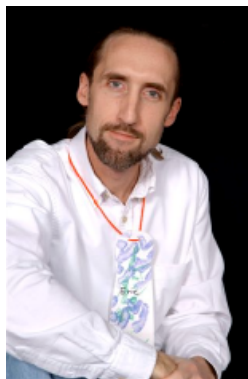




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Program- Elements, Principles, & Kaleidoscopes by Eric Mittman



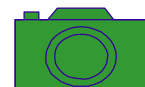
Join Eric Mittman and a few of his Sparkman High School photography students on October 10, as they display and discuss various photography lessons and the resulting images. Eric has a Master's in Art Education and has taught photography at Sparkman High School for the past 7 years. His vision for teaching photography (or any subject) is that it should be fun and relevant. Students in the Creative Photography program study the basics of traditional black and white film processing and printing, digital printing and manipulation with Adobe Photoshop,

and alternative processing techniques such as Polaroid emulsion lifts and acrylic caulk transfers. The department showcases student talent during its bi-annual photography show and open house at the end of each semester. The program provides students with opportunities for travel throughout the United States as well as internationally. Advanced students create a portfolio for scholarship and college applications. Many students from the program have continued their photographic studies at colleges throughout Alabama and the southeast. The program offers job shadowing and professional networking opportunities to help students make connections with commercial, portrait or fine-art based photographers.

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2009 HPS Masters Award Candidates
 Important information for any 2009 Masters candidates concerning Masters exhibition: If you have earned or expect to earn sufficient points to qualify for a Masters this year please send information on how you have met the exhibition requirement to David Blue at dblue@hiwaay.net before Nov. 1 so I can obtain the required Board approval for your award. If you have given me this information in the past, please resubmit even if you submitted this information before. We have had a series of computer failures with subsequent data loss. Sorry for the inconvenience.





From the President

So am I the only one shocked to see summer gone already? The cooler weather is just starting but lets all keep our fingers crossed for some great fall color this year. Unfortunately I can't report too much on this months meetings since I missed both of them. Family duties kept me from both meetings (remember fella's: A happy wife is a happy life). For the second meeting I was supposed to be at a football game but ended up in the ER with my son's suspected broken elbow. Turns out it was just a bruise...and a broken heart. He only got three plays before being injured. Oh well, there's always next year!

Even though I missed the meetings, I would like to thank our presenter, Larry Perry. I haven't

talked to anyone about the meeting but I've seen his presentations in the past and they are always great. I would also like to thank Tom and Pat Cory for judging our landscape competition. We all know what great work they do and the Barbara's had several wins so I know Tom and Pat judged correctly!

Please remember about the Photoshop Practice and the Feedback Forum activities that we are starting up. Photoshop Practice is an exercise in comparing your photo editing skills to that of other photographers. Feedback Forum is a way you can get feedback on your images from other HPS members. Please contact me for details if you're interested in either activity. That's all for now. Get out there and find some creepy bugs for Oct!

Rick Kress

New Name For Newsletter!

HPS members, in an effort to update the newsletter, I'm looking for a new, modern name to replace The Leader and to fit the new design for next year. Please submit suggestions to Geri Reddy, newsletter editor at hpseditor@bellsouth.net or call 656-0876.

2009 Meeting Dates
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

Best of Year Dinner

The 2009 Best of Year Dinner will be held Monday, December 14. Dinner will be provided by the Olive Garden. Look for more info in the next newsletter. Dinner may be purchased at the Program and Competition meetings in November.

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO CONTEST

You can submit up to six photos in three categories—People, Places, and Nature—between now and October 31, 2009. Winners get a camera and the photo printed in the magazine. There is an entry fee of U.S. \$12 for each photo. For more info go to <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/photo-contest/photo-contest>

To me photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place. . .I've found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them.

- Elliott Erwitt

Exhibit your photography at the VBCC by Walt Tyszka

Due to an agreement between The Arts Council and the Huntsville Photographic Society members have the opportunity to exhibit framed photography in the main hallway between the Concert Hall and the Playhouse in the Von Braun Convention Center (VBCC). This is a main corridor and it's an ideal location for good viewing. We have about 12 feet of wall space dedicated for our use. But we need to change the photographs on a regular basis to keep the show from getting stale. There's an excellent cable hanging system for our framed pieces. All we have to do is assemble the pictures and hang them, then remove them after the show ends. The Arts Council has been told that we would do all the work. The participating photographers are expected to hang their own work. I will assist each member in hanging their work as need be, so don't worry. It's easy.

We just need to observe the following guidelines:

- The work **MUST** be family friendly.

- The work must be safe for display in a public passageway. This means that it should be suspended in a secure fashion (I will assist you in this) and have a shatter resistant front cover (Plexiglas or Lexan) to prevent a danger to the general public.

To facilitate a good quality public exhibit the frames need to be larger than eight by ten (8" x 10"), but should be not more than twenty inches (20") wide and spaced four inches (4") apart. This will allow six (6) pieces to be displayed in the space provided. So sixteen by twenty inch (16" x 20") landscape format, or twenty by twenty four inch (20" x 24") portrait format are the maximum frame sizes which will work.

NOTE: We do not want to leave this space empty (as it is now) or the Arts Council may take this space back from us.

So contact Walt Tyszka at 256-851-8852 or 256-604-8260 (AT&T cellular) or email me at photosbywalt@mchsi.com and get your questions answered, and your masterpieces on display!

September Competition Results
Subject - Landscape
Judges- Tom & Pat Cory (Digital)
Sam Tumminello (Prints & Slides)

	Color Prints	Digital
1st	Barbara Montgomery	Henry Smith
2nd	David Blue	Barbara Hitt
3rd	Alan Montgomery	Sam Fara
HM	Barbara Montgomery	Alan Buwalda
HM	Heidi Meadows	Walt Tyszka
HM	Janet Schumacher	Mikala Buwalda
HM	Mike Lyon	John Kirwin
HM	Bill Courtney	Bill Courtney
	64 Entries	71 Entries

	B/W Prints	Slides
1st	Barbara Hitt	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Barbara Staggs	Joy Henderson
3rd	Barbara Hitt	Joy Henderson
HM	Barbara Montgomery	David Blue
HM	Pat Gardner	Barbara Staggs
HM	Pat Gardner	
	26 Entries	22 Entries

2009 Year To Date:

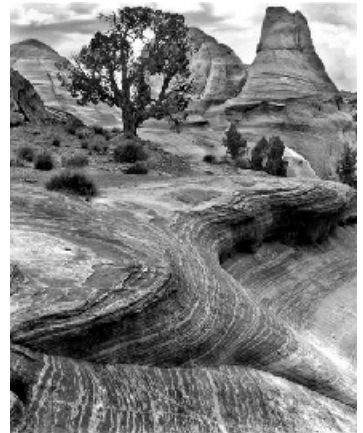
	Total	
Name	YTD Points	YTD Wins
Barbara Hitt	74	22
Barbara Staggs	40	16
Martha Teal	32	15
Henry Smith	31	15
Ernie High	28	11
Sam Fara	27	9
David Blue	24	11
Joy Henderson	21	10
Barbara Montgomery	21	9
Diana Davidson	20	9
Guy Mcallister	18	7
Gerri Reddy	17	6
Carol Blue	16	8
Bill Gates	16	5

	Total	
Name	YTD Points	YTD Wins
Alan Buwalda	15	7
Jerry Green	14	8
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
John Kirwin	5	2
Carol Peshman	5	2
Lee Pratt	5	3
Rick Werp	5	1
Mikala Buwalda	4	4
Alan Montgomery	4	2
Shawn Brechbill	3	1
Tom Bryant	3	3
Bill Courtney	3	3
Mike Lyon	3	3
Dave Mcguiness	3	1
Pat Gardner	2	2
Sterling High	2	2
Heidi Meadows	2	2
Robert Schuffert	2	2
Eddie Sewell	2	2
Sharon Tucker	2	2
Daniel Davis	1	1
Daniel Little	1	1
Kristy Newton	1	1
Bobby Parish	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Janet Schumacher	1	1
Tammy Steele	1	1
Walt Tyszka	1	1

First Place Winners



Slide by Barbara Staggs



Black & White Print
by Barbara Hitt



Digital by
Henry Smith



Color Print by Barbara
Montgomery

Costco Sponsorship

Thank you, Costco, for sponsoring HPS monthly competitions! Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. 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](http://www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions)

Member News

John Lester Roth passed away at his home on Saturday, September 5. He was a mechanical engineer, working on the space program for 40 years. In his free time, he had a passion for nature photography and enjoyed the outdoors.

HPS Mentor Program

For members in need of a mentor or interested in volunteering as one, please contact Jerry Green at gofish80@comcast.net

October Judge

Our judge for October is Lew Campbell. Lew opened Signature Studios in 1984, specializing in weddings. The business evolved over the next decade into a portrait & wedding studio, however, he started exiting the wedding market as soon as portraits would support the business. Lew bought his first digital in 1998 and stopped shooting film in 1999. He started teaching Photoshop in 1994 with version 3.0, and has started teaching photography & Photoshop at Redstone Arsenal through the Arts & Crafts department.

Photographic Opportunities

- ⇒ Scarecrow Trail at The Huntsville Botanical Gardens, October 1-31. Over 100 scarecrows invade the Garden. Weekend hay rides, sourghum maze, and enchanted forest. For more info call 830-4447.
- ⇒ Close Encounters with Birds of Prey at The Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Friday, October 9, two shows at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Boeing-Toyota Amphitheatre. Representatives from Save Our American Raptors in Chattanooga will have several owls, a Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, and others. For more info, call 430-3572, ext. 241.
- ⇒ Alabama Coastal Birdfest, October 15-18, Fairhope, AL. The festival includes guided tours of Dauphin Bay, Weeks Bay Natural Estuarine Research Reserve, Bayou La Batre, Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge, and a free bird & conservation expo including speaker Jeff Bouton (Leica Bird & Nature Specialist). For more info, call 251-625-0814 or www.alabamacoastalbirdfest.com/index.htm.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit articles for the November newsletter by Thursday, October 29. Send information to hpseditor@bellsouth.net.

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

Photography Mentors Needed For Children

Sue Zupko, HPS member, is planning to bring her middle school class of 20 children to Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge for one day of learning to do photography. They need two or three photography mentors – someone who can take a subgroup of children (5-6) and help them with their photography. The event will take place on October 30 from 9:00 a.m. until early afternoon (about 2-3:00 p.m.) with lunch around 11:00 or 11:30 a.m. Please send an e-mail to sue at szupko@hsv.k12.al.us if you would like to help.

New Members

Susan & Anthony
Boyd

Huntsville Photographic Society

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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.

