



# Foothills Photography Group

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“First Place by a wide margin.” That was Daniel’s comment about the photo submitted by Rusty Russ at last month’s “Member Showcase”. It was an easy selection for the cover photo for this month’s newsletter. Congratulations, Rusty.

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## Historic Sites Caravan **Saturday, April 16.**

When and where: We meet at 8:00 AM in the large parking lot at the OLD County Courthouse in Clarkesville. COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB. Then we'll head for Toccoa about 8:30.



The club is going to try something new with this outing. For those who want to...we will try to match up the less experienced photographers with those who have been at this a bit longer. Other clubs have done this with good results. It allows the beginner to ask the questions and seek advice in a smaller setting.

Our first stop will be the remarkably well-preserved Traveler's Rest just east of Toccoa. The stagecoach inn and plantation home was built around 1815. It is now a State Historic Site and a National Historic Landmark. Our own Tom Johnson (who led our tour through the Hardman Farm mansion) will deliver a short history of the site. Then we'll be able to roam the property (and the interior) to make our own photos. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, and Erica gets in for \$3.00.





After Traveler's Rest we'll drive to Clarkesville to visit the oldest churches: First Presbyterian Church and Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church. Both of these churches were established in the 1830's. At each location there will be a person to give us a short history of the church, after which we can make photos. Above is a photo of First Presbyterian and one of the interior of Grace-Calvary.

From the same era is the Old Clarkesville Cemetery. Buried there is Jarvis Van Buren; first cousin of President Van Buren and builder of both the old churches. Also in the Clarkesville Cemetery is the now famous Moses Harshaw, reported to be the "meanest man in the county...". His grave marker reads "Died and Gone to Hell". The club has arranged to have a volunteer representative of the Historic Clarkesville Cemetery Preservation, Inc. to be on hand to give our group a brief history presentation.

And then...we'll gather at a local restaurant for lunch – for those who want to.

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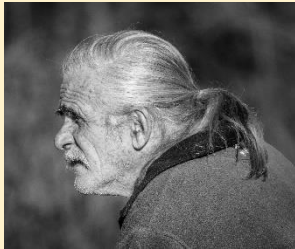

Hope to see you there! Now, do this: Click here: [jmartin@hemc.net](mailto:jmartin@hemc.net) and send me an email saying you are going. We need this to know what size group to expect for the "coffee and donuts" and the various sites. Club members and their guests only, please.

## MEMBER SHOWCASE

Participation at the March Member Showcase was high – and so was the quality. Theme was PORTRAIT.



First Place and cover photo....Rusty Russ

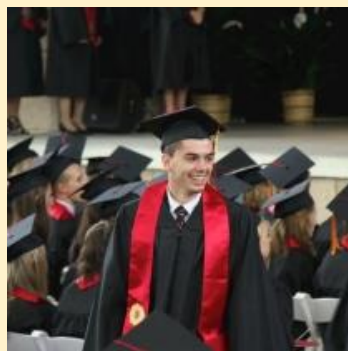


Second Place...Cassandra Souza

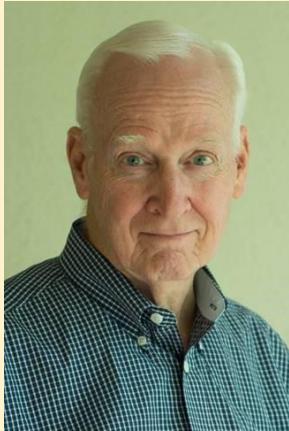


Third Place...Amanda Chatham

April's theme is THREE PHOTOS THAT TELL A STORY. President Daniel has given us a real challenge this time. Here's an example shamelessly copied from the internet.. GOOD LUCK !!



## An editorial...



The nice thing about being the editor of the newsletter is that I get to opine about something – without fear of criticism. (You criticize and you get to become the editor!)

Over the years the club has sponsored many one-day outings. I'm reminded of trips to various gardens, waterfalls, and other sites. THIS ONE, however, might top the list. Of course, I'm referring to the upcoming "History Caravan". (See page 3)

Think about it: The four sites we'll be visiting represent, in a tangible way, the social and religious foundation of our corner of Georgia. The club has arranged for a guest volunteer at each location to share their knowledge. The speakers at the two churches, for example, are adults who were raised from childhood in that church. What a unique opportunity we have.

The photographic possibilities are remarkable, too. You can drive by the sites any time but the real opportunity at Traveler's Rest and the churches is access to the remarkably preserved interiors that date from the early 1800's. And when was the last time you got a professionally guided tour of an ancient burial ground?

President Daniel (always thinking) is offering something new with this outing. *For those who want to participate....* Daniel is offering to attempt a match-up of experienced photographers with those who are early in their photographic journey. Basically, the pair will experience the places together – discussing the photo shot opportunities, possibly answering questions about technical subjects, etc.

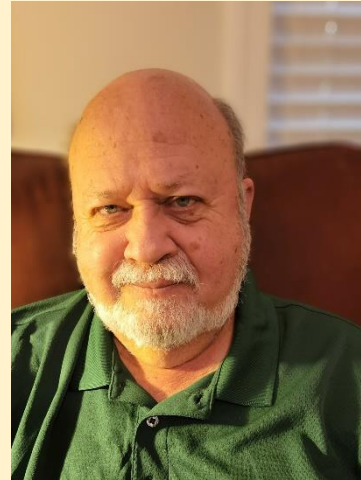
If you're planning to go, drop me an email. [jmartin@hemc.net](mailto:jmartin@hemc.net)

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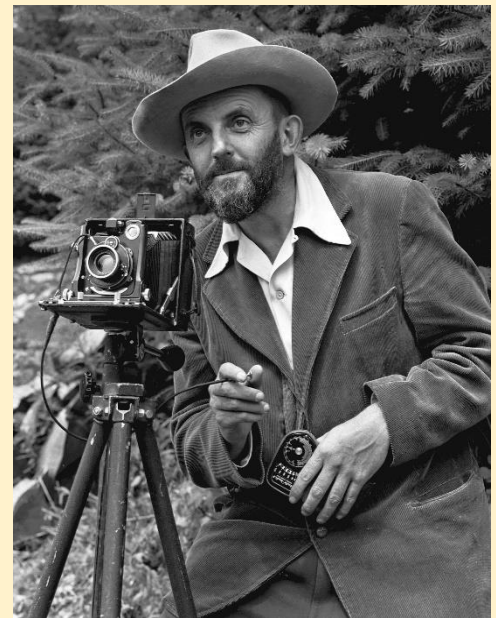
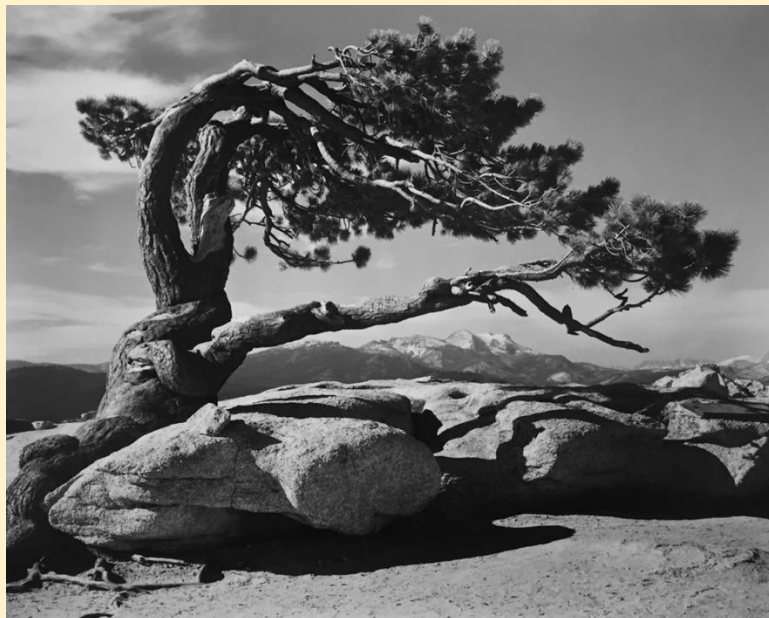
# April's Meeting...

Our own Jeff Gore has had a long-time interest in the photography of Ansel Adams.

Photography came to Adams only after several of his teachers encouraged him to pursue a career as a concert pianist. He and Fred Archer developed the zone system to segment light into ten different zones from absolute black to absolute white. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter for his tireless efforts to protect the beauty of our American landmarks.



Jeff: "I saw Ansel Adams at Symphony Hall, in Atlanta in 1977. He was an entertaining speaker, and an amazing photographer. Ansel Adams was known for his masterful black and white photographs of the American West. The first picture in his program was: "This is the Golden Gate.....Oh, that was before the bridge."



## There's more...



Check out this remarkable photo. It was made by member Steve Griswold's son (Spencer Griswold) while stationed as a Coast Guard "Coastie" off the coast near Pensacola. What you are seeing is the Navy's Blue Angel team practicing over a navigational marker in the foreground.

Lesson for the photographer? Be aware of your surroundings – and keep your camera handy.



Above are a few scenes from the Club's photo gallery at the Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center. President Daniel promoted this event quite well and the result was that seventeen club members submitted seventy-six photos. The reception was well attended by members, their guests, and members of the public. At least five pieces have been sold at the time of this writing. The last day of the show is April 17. Members should retrieve unsold pieces on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM and 5 PM.



## Program chair...

OK, club members: This is getting serious. Over the years I have arranged for sixty-five speakers to bring the program to our club. It's not that difficult – actually enjoyable – and I would like to pass the activity to someone else. What's involved? Just a few steps.

- 1) Do a little exploring on the internet to see the newsletters of other clubs. Many times, they will report on who presented at their meetings.
- 2) Contact that person via email and ask if they would present at our club. (They almost always say "yes")
- 3) Arrange the time and date, then pass that info on President Daniel.

This is a VERY easy way to contribute to the club. It is helpful and, at the same time, rewarding. Won't you give back this effort to the club?

Contact John Martin at [jmartin@hemc.net](mailto:jmartin@hemc.net)

## Here's some fun...



Bird has a small fish snack – and many friends eager to share. Then...bird eats his fish and friends hit the road. Photos submitted by Jeff Gore.