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### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy (Almost) Spring!

Well, it's getting to be that time of year again...warm weather, glorious colors everywhere, and plenty of photo ops. We're nearly there! We've had a taste of spring to keep us on our toes. Are you ready to get out and photograph?

This time of year, waterfalls are a great place to visit. Water should be flowing from winter thaw and spring rains. Be sure to use your tripod for long exposures to blur the water creating the "cotton candy" or "angel hair" look.

Also, flowers are starting to bloom everywhere (some came up in February!). Look carefully as you are wandering the trails and fields—some are very tiny; but extremely beautiful when you get up close. This is an excellent time to try your hand at close-up or macro photography. A simple, inexpensive set of diopters is all you need to get started. Although these attachments are not of the best quality, they will let you see if you want to continue with close-up work before investing in more expensive (but better quality) equipment. Diopters are clear magnifying filters that attach to the front of your lens that reduce the minimum focusing distance of your primary lens allowing you to move closer to the subject, which enlarges it on the film or sensor. There is no light loss, so no exposure compensation is needed. However, there is more glass to collect dust and fingerprints, so be sure to keep your equipment clean. Tubes are another affordable way to get into macro work. They go between the camera body and the lens and also reduce the minimum focusing distance of the primary lens, and they have no glass to get dirty. But because they extend the length of the lens there is some light loss, which requires exposure compensation.

We had an excellent turnout for our February program. Stan Prevost showed us the basics of ProShow Gold, an excellent, inexpensive software program used to create digital slide shows. At \$69.95 (download only; \$79.95 for download, CD, and manual), it is well worth every penny. This program is pretty much industry standard among professional photographers now. You can read more about it at [www.photodex.com](http://www.photodex.com) (sorry Mac users...this is a PC program only!). Stan's slide show on New Zealand was

**Next Meeting: Mar 12, 2007**

**Speaker: Dr. Bob Hurst**

**Topic: China and Iraq**

**Next Competition: Mar 26, 2007**

**Topic: Open**

**Scheduled Judge: José Betancourt**

**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](mailto:rgkress@knology.net).**

beautiful, and showed some of the advanced features of ProShow Gold.

Join us in March for "China and Iraq" by Dr. Bob Hurst.

Our February competition theme of "Cemeteries" certainly encouraged our members to get creative! There were almost one hundred entries in the color print category alone (we never make it easy for our judges). With a consistent abundance of images each month, members should start thinking about dividing our categories into levels. This would separate our more experienced photographers from the newcomers, and hopefully encourage more novices to enter. Suggestions can be sent to the president for presentation to the Board for discussion. There will be open member discussion later on in the year before a decision is made.

The topic for March is "Open," so anything goes! This is bound to be a popular competition with lots of entries, so please be on time for entering so we can quickly run through our announcements and move into competition in a timely manner.

Please remember to mount your photographs (they are not required to have an overmat). Also, on the back print your name clearly and put a large arrow pointing UP (if you reuse your mats, make sure the arrow is correct as the image will be displayed as marked on the back not as viewed from the

front). Do not have Velcro tabs or other mounting material on the back of your prints as they will be stacked and can damage other prints. Make sure there is no sticky adhesive on the back or around the edges that could damage other prints.

It was great to see several of our members have their images published or do well in other competitions. Please send any achievement to our newsletter editor, Rick Kress, for publication. We love to see what our members are doing, and congratulate and encourage them in their efforts. Don't be shy!

Happy shooting!

Andrea L. Shetley, APSA

**OF INTEREST:**

**Competition Results: Cemeteries**

|            | <b>B/W Prints</b> | <b>Color Prints</b> |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Walt Schumacher   | Barbara Staggs      |
| <b>2nd</b> | Barbara Staggs    | Sharon Callahan     |
| <b>3rd</b> | Barbara Hitt      | Barbara Hitt        |
| <b>HM</b>  | Melanie Goodin    | Beverly Hughes      |
| <b>HM</b>  | Henry Smith       | Sharon Callahan     |
| <b>HM</b>  | Judy Fleming      | Melanie Goodin      |
| <b>HM</b>  | Pat Garner        | Melanie Goodin      |
| <b>HM</b>  | Tom Bryant        | Melanie Goodin      |
|            | 52 entries        | 94 entries          |

|            | <b>Slides</b>    | <b>Digital</b> |
|------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Daniel Little    | Jerry Green    |
| <b>2nd</b> | Barbara Staggs   | Geri Reddy     |
| <b>3rd</b> | Virginia Gilbert | Sam Tumminello |
| <b>HM</b>  | Elsabe Webster   | Emily Saile    |
| <b>HM</b>  | Sam Fara         | Bill Snoddy    |
| <b>HM</b>  |                  | Anthony Prince |
| <b>HM</b>  |                  | Sam Tumminello |
|            | 23 entries       | 37 entries     |

**HPS Competition Standings**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Total</b>  |             |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
|             |                  | <b>Points</b> | <b>Wins</b> |
| 1           | Staggs, Barbara  | 18            | 5           |
| 2           | Callahan, Sharon | 9             | 3           |
| 2           | Webster, Elsabe  | 9             | 3           |
| 4           | Fara, Sam        | 7             | 3           |
| 5           | Hitt, Barbara    | 6             | 2           |
| 5           | Little, Daniel   | 6             | 2           |

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|----|---------------------|---|---|
| 5  | Mangus, Sheila      | 6 | 3 |
| 5  | Schumacher, Walt    | 6 | 2 |
| 9  | Goodin, Melanie     | 5 | 5 |
| 9  | Green, Jerry        | 5 | 1 |
| 9  | Reddy, Gerri        | 5 | 2 |
| 9  | Schuffert, Robert   | 5 | 1 |
| 9  | Teal, Martha        | 5 | 1 |
| 14 | Boyd, Joe           | 4 | 1 |
| 15 | Gilbert, Virginia   | 4 | 2 |
| 15 | Kress, Rick         | 4 | 2 |
| 15 | Tumminello, Sam     | 4 | 2 |
| 18 | Davidson, Diana Lyn | 3 | 1 |
| 18 | McAllister, Guy     | 3 | 1 |
| 3  | Bryant, Tom         | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Courtney, Bill      | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Fleming, Judy       | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Gardner, Pat        | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Henderson, Joy      | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Hughes, Beverly     | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Prince, Anthony     | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Saile, Emily        | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Smith, Keith        | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Snoddy, Bill        | 1 | 1 |
| 3  | Werp, Rick          | 1 | 1 |

**News From HPS Activities VP, Robert Schuffert.**

The Birmingham Zoo is located at 2630 Cahaba Road near Homewood. The phone number is 1 205 879-0409. Take I-65 south tol-59N / I-20E toward Gadsden. Just past the downtown Birmingham buildings(about 1 mile) take US280E / US31S. Go past St. Vincent's Hospital, and over the mountain. Get in the right-hand lane to follow US280E. Here you should be able to follow the Zoo signs or follow the attached map.

Birmingham Zoo is home to birds, reptiles and mammals - over 750 animals from around the world. There are numerous endangered species from six continents. The botanical exhibit features hundreds of butterflies from more than 20 species - all are native to Alabama. Within the Birmingham Zoo is the Hugh Kaul Children's Zoo, dedicated to children and urban/rural animals of Alabama.

If you plan to go down early to photograph the Zoo animals (I believe the entry fee is \$11.00), be aware the Zoo closes at 5:00pm. Tom Ulrich will judge the Shades Valley Camera Club's photo competition starting at 6:30pm (we are invited) and begin his presentation at 7pm, all in the Zoo Auditorium, which is accessible from the parking lot outside the Zoo (no charge). His presentation should be over by around 8:30 and the Shades Valley Camera Club has invited to go have dinner with them, usually at Jim & Nick's BBQ. Tom Ulrich has a web site at <http://www.tomulrichphotos.com>. The SVCC has a web site at [www.shadesvalleycameraclub.com/](http://www.shadesvalleycameraclub.com/).

## HPS Logo Competition

It has been requested to update our logo. To encourage membership participation and support, HPS is holding a logo competition. You can draw it or design it electronically. Please make your original 8x10 inches to get clarity when enlarging. When creating your design, keep in mind the logo will be used anywhere from 1 inch to very big, black on light backgrounds, and white on dark backgrounds. Your challenge is to come up with something simple, unique, and recognizable to brand our organization. You may enter as many times as you wish. Entries are due by March 31. We will print all entries (in the 1-inch size) in the April newsletter for a membership vote. Submit original (native program), high resolution electronic files as well as JPGs. Please submit entries on CD, e-mail to [alshetley@hotmail.com](mailto:alshetley@hotmail.com), or send drawings to:

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## Gadsden Museum of Art Digital Workshop

The Gadsden Museum of Art and History presents a Digital Photography Workshop featuring Dr. Cesar Fernandez from April 4-6. Topics include General Principles of Digital Photography; Image Recording, Storage & Transfer; Archiving & Organizing your Pictures; Photoshop: Image Enhancement and Manipulation, from basic to advanced; Printing; Practice, Image Review, and Critique. The cost of the workshop is: 3 days--\$100 or 1 day--\$50. You must bring your camera, manuals, lenses, battery charger, laptop and any other hardware or software that you use! For additional information contact GMA at (256)546-7365 or email at [museum@gadsden.com](mailto:museum@gadsden.com)

## Cumberland Falls Nature Photography Weekend

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park (Corbin, KY) presents a Nature Photography Weekend April 20-22. They offer a 24 hour competition with three classes: amateur digital (point and shoot cameras), masters digital (SLR cameras) and a slide film class. This is the first time for a digital competition with an event limit of 125 people. You MUST be pre-registered by April 16th. Featured speakers are Tom and Pat Cory. For more information about this event please call Naturalist, Bret Smitley at 1-800-325-0063 or email [BretA.Smitley@ky.gov](mailto:BretA.Smitley@ky.gov) For lodging, reservations please call the same number or on line at [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov).

## PhotoRoadShow in Savannah, Georgia

Join PhotoRoadShow instructors Vicki Stephens and Jeff Woodlee in beautiful and historic Savannah, Georgia for an information filled, activity packed weekend. This is a terrific opportunity for the beginning and intermediate photographer to practice their skills in the field! Photograph the downtown parks, gardens and squares of Savannah - known for it's old world and unique architecture. Also photograph nationally famous Forsyth Park and spend an evening of night photography on Savannah's Riverfront. Shoot sunrise on Tybee Island, explore Fort Pulaski and the beautiful

Wormsloe Plantation, known for it's 1.5 mile entrance lined with 400 oak trees. With the azaleas in bloom this city, especially the squares and famed Bonaventure Cemetery are alive with color. See Website for more details: [www.PhotoRoadShow.com](http://www.PhotoRoadShow.com)

## National Wildlife Refuge System

National Wildlife Refuge System needs support See what you ca do: <http://refugenet.e-actionmax.com/>. Follow link: [President's FY08 Budget Continues Erosion of the NWRS – Your Help](#)

## Trillium Week at Huntsville Botanical Garden

Trillium Week at the Huntsville Botanical Garden is March 25-April 1. Harold Holmes will conduct Trillium Garden Tours on the Nature Trail each day from 1-4 pm. Fifteen species of trilliums grow in our area: 9 Toadshades and 6 Wake-Robins; 11 of these are native to North Alabama. All Alabama species and most eastern US species will be on display at the HBG this Spring plus companion plants that grow with the trilliums. This will be a great opportunity to see and photograph trillium. Harold's Trillium Research web site is @ <http://www.trilliumresearch.org/>

## Info from Jerry Green

The Huntsville Wildflower Outings are posted @ <http://alwildflowers.org/2007%20Outings.doc>

## Passing of former member

HPS sends it's sincere condolences to the family of Wesley Swift, Sr. Mr. Swift, who passed away March 1, 2007, was a friend and former member of HPS. A Michigan native, he started a photography club in high school. After World War II, he opened a photography studio in Winchester, Tennessee, and reported for the Associated Press. He and his family moved to Huntsville in 1955 and he worked in the Army photo lab. He retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel and retired from civil service in 1981. Due to health reasons he wasn't able to attend HPS meetings in recent years. His son Wesley Jr. is a former HPS vice-president.

## Jose Betancourt

Born in Havana, Cuba. Grew up in Florida. Later moved to New York City. Jose studied at Hunter College with Roy DeCarava, Mark Feldstein, Juan Sanchez, and Robert Morris. He served as a grant panelist for the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and is a recipient of the Nisod Award for teaching excellence from the University of Texas at Austin. While in New York he taught at Hunter College, Asphalt Green, The Calhoun School, and The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. He and his wife moved from New York City almost two years ago. Last school year he taught at Watkins College of Art and Design in Nashville, Alabama A&M University and Motlow State Community College in Lynchburg, Tennessee. They live, with their dog, Addie, in the foothills of the Cumberland Plateau close to Sewanee, Tennessee where his wife teaches first grade at Sewanee Elementary.

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Hurst, Pastor**

Bob grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut in 1971 and earned an M.Div.degree from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut in 1975. Fresh out of seminary he served as Associate Pastor at Salem UCC in Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1977 he became the pastor of East Main Congregational UCC in Galesburg, Illinois. While at East Main, he began working toward a D.Min.degree at the Chicago Theological Seminary, focusing on pastoral counseling, and completed the program in 1981. While in the program he developed and led a series of divorce adjustment groups. Afterward he wrote his doctoral dissertation on spiritual development during the divorce adjustment/recovery process. Bob also

taught business ethics and the history of philosophy at the college level as an adjunct faculty member.

Bob has traveled extensively. Some of his trips include China, Israel-----etc-- -Bob is a participant in a three-year, Huntsville-based small clergy group, the Institute for Clergy Excellence (ICE), funded by the Lily Endowment. This interfaith group is focused on both preaching excellence and worship experience enrichment. As part of his ICE involvement, he will lead a group from United Church on a visit to Israel in October of 2007.

Bob came to Alabama in 2001. He is married to Beth Harland Hurst.

**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 |
| <b>Mar '07</b> | <b>Open</b>  | Aug '07      | Animal faces    | Jan '08      | White            |
| Apr '07        | Love         | Sep '07      | Open            |              |                  |
| May '07        | Silhouettes  | Oct '07      | Selective Focus |              |                  |

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**FOR SALE / EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

1 Canon 10D 6.3 mega pixel digital SLR camera. EOS system, interchangeable lens with other canon cameras. Very good condition. Extra clean, extra-well cared for. In manufacturer's box. All manuals, CD's, cables, battery, battery charger.

Low price - must sell. \$300.00 This camera is great in low light situations - I find it better than newer models. It is a workhorse of the canon line.

Any questions please contact me: Cathy (Lea) Sylvester 256-468-6263 [lea@knology.net](mailto:lea@knology.net)

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HPS is seeking a replacement metal lens board to fit our Bessler 23c enlarger. Contact any HPS board member.

## 2007 Calendar of Photographic Events

### March

**Mon. 12**  
HPS Program: China and Iraq  
Presenter: Dr. Bob Hurst

**Mon. 19.**  
NPS Program

**Mon. 26**  
HPS Competition: Open

### 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?

### September

**Mon. 10**  
HPS Program:  
Presenter:

**Mon. 17.**  
NPS Program

**Mon. 24**  
HPS Competition: Open

### April

**Mon. 9**  
HPS Program: Archival Mounting and Framing  
Presenter: Gina Hurst

**Mon. 16**  
NPS Members Show and Tell

**Mon. 23**  
HPS Competition: Love

**Mon. 30**  
HPS Open Forum

### July

**Mon. 9**  
HPS Program:  
Presenter:

**Mon. 16.**  
NPS Program

**Mon. 23**  
HPS Competition: Macro/Close-up

**Mon. 30**  
HPS Open Forum

### 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

### May

**Mon. 14**  
HPS Program: Patagonia  
Presenter: Barbara Staggs

**Mon 21.**  
NPS Program

**Mon. 28**  
HPS Competition: Silhouettes

### August

**Mon. 13**  
HPS Program:  
Presenter:

**Mon. 20**  
NPS Members Show and Tell

**Mon. 27**  
HPS Competition: Animal Faces

### 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