



Color Print, HM, by Laura Deal. See more HMs starting on p.11

In Focus

Message from the President

Submitted By Chris Baker

With 2024 winding down, I want to thank my fellow HPS Officers for helping to make this year a success. In addition to our regular programs and monthly outings, we incorporated a few interactive program sessions focusing on still life and portrait shooting that were well received. For traditional film shooters, we have a film subgroup that has formed with their own meetings and activities. And, of course, many thanks to the HPS members for their participation and support. HPS is also thankful to the staff at GigaParts, Alex Hall and David Terry, for reaching out to us and providing an amazing new meeting space for us. It's been a mutually beneficial partnership and we look forward to working with the GigaParts team in the future. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Exhibition Opportunities

Submitted By Connor McLeod

"HPS is looking for opportunities to exhibit the work of our members! If you're aware of any local or semi-local opportunities, please contact HPS Exhibition Officer Connor McLeod at Connor.james.mcleod@gmail.com

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End-of-Year Celebration

Submitted By Chris Baker

Our EOY banquet is set for December 11. We'll 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. Here are the 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
- HPS will provide drinks

****Reminder: There are no regularly scheduled meetings for December.**

Free Celestial Photography Class

Submitted By Chris Baker

GigaParts will be offering a free Celestial Photography class on December 17 starting at 6pm hosted by Panasonic Lumix representative Brad Cohn. From the GigaParts Events page:

"Join Brad for a little fun and learn celestial Photography as we unlock the tools and techniques needed to achieve your desired results. Ever wanted to try something new or refine a technique that you've been trying to master with low light photography? We will have a little fun with a live demonstration on how to paint with light using Lumix cameras. Bring your camera and your questions. Don't have a camera, let's talk about the right one to help you achieve your photographic aspirations. Brad has over 30 years' experience as a photographer and is a native of Cleveland. His passion includes night photography and studio lighting. Join Brad as we discover the tools needed to unlock the creative side of night photography and discuss how make art without even using a brush! We will do a live demonstration of how to use Live View Composite in Lumix cameras. Space is infinite."

Use the following link to register for this free class: <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1457275>

2025 HPS Officers

Submitted by Chris Baker

We have several new members to the HPS Board in some key positions. I want to thank them for volunteering and look forward to working with this team next year to continue to make HPS a successful organization.

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 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 for newbies and 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.

Officers of HPS

President: Chris Baker

Primary Competition Officer:
Steven Butler

Digital Competition Officer: Doug Wong

Competition Records Officer: Eddie Sewall

Program Officer:
Paul Hauser

Activities & Workshops Officer: Philip Flowers

Publicity Officer:
Xavier Adams

Treasurer:
Bob Schmiedeskamp

Communications Officer:
Jay Bain

Historian: Tom Bryant

Exhibition Officer:
Connor McLeod

PSA Representative:
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

<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+



2025/6 Competition Topics

27-JAN-LOOKING UP/ LOOKING DOWN	23-JUN-N. ALABAMA/ S. TENN	24-NOV-HUMOR 2026
24-FEB-SUNRISE/SUNSET	28-JUL-OPEN	26-JAN-LEAVES & PETALS
24-MAR-OPEN	25-AUG-FORMATIONS	23-FEB-PATTERNS
28-APR-ARCHITECTURAL	22-SEP-MOUNTAINS & VALLEYS	23-MAR-OPEN
26-MAY-BOTANICALS (PLANTS)	27-OCT-OPEN	

Best of Year (BOY) Judges—Cindy Shaver and Herb Stokes

Cindy Shaver has supported the Huntsville Photographic Society as our judge on several occasions, including one of our judges for the 2019 Best of Year competition. Serving Huntsville and surrounding area for over ten years, Cindy Shaver provides fine art as well as contemporary images. Cindy specializes in wedding and portrait photography, including senior, family, and pet portraits. Cindy has the skills to create amazing images.

Cindy has earned numerous awards including the following:

- 2020 Grand Imaging Award finalist in the senior portrait category in International Print Competition.
- 2017 and 2018 Mississippi and Alabama Master Photographer of the Year.
- 2016 Bronze medalist in the International Print Competition.
- 2016 Earned a Master Photographer degree.

Samples of Cindy’s work can be viewed at her website – www.cindyshaver.com

Herb Stokes is a first-time judge for the Huntsville Photographic Society

Huntsville native Herb Stokes has returned to his roots, bringing a wealth of experience from his time as the owner of Southwest Portraits in Tempe, Arizona for the last 17 years. Now, at the helm of Herb Stokes Photography in Huntsville, Alabama, Herb specializes in the art of product and corporate branding photography. With a keen eye and a passion for capturing the essence of brands, Herb transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary visual narratives.

Samples of Herb’s work can be viewed at his website – herbstokesphotography.com

November Competition Results

Subject—Bottles

Judge—Mary Beth Johns

	Color Digital (37)	Monochrome Digital (36)	Color Print (15)	Monochrome Print (15)
1st	Chris Baker	Jack Eidson	Charles Leverett	Doris Leverett
2nd	Mat Bevill	Trevor Hall	Barbara Staggs	Laura Deal
3rd	Philip Flowers	Jim Spinoso	Tom Bryant	Philip Flowers
HM	Allen Gary	Ed Townsend	Philip Flowers	Steven Butler
HM	Carolyn Spinoso	Eric Deylius	Laura Deal	Emily Saile
HM	Eric Deylius	Mat Bevill		
HM	Jack Eidson	Philip Flowers		

Points for the Year to Date

New Members
Philip Hallmark

Name	2024 Points	2024 Wins
Christopher Baker	73	25
Philip Flowers	56	20
Charles Leverett	47	15
Barbara Staggs	46	14
Doris Leverett	39	14
John Shriver	26	8
Emily Saile	25	12
Casey Johnson	25	11
Susan Chi	25	10
Jack Eidson	23	14
Allen Gary	23	9
Mat Bevill	22	9
CT Chi	22	9
Henry Smith	21	8
Tom Bryant	20	6
Jim Spinoso	17	9
Earl Todd	17	8
Jane Reneau	15	8
Don Wolfe	13	6
Barry Freeman	10	3
Thomas Johnson	10	3
Michael Cox	10	2
Ed Townsend	9	5
Angela Meeks	9	4
Eric Deylius	8	6
William Farnsworth	7	5
Eddie Sewall	6	2
Laura Deal	5	2
Trevor Hall	5	2
Wayne Cummins	5	1
Steven Butler	4	2
Ronald Atchley	4	1
Carolyn Eidson	3	3
Bob Gathany	3	3
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
Joy Henderson	1	1
Steve Mitchell	1	1
Emma Soto	1	1
Sam Tumminello	1	1
Carolyn Spinoso	1	1

November 2024 Images



Color Print
1st place
by Charles
Leverett



Color Print 2nd place
by Barbara Staggs



Color Print 3rd place
by Tom Bryant

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Doris Leverett



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Laura Deal



Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Philip Flowers



Color Digital
1st place
by Chris Baker

Color Digital
2nd place
by Mat Bevill



Color Digital 3rd
place
by Philip Flowers

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by Jack Eidson



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Trevor Hall

Monochrome
Digital
3rd Place
by Jim Spinoso



Honorable Mention—Print



Laura Deal



Philip Flowers



Emily Saile



Steven Butler

Honorable Mention—Digital



Allen Gary



Carolyn Spinoso



Eric Deylius



Jack Eidson



Ed Townsend



Eric Deylius



Mat Bevill



Philip Flowers