



Year-End Competition results

Our thanks to all our Judges, Dr. Bill Reynolds for Color Prints, Roy Simmons for Black and White Prints and Dennis Keim for Slides. Bill and Dennis came to the presentation and gave helpful comments on the winning photos. Their results were:

	<u>Color Prints</u>	<u>B&W Prints</u>	<u>Slides</u>
Best	Elsabe Webster	Elsabe Webster	Barbara Staggs
1st	Wes Swift Jr.	Pat Gardner	Sam Tumminello
2nd	Barbara Staggs	Roberto Puon	Elsabe Webster
3rd	Roberto Puon	Wes Swift Jr.	Barbara Staggs
HM	Elsabe Webster	Roberto Puon	Barbara Staggs
HM	Emily Saile	Virginia Gilbert	Sam Tumminello

HPS Web Site - On-Line!!!

Thanks to Traveller Information Services for to host our web site. Big thanks to Roberto Puon for taking care of the pages. Our location is:

<http://www.hsv.tis.net/~hps>

January Program

Our January program will be Show & Tell. Any/all members are encouraged to bring five prints/slides or combination thereof to share with us. Members may talk about their slides or ask for critiques.

January Competition

The Judge for "Curves" will be UAH Art Instructor, Keith Jones.

HELP!!! Slide Missing

If anyone who participated in the End of the Year slide competition accidentally picked up Wes Swift's slide, please bring it to the next meeting, or call him directly. The slide was shown during the presentation but disappeared when everyone picked up their slides.

Best Wishes

We found out that a long time member, George Thurlow, had a stroke December 16th and is at HealthSouth rehab center which is connected to Huntsville Hospital. He will be there about a month, is currently in a wheelchair, and can have visitors from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Photo Exchange Wants Your Images!

Both clubs agreed with what was suggested and attached you find the conditions. I agreed with the BoD that the picture collection should take place at the first Monday meeting in February. Each member can attend with four slides (35mm only) and two pictures in color and two pictures in B&W (minimum size of 160mm x 200mm = 6.25" x 8"). Theme is open, but we should restrict ourselves to southeast themes, so no Grand Canyon pictures. Each club will pay for their own shipping, both directions.

The 1997 President's Trophy

The 1997 President's Trophy Award which went to Elsabe Webster. The President's trophy is awarded to the individual that accumulates the most points in the monthly competitions held that year. Elsabe also holds the honor of being the first lady to earn the trophy. Congratulations on a job well done. In second place was Barbara Staggs, only ONE point behind.

Board Meeting

The HPS Officers for 1998 are requested for the first board meeting of the year. We will meet at 6pm in the Library Auditorium (or one of the smaller meeting rooms). Please make every effort to attend.

1997 Southerland's Top Ten

Thanks again to our wonderful sponsor, Southerland's Photo, for giving us the extra incentive to go out there and get the shots. Please remember to say "Thanks" the next time your in their shop.

1 st Place	Elsabe Webster	78
2 nd Place	Barbara Staggs	77
3 rd Place	Emily Saile	41
4 th Place	Roberto Puon	39
5 th Place	Alma Sanders	37
6 th Place	Wesley Swift Jr	36
7 th Place	Sam Tumminello	25
8 th Place	Pat Gardner	19
9 th Place	Barry Jackson	17
10 th Place	Virginia Gilbert	12

For those not in the Top Ten, you know where the competition is coming from...

Congratulations to ALL the monthly and yearly winners. Best wishes for the upcoming competitions. The amount of the gift certificates listed were the 1996 totals. This year the amounts were altered at Southerland's Photos discretion.

From the President

I want to thank those members of the Huntsville Photographic Society that thought enough of me to nominate and then accept me as the president of HPS. I am relatively new to photography, but in the last three years it has become an encompassing hobby in which I hope to make pay for itself some day. The opportunity of being the president of the Huntsville Photographic Society will be a challenge for me this year and I hope that together we can promote the art of photography throughout Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley.

I thought that a theme for this year's effort might be, "making your photography pay for itself". Give me your thoughts on this idea. A suggested program might be to ask members who have recently entered the professional realm of photography to talk about their starting of a photography business. Also to find someone involved in stock photography to talk about the ins-and-outs of that arena. And one other idea, there is an international organization called International Freelance Photographers Organization (IFPO)", and I can look for some information about the benefits offered. These are just some thoughts that the new guy wanted to throw out and see what bites he might get. If anyone thinks of a photography trip please feel free to suggest it to the group.

During the holiday season the Tennessee Valley has had some interesting weather, snowy, rainy, stormy, and some unusually warm days, giving opportunity for wonderful photography, and I hope that everyone took advantage of this time. Don't forget the theme for this month is "CURVES".

Thanks,
Curtis Miller