



In Focus

August Program- Photo Tours by Bill Snoddy

This month's program is on photo touring, what it is, and is it something you might wish to consider. Basically, photo touring is simply a tour where the focus is totally on photography. Normally lead by a photographically savvy leader, whose job is to get you to the right places, at the right times, and give advice as desired. Our speaker, Bill Snoddy, has been on several photo tours and will share with us his experiences, and some things to consider in case you are tempted to try one. As an example, he will focus on a ten day tour through England with mentions of other photo tours to the U.S. Southwest.



During the England tour the nine person group made 110 photo stops. Some as short as 15 minutes others for several hours. Traveling in a customized van allowed access to many areas unavailable to traditional tour groups. An unexpected bonus was the comradery of traveling 24/7 with a group of dedicated photographers, all sharing the goal of getting good images.

Bill has been involved with photography since high school where he was the school newspaper photographer. After arriving in Huntsville in 1958, he joined the newly forming HPS and has been an "off and on" member throughout the years. Currently his focus is on travel and family photography. He especially enjoys creating photo books using the new capabilities of on-line photo book printing (a subject he presented in a program a couple of years ago).

August Mini Class – Lighting and Photographing People Outdoors

Sam Tumminello, HPS Master, will present the August mini class on Aug 22, at 6:00 p.m. before the monthly club competition meeting. He enjoys photographing people outdoors and will offer ideas on lighting techniques, natural backgrounds, and his exposure techniques. He was a film user for years and printed his own black and white prints in his dark-room. He will share his techniques to explore those elements of natural lighting for pleasing results.

Now using digital equipment, he

attempts to use many of the same techniques he used with film and prints. He says: "Like all digital photographers - we are all at various levels of expertise. The trick is to keep learning, keep up with the ever-evolving equipment and image editing applications and continue to use the ease of digital trial and error."

Some items to be considered:

- Preparation prior to the shoot.
- An easy tool to enhance the appearance of the subject.
- Rock of Ages.
- And more!

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From The President

I assume everyone has been out enjoying the nice cool weather? Of course you need to remember that cameras and water do not mix well together. So, every five minutes or so, put your camera down and wipe the sweat from your hands, face, arms, etc.

The July program was presented by HPS member George Ponder. George is the official photographer for Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in Decatur. George was very down to earth and honest about his photography. It sounded to me like George and I have a similar view of photography: quantity over quality! He freely admitted that he takes tons of pictures to get just of handful of keepers. But, boy, what keepers he gets! He had some great photos and lots of useful tips for both general wildlife photography and specifics for Wheeler Refuge. Of course, I'd like to see what he throws away. I have a feeling his trash could be my treasures! Thanks, George!

Our competition for July was Cityscape. Mr. David Phillips was our judge. David had to be one of the fastest judges on record. One pass through was all it took for him to pare down his selections. He did exactly what was asked of him and gave good feedback on each image as he viewed it. David was not only fast but also had to be one of the most apologetic

judges we ever had too! I guess we made a pretty good impression on him though because he actually volunteered to come back. Some people are real gluttons for punishment! Thanks, David.

Not much other business was discussed at the meetings. Tom Bryant is still waiting for high resolution images from many of the presenters at the Huntsville Museum of Art for the HPS book project. He needs a write up about each image too. Please get these to Tom as soon as possible. Diana Davidson apologized for canceling our participation in July's Art Stroll. From listening to the weather and from her own observations, the weather really did not look good for the evening. I told her there was no need for apologies. As one member put it "She made the best decision she could with the information available at the time!"

And lastly, the board is still looking for a person to head up competitions for next year. Joy Henderson will be stepping down and we'll need someone to fill her position. We are also looking to fill a new position that we call Historian. We have one new member who has voiced interest in this position but if there are any others we could have a real election!! Please contact me if you're interested in either position. Till next month...

Rick Kress



2011 HPS Meeting Info
Aug 8- Photo Touring by Bill Snoddy
Aug 22- Night or Low Light Competition
Aug 29—Members Forum
Sep 12 – Program TBD
Sep 26 – Open Competition
Oct 10 - Program TBD
Oct 24 – Scenic N. AL/Southern TN Competition
Oct 31 – Members Forum
Nov 14– Program TBD
Nov 28 - In The Woods Competition
Dec 13– Best Of Year Dinner

Copyright Info

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Photo Opportunities

- ⇒ **Raptor Stroll**, Huntsville Botanical Garden, Friday Aug 5, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Coosa River Science School/Alabama 4-H School will be at the Gardens with an American Kestrel, Hybrid Lanner/Saker Falcon, and a Red-tailed Hawk .
- ⇒ **Southern Wildlife Festival**, John C. Calhoun Community College Campus, Decatur, AL. Aug 19-20. Nationally recognized art show featuring wildlife carvings, paintings, and photography, and educational seminars with live birds of prey. For more info go to www.sowildfestart.com or contact Beverly Basham at (256)318-2428.

Photos Needed For Art Festival

Andrienne Dabney is hosting an Arts Festival on August 14, 2011. The festival will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 at 183 Shelton Rd. in Madison, AL. She is looking for artists who would be interested in displaying pieces with the possibility of selling items as well. The festival includes all forms of art: photography, painting, beading, iron works, wood carving, etc.

If you have questions or interested in participating, contact Adrienne at aed@calhoun.edu or call (256) 694-1410. Students are encouraged to participate.



Competition Results Subject - Cityscapes Judge - David Phillips			
	Digital (66)	Color (42)	Monochrome (23)
1st	Walt Tyszka	Don Wolfe	Barbara Hitt
2nd	Mike Lyon	Barbara Staggs	Barbara Staggs
3rd	Diana Davidson	Barbara Montgomery	Diana Davidson
HM	Diana Davidson	Don Wolfe	Diana Davidson
HM	Henry Smith	Barbara Staggs	Martha Teal
HM	Henry Smith	Barbara Staggs	
HM	Mike Lyon	Joy Henderson	
HM	Tim Solomon		
HM	Eddie Sewall		
HM	Barbara Staggs		

Websites for Digital Entries:

Website for Digital Competition results:
www.HPSPhotos.smugmug.com

Website for Novice Class is
[www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/Novice
Competitions](http://www.HPSphotos.smugmug.com/NoviceCompetitions)

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.



First Place Winners



Color Print by Don Wolfe



Monochrome Print by Barb Hitt



Digital by Walt Tyszka

Name	2011 points	2011 wins
Barbara Hitt	50	17
Diana Davidson	38	14
Barbara Staggs	36	19
Ernie High	23	11
Martha Teal	22	9
Stan Prevost	19	6
Don Wolfe	19	7
Barbara Montgomery	18	9
Emily Saile	16	9
John Kirwin	15	8
Geri Reddy	15	6
Virginia Gilbert	11	4
Joy Henderson	11	7
Henry Smith	11	8
Walt Tyszka	10	3
Mike Lyon	8	5
Carol Blue	7	4
Ben Evanko	6	6
Margaret Phillips	5	3
Robert Schuffert	4	2
Robert Fox	3	3
Tim Solomon	3	3
Dorinda Tyler	3	1
Tom Bryant	2	2
Jerry Green	2	2
Beverly Hughes	2	2
Ronald Atchley	1	1
Alan Buwalda	1	1
Doug Felton	1	1
Liz High	1	1
Anthony Prince	1	1
Walt Schumacher	1	1
Eddie Sewell	1	1
Liz Smith	1	1



Huntsville Photographic Society 2011 Members' Showcase Huntsville Museum of Art Reception



Guests gather for presentation by the Huntsville Museum of Art.

HPS members Marian Lewis, Sam Tumminello, Diana Davidson, and Huntsville Times photographer Bob Gathany.



HPS Member, Barbara Montgomery stands next to her images in the exhibit.



Interested in cruising Antarctica, Falklands, and South Georgia? Joy Henderson, HPS member, has booked a cruise for Nov 20-Dec 8. This is not a photo cruise, however, there will be a resident photographer who has won wildlife photographer of the year with BBC for two years. If you are interested in this trip and would like more info, contact Joy at jscuba@otelco.net or call 256-498-2743.

Images For HPS Photo Book

Information needed for HPS Photo Book – Tom Bryant has asked that all members participating in the Huntsville Museum of Art Exhibition please send him a large file of your image (minimum 3 MB) for a quality print (approx size 8" x 9 1/4 "). He would also like a small article about the photo. If you have questions, email Tom at ctbryant@hiwaay.net.

HPS President Rick Kress welcomes guests at the reception.



HPS Members, Bill Snoddy and Walt Tyszka, Museum of Art Director Carolyn Faraci, Museum of Art Curator Peter Baldaia, and HPS President Rick Kress.



HPS Member Tom Bryant and Carole Bryant.

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Guests enjoy food at the HPS Showcase Opening Reception at the Huntsville Museum of Art. For more images, go to p. 6-7.

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Meeting Information:

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Huntsville/Madison County Public 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.

