



Monochrome Digital, HM, by Julia Gary. See more HMs starting on p.12

# In Focus

## November Program—Creative Crud

*Submitted By Chris Baker*

*November 11, 2024 GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.*

Our Program meeting on November 11 will feature the results of our Creative Crud exercise. We'll view a slideshow of the fun and creative ways that our HPS members used their random Dollar Store item in their photography. A reminder for the members who are participating:

- Each participant will submit (1) one regular/straight photo to show and define the object.
- Each participant will also submit (3) three additional photos that show your creativity with the object. These photo must include the object but you may use the whole object or a part of the object. It does not even have to be recognizable nor does it have to be the main subject of the photo. The photo does not have to show the object's intended use.
- Your creativity must take place in the camera, not in Photoshop or any other such program. You may use these programs for basic corrections such as cropping, levels, etc. but you may not use digital filters, cloning, major color alternations, AI, etc.

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- Your (4) photos must be submitted via e-mail to Chris Baker at [knc82099@me.com](mailto:knc82099@me.com) before **Nov. 8** using the same submission standards as you use for the monthly competitions.
  - JPEG images , maximum width 2800 pixels, maximum height 1600 pixels.
  - File name must be: first and last name with no spaces, a dash and then entry number.
    - Example: JohnDoe-1.jpg

We'll also conduct some year-end HPS business with a member review and approval of next year's budget, as well as an election of officers. For anyone interested in getting more involved, we have several vacancies on the board that we'd love to fill for next year. Please contact Chris Baker at [knc82099@me.com](mailto:knc82099@me.com).

### **2025 HPS Officers**

President - Chris Baker

Primary Competition Officer - Steven Butler

**Digital Competition Officer - Vacant**

Competition Records Officer - Eddie Sewall

Program Officer - Paul Hauser

Activities and Workshops Officer - Philip Flowers

Publicity Officer - Xavier Adams

Treasurer - Bob Schmiedeskamp

Communications Officer - Jay Bain

Historian - Tom Bryant

**Exhibition Officer - Vacant**

PSA Representative - Lee Pratt

Webmaster - John Shriver

**Membership Officer - Vacant**

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## **KEH Coming to Huntsville**

### ***Submitted By Chris Baker***

For those with old camera gear to sell, KEH will be at GigaParts on November 22-23, 9am-6pm each day for a buying event to turn your used gear into cash. An extra 10% bonus when you trade in at this event. To make an appointment, click this link:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sell-your-camera-gear-free-event-at-gigaparts-tickets-1047978460787?aff=oddtcreator&utm\\_campaign=Gigaparts+%2811%2F22+-+11%2F23%29&utm\\_term=Event&sc\\_lid=1060&utm\\_source=emarsys&sc\\_eh=501dd8883e9fe0171&sc\\_uid=UgcVt1HZ7Y&utm\\_medium=email&sc\\_src=email\\_6327834&sc\\_lid=443249845](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sell-your-camera-gear-free-event-at-gigaparts-tickets-1047978460787?aff=oddtcreator&utm_campaign=Gigaparts+%2811%2F22+-+11%2F23%29&utm_term=Event&sc_lid=1060&utm_source=emarsys&sc_eh=501dd8883e9fe0171&sc_uid=UgcVt1HZ7Y&utm_medium=email&sc_src=email_6327834&sc_lid=443249845)

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## **Novice Class**

### ***Submitted By Chris Baker***

The eighth topic on November 11 at 5:30pm will be the second half of my Post-processing Fundamentals course. In lieu of presentation charts, this session will consist of live editing of photos using Adobe Lightroom focusing on the use of the histogram and a demonstration of the various editing tools including exposure adjustments, sharpening, noise reduction, and masking. While the editing will be done with Lightroom, the concepts, terminology, and workflow will apply to any post-processing software.

## Photography Classes Through GigaParts

*Submitted by Chris Baker*

Separate from HPS, I'm conducting free photography classes through GigaParts. The November dates, topics, and links to register are listed below:

- November 6 (Wednesday) - Introduction to Astrophotography - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1376014?>
- November 13 (Wednesday) - Introduction to Infrared Photography - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1376018?>

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Lee Pratt

### Non Board Positions

**Webmaster:** John Shriver

**Membership Officer:**

Vacant

**Mentor/Novice Program**

**Officer:** Conner Hill

### Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines

December 2 - 22nd Annual Smithsonian Magazine Photo Contest - <https://photocontest.smithsonianmag.com/photocontest/>

December 5 - 61st Annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year Contest - <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/wpy>

December 8 - 2025 Bird Photographer of The Year Contest - <https://www.birdpoty.com/>

January 3 - 2025 Sony World Photography Awards - <https://www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards>

HPS is meeting at GigaParts on the second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., and on the fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m.

[www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org](http://www.huntsvillephotographicsociety.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399566463394251/> (closed group)

# Camera and Lens Rentals

*Submitted by Chris Baker*

For those wanting to test out a new mirrorless camera body or lens, the GigaParts rental rates are outlined in the chart below.



Cameras	1 Day	3 Days	7 Days
Nikon Z7	\$80+	\$165+	\$280+
Nikon Z8	\$100+	\$225+	\$350+
Sony AIII	\$55+	\$105+	\$190+
Sony AIV	\$80+	\$165+	\$280+
Canon R5	\$100+	\$225+	\$350+
Canon R6 MarkII	\$80+	\$165+	\$280+

Lenses	1 Day	3 Days	7 Days
Nikon Nikkor Z 24-70	\$70+	\$140+	\$245+
Nikon Nikkor Z 70-200	\$85+	\$175+	\$297.50+
Sony FE 24-70	\$70+	\$140+	\$245+
Sony FE 70-200	\$85+	\$175+	\$297.50+
Canon RF 24-70	\$70+	\$140+	\$245+
Canon RF 70-200	\$85+	\$175+	\$297.50+

Laptops	Weekly	Monthly
Lenovo ThinkPad	\$45+	\$75+
Dell Latitude	\$45+	\$75+



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## 2024 Competition Topics

25-NOV—BOTTLES

## **End-of-Year Celebration**

***Submitted By Chris Baker***

Planning is underway for our EOY banquet where we get together to share some food and hand out awards for best photos of the year and the President's award, as well as recognize individuals who have achieved bronze fellow, silver fellow, gold fellow, and Masters status. Please reserve this date on your calendar and join us for this celebration. We had great feedback on last year's pot luck arrangement where everyone brought a dish to share, so we are going to do that again. Here are some details:

- Where: Wesley Hall, Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road, Huntsville
- When: Wednesday, December 11, beginning at 6pm
- Who: Club members and spouses/dates/significant others, Judges
- What to Bring: Members with last names A-M will bring hor d'ourves, N-Z will bring desserts

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## **Workshops and Outings**

***By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman***

There are no more workshops or outings planned for the remainder of the year.

But 2025 promises to be very busy. On January 18th we will have an outing to Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. This is a great opportunity to photograph the thousands of Sandhill Cranes that will be there on their migration. On February 15th we will have an off-camera Flash Workshop led by Herb Stokes. On February 22nd we will have a portrait/lighting Workshop led by Eric Mittman. Then on March 15th, we will have a 4 hour Workshop on Lightroom targeting newbies to experienced users led by myself. So, the first three months of the year will be busy. Looking forward to it.

***We learn by doing. Happy shooting.***

## November 2024 Judge—Mary Beth Johns Subject—Bottles

***November 25, GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.***

Dr. Mary Beth “Bee” Johns has been the Associate Professor of Art Education for Athens State University in Athens Alabama for 12 years – working through the Alabama Center for the Arts in partnership with Calhoun Community College in Decatur Alabama. Dr. Johns received her Master in Art Education from The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa and her Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University. However, it was at the University of North Alabama that she learned to paint with acrylics on a large scale when working towards a Bachelor degree. Presently, Dr. Johns leads the Athens State art teacher education candidates through the Alabama State art certification program and teaches the cap stone classes at ASU associated with this degree. In addition to this she teaches a critique class where new artists learn about aesthetic philosophy and its implementation in studio practice. Prior to accepting her position at ASU, Dr. Johns was the museum educator for The Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Wilmington; now known as The Delaware Contemporary- an art space that infuses contemporary art and creativity into the community through exhibitions and educational experiences. Currently, working out of the Alabama Center for the Arts Lowe Mill studio 310, she has had the opportunity to engage the community again by allowing the public to view a practicing artist at work.

## October Competition Results Subject—Open Judge—Eric Mittman

	Color Digital (50)	Monochrome Digital (38)	Color Print (10)	Monochrome Print (11)
1st	Jim Spinoso	Philip Flowers	Charles Leverett	Philip Flowers
2nd	Chris Baker	Emily Saile	Barbara Staggs	Doris Leverett
3rd	Chris Baker	C.T. Chi	Barbara Staggs	Connor McLeod
HM	C.T. Chi	Bob Schmiesdeskamp	John Shriver	Charles Leverett
HM	Ed Townsend	Casey Johnson	Philip Flowers	Eric Deylius
HM	Emily Saile	Emma Soto		
HM	Jack Eidson	Jane Reneau		
HM	William Farnsworth	Julia Gary		

## Points for the Year to Date

Name	2024 Points	2024 Wins
Christopher Baker	68	24
Philip Flowers	48	16
Charles Leverett	42	14
Barbara Staggs	42	13
Doris Leverett	34	13
John Shriver	26	8
Casey Johnson	25	11
Susan Chi	25	10
Emily Saile	24	11
CT Chi	22	9
Allen Gary	22	8
Henry Smith	21	8
Jack Eidson	17	12
Earl Todd	17	8
Mat Bevill	17	7
Tom Bryant	17	5
Jane Reneau	15	8
Jim Spinoso	14	8
Don Wolfe	13	6
Barry Freeman	10	3
Thomas Johnson	10	3
Michael Cox	10	2
Angela Meeks	9	4
Ed Townsend	8	4
William Farnsworth	7	5
Eric Deylius	6	4
Eddie Sewall	6	2
Wayne Cummins	5	1
Ronald Atchley	4	1
Carolyn Eidson	3	3
Bob Gathany	3	3
Steven Butler	3	1
Connor McLeod	3	1
John Dillingham	2	2
Julie Gary	2	2
Shannon Leszcynski	2	2
Susan Poston	2	2
Bob Schmiedeskamp	2	2
Alice Searcy	2	2
Amanda Sloane	2	2
Kate Deal	1	1
Riley Garrett	1	1
Virginia Gilbert	1	1
Trevor Hall	1	1
Joy Henderson	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Emma Soto	1	1
Sam Tumminello	1	1

<p><b>New Members</b>                  Randy Hall                  Rich Perkins                  Richard Stone</p>
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## October 2024 Images



Color Print  
1st place  
by Charles  
Leverett

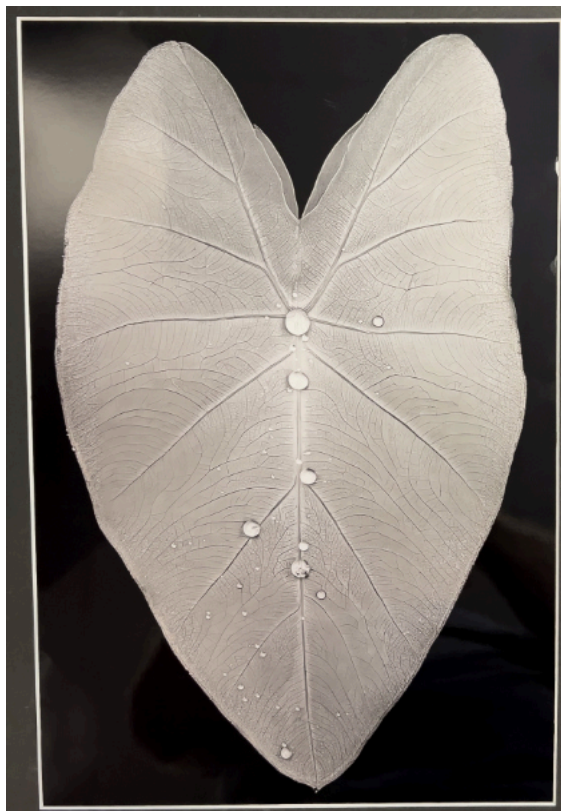
Color Print 2nd place  
by Barbara Staggs



Color Print 3rd place  
by Barbara Staggs



Monochrome Print  
1st place  
by Philip Flowers



Monochrome Print  
2nd place  
by Doris Leverett

Monochrome Print  
3rd place  
by Connor McLeod





Color Digital  
1st place  
by Jim Spinoso



Color Digital  
2nd place  
by Chris Baker



Color Digital 3rd  
place  
by Chris Baker



Monochrome  
Digital 1st place  
by Philip Flowers



Monochrome Digital  
2nd place  
by Emily Saile

Monochrome  
Digital  
3rd Place  
by C. T. Chi





## Honorable Mention—Print



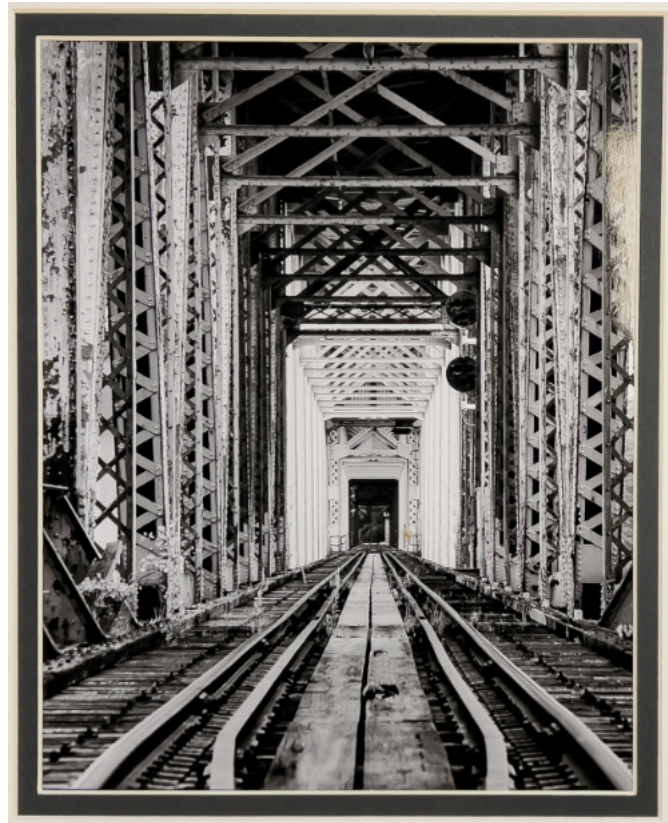
John Shriver



Philip Flowers



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