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FROM THE EDITOR:

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyful Kwanzaa, Peaceful Winter Solstice....did I miss anyone? This will be a very short and sweet newsletter this month due to having about a million other things to do this busy time of year. I'd like to give a big thanks to Ken Webb for judging our enormously popular birds photo contest last month. Wow. With over 150 entries to judge, Ken did an excellent (and speedy!) job. Also a big thank you to the Cory's, Pat and Tom, for another excellent program. Tom seems to worry about showing some of the same photos over and over again but when they're as good as they are, I don't think anyone really minds! Of course this month we will not be having a program but will be having a great BBQ dinner and our best of the year competition. We had over 1400 photos entered into monthly competitions this year. The best of the best should be pretty good, you think?

The board is also still looking for more help. We desperately need a competition secretary and could use some help with the program secretary or newsletter. If you enjoy the club, please think about helping out if and when you can. Thanks!

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and hope to see everyone back next year. Competition topics for next year are included at the end of this newsletter. And remember next year we go digital. See later in this newsletter for more details.

Rick Kress
Newsletter Editor.

Nov. Competition Results: Birds

B/W		Color Prints		Slides	
1st	Barbara Hitt	1st	Jerry Green	1st	Joe Boyd
2nd	Martha Teal	2nd	Jerry Green	2nd	Andrea Shetley
3rd	Sam Fara	3rd	Walt Schumacher		
HM	Amy Wilburn	HM	Janet Schumacher	3rd	Bill Gates
HM	Gerri Reddy	HM	Sam Fara	HM	Emily Saile
		HM	Andrea Shetley	HM	Joe Boyd
		HM	Geri Reddy	HM	Bill Gates
		HM	Bill Courtney		
21 Entries		100 Entries		33 Entries	

Next Meeting: Dec 11, 2006
Speaker: None
Topic: End of the Year Banquet
Next Competition: Dec 11, 2006
Topic: Best of 2006
Scheduled Judge:
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.

Cumulative totals thru 2006

Last	First	total for 06		lifetime thru 2006	
		Points	Wins	Points	Wins
Aulds	Don			12	6
Bennett	Don	6	2	55	NA
Blue	Carol	3	3	18	NA
Blue	David	39	17	NA	NA
Boyd	Joe	26	8	61	NA
Brown	Dick			1	1
Bryson	Harlan			5	1
Callahan	Sharon	2	2	2	2
Campbell	Dick	1	1	1	1
Carey	Gordon			4	1
Casto	Norm			6	2
Clary	Richard	8	3	8	3
Clements	Lisa	2	2	2	2
Courtney	Bill	12	9	12	9
Courtney	Brenda	1	1	1	1

Davidson	Diana Lyn	14	6	42	17
Davis	Larry	1	1	7	5
DeLoach	Trey			11	NA
Fara	Sam	40	16	70	NA
Felton	Doug	19	7	113	NA
Fleming	Judy	7	2	22	NA
Gardner	Pat	12	4	NA	NA
Gates	William	43	14	106	NA
Gilbert	Virginia	6	2	NA	NA
Goodin	Melanie	15	5	19	6
Green	Jerry	15	4	15	4
Haycock	Bill	1	1	1	1
Heifner	Roy			3	1
Hitt	Barbara	6	2	6	2
Holderfield	Diane	1	1	1	1
Hyde	Tricia			1	1
Jackson	Barry			NA	NA
Joyner	Miranda	1	1	1	1
Kinnane	Brenda	1	1	NA	NA
Kinnane	Harry	7	3	NA	NA
Kress	Rick	14	5	60	22
Lewis	Mary Lou			2	2
Little	Daniel	5	2	8	NA
Mangus	Sheila	9	3	37	NA
Martin Jr.	Charles			1	1
McAllister	Guy	7	3	111	NA
McGehee	Suzi	1	1	4	2
McGuinness	Dave	1	1	1	1
Parrott	Joe	1	1	8	4
Pratt	Lee	3	1	4	2
Prevost	Stan	7	2	7	2
Reddy	Geri	22	8	22	8
Roberts	Michael			14	5
Saile	Emily	20	10	NA	NA
Schmidli	Heinz			4	1
Schuffert	Robert	13	6	38	17
Schultz	Jeannie			20	10
Schumacher	Janet	18	9	74	28
Schumacher	Walt	25	14	63	NA
Shetley	Andrea	30	10	36	12
Staggs	Barbara	41	17	NA	NA
Staggs	Willie	3	1	9	3
Stuart	Lisa			65	NA
Sylvester	Cathy	1	1	47	19
Teal	Martha	25	12	NA	NA
Towery	Brad			5	1
Tumminello	Sam			NA	NA
Werp	Rick	7	2	7	2

Wilburn	Amy	12	5	38	14
Wolfe	Don	2	2	2	2

NA indicates a person has achieved a level where this information is no longer required.

Please contact David and Carol Blue with any corrections or questions. (256) 232-7526 dcblue@hiwaay.net

OF INTEREST:

More DIGITAL info

After reviewing the practice digital competition we had in October, the board has made a few changes to the digital competition rules. We hope these will enhance the competition. Please be patient with us as we work through issues that come up with this new category. We are all learning together. Here is a summary of the changes:

1) The image size is changed to a MAXIMUM width of 1024 pixels and a MAXIMUM height of 768. This matches the limits of our projector and eliminates the need for the software to resize the image during viewing.

2) All images by default will be put onto a new website that we are setting up. The images will be reduced in size to deter people from using them without permission but will still be large enough for reasonable viewing. This website will be open to the general public but will have sufficient copyright notices and notices barring the use of any photos without the consent of the photographer. Information about the website will be published later.

3) If you do not wish your entries to be placed on the website, simply add the letter 'X' to the end of your name just before the ".jpg" extension. This way you can choose to have some of your entries on the site but not all. Example: 07-01-1-RickKressX.jpg and 07-01-2-RickKress.jpg. These would be my two entries for Jan, 2007 competition. The first entry would not be placed on the website, the second one would.

4. Each entry should be less than 800 Kbytes in size. This can usually be achieved by applying a very small amount of compression to the image and should not be noticeable in the displayed image.

We are planning on publishing some information to help people learn to resize and control their file size. Look for it in Jan.

Sparkman High School 3rd annual winter creative photography exhibit and open house night.

See through the eyes of Sparkman Photography students as they present over 230 of their photographic art works in the 3rd Annual Winter Creative Photography Exhibit presented in the library from Monday, December 11th through Friday, December 15th. Please remember to vote for your favorite photograph. Admission is free. Please sign the register at

the entrance if you are interested in purchasing a photograph. Prices are noted on the register.

Also, a special Photography Open House Night will be held Thursday, December 14th from 5:30 pm to 7 pm beginning in the library. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the exhibit as well as learn how many of the photographs were created through student-led demonstrations of black and white photography, studio lighting, alternative processing and digital manipulation using Adobe Photoshop. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

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HUNTSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY MASTERS EXHIBIT IN DECEMBER

As part of it's fiftieth anniversary celebration, the Huntsville Photographic Society will present an exhibition of photography consisting of pictures done by the Masters of Photography in the Society.

The exhibition will be at the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau located at 500 Church Street

in Huntsville. The Convention & Visitors Bureau are hosting this event as part of The State of Alabama's "Year of The Arts". It will be from December 1st to December 30th, 2006. The hours are: Monday thru Saturday 9 - 5 pm CST and Sunday, Noon to 5 pm.

There are currently nineteen Masters in the division and most are expected to participate, including some residing out-of-state. The Masters are: Bryan Bacon, David Blue, Dudley Campbell, Garth Fraser, Pat Gardner, Virginia Gilbert, Carol Hipps, Barry Jackson, Brenda Kinnane, Harry Kinnane, Virgil Lipscomb, Pamela Nelson, Muril Robertson, Emily Saile, Barbara Staggs, Joe Starkey, Martha Teal, Sam Tumminello and Elsabe Webster.

A Society member earns the rank of Master of Photography by competing in the Society's monthly, judged competition events. There is an assigned subject for each of the monthly events. A member earns the rank of Fellow who has placed with twenty entries during the monthly competitions. Then through award point accumulations, a Fellow is awarded the rank of Master has earned one hundred additional competition points and has had at least one public exhibition of their work..

For SALE

12 Kodak universal slide trays (80 slide capacity) \$1.00 ea
(I think these are the round type.)
One 4x5 inch enlarger: \$250.00 (negotiable.)

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COMPETITION TOPICS 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan '07	Festivals	June '07	What is it?	Nov '07	Trees
Feb '07	Cemeteries	Jul '07	Macro/Close-up	Dec '07	Best of the Year
Mar '07	Open	Aug '07	Animal faces	Jan '08	White
Apr '07	Love	Sep '07	Open		
May '07	Silhouettes	Oct '07	Selective Focus		

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