



***Huntsville Photographic
Society
Welcome Packet***

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Huntsville Photographic Society (HPS). This packet of information contains useful details about the society. Our goal is to promote the science and art of photography. Being over 50 years old, the society is one of the oldest photographic organizations in Alabama.

WEBSITE

The HPS website is located at www.HuntsvillePhotographicSociety.org and contains most of the information listed in this document. It's also a good site to check for updates or changes to the meeting location, time and dates.

HPS also has a members only group on Facebook where members can interact and share photos if they desire to do so. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/399566463394251/>

HPS members may also choose to share photos via the HPS FLICKR group. http://www.flickr.com/groups/hps_20/

- Contact: Margaret Phillips - phillipsqh@gmail.com for questions about the website or on-line groups.

BIMONTHLY MEETINGS

HPS meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Meetings are typically at the Main Huntsville Madison County library in the auditorium at 7:00pm.

Occasionally meetings must be moved to other locations due to library being closed or other schedule conflicts. We will try to convey this information on both the website and social media.

The first meeting each month is a program. Programs may be presented by HPS members or non-members.

The second meeting is our monthly competition.

Each month has a different topic. Topics are chosen at the start of the year.

If a month has a fifth Monday, we have an open forum meeting. People come to discuss general photography topics, show off pictures or equipment or ask questions.

Mini Classes may be held prior to the monthly competition meeting starting at 6:00pm. Mini Classes can be on any topic of interest to the group and are normally lead by members. Mini Classes may be announced in the Newsletter, during prior meetings, e-mail or on the website or Facebook. If interested in leading a mini class or suggesting a topic for a class please contact the activities officer.

- Contact: Henry Norton Henry Norton Henry.s.norton@quantitech.com for questions about Program Nights
- Contact: Charles Gattis cfgattis@me.com for questions about Competition Nights
- Contact: Bob Gower bgoing2@yahoo.com for questions about Mini Classes

DUES

Membership fees cover a full year from the time of purchase. Dues are \$20 for an individual or \$30 for family.

- Contact Sam Alexander samalex1@gmail.com for questions regarding membership dues.

NEWSLETTER - "IN FOCUS"

Our monthly newsletter, "In Focus", is on the website. Contact the Communication Officer, Geri Reddy, if you are not receiving notification and link for the newsletter, or if your email address needs to be updated. Newsletters are also available online at our website (www.HuntsvillePhotographicSociety.org). At the end of the newsletter is contact information for the Communications Officer along with all other HPS board members. Members are encouraged to contribute articles for the newsletter. This includes local events of interest, photo techniques, book reviews and personal accomplishments or awards. The newsletter can also list items for sale by members.

- Contact: Geri Reddy - hpseditor@bellsouth.net for questions about the newsletter.

YEAR END BANQUET

At the end of the year, HPS holds a banquet.

The Best of Year Competition winners and President's Award winners are announced.

Any image that has placed in competition during the year is eligible for entry into the Best of Year competition. It is the responsibility of the photographer to track their winning print images and resubmit them in November for the Best of Year Competition. Digital winners from monthly competitions will automatically be entered. **Note:** *No points are awarded for the Best of the Year competition*

The President's Award is presented to the member who acquired the most points during the year in normal monthly competitions.

Lifetime Achievement awards are presented.

- Contact Henry Norton Henry.s.norton@quantitech.com for questions regarding the year end banquet.

SPONSORSHIP & MONTHLY PRIZES

Costco sponsors HPS and gives the following prizes each month

- First place = Free 12" x 36" or 12"x24" print
- Second place = Free 12"x18" print
- Third place = Free 8"x12" print

Winners do not need to be members of Costco and should go to Costco photo lab to claim their prize. Prizes must be claimed before following month's contest or within 30 days of the contest.

Discounts:

Southerland's offers a 10% Discount on some items with membership card.

Frame World on the Parkway offers a 10% discount with a membership card.

Membership cards may be picked up at the monthly meetings.

MENTOR PROGRAM

HPS has a mentoring program. Any photographer wishing to get help with their photography can sign up. When they sign up they can list what kind of help they are looking for (technical, composition, macro, portrait, etc.) Any experienced photographer can also sign up as a mentor. When mentors sign up they can list the area of photography they feel they can help others with. The student and mentor can then discuss what works for both of them. It could be as simple as the

mentor critiquing the students work, a sit down over coffee discussing items, or a hands on photography outing. Students are welcome to try several mentors too. Currently Jerry Green is coordinating this program.

- Contact Jerry Green gofish80@comcast.net for more information about the Mentor Program

FIELD TRIPS

Occasionally HPS will go on photographic field trips. Bob Gower is our current activities officer. The activity officer is the contact point and organizer for our field trips, however, any member can lead a field trip. Members who would like to suggest or lead a field trip should co-ordinate with Bob.

- Contact: Bob Gower bgoing2@yahoo.com for more information about field trips.

COMPETITION TOPICS

2016

Jan – “Streets & Alleys”	Feb – “Textures”	Mar – “Open”
Apr – “Roads in North Ala”	May – “Churches “	Jun – “Delicate”
Jul – “Doorways and Walls	Aug – “Water’s Edge”	Sep – “The Night Sky”
Oct – “Open”	Nov – “Smoke”	Dec - Best of Year
Jan '17 – “Gone With the Wind”		

RULES OF COMPETITION

MONTHLY COMPETITION

A monthly competition is held on the 4th Monday of each month at the Main Huntsville Public Library.

Members may submit Color prints, Monochrome prints, Color Digital or Monochrome Digital images that conform to the topic for that month.

Monthly Awards:

- First Place: 5 points
- Second Place: 4 points
- Third Place: 3 points
- Honorable Mention: 1 point

The judge is usually from outside the HPS.

ANNUAL COMPETITION

In December of each year an annual banquet is held in lieu of regular meetings. The results of the Best of Year Competition and the President's Award are presented.

All entries that have placed in the monthly competitions are eligible.

Print images must be turned in by the last competition in November to be considered. All Digital images that have placed throughout the year are automatically entered.

Annual Awards

- **Best of Year:** presented to the best photograph in each category.
 - Best of Year Monochrome Print
 - Best of Year Color Print
 - Best of Year Monochrome Digital
 - Best of Year Color Digital
- **President's Award:** presented to the HPS member who has accumulated the most competition points during the year.

BASIC RULES

Only current, dues-paying, members in good standing are eligible to enter the competition.

HPS membership is open to all people regardless of residence. You do not need to be present at the meetings to compete.

You may enter up to 4 images per monthly competition, no more than 2 per category.

- Example 1 2 Color Digital and 2 Color prints
- Example 2 1 Monochrome Digital, 1 Color Digital, 1 Color print and 1 Monochrome print
- Example 3 2 Monochrome Digital, and 2 Color digital
- Example 4 2 Color print and 2 Monochrome print

Printed entries must be submitted no later than five minutes after the time the meeting is scheduled to begin. (e.g. Entries must be "in the hands" of the competition officer by 7:05PM)

Digital entries must be submitted by midnight 1 week prior to the competition.

No duplicate entries may be entered in any monthly competition. For example an image entered in Color Digital may not be entered in Color Print nor converted to Monochrome for the Monochrome categories of the same contest.

Once an image has placed in a monthly competition (1st, 2nd, 3rd or Honorable Mention), that image, or one nearly identical, must be retired and may not be re-entered in another monthly HPS competition.

The originating format of the photo does not dictate which category you may enter. You may print digital images and compete in the printed category. You may scan negative film, slides or prints and compete in the digital competition. Any and all combinations are allowed.

The work must be your own original work. All "pixels" are to be the work of the photographer entering the competition.

The author of an entry is to remain anonymous as far as possible until judging is completed.

There should be no comments made by the membership during the judging of the competition.

DIGITAL ENTRIES

Digital Officer must have photos 1 week (7 days) before the competition.

To enter the Digital competition, entries can be uploaded to the website starting the 1st of each month. Judging occurs during the week prior to the competition, therefore uploads will be disabled on Monday evening (at midnight) one week prior to the competition. The gallery will open for public viewing after the competition.

Submission Requirements:

- Format: JPG Images Only
- Maximum Width: 1920 pixels
- Maximum Height: 1080 pixels
- Quantity: Limit 2 per member per category (4 maximum per competition)

Recommendations:

- Color Depth: 8-bit color (8 bits/channel)
- Color Space: sRGB color space (this is the default for most cameras)

Submission Method:

By upload to the HPS website using this link <http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org/contest/>

Security of your Images

The photo gallery will only display the full-size version of your image to the judge. The general public will be limited to a version of 500px by 360px (max). Additionally, you can choose to hide your image on the public gallery from an option on the upload form. HPS does not resell or use your image(s) other than to post them here, in this gallery. Winning images are also placed on the main website page for the month after competition in a banner image not to exceed a height of 250pix.

COLOR PRINTS

Minimum printed image size (without mat) is 5x7 inches.

Maximum size (with mat) is 20" in any dimension.

Print must be mounted and may be matted. Color mats are welcome.

Absolutely no frames!

Name and Arrow indicating which way Is up must be on the back of the print!

All prints must be two dimensional. Prints that have been intentionally folded to stand out will not be allowed.

Entries must be a single print. Mats with multiple openings will not be allowed unless explicitly stated for a particular topic.

MONOCHROME

Monochrome Prints follow the same rules as for color prints.

Monochrome images can be Black and White or Sepia or any other single color along with white. If a print has two or more colors (i.e. hand tinted or colorized) it is considered a color print.

JUDGING

HPS has nurtured some terrific relationships In the Huntsville art and photography communities. As a result we are able to find some amazing judges with a variety of techniques and backgrounds. We allow each judge to use their own methods to critique images and look forward to their insightful, helpful and informative comments. The judge also awards places to the competition entries.

COMPETITION CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Primary Competition Officer - Charles Gattis cfgattis@me.com
- Digital Competition Officer – Eddie Sewall cesewall@comcast.net
- Competition Records Officer - Margaret Phillips phillipsqh@gmail.com

LIFETIME AWARDS PROGRAM

1. Fellow of HPS: An HPS member who has had twenty (20) entries that have placed during monthly competition shall attain the status of Fellow of HPS and receive a certificate so attesting.
2. Fellow - Stars: Once a member is a Fellow of HPS, additional earned competition points shall result in the following merit star awards:
 - 20 points - Bronze Star
 - 40 points - Silver Star
 - 60 points - Gold Star
3. Master of Photography: This is awarded after a Fellow of HPS has won one hundred (100) additional competition points and has had at least one public exhibition of his or her work.

Regarding the exhibition; you must meet the following stipulations:

- The exhibition may be with a group of other exhibitors or a single showing.
- The member must display a minimum of six(6) matted or framed prints.
- Exhibition must be in a public venue.
- The exhibition must last a minimum of 5 days.

The Huntsville Art League has a standing offer of Gallery space to any HPS member nearing the "Masters" level.

It is the member's responsibility to notify the Competition Secretary of the details of the public exhibition, and the HPS Competition Records Officer must certify both the points and exhibition requirement.

- Contact Margaret Phillips phillipsqh@gmail.com with questions about awards.

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