 1997. She bought her first SLR in 2002 and enjoys nature and travel photography. Geri has been an HPS member for 7 years. This is her second year on the Board.



David Blue –Competition Records Keeper. David is from KY but has lived in the Huntsville area since 1966. He has been photographing since the early nineties and a member of HPS since 1997. He has previously been on the Board as Co-President, Competition Secretary, and co-Newsletter Editor. He was instrumental in establishing our member's competition data base and records.

From The President



February is over and I've almost stopped putting '08 on my checks! We had a rough start this month with a little mix-up at the Optimist Park. Some how my one phone

call to confirm two meetings got translated to only cover one meeting. But the staff did an outstanding job of improvising. With a little luck of a basketball game being cancelled and some hustling by several of our members to bring projection screens (thanks Sam, Stan and who ever else brought one) we had a great program. A sick Tom Bryant persevered and gave an informative presentation on ProShow Gold. Tom luckily came quite prepared with extension cords, microphone and sound system. With this kind of preparedness and organizational skills, I see a future president here!

Our Feb. competition was Windows and Doors. As usual, the club had a great turn out of amazing work. Monique Given did a quick and thorough job of judging for us. I think she even found one or two images to be "quite beautiful". (Lets just say Monique was a tad bit nicer in her critiquing of the images than some of our past judges).

In other news, Diana Davidson and the search committee has submitted a report to the board on possible choices for new meeting locations. The board will review this and hopefully we can find a new and permanent home soon...preferably one where rowdy teenagers are not cuffed and stuffed in the parking lot by Huntsville's boys in blue. New member Carol Peshman has stepped up, stepped over, and stepped into the joyous job of Digital Competition Secretary. There's no change in the submission procedure. Just address your future comments or questions to "Carol" as opposed to "Jerk" or "Idiot". Another new member, Walt Tyszka, has some good news regarding our exhibit opportunities. More info on this can found in a separate article in this newsletter. And lastly, one our board members recently lost a love one. Walt Schumacher, our Webmaster, lost his father this month. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Rick Kress

Exhibitions *(Continued from page 1)*

children. No nudity or graphic content.

- Art must either be framed (wood, composite, or metal frames) or otherwise capable of having hanging attachments affixed (gallery framing).
- For the safety of the public, no glass may be used as a protective covering. Plexiglas or similar covering only.
- No single item over 60 pounds.
- For display purposes, no art smaller than 16" x 20" (framed size).

The upper size limit will be determined by HPS, but we must keep in mind that the wider the frame the fewer number of frames will be available to hang in the space allowed.

An 8" x 10" framed Artist Bio for each artist's display will be required.

We will be responsible for all hanging, changing, and removal of art work as well as the Artist's Bio's.

Huntsville Madison County Library (Main Branch)

The Huntsville Madison County Public Library is looking for 15 to 20 framed photographs of either Huntsville, Madison County, or Alabama to be displayed in The Jane Lowe Gallery located on the third floor of the main library. The photographs must be themed, for instance "The bridges of Madison County" but not necessarily historic. However, I think it would be good to relate it to historical Huntsville pictures if possible - since the State of Alabama has declared 2009 the "Year of History".

The photographs will be needed for some time after April, and will be displayed for about a month. Framed size restrictions for the photographs are 8" x 10" minimum and 16" x 20" maximum. The artist's name will be displayed, and possibly the sales price. The library will have final say and selection of which photographs it will display.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities please contact Walt Tyszka as soon as possible, photosbywalt@mchsi.com, 256-851-8852.

New Members

James, Terri, & Bethanie Ricci

Todd & Missy Grayson

Sterling High

Correction to Feb newsletter, new member is Tammy Steele instead of Tommy.

Member News

- ◆ Sam Fara's December 2008 Valley Planet Cover will be on display at 801 Franklin during March & April. On Friday March 6, 801 Franklin will be hosting a Best of the Valley Reader's Poll party for the Winners and the 2008 Valley Planet Cover Artists (including Sam).
- ◆ Barbara G. Staggs (HPS Member) of Huntsville, AL, has won Second Place for January 2009 in the prestigious photography contest sponsored by [BetterPhoto.com](http://www.betterphoto.com). More than 20600 entries were submitted to the online photography contest, which attracted contestants from around the world and featured 10 separate categories. Staggs's stunning image, "Feathery", garnered top honors after being submitted in the Details & Macro category. All of the winning images can be viewed at: <http://www.betterphoto.com/contest/winners/0901.asp>
- ◆ We extend our sympathies to Walt & Janet Schumacher, HPS members, on the loss of Walt's father on Feb. 17.
- ◆ We extend our condolences to the family and friends of HPS friend John Kubilis. His death was reported in the January 2009 issue of the *PSA Journal* (pg 34). In 1962 John took a job at Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal as Chief of Visual Arts and Presentation Division, Arsenal Support Operations Directorate. John joined PSA in 1955 and became a lifetime member and earned the rank "FPSA". He served as Director of the *Alabama International Exhibition of Photography* for over eleven years. Many will remember his delightful cartoon "Otto Focus" which was published in the *PSA Journal* for ten years. John was one month shy of his ninety-first birthday.

Feb Competition Results
Subject - Doors/Windows
Judge- Monique Given

	Color Prints	Digital
1st	Henry Smith	Doug Felton
2nd	Virginia Gilbert	Carol Peshman
3rd	Barbara Hitt	Alan Buwalda
HM	David Blue	Mikala Buwalda
HM	Joy Henderson	Tammy Steele
HM	Brenda Courtney	Barbara Staggs
HM	Henry Smith	Bill Gates
HM	Doug Felton	Henry Smith
	59 Entries	76 Entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
1st	Ernie High	Sam Fara
2nd	Barbara Hitt	Virginia Gilbert
3rd	Alan Buwalda	Virginia Gilbert
HM	Alan Buwalda	Carol Blue
HM	Sharon Tucker	Emily Saile
HM	Kristy Newton	
	29 Entries	23 Entries

Note: If you placed in the B/W category but your name is not on the list, please contact Carol Blue at dcblue@hiwaay.net, or at the next meeting.

Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results:

www.HSPPhotos.smugmug.com

Website for Novice Class is
www.HSPphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions

2009 Year To Date Point Standings:

Rank	Name	Total	
		Points	Wins
1	Ernie High	14	3
2	Virginia Gilbert	11	3
3	Barbara Hitt	10	3
4	Henry Smith	8	4
4	Alan Buwalda	7	3
6	Bill Gates	6	2
6	Doug Felton	6	2
8	Sam Fara	5	1
8	Carol Peshman	5	2
8	Emily Saile	5	3
8	Barbara Staggs	5	2
8	David Steele	5	1
8	Martha Teal	5	2
8	Rick Werp	5	1
15	Don Wolfe	4	1
16	Shawn Brechbill	3	1
16	Joy Henderson	3	3
16	Dave McGuinness	3	1
19	Carol Blue	2	2
19	Sharon Tucker	2	2
21	David Blue	1	1
21	Mikala Buwalda	1	1
21	Brenda Courtney	1	1
21	Bill Courtney	1	1
21	Robert Fox	1	1
21	Jerry Green	1	1
21	Guy McAllister	1	1
21	Heidi Meadows	1	1
21	Alan Montgomery	1	1
21	Kristy Newton	1	1
21	Bobby Parish	1	1
21	Tammy Steele	1	1

Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! 1st place receives either a Panorama "12 x 36" or "12 x 24", 2nd place- "12 x18", and 3rd place- "8 x 12". Prizes must be redeemed within 30 days or before the next month's competition (whichever comes first). Members should come to Costco photo lab to claim the prize.

First Place Winners

B&W Print by
Ernie High



Color Print by Henry Smith



Digital by Doug Felton

More Info About ProShow Gold From Tom Bryant

Please see Tom's web page at: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~ctbryant/> for the PowerPoint slides that supported the presentation and a travel slide show . A free trial version of Proshow Gold 4.0 can be downloaded from Photodex.com. Tom will bring some CDs to the next meeting with the version he is running and the shows that he used for demonstration during the talk. I also put up a document Andrea Shetley uses for her "Creating Digital Slide Shows" presentation that outlines the new features of ProShow Gold 4.0 and the differences between Gold and Producer.

Tips on Sound Track: ProShow likes to add sound track from CD, probably because of copyright concerns. Unlike narration, which is attached to individual slides, Sound Track is not. It

is most convenient to arrange images first and set slide duration and then add sound tracks. Then individual slide duration can be automatically fine-tuned to match the Sound Track by selecting the proper buttons from Manage Sound Tracks. Details follow:

- 1) From pull-down menus, go to Audio/Save music from CD. I suggest you change the default title from Track # to something more descriptive. After capturing music, go to Audio/Manage SoundTrack. Here you can arrange the tracks in proper order. Then click on desired track and click "Edit Fades and Timing". Here you can set desired duration of sound and fades.
- 2) To add Sound Track from a music file such as .mp3, go to Timeline view by pressing Tab key. Bring up My Music folder or wherever it is stored, and drag file onto track below slides. You can hold CTRL down and set sound fades manually here.

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Fiery Gizzard Field Trip

Tracy City, TN

By Robert Schuffert

Saturday, March 14th, HPS will sponsor a hike along the Grundy Forest Day Loop Trail adjacent Tracy City, Tennessee. This well-worn two mile loop trail is mostly easy and follows beside the Little Fiery Gizzard and the Big Fiery Gizzard Creeks for about two thirds of its length. Two waterfalls, Blue Hole Falls and Hanes Hole Falls, both 10 feet high, and many small cascades flow



under large hemlocks and cliffs. At the 0.7 mile point along the loop trail, a bridge crosses Little Fiery Gizzard Creek, where the main Fiery Gizzard Trail continues another 12 miles southeast to the 50 foot Foster Falls. It's easier to drive to Foster Falls! About 0.6 miles along this trail, you'll reach the 12 foot Sycamore Falls. Here, the group will turn back, but there are many other water features and overlooks along this strenuous 12 mile trail.

Tracy City is located northwest of Chattanooga and just east of Monteagle. The Fiery Giz-

zard area is managed by South Cumberland State Park, with the Visitor's Center halfway between Tracy City and Monteagle on the north side of US41A. The State Park manages 10 separate areas on the Cumberland Plateau, including Foster Falls, Savage Gulf, Stone Door and Greeter Falls, in this beautiful region of Middle Tennessee. The Fiery Gizzard area is south of US41A on the western edge of Tracy City behind an elementary school. Once in the parking area, there are two trails leading into the forest. Both are the loop trail, but the best way in is by the south trail at the trailhead sign (not the trail behind the restrooms, this is the return trail).

The map shows the main route to reach Tracy City. This route follows Winchester Road to Huntland, US64 to Winchester, Sewanee and Monteagle. The other route follows US72 east through Scottsboro, South Pittsburg and Jasper. The route through Winchester is significantly shorter at around 90 miles, but the other route passes right by Foster Falls and has better highways.

We can meet at the Huntsville Library at 9:00 am and drive or carpool from there. Everyone needs to sign the HPS release form before departure. For more info contact Robert at (256) 881-1354 or e-mail reschuff@knology.net.

Reminder! Meeting Dates/Locations

Mar 9– Program Meeting at Huntsville/Madison County Library

Mar 23– Competition Meeting at the Library (Subject: Open)

Mar 30– Members Forum Meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church

Apr 13 - Program Meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church (Topic TBD)

Apr 27– Competition Meeting at Trinity (Subject: Abstract)

Directions to Trinity Church: Address is 607 Airport Rd. From the parkway, take the Airport Road exit to the east. The church is 1.5 miles from the parkway on the right. Enter on the east side of the church.

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Phases of the moon - 26th: New Moon 10th: Full Moon

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photographic process, from image capture to presentation, and how to manage them. Some fundamental principles will be discussed, leading to practical techniques for practical photography. In addition to well-known techniques, some lesser-known and perhaps simpler methods will be introduced, along with some original work on unification of the methods. The program will include a blend of theory, demonstrations, and illustrative photographs. More detailed information, beyond what can be covered in the program, will be made available on the internet.

George Lepp Seminar in Nashville

The Nashville Photography Club <http://www.nashvillephotographyclub.com> is holding the "The Digital Advantage" seminar by George Lepp. This is FREE ADMISSION - reservations required. It is to be on April 4, 2009 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Clement Auditorium, Nashville State Community College, 120 White Bridge Rd., Nashville, TN. This is an excellent opportunity to see one of the most recognized nature photographers, especially if you missed the presentation in Chattanooga recently.

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Field Trip to Fiery Gizzard near Tracy City, TN.
See story, p. 6.

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Website for Digital Competition results: www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com

Club Website: www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org

Meeting Information:

HPS usually meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison Library-Main Branch, 915 Monroe St. Due to some last minute changes, see p. 6 of the newsletter for the latest info.

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.

