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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Holiday Greetings!

As we come to the close of another year, I would like to once again thank the HPS Board members and several members who have donated their time and expertise to keep HPS running smoothly, and who put their energy into keeping things entertaining and educational. I am unable to attend this year's annual Year End Banquet and Awards Presentation to thank these individuals in person, but I ask you to recognize each one and show your appreciation for their contributions.

**Walt Schumacher**, Programs VP and Webmaster: Walt will be leaving the VP position, but maintaining his post of Webmaster. He has put in a lot of time to bring you great programs during his tenure. From travelogues to Photoshop to Shootouts to techniques to so much more, Walt made sure we had a selection of presentations that covered a wide variety of photographic topics and skill levels. He works hard at keeping our Web site up to date, loaded with information, and looking good. Remember to send him any links or information you think would be of interest to the photographic community.

**Sharon Callahan**, Competitions VP: Sharon took on the daunting task of running the monthly competitions as a new comer. She has shown great enthusiasm and dedication to getting a variety of interesting and talented people to judge. On top of everything else, she volunteered to organize the year-end banquet! Remember to help out on competition night with the passing and displaying of the prints. Sharon also will be leaving us in the middle of next year. She will be getting married and leaving the area. We will miss her greatly, but wish her all the best in her new life!

**Robert Schuffert**, Activities VP: Robert has taken us on some exciting tours around Alabama and Tennessee. He has been able to get us into areas we might not have found or been able to have access to on an individual basis. He also has readily shared his knowledge and skills to help each participant. He also teaches photography classes locally. I want to remind everyone that Robert doesn't need to lead every activity; he is the key coordinator to get information out to members and on our calendar of events. Please give your field trip and workshop ideas (or volunteer

**Next Meeting: Dec 10, 2007**

**Speaker: none**

**Topic: End of the Year Banquet**

**Next Competition: Dec 10, 2007**

**Topic: Best of the Year**

**Scheduled Judge: Huntsville Times Photography Dept.**

**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 Geri Reddy with news, information, or announcements. (256) 656-0876, or by email at: [hpsNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hpsNewsletter@yahoo.com).**

to lead one!) to Robert so we can continue with this new and educational area.

**Sam Tumminello**, Publicity: Sam has done a fantastic job of spreading the word to the community and surrounding areas about HPS. He contacted many public calendar sponsors and free advertising organizations. We have had many visitors and obtained new members due to his diligent efforts to promote our organization. This is a direct result of the time and effort Sam has put into this position. He also is our liaison with The Arts Council. Sam also tracked down all of our material assets and made a log of where each item is located.

**Rick Kress**, Newsletter Editor and Digital Competitions Secretary: Rick also is leaving his post of Editor; but he will continue running the digital section of our competitions. Rick has done an excellent job of putting together the newsletter and getting special notices out to members. He has done an extraordinary job of and put a great amount of effort into the new digital section of our competitions. He headed the digital rules committee (coming up with most of the specifications), put in place the on-line judging process and gallery, and developed the presentation program to display the images at each meeting.

**Dave McGuiness**, Treasurer: Dave does a great job managing our money and memberships. He always has the best interest of the Society in mind when we are discussing purchases and distributions of our funds. Be sure to pay your dues for 2008 before the end of the year to get a \$2 discount! Dave also built our light box used for the print competition, (with the help of Don Bennett), and sets it up each competition meeting.

**Lee Pratt**, PSA Representative: Lee is best known for his annual October presentation of the results of the PSA Stereo Sequence Competition. This is where we get to wear the funny glasses and see great mini programs from around the world. Lee also is the Competition Chairman for this activity, and recruits three HPS members to judge each June (if you're lucky, there is chocolate!). We only have a few PSA members, but starting in 2008 we will be reporting more about PSA activities in the newsletter. See Lee if you have any questions about PSA and how it may fit into your photographic lifestyle. Also, if you are thinking about trying stereo (3-D), Lee is the person to see.

**David and Carol Blue**, Competitions Secretary: David and Carol maintain the competitions database, which includes the monthly points, overall to-date point accumulation, competition levels, and year-end awards. It is with their great organizational skills and attention to detail that keeps our records straight. If you have any questions about your current point standings, see Carol or David.

**Joe Boyd**, Past President: Joe continues to have input and help guide the Society with his experience. As much as he probably wants to just sit back and relax, we won't let him!

**Jerry Green**, Mentor Program Coordinator: Jerry presented a great idea at one of the Member Forum Nights that received great enthusiasm from the attending members: a mentor-student program. He enlisted the help of several HPS members to be mentors in many areas and has advertised for members who want extra help or advice to contact him to be matched with a mentor. We have mentors skilled in techniques and equipment.

**Barbara Staggs**, Enthusiastic Volunteer: Barbara is our usual banquet coordinator, and will be assisting Sharon this year. A woman of many talents, she has presented programs, taught classes, and brings many activity ideas to the Society. She is always ready to pitch in to help to keep the Society running smooth.

**Diane Holderfield**, Enthusiastic Volunteer: Diane has presented several great ideas to the Society. She made the initial contact with Costco to see if they were interested in sponsoring or working with HPS (it is now in the hands of the president to move forward with this item). She also organized the alternative meeting place for the first November meeting...a venue that worked out wonderfully. She also is a regular at pitching in on competition night to pass or display prints.

As for me, Andrea Shetley, President, I would like to thank all of these volunteers for a job well done! Since (again) no one challenged me for my position, I will continue to be president in the best capacity I can. I am often out of town on

business travel; but I am fortunate to have a supportive and skilled team of individuals to assist me, and an organization full of enthusiastic and talented members who pitch in when needed. I couldn't do it without your help!

I also would like to welcome to the 2008 HPS Board Jerry Green, VP Programs; Joy Henderson, VP Competitions; and Geri Reddy, Newsletter Editor.

Be ready for next year! If you do not have the competition topics, see Rick Kress or Sharon Callahan. Please complete the survey so we know what you would like to see in the Society. Your comments and ideas are essential to making this the best organization we can. You also are always welcome to contact me directly with any questions, comments, or suggestions at any time.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and good luck at the end of year competition!

Andrea L. Shetley  
HPS President

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

Just wanted to say a few words before exiting the podium. It's been a rewarding three years doing the newsletter and I want to thank all those people that helped me and submitted articles and information. The newsletters would have been a lot thinner without them! Please continue your support for the incoming editor, Geri Reddy. Thank you Geri for stepping up and helping out the club. I know you'll do a great job.

Rick Kress  
Post Newsletter Editor

**OF INTEREST:**

**Nov Competition Results: Trees**

	<b>Color Prints</b>	<b>Digital</b>
<b>1st</b>	Bill Snoddy	Rick Kress
<b>2nd</b>	Bill Courtney	Rick Kress
<b>3rd</b>	Jerry Green	Robert Schuffert
<b>HM</b>	Elsabe Webster	Henry Smith
<b>HM</b>	Walt Schumacher	Geri Reddy
<b>HM</b>	Joy Henderson	Doug Felton
<b>HM</b>	Barbara Staggs	Bill Snoddy
<b>HM</b>	Martha Teal	Robert Schuffert
	63 entries	60 entries
	<b>B/W Prints</b>	<b>Slides</b>
<b>1st</b>	Barbara Hitt	Elsabe Webster
<b>2nd</b>	Pat Gardner	Tom Bryant
<b>3rd</b>	Sue Zupko	Sam Fara
<b>HM</b>	Bill Zupko	Barbara Staggs
<b>HM</b>	Martha Teal	Emily Saile
<b>HM</b>	Pat Gardner	Elsabe Webster
<b>HM</b>		Janet Schumacher
	27 entries	39 entries

**Various Local Newspapers looking for photos:**

Thanks to Gina Hurst

The Limestone Spirit needs your photos! Submit photos of community activities, school events, sports actions, Scout programs, teams, or anything you'd like to see published. E-mail your digital photos to [valerie.green@htimes.com](mailto:valerie.green@htimes.com) and post them to our Web site by clicking on "Submit your photos" at [www.al.com/limestone](http://www.al.com/limestone).

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The Decatur Daily invites you to submit your photos for their Saturday Scrapbook Page. Please e-mail photos to The Decatur Daily at [bslate@decaturdaily.com](mailto:bslate@decaturdaily.com).

*Holly Hollman  
Decatur Daily*

The News Courier invites you to submit your photos to its Sunday Scene or At Play pages. Send photos to Kelly Kazek at [kelly@athensnews-courier.com](mailto:kelly@athensnews-courier.com).

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**Wilderness Wildlife Week**

January 12 to 19, 2008  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee  
[www.mypigeonforge.com/winterfest-wilderness.asp](http://www.mypigeonforge.com/winterfest-wilderness.asp)

This is a must-see event. Nine days of entertainment, learning, and activities celebrating the great outdoors...and it's FREE! There are hikes; photography classes and workshops; photography competition; presentations on birds, bears, endangered and extinct species, rocks, and wildflowers; a trade show; and so much more! HPS President, Andrea Shetley, will be presenting several photography and computer programs and workshops. Long-time HPS guest presenters, Tom and Pat Cory, also will be there. You will not find this much talent and information for FREE anywhere else!

**MEMBER INFO:**

Congratulations to HPS member **Diana Lyn Davidson** for winning first place in the Third Annual Photography Competition at Panoply 2007. Her winning photograph is of a contestant in the Official Alabama State Fiddling Championship. The winning picture was recently published on the cover of the November 1 Valley Planet paper. HPS members also took 2nd and 3rd place in the contest. **Richard Clary** took second and **Sue Zupko** took third

**COMPETITION TOPICS 2008**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan '07	White	June '07	Vintage	Nov '07	Celebrate America
Feb '07	Lines/Angles/Patterns	Jul '07	Signs	Dec '07	Best of the Year
Mar '07	Open	Aug '07	Motion/Action	Jan '08	Sunrises/Sunsets
Apr '07	Texture	Sep '07	Open		
May '07	Glass	Oct '07	Water/Liquids		

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# HPS SURVEY for 2008

Do you attend the program nights (second Monday meeting)?     YES             NO

What topics would you like to see presented at the program nights?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Point & Shoot                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Travelogues                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital SLR                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Photography                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to Create a Digital Slide Show      | <input type="checkbox"/> Photojournalism                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photoshop/Elements for Beginners        | <input type="checkbox"/> How to be Successful in Competitions      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photoshop/Elements for Intermediate     | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Basics (composition, f-stops, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photoshop/Elements for Advanced         | <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Lightroom                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting (indoors and outside)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portraits/Weddings (studio and outside) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macro/Close-Up                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                               |

Do you attend the competition nights (fourth Monday)?     YES             NO

Do you compete?     YES             NO

Would you like to see competition split into two levels (novice and advanced)?     YES             NO

Do you like the new judging process (in/out and passing individual prints in the lightbox)?     YES             NO

Would you like to see the topic "What Is It?" be a set topic each year?     YES             NO

Would you like to see more of HPS members' work (separate from competition)?     YES             NO

Do you attend the Members Forum Nights (fifth Monday nights)?                     YES             NO

Do you attend field trips and/or workshops?                     YES             NO

Would you like to see more field trips and/or workshops offered?                     YES             NO

What workshops would you like to see presented (half day or all day)?

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