



Monochrome Digital, HM, by C.T. Chi. See more HMs starting on p.11

In Focus

January Program—iPhone Photography (iPhoneography)

Presented By Michael Huettel

January 13, 2025 GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

Michael began photography in 2005 with a Canon DSLR to take high school senior photos for his daughter. Over the years, he explored various genres, including newborn, real estate, sports, and pet photography, eventually specializing in contemporary glamour portraiture. His work is known for its clean, classy, yet edgy style.



As the physical demands of traditional photography grew, Michael transitioned to iOS photography. He embraced the creative potential of iPhone photography (iPhoneography), reducing equipment and post-processing needs while maintaining high-quality results. Michael now focuses on teaching others about iPhone photography, sharing his experiences, tips, and techniques to create captivating photos.

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In our program Michael will briefly talk about getting to know your iPhone, different types of equipment that help, and post-processing techniques focusing on basic photography principles. Additionally, he will share with the group some of his experiences, tips and photos during his iPhoneography journey.

Photo is of Michael and his wife Sarah

Upcoming Photography Classes at GigaParts

Submitted By Chris Baker

Here's a list of upcoming photography classes sponsored by GigaParts. All classes are free, just register at the link provided.

- January 9 - Photography 102 by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1468059?>
- January 11 - iPhone Photography by Michael Huettel - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1457919?>
- January 15 - Photography 201 by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1468063?>
- January 16 - Mastering Light for Photography by Roland Scott - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1508332?>
- January 18 - Mastering iPhone Photography Editing: Basics and Beyond by Michael Huettel - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1457925?>
- February 5 - Post-processing Fundamentals by Chris Baker - <https://events.gigaparts.com/events/gigapartshuntsville/1468066?>

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Upcoming Photo Contest Deadlines


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+



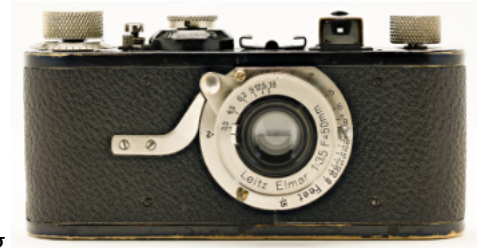
2025/6 Competition Topics

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	

The “Crafty” Film Group

Submitted By John Shriver

The HPS “Film Group” was created about a year ago to determine if there was interest in promoting and supporting film photography and the HPS-managed darkroom. We quickly developed an active group and expanded our interests, moving away from a straight digital approach and focusing more on the craft of photography. We are all different, with interests ranging from film (B&W and color), vintage cameras and lenses (pin hole, 35mm, medium and large format), handmade prints, alternative processes, and lomography. We now have 33 people who have expressed interest and joined our Facebook page where we provide information on monthly meetings at the Huntsville Library as well as links to potentially useful information. If you would like more information or would like to join us, please see the “Film and Alternative Processes” link under “Activities” on the HPS website.



Honorary Life Membership for Lee Pratt

Submitted By Sam Tumminello

HPS President Christopher Baker presents long-time HPS member Lee Pratt with a certificate of the Honorary Life Membership in the Huntsville Photographic Society at the December 2024 awards event.

The Huntsville Photographic Society (HPS) wishes to recognize those individuals who have contributed to or provided for the development, betterment, promotion and appreciation of the art and science of photography through contributions to HPS and significant service to the photographic community.

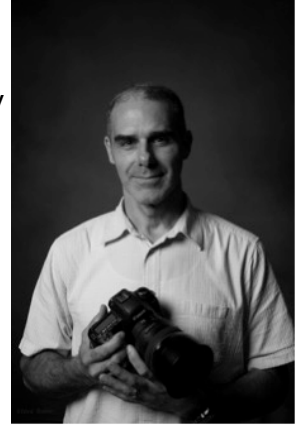


January 2025 Judge—José Betancourt Subject—Looking up/Looking Down

January 27, GigaParts (Old Burlington Coat Factory Building), 6:30 p.m.

José Betancourt will be our judge for the upcoming competition on January 27, 2025 for the subject, "Looking up/Looking Down."

José is a Professor of Art, who teaches photography at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He holds a BA degree in Photography from the University of South Florida and an MFA in Photography from Hunter College, City University of New York City. Jose' currently teaches classes in Digital Photography, Experimental and Historical Photography, and Documentary Photography. His art has recently been exhibited at the Tinney Contemporary art gallery in Nashville, the Tennessee Valley Museum in Tusculumbia, the Asheville Museum of Art in North Carolina, and The Baldwin Photographic Gallery in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



We want to thank Jose' for his continued support of the Huntsville Photographic Society, and for once again serving as a competition judge.

You can find examples of his work at josebetancourt.com.

Best of Year Competition Results

	Color Digital	Monochrome Digital	Color Print	Monochrome Print
1st	C.T. Chi	C.T. Chi	Doris Leverett	Charles Leverett
2nd	Chris Baker	Chris Baker	Tom Bryant	Doris Leverett
3rd	Chris Baker	Jack Eidson	John Shriver	Philip Flowers
HM	Casey Johnson	Casey Johnson	Charles Leverett	Barbara Staggs
HM	Chris Baker	Chris Baker	Philip Flowers	Charles Leverett
HM	Chris Baker	C.T. Chi	Jane Reneau	Earl Todd
HM	Chris Baker	Earl Todd	Barbara Staggs	Philip Flowers
HM	Chris Baker	Emily Saile		Earl Todd
HM	Chris Baker	Jack Eidson		
HM	Chris Baker	Jim Spinoso		
HM	Jack Eidson	Susan Chi		
HM	Mat Bevill	Susan Chi		

Workshops and Outings

By Philip Flowers – Workshop Chairman

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 there on 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.



New Members

Brendan Kelly

Filters for Sale

Submitted By Casey Johnson

Complete Haida M10 and Lee filter kit. Haida M10 filter holder, circular polarizer, clear night filter, with 67mm, 77mm, and 82mm adapter rings. Lee Big stopper (10 stop), Lee little stopper (6 stop), 3 Lee soft graduated filters, Lee reverse graduated filter, and 1 hard graduated filter. \$400 for entire lot. Contact Casey at dcjohnson50@gmail.com if interested.

Best of Year 2024 Images



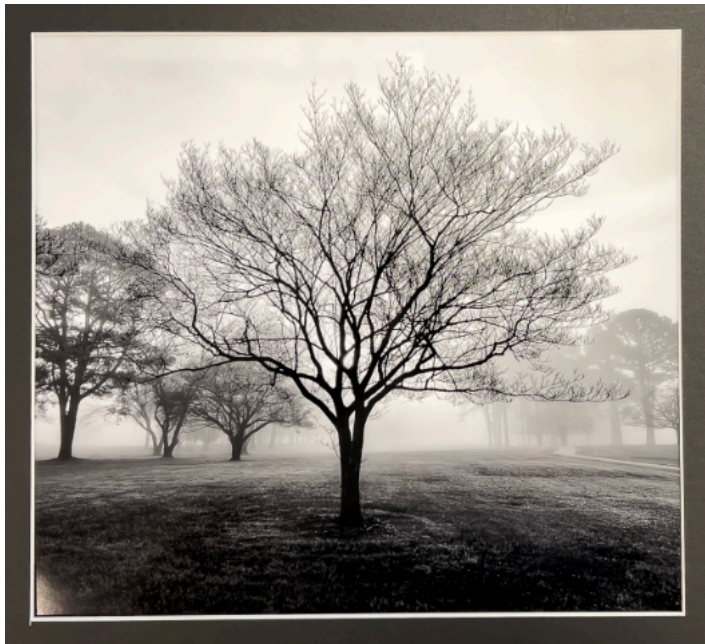
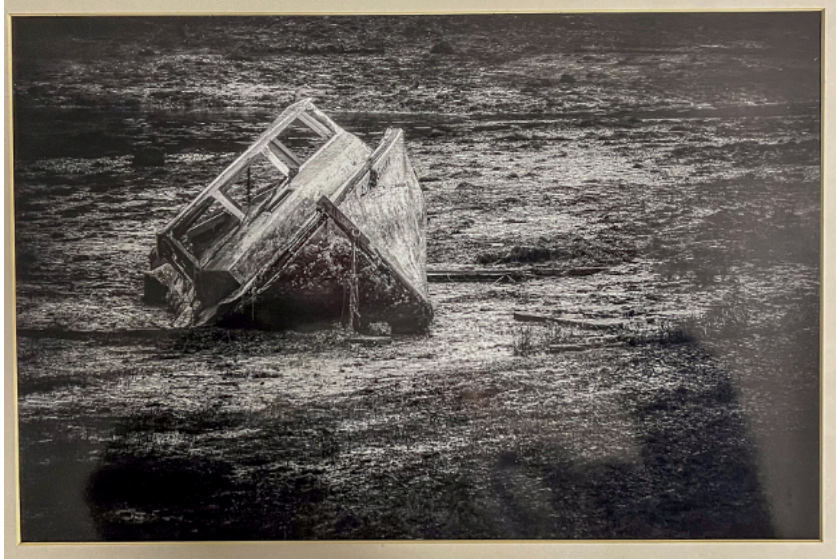
Color Print
1st place
by Doris
Leverett

Color Print 2nd place
by Tom Bryant



Color Print 3rd place
by John Shriver

Monochrome Print
1st place
by Charles Leverett



Monochrome Print
2nd place
by Doris Leverett

Monochrome Print
3rd place
by Philip Flowers





Color Digital
1st place
by C.T. Chi

Color Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker



Color Digital 3rd
place
by Chris Baker

Monochrome
Digital 1st place
by C.T. Chi



Monochrome Digital
2nd place
by Chris Baker

Monochrome
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by Jack Eidson



Honorable Mention—Print



Charles Leverett



Philip Flowers



Jane Reneau



Barbara Staggs



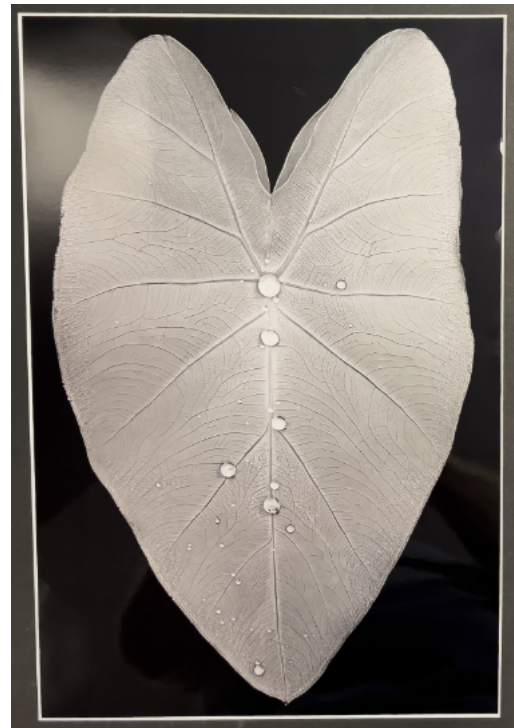
Barbara Staggs



Charles Leverett



Earl Todd



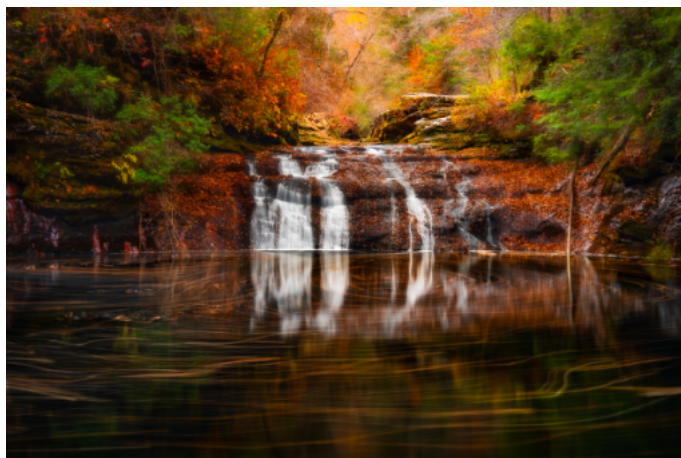
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Honorable Mention—Digital

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