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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings!

As we continue with spring and event season, there are many photo opportunities around us. Many of you went to Panoply in Huntsville or the Southern Weekend of Art in Fayetteville and were treated to many colorful displays and entertaining activities. New growth is coming back on many trees to replace the damage from a late freeze, so things are looking greener all around.

Have you ever thought of giving yourself a photo assignment? This is an excellent way to practice with your equipment or perfect a technique without the cost of classes or workshops. Try using a 50mm lens for a whole day. This will force you to physically move to compose an image instead of zooming in. Or maybe try a wide angle. You will soon find all sorts of interesting angles to take advantage of the extreme perspective. How about a long telephoto, where you are forced to back up instead of move in to get the desired composition? Maybe practice with a polarizing filter on different subjects to see what surfaces are affected by using it. Ever tried a graduated neutral density filter? Photograph only silhouettes or reflections, one color or shape, side lighting or back lighting, eyes or noses...the possibilities are endless! By concentrating on only one thing, you perfect your technique and enhance your knowledge. Then you can react faster under most situations. We all talk about those "lucky" shots, but I once heard a great definition of "luck": When skill meets opportunity. In other words, be prepared!

Unfortunately, our April speaker, Gina Hurst, was not able to join us at the last minute. Many thanks to Walt Schumacher for quickly filling in with his interesting and entertaining program on "The Art of Seeing." Walt showed us many examples of why we cannot always trust what we "see" and why. This was a very informative program going behind the scenes, so to speak, of how we see and perceive things around us.

Join us May 14 for "Patagonia" by Barbara Staggs. Many of you are familiar with Barbara and Willie Staggs and their many excursions around the globe. Just sit back and relax...and let Barbara take you on another fascinating journey.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2007

Speaker: Barbara Staggs

Topic: Patagonia

Next Competition: May 28, 2007

Topic: Silhouettes

Scheduled Judge: Everett Cox

The Huntsville Photographic Society meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month NORMALLY in the Huntsville Public Library. Visitors are welcome.

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR MAY MEETINGS!!!

First Baptist Church across from the library

Room 302 at East Entrance . Regular time (7pm)

We had a wonderful turnout for the April competition topic of "Love." Many of you gave this a lot of thought to go beyond the obvious. There were many interesting interpretations and angles of view. Great job everyone!

Our May topic is "Silhouettes," so get out and practice your technique!

We had a Members Forum Night on the fifth Monday in April. A small group gathered and predominately discussed digital photography, with emphasis on the new Adobe Lightroom software. Don Bennett shared his experiences from the last few weeks of using it and Maury Centner told us about a great deal where we could get Scott Kelby's new book for free with the purchase of Lightroom software (sorry...the special ended April 30). We also discussed inkjet printing and how to finish the print when matting and mounting it for display. Our next Members Forum night will be July 30. Come join us for a great evening of talking photography!

Remember, we have a change of venue for both of the May meetings. We will meet at the First Baptist Church across

the street from the Library. Go to Room 302 at the East entrance. Meetings will still start at 7 p.m.

Happy Photographing!

Andrea L. Shetley
HPS President

OF INTEREST:

April Competition Results: Love

	B/W Prints	Color Prints
1st	Rick Kress	Melanie Goodin
2nd	Martha Teal	Barbara Staggs
3rd	Shelia Mangus	Martha Teal
HM	Barbara Hitt	Barbara Hitt
HM	Melanie Goodin	Sam Fara
HM	Sharon Callahan	Martha Teal
HM		Judy Fleming
HM		Tom Bryant
	29 entries	49 entries

	Slides	Digital
1st	Daniel Little	Barbara Staggs
2nd	Elsabe Webster	Bill Snoddy
3rd	Daniel Little	Diane Holderfield
HM	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
HM		Robert Schuffert
HM		Carol Blue
	8 entries	28 entries

HPS Competition Standings

Rank	Name	Total	
		Points	Wins
1	Staggs, Barbara	35	12
2	Webster, Elsabe	18	5
3	Hitt, Barbara	14	6
4	Little, Daniel	14	4
4	Snoddy, Bill	14	4
6	Teal, Martha	13	4
7	Fara, Sam	11	5
7	Goodin, Melanie	11	7
9	Callahan, Sharon	10	4
9	Kress, Rick	10	4
11	Boyd, Joe	9	2
11	Mangus, Sheila	9	4
11	Schuffert, Robert	9	3
14	Gilbert, Virginia	7	3

15	Green, Jerry	7	3
15	Schumacher, Walt	7	3
17	Fleming, Judy	6	3
18	Gardner, Pat	5	3
18	Reddy, Gerri	5	2
20	Schumacher, Janet	4	1
20	Tumminello, Sam	4	2
22	Bryant, Tom	3	3
22	Davidson, Diana Lyn	3	1
22	Henderson, Joy	3	3
22	Holderfield, Diane	3	1
22	McAllister, Guy	3	1
27	Blue, Carol	2	2
27	Blue, David	2	2
29	Bennett, Don	1	1
29	Courtney, Bill	1	1
29	Hughes, Beverly	1	1
29	Prince, Anthony	1	1
29	Saile, Emily	1	1
29	Schultz, Jeannie	1	1
29	Smith, Henry	1	1
29	Werp, Rick	1	1
29	Wolfe, Don	1	1

Photography Basics – A Guide To Better Pictures.

Geared for beginners to intermediate photographers. Applicable to digital and film photography. Limited to 6 students for more personal attention. Today's cameras generally produce technically good pictures but they do nothing to give you pictures that are meaningful, to the point, well composed expressions that convey how you feel about your subject. This course focuses on the human element which only you can provide and is applicable to all types of photography. Gain new knowledge and skills - History, Exposure controls, Composition, Cropping, Seeing vs. Looking, Photoshop essentials (the digital darkroom) Assignments and Critiques...Bonus visit from Southerland's Photo expert. About the instructor: Bernd Billmeyer has been involved in photography for 40 years. over half that time as a full time professional commercial photographer. Certified by The New York Institute of Photography. Bernd previously taught photography under the UAH Certificate Program for 19 years. Call 534-9500 now to reserve your place - seating is limited..

The cost is \$125.00. Due at Sign-Up.

May 15 (Tuesday) 6:30 – 8:30

May 17 (Thursday) 6:30 – 8:30

May 22 (Tuesday) 6:30 – 8:30

**Sparkman High School's
Fine and Performing Arts Department**

See through the eyes of Sparkman Photography students as they present over 200 photographic art works in the 3rd Annual Spring Creative Photography Exhibit presented in the library from Monday, May 7th through Friday, May 11th.

Please remember to vote for your favorite photograph. Admission is free. If you are interested in purchasing a photograph, sign the register at the entrance. Prices are noted on the register.

The Photography Department will host an Open House Night on Thursday May 10th from 5 – 7 pm. Learn first hand how to make a black and white print, manipulate a photograph in photoshop, take a digital picture with studio lighting, as well as hand color and hand tone a black and white print. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

Also, more student photographs are on display in the Children’s Museum gallery at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Stop by Café Baba’s for lunch and view the work in the gallery next to the café. Admission is free.

Look for more Sparkman Photography exhibits at the Monrovia Arts Festival at the corner of Jeff Rd and Capshaw on May 12th from 10 am to 6pm.

Tip of the Day...

If you happen to be working on an older version of Photoshop (Photoshop 6, 5, 4...) and you EVER plan to upgrade, now is the time.

Presently, Adobe will let anyone with any registered version of Photoshop (even Photoshop 2) to upgrade to the latest version by simply paying the upgrade price. But, with the release of Photoshop CS3, you'll only be able to upgrade if you have Photoshop 7, CS, or CS2. So, if you are still using Photoshop 6.0 or earlier, you should upgrade to CS2 in the next few weeks (a cost of around \$169). Then your upgrade path will still be open in the future, without buying the full version. This will literally save you hundreds of dollars!

Huntsville Sidewalk Arts Stroll

The popular "Sidewalk Arts Stroll" event will occur again this year in downtown Huntsville - starting around the courthouse square. Artists and groups may apply for exhibition space (no - charge currently) by contacting Ms. Donna Castellano via the Arts Council office (256) 519-2787. They'll be five events and there's a three event per artist limitation [e.g. HPS could participate in 3 of the 5]. The planned dates (no rain dates) are: May 17, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th and September 20th, all third Thursdays..

The 2007 Photo Review Photography Competition

The Photo Review, a highly acclaimed critical journal of photography, is sponsoring its 23rd annual photography competition with a difference. Instead of only installing an

exhibit that would be seen by a limited number of people, The Photo Review will reproduce accepted entries in its 2007 competition issue. Also, the prize-winning photographers will be chosen for an exhibition at the photography gallery of The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, and will be exhibited on The Photo Review. Awards: a Microtek ScanMaker i800 scanner, a \$350 gift certificate from Calumet Photographic, a Lensbaby 3G Lens and Wide Angle / Telephoto kit (\$359), two \$100 gift certificates from Sprint Systems, a copy of DC Pro Studio scanning software from LaserSoft (\$399 value), and \$250 in cash prizes. Fees: \$30 for 3 images, \$5 each for up to 2 more. Download a prospectus from: <http://www.photoreview.org/compete.htm>.

DEADLINE: May 15, 2007

May Presentation: Patagonia

Enjoy the epic landscapes of Patagonia through the eyes of photographer, Barbara Staggs and her husband, Willie. They ventured to the southernmost regions of Argentina and Chile to hike in four national parks. Some of the spectacular scenery they photographed included the magnificent Iguazu Falls, Tierra del Fuego, the land at the end of the earth, Los Glaciares National Park with its huge glaciers and sharp spired mountains and phenomenal Torres del Paine National Park, considered one of the scenic masterpieces of the plan

May Judge: Everett Cox

(snippet from Bio)

I sculpt, mold and cast figures, starting off in clay and ending up in bronze. It is a process that satisfies many creative needs, from the ideas that begin it, through the feel of the clay, through the tedium of the mold process, to the primal sense one gets when around a fire hot enough to melt metal. The human form limits to a degree what you can do and still be true to the figure, but design is design and if you will look, you will see design in the figure as easily as with a geometric form. And it is so with other forms of art, good design makes good art

MEMBER INFO:

Sheila Mangus took 2nd place in the Alabama birding festival in Decatur this week. There was a reception and award ceremony on Friday May 4th and the photos were framed and displayed through different events of the festival.

Elsabe Webster received a first place award at Art on the Lake in Guntersville.

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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2007 Calendar of Photographic Events

May

Mon. 14
HPS Program: Patagonia
Presenter: Barbara Staggs

Mon 21.
NPS Program

Mon. 28
HPS Competition: Silhouettes

June

Mon. 11
HPS Program: The Art of Seeing
Presenter: Walt Schumacher

Mon. 18
NPS Members Show and Tell

Mon. 25
HPS Competition: What is it?

July

Mon. 9
HPS Program:
Presenter:

Mon 16.
NPS Program

Mon. 23
HPS Competition: Macro/Close-up

Mon. 30
HPS Open Forum

August

Mon. 13
HPS Program:
Presenter:

Mon. 20
NPS Members Show and Tell

Mon. 27
HPS Competition: Animal Faces

September

Mon. 10
HPS Program:
Presenter:

Mon 17.
NPS Program

Mon. 24
HPS Competition: Open

October

Mon. 8
HPS Program: PSA 3D Program
Presenter: Lee Pratt

Mon. 15
NPS Members Show and Tell

Mon.22
HPS Competition: Selective Focus

Mon. 29
HPS Open Forum

November

Mon. 12
HPS Program:
Presenter: Tom and Pat Corey

Mon 19.
NPS Program

Mon. 26
HPS Competition: Trees

December

Mon. 10
HPS Annual Dinner and Year End
Awards

Mon. 17
NPS Members Show and Tell

HPS - Huntsville Photographic
Society

NPS - Nature Photographic Society