



HUNTSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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Visit the HPS Web site at <http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org>

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It was a real pleasure to have Jeff Woodlee and Vicky Stephens from Photo Road Shows with us for the February program. They provided an educational and entertaining program on preparing for a photo trip. Jeff and Vicky gave some great ideas for gathering information for subject locales and choosing the right gear for a trip. They wound up the program with a selection of wonderful images illustrating image design for different subject opportunities. You can get more information about Jeff, Vicky, and Photo Road Show at their website www.photoroadshow.com.

Farley Vaughn judged our "Contrast/Differences" competition, held at the Bridge Club. My thanks to all the members and visitors who found their way to the meeting (sorry about the late notice). We had a wide variety of images for a subject that was just short of "Open". Farley's task wasn't easy given the breadth of the topic but he came through with some great selections and commentary.

Thanks to Don Bennett, Dave McGuiness, and Robert Schuffert for their presentation of images and information about hiking in the Walls of Jericho at the Competition meeting. It looks like a great opportunity for hikers and a possible future field trip. If anyone has a short (15-20 minute) program on a photography or location topic they would like to present at a Competition meeting, contact Joe Boyd.

Larry Perry, professional photographer from Knoxville, will be headlining our program meeting on Monday, March 14. Larry will present a program of wildlife and digital photography, and Photoshop techniques.

Back to Basics Challenge

Guy McAllister is organizing the "Back to Basics Challenge" for HPS members. This is your opportunity to capture any image you like with the most basic of equipment. The Challenge will be to photograph any group of subjects with one disposable camera and select images to put into a competition with others. The cameras will be distributed at the meeting on March 14. Cameras must be returned at the meeting on Monday, May 9. Prints will be returned to participants at the May 23 meeting and participants must select their entries at the meeting and turn them in to Guy. The judging and results will be done at the meeting on June 13. Very limited cash prizes will be awarded. The cost for

Next Meeting: March 14, 2005
Speaker: Larry Perry will present a program on wildlife photography and digital photography.
Next Competition: March 28, 2005
Topic: Trains/Tracks
February Scheduled Judge: T.B.D.
The Huntsville Photographic Society meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Huntsville Public Library. Visitors are welcome.
Please contact Rick Kress with news, information, or announcements. (256) 890-0722, or by email at: rgkress@knology.net.

entry is \$8 to pay for the cost of the camera and film processing.

Sequoyah Caverns Field Trip

Thanks to Bill Gates for organizing a neat trip to Sequoyah Caverns on Saturday, February 19. About 18 people from HPS enjoyed a day of photography, walking, and eating at High Falls County Park in DeKalb Co., DeSoto State Park, Mentone, and the Caverns. The stop at the Caverns was the highlight of the day with a 2 hour guided tour of the Caverns. Everyone had a very enjoyable and relaxing day of being outside and underground.

Rock Island Field Trip

Doug Felton is organizing a trip to Rock Island State Park in Tennessee on Sat. April 9. Details and sign-up for the trip will be at the meetings in March. It will follow the same format as the trips to Sequoyah Caverns and Bankhead National Forest. Participants will car pool to the park and Doug will lead a hike on some of the trails in the park. Information about Rock Island can be found at the following websites.

- <http://www.sehiking.com/rockisland.html>
- <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/RockIsland/>
- http://www.sehiking.com/rockisland_PA.html
- http://www.ace-club.org/journal/tn/rock_island.htm
- <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks.php>

<http://www.smileysphotography.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=16>
http://www.epinions.com/park-Parks-All-TN-Rock_Island_State_Park/display_~reviews

Other Photo Ops around the Southeast

- Orchid Daze at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens runs from now through April 3.
- Samford University is organizing a zoo photography workshop at the Birmingham Zoo on March 5,6. For more details on this workshop and Samford photography classes go to <http://www.samford.edu/schools/metro/sas/photography.html>
- The Sakura Festival in Tuscaloosa, AL including Japanese dancing, percussion ensembles, sumo, martial arts, and more, will be held Saturday, March 12, from 11-5 at McFarland Mall. For more details visit touch the "Matsuri in the Mall" link on <http://www.sakura.ua.edu>. While in T-town, visit the University of Alabama Arboretum for plant and flower photography.

Huntsville Wildflower Society

The Huntsville Wildflower Society meets in the library on the second Thursday of March, April, May, September, and October, at 7:00pm. The society includes a few current and former HPS members. The Society leads a number of hikes to wildflower locations around North Alabama. For more information visit <http://www.briartech.com/hws/huntsville.htm> or Brian Finzel at 489-4184.

NOTE: The results from February's photo competition will be in next months newsletter.

OF INTEREST:

- **Helen & Gene Garrett:**

Watch for It! It's coming to the Delchamp's Room at the Fairhope Civic Center. Join us for a "Travels With El Viejo" photographic slide visit to "The Rocky Mountains". Enjoy colorful scenes from Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado.

When: Wednesday, March 23rd, 10:00 am
Where: Delchamps Rm, Fairhope Civic Center, Fairhope.

For more travel photos visit our web page: www.pbbase.com/gene_garrett.

Please mark your calendar. We present this series each month on the 4th Wednesday, same place, same time. Coming programs are;

April: Appalachia
May: Watching People
June: Alabama

July: Soviet Union and Russia
August: In The Garden
September: Italy
October: Georgia
November: Arizona
December: New Mexico

The series will end after the December presentation. We need to hit the road!

- **Summary of February 14th HPS Presentation:**

(summary by: Maurice Centner)
Workshops: PhotoRoadshow@yahoo.com
Jeff Woodlee (678) 232-4571
Vicki Stephens (404) 402-3941

Trip Planning Materials:

Maps: www.brieftech.com
Sunrise/Sunset Times: http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html
Book: Author Morris, "Birds as Art"
Guide book: "Photo Travelers Guide"
Magazine: "Country Discoveries"

Mapping/Location Software Recommended:

Delorme Street Atlas 2005" (w/ GPS).

Recommended Hardware:

Tripod: Manfrotto Tripod: Bogen, Mdl: 3021 Pro (~\$146.95 @ B&H)

Ball-head: Manfrotto, Mdl: 488 (\$74.95 @ B&H)

Panoramic Ball Camera Leveling Mount: Manfrotto Bogen, Mdl: 438 (Bogen 3052) (~\$67.95 @ B&H)

Macro Camera Mount – Velbon Macro Slider Magnesium (\$99.95 @ B&H)

(Jeff Woodlee recommends this over the RRS [Really Right Stuff's] macro mount), he feels it's more versatile and actually less expensive.)

Other good auxiliary tripod/photo equipment

Really Right Stuff: <http://reallyrightstuff.com>

Kirk: Kirkphoto.com

Wimberley : Wimberley, Inc.

Phone: (888) 665-2746

email: tripod@ntelos.net

Gardening "Knee Pad" for macro photography
Reflector (Car Sun Screen) – Black and White (can be ordered at Advanced Auto).

Filters for Color:

Circular Polarizer

Warming

Neutral Density – (1, 2, or 3 stop)

Neutral Density Filter - (Gradual or Abrupt Transition)

Filters for B&W:

Polarizer (Increases Saturation)

Red (Lightens Red/Orange, Darkens Blue/Green)

Yellow (Lightens Yellow, Darkens Sky)

Green (Lightens Green/Blue, Darkens Reds)

To Keep in Mind:

Try to Bracket Composition, (High Angle, Low Angle, Close-Up, Mid-range, Telephoto, etc.), as well as Exposure.

Golden Hours:

From sunrise till two hours after sunrise.
From two hours before sunset till sunset.

- **Tom and Pat Cory** up coming workshops:
April 9 Botanical Gardens, Huntsville, AL, Wildflower Workshop
April 13-17 Smoky Mountains, Townsend, TN, Photo Tour/Workshop

April 30 Chattanooga, Black and White (NEW)
May 7 River Garden, Chattanooga, TN Nature Photo Workshop through TN Aquarium
Contact: TomPatCory@aol.com

HPS MEMBER ACHEIVEMENTS:

- **Martha Teal's** photo of a local festival in Schwarzenberg, Austria won an Honorable Mention in The Times' annual Travel Photo Contest. It appeared in The Huntsville Times on February 20, 2005.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL: If you would like to receive your newsletter by email (Adobe pdf) send Rick Kress an email at rgkress@knology.net

COMPETITION TOPICS 2005

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan '05	Impressionism	June '05	Series	Oct '05	Butterflies
Feb '05	Difference/Contrast		(2 or more photos)	Nov '05	On Stage
Mar '05	Trains/Tracks	July '05	Landscapes	Dec '05	Best of the Year
Apr '05	Open	Aug '05	Rain	Jan '06	Open
May '05	Reflections	Sep '05	Barns		

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FOR SALE

Sandra Cope has some of her fathers lighting equipment that she wants to get rid of. She has:

- 4' x 4' portrait light on ~7' stand on rollers (homemade).
- Retouching stand originally used to touchup negatives (also homemade).
- Another 5' portrait light.

The price is right.....FREE. Just looking for a good home. Her father use to work with local photographer Jimmy Gill. She can be reached at 830-3254 (days) or 534-1794 (nights).