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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings and Happy May! I hope everyone has been out enjoying our beautiful spring. Fortunately, the weather has been mild, which has been excellent for flowers and plants. Be sure to take advantage of club-organized field trips to get out to areas you might not go to by yourself. Think about organizing a field trip to take members to a place you know about that may have great photo ops. If you need help, contact Robert Schuffert, our new VP of Activities. He can give you some pointers on coordinating your trip.

Our April program was an interesting and entertaining presentation by Muril Robertson. His beautiful digital infrared images were astonishing! And the eagle shots outstanding. Thanks, Muril, for sharing your visions and talent.

Our May program will be by another HPS member, Diana Davidson. She is a local doctor and travels often to Africa to help in clinics. She will be presenting a travelogue on Africa. Join us for what is bound to be a most visually stimulating and moving show.

The April competition topic was "Fog." We had another month of great participation with many outstanding and interesting images. We used the hot lights one more night, but I was assured that the print box would be ready by the next competition. Thanks, again, to Don Bennett for volunteering to lead this project. We even overcame the hurdle of not having our club projector (oops!). Thanks to the library for lending us theirs for the evening. Our guest judge did an excellent job in her selection, although she repeatedly said how hard it was. The level of quality is extremely high in HPS, giving each of our judges a challenge to choose only the best of the best.

For May, our competition is "Open." So anything goes, folks! This is the time to enter all those great images you have that do not fall into the assigned topics.

I hope you will participate in the exhibit at The Arts Center in Fayetteville, Tennessee, on June 3 and 4. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the public to display our art and to encourage photographers to join our organization. We will need volunteers to help set up, man the displays, and tear

Next Meeting: May 8, 2006

Speaker: Lyn Davidson

Topic: Africa

Next Competition: May 22, 2006

Topic: Open

Scheduled Judge: TBD

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.

down. Please give a small portion of your time to help make this event a big success.

Walt Schumacher will keep us posted on our other upcoming exhibitions around Huntsville.

Andrea L. Shetley, APSA
HPS President

[April Competition Results not available in time for publication - Sorry]

OF INTEREST:

HPS Exhibition at The Arts Center in Fayetteville

HPS will be the guest organization at the The Arts Center in Fayetteville, Tennessee, on June 3 and 4. Please bring your prints to Andrea Shetley at one of the May meetings. Each member may submit up to 10 prints up to 16x20. Prints may be matted and may have a protective covering on them. Prints may also be framed, but must have picture wire on the back for hanging (no clips, stick-on tabs, etc.). Volunteers are needed to set up (probably Thursday or Friday evening), be at the exhibition (Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.), and tear down (Sunday evening, or other arranged time). If desired, works can be for sale. Please clearly mark your print with name, title, and price. A donation of 10% of each sale will go the The Arts Center. If you have any

questions, please contact Andrea Shetley at 931-438-9339 or alshetley@hotmail.com.

Gadsden Museum Photography Contest

Student & Adult Divisions.

Entry Deadline : May 1st.

All prints must remain in exhibition through Jun 23.

Categories:

Traditional Techniques 1) Color & 2) B/W

Digital Techniques 1) Color & 2) B/W

Entry fee: \$5 per print. Limit 5 prints.

Prints must be white matted only - No frames

Entry form and more information can be found at HPS website (www.huntsvillePhotographicSociety.org)

Flash Brackets:

(submitted by member Lea Sylvester)

I have found a new place to get "brackets" for lights (to keep them above the lens) for indoor work, etc. I had been using Strobiframe and found this site where one can have one made and also they have several different models that are VERY GOOD. I thought I would share this: Go to www.custombrackets.com. These are great and are very sturdy. I count on mine in so many different circumstances....others may have found themselves wanting a better quality or more hefty bracket - this is the answer.

National Park Service 2006 Photo Contest

The National Park Service's 2006 National Natural Photo Contest information is now available on their web site at www.nature.nps.gov/nnl/photocontest. The locations of National Natural Landmarks can be found on the web site. The tupelo gum swamp in the Beaverdam Swamp (along the boardwalk) is one and photos taken in this area should qualify fo the contest.

MEMBER INFO:

Sam Tumminello was given an Award of Distinction for a gelatin silver print (monochrome photograph) entitled: "Tuba

Player" in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's recent art contest: "Art in the Jazz Age: Contemporary Art Inspired by The Great Gatsby."

At the annual Cumberland Falls Photo Competition-Workshop **Carol Blue** received a 3rd place in "Wildflowers in Bloom" and **David Blue** received an Honorable Mention each in "Wet and Wild" and in "Forest Floor". The competition had approximately 500 images.

Robert Schuffert has five photographs on display in the Gadsden Museum of Art at 515 Broad Street in Gadsden. The exhibit will be open from May 8 through June 23, with the opening reception May 9th, 4pm-6:30pm. Everyone is invited if you're in the area. This is a juried show

His photos which were being displayed at the Alabama State Capitol last month are being moved this week to Mobile to be on display at Fort Conde. This location has changed from the original location stated on the web page at www.yearofoutdooralabama.com. June 2 through July 5 the exhibit will move to the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, then wind up at the central location of the Birmingham Library July 8 to Aug 6.

Lea Sylvester was selected by the Southern Rock group, Lynyrd Skynyrd to do a four-city tour with them recently and do exclusive photography for them. She wound up the assignment with the Muscle Shoals Alabama Music Hall of Fame Benefit Concert on April 14.. Some awesome shots are at her website. These shots will be included in the band's exhibit at the Hall of Fame as well as at Lynyrd Skynyrd's website soon.

She also have had several magazine assignments; one of them highlighting the City of Mentone, Alabama. This, along with several other features she has done will appear in upcoming issues of AlabamaALIVE! This magazine can be found at Books A Million and soon at Barnes and Noble, also by subscription. She has the June issue cover, which will be Rick & Bubba, the syndicated radio personalities.

COMPETITION TOPICS 2006

Month

Jan '06

Feb '06

Mar '06

Apr '06

May '06

Topic

Open

Abandoned Buildings

In the Kitchen

Fog

Open

Month

June '06

Jul '06

Aug '06

Sep '06

Topic

Lights at Night

Flowers

Fire!

Portraits of Children

Month

Oct '06

Nov '06

Dec '06

Jan '07

Topic

Open

Birds

Best of the Year

Festival

2006 Calendar of Photographic Events

MAY

Mon. 8

HPS Program: Africa
Presenter: Lyn Davidson

Mon. 15

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 22

HPS Competition: Open
Judge: TBD

JUNE

Sat-Sun. 2-3

HPS Exhibition at The Arts Center
Fayetteville, TN

Mon. 12

HPS Program: Shootout
Presenter: Walt Schumacher

Mon. 19

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 26

HPS Competition: Lights at Night
Judge: TBD

JULY

Mon. 10

HPS Program: Photoshop Bridge &
Organizing Photographs
Presenter: Steve Gray

Mon. 17

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 24

HPS Competition: Flowers
Judge: TBD

Mon. 31

HPS Members' Forum Night

AUGUST

Mon. 14

HPS Program: Wildflower
Identification
Presenter: Jack Carman

Mon. 21

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 28

HPS Competition: Fire!
Judge: TBD

SEPTEMBER

Mon. 11

HPS Program: Nature Photo & Props
Presenter: Charles Needle

Mon. 18

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon 25

HPS Competition: Portraits of
Children
Judge: TBD

OCTOBER

Mon.. 9

HPS Program: PSA Stereo Sequence
Exhibition Winners
Presenter: H. Lee Pratt

Mon. 16

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

Mon. 23

HPS Competition: Open
Judge: TBD

Mon. 30

HPS Members' Forum Night

NOVEMBER

Mon. 13

HPS Program: TBD
Presenter: Tom & Pat Cory

Mon. 20

NPS Meeting
Program: TBD
Presenter: TBD

Mon. 27

HPS Competition: Birds
Judge: TBD

DECEMBER

Mon. 11

HPS Annual Dinner and Year End
Awards

Mon. 18

NPS Meeting
NPS Members' Show & Tell

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NPS - Nature Photographic Society