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Program- An Evening With Larry



The September meeting will feature a favorite...Larry Perry from Knoxville. Larry's programs are always entertaining, educational, often controversial, but always informative. He has presented at the HPS for the last several years to standing room crowds and this program is certain to be one so you may want to get there early.

Larry is an author of some 27 books, 6 on Photoshop, a nationally recognized nature photographer who had 2 magazine covers to his credit last year, a certified Adobe Photoshop instructor, a recognized photo contest judge around the country, a world traveler who has been to some 117 countries, and a whole lot more.

We call his program, "An Evening with Larry" because his presentations are widely varied and often include everything from nature and fashion photography, to how to make you images "Pop" with Photoshop, to how to judge your images for competition, to any number of other topics in the Photographic field. There is never a dull moment with Larry's programs as those of you who have attended in the past will attest. His topics are often unpredictable, other than the fact that everyone will learn from his presentations! Whether you are a newbie or an old pro, you will benefit from Larry's presentation. His programs at the Wilderness Wildlife Week each year are among the most attended and popular.

Photoshop Practice *by Rick Kress*

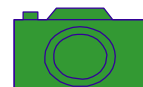
Interested in comparing your photo editing techniques to others?

If yes, read on. We're establishing a photo editing group for this exact purpose. There will be no judging or points or prizes. The idea is that everyone starts with the same image and improves it to the best of their ability. All participants will start with the same image. I will use an email list to notify people when a new starting image is available. They

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- Special points of interest:
- Two New Online Programs: Photoshop & Feedback Forum!
 - Mentorship Program
 - Competition Subject: Landscape





From the President

Believe it or not, we didn't have any hiccups this month in our program or our competition. I hope this doesn't mean next month we'll have twice as many issues! Our program in August was presented by our very own Andrea Shetley. She showed us all of her tricks on getting great macro shots. Well, maybe not all, but quite a few. With our creepy bugs competition coming up, we all have reasons to practice what she preached. Thank you Andrea.

For our competition topic we had "Open" with our judge being Cyndi Hornsby. After reviewing our 2009 survey results, one thing was pretty constant among the responses: We want more feedback by our judges. I asked Cindy to do this and, wow, did she. Whether one agrees with her views or not, I think most would admit that she did a great job explaining what she liked and didn't like as she made her selections. Remember to checkout her website:

www.chornsbystudio.com. Thank you Cyndi.

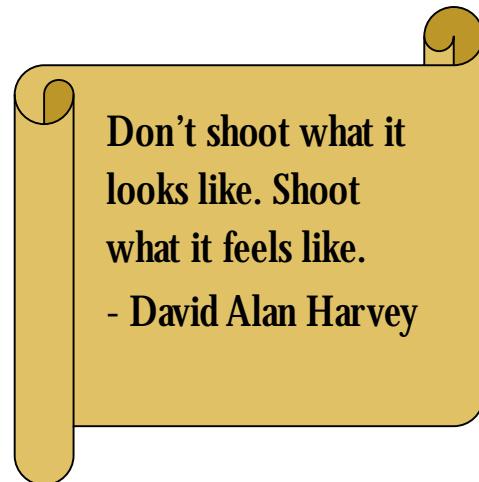
We are reviving our mentoring program. If you feel you could help a novice photographer, please contact Jerry Green (gofish80@comcast.com) and let him know what kind of help you would be willing to give. If you are a new photographer and would like a little one-on-one time with a more experienced photographer, contact Jerry and he will try to pair people up together.

More online fun is coming. We have plans to start two online activities for our members. The first is a way members can submit photos and get feedback from other members. The second is a photo editing group that will help sharpen everyone's post processing skills. Watch your email for details.

As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns about HPS, please contact me. The results from the survey taken earlier this year are now on our website (www.HuntsvillePhotographicSociety.org). The board has been reviewing the results and is looking into ways to improve the organization.

Rick Kress

2009 Meeting Dates
Sep 14 - An Evening With Larry- Larry Perry
Sep 28 - Landscape Competition
Oct 12 - Elements and Principles- Eric Mittman
Oct 26 - Creepy Bugs Competition
Nov 9 - 3D Photography Program- Lee Pratt
Nov 23 - Lakeshore/Seashore Competition
Nov 30- Members Forum
Dec 14 - Best of Year
Jan 25, 2010 -Reflections Competition



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Photoshop Practice *(Continued from page 1)*

will download the image from the web, modify it, resize it, and email it back. I will post all responses on our digital competition website (www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com) along with the original image.

Questions & Answers

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Q. Who can participate?

A. Any HPS member.

Q. Where will the initial/starting images come from?

A. Participants will be asked to submit one of their own images to start with. I will select from this pool of "Starting Images". Once all images have been used, I'll request another batch from the group.

Q. What format will the starting image be in?

A. To ensure the best photo editing work, I would like to allow and encourage starting with RAW files. But since not all people will be able to handle all formats of RAW, I would like to have two versions of the starting file (full sized JPG and RAW). Participants can choose which they would like to use. We may also use DNG format for those that are familiar with that. The starting image will be placed on a website and users can pull down whichever format they prefer.

Q. How do I submit my modified image?

A. Images will need to be resized and saved to max size 1280 x 1024 pixels, 8 bits/channel, JPEG file and emailed to a new email address (HPSphotos@knology.net). 1280 x 1024 should fill MOST monitors and allow the best evaluation of everyone's editing jobs.

Q. How many variation may I submit?

A. ONE.

Q. How often will a "Starting Image" be sent out?

A. Don't know this yet? _Probably_ once a month.....initially.

Q. How soon does the modified image need to be returned?

A. 2 Weeks.

Q. Do I have to use Photoshop to edit the image?

A. NO!!! Use any and all tools that you like.

Q. Am I limited on how I change the image?

A.NO....with one exception. Do anything you like: crop, rotate, swirl, clone, smudge, sharpen, blur, etc. The only thing I ask is that you don't ADD items from another image.

Q. Does this affect the monthly competition in any way?

A. NO. This is purely for fun and has nothing to do with the monthly competition.

Q. Who "owns" the images?

A. Obviously the submitter of the original owns the original. The modified images are not owned by anyone. If you do the modification, you may NOT use the image in any other way without permission of the originating owner. If you own the original, you may NOT use the modified images without permission from the modifier. The originator is free to try to re-create any of the modified images him/herself.

Q. What guarantees do I have about the images?

A.NONE. I will put the standard disclaimers on all pages that the images cannot be used without permission. I have no way to stop theft or enforce that members follow the above rules. If an image is that important to you, don't submit it.

To START:

Send email message

to HPSphotos@knology.net

Make subject: "PP photo sign up"

I'll add you to the email list. If your submission for the starting image pool is less than 5 Meg, you can include the image in the email. If the image is larger than 5 Meg, I request that you bring the image to a regular club meeting on a CD or a thumb drive. If you are submitting a RAW or DNG file, please also create a JPG version using some basic settings so that everyone can use your image. I'll reply back with confirmation that you're on the list.

This is a very preliminary. Things may change after we start the process.

August Competition Results
Subject - Open
Judge- Cyndi Hornsby

	Color Prints	Digital
1st	Henry Smith	Geri Reddy
2nd	Barbara Hitt	Geri Reddy
3rd	Barbara Montgomery	Geri Reddy
HM	Martha Teal	Diana Davidson
HM	Mike Lyon	Jerry Green
HM	Don Wolfe	Mikala Buwalda
HM	Martha Teal	Henry Smith
HM	Tom Bryant	Mike Lyon
	62 Entries	79 Entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
1st	Barbara Hitt	Jerry Green
2nd	Martha Teal	Guy McAllister
3rd	Geri Reddy	Lee Pratt
HM	Martha Teal	Joy Henderson
HM	Diana Davidson	Jerry Green
HM	Tom Bryant	Lee Pratt
	32 Entries	32 Entries

2009 Year To Date:

	Total	
Name	YTD Points	YTD Wins
Barbara Hitt	62	19
Martha Teal	32	15
Barbara Staggs	30	13
Ernie High	28	11
Henry Smith	26	14
Sam Fara	24	8
Diana Davidson	20	9
David Blue	19	9
Guy Mcallister	18	7

	Total	
Name	YTD Points	YTD Wins
Geri Reddy	17	6
Carol Blue	16	8
Bill Gates	16	5
Alan Buwalda	14	6
Jerry Green	14	8
Joy Henderson	14	8
Barbara Montgomery	14	6
David Steele	14	3
Virginia Gilbert	12	4
Brenda Courtney	11	4
Don Wolfe	11	4
Rick Kress	10	3
Doug Felton	9	5
Emily Saile	8	6
Andrea Shetley	8	2
Walt Schumacher	7	2
Robert Fox	5	2
Carol Peshman	5	2
Lee Pratt	5	3
Rick Werp	5	1
John Kirwin	4	1
Shawn Brechbill	3	1
Tom Bryant	3	3
Mikala Buwalda	3	3
Dave McGuinness	3	1
Sterling High	2	2
Mike Lyon	2	2
Robert Schuffert	2	2
Eddie Sewell	2	2
Sharon Tucker	2	2
Bill Courtny	1	1
Daniel Davis	1	1
Daniel Little	1	1
Heidi Meadows	1	1
Alan Montgomery	1	1
Kristy Newton	1	1
Bobby Parish	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Tammy Steele	1	1

First Place Winners

Color Print by
Henry Smith



Digital by Geri Reddy



Slide by
Jerry Green

Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. 1st place receives either a Panorama "12 x 36" or "12 x 24", 2nd place- "12 x 18", 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.

Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results:

www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com

Website for Novice Class is

www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions

Mentorship Program

If you would like to participate in the HPS mentor program please contact Jerry Green at gofish@comcast.net.

Photographic Opportunities

- ⇒ Art On The Square, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sep 12, Athens. A one day juried art cultural event promoting fine and performing artists of North Alabama. Free event offers opportunity to create your own art, www.artonthesquareathens.com.
- ⇒ Trade Days On The Square, 8-5, Sep 12, Huntsville Court House Square. Antiques, music, hand crafted and retail vendors on the sidewalks.
- ⇒ 9th Ole Timey Craft & Bluegrass Festival, Sep 18 & 19, Paint Rock Valley Lodge, 256-776-9411. Bluegrass & country music all day. Basket weaving, broom making, wood carving, Native American crafts, Civil War reenactments, and other displays, www.jacksoncountychamber.com.
- ⇒ Trail of Tears Remembrance & Native American Pow Wow, Sep 19, Florence, McFarland Park. Celebration of Native American history, demonstrations, arts, crafts, and three-day Pow Wow, www.trailoftears-remembrance.org. Motorcyclists will be driving through Huntsville-Madison area Sat morning, Sep 18.
- ⇒ Mule Day, Sep 26-27, Winfield. More than 300 arts, crafts, and flea market vendors, an antique car show. Skirmish at The Luxapalila, a Civil War reenactment, 205-487-8841.

New Member

Cynthia Barber

Visitors

Jessi Brown

John Wilson

James Gilbert

Benton Derrick

Tristan Riabo

Marian Lewis

New Online Program!

Feedback Forum

We're establishing an area on our photo website, www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/FeedbackForum, where members can post any images that they would like feedback on. All members are welcome to make comments on any images. Please keep the comments constructive. You don't have to like every image but please be polite when making your comments. All comments should include your name. There is also a rating system built into the smugmug account. I encourage everyone to use it.

Suggested rating system:

5 stars: Awesome photo. Should win monthly contest

4 stars: Really good photo. Could win or place in monthly contest

3 stars: Image has potential. Could be really good with some work.

2 stars: Neutral. Neither good nor bad

1 star: Not my cup of tea.

Submission instructions will be e-mailed to members by mid September. For more info, contact Rick Kress at rgkress@knology.net.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 HPS Program – Larry Perry	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Digital Pics Due NPS Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 HPS Competition Subject: Landscape	29	30 Newsletter Deadline			

Phases of the moon - 4th: Full Moon 18th: New Moon

2009 Club Survey Results:

The complete survey questions and results have been posted on the club website, www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org. The following summary is based on 33 responses out of approximately 103 paid memberships:

1. What are club members looking for? 88% are looking for "Learning Photography", 79% Appreciation of the Art of Photography & Competition, 39% Entertainment, & 21% had "Other" comments.
2. Program Topics:
85% want Digital Post Processing (Photoshop skills)
30% want Camera basics (f-stop, shutter speed, etc.)
33% had "Other" comments.
3. How often do you compete? 70% compete almost every month.
4. Judging Process. 82% enjoy watching the judging process, 100% want judges to comment on winners, 42% had other comments about the judging process.
5. Competition categories: 65% want to keep slides, 35% want to drop it. 100% do NOT want to combine b/w with color prints.

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Larry Perry, September Program, see cover story.

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

Club Website: 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.

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.

