

Foothills Photography Group's Monthly Newsletter

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Focus on the Foothills



Hello Friends,

Summer is here and look at all the photo opportunities! I look forward to seeing your many wonderful images, both at our meetings and on Facebook.

Our June 21st meeting features Tom Query, a semi-professional photographer/minister/counselor who will speak on the subject of Emotional Photography. You can get to know Tom better by visiting his website: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wellspringarts>.

Remember, our critique theme for the June meeting is FAMILY HEIRLOOMS. I'm sure we'll have images of intriguing objects, composed and lighted in a way that make them memorable. Email your images to me at dannyoung56@yahoo.com.

Have you ever been to the State Botanical Gardens in Athens? We have a field trip planned on June 25, to go there. There is no cost. Hope to see you there!

Foothills Photography Group is a wonderful bunch of people interested in photography. Connecting through our meetings, Facebook, field trips, workshops, etc., helps us all to be better. Always feel free to share with me, or any of the board members, new ideas that you think could upgrade our club.

About 150 people belong to our Facebook page. This is a great way to display your images and to get to know one another. If you aren't a member of the page, please go to it and request to belong!

I want to thank all the Board for the wonderful job they are doing. And....it's only gonna get better!

Blessings!
Danny Young

Hi All!

Sharon here!

I want to start off by apologizing for the lateness of this newsletter, and the lack of a new cover photo. My computer decided to go into complete freak out mode and I lost most everything. Thankfully I had backed up some of the info, but not all, including my list of the contest winners for this month.

Here's this month's Bits and Bobs.

I hope you enjoyed our drawing last month. For your reading pleasure I have included the submissions of our winners. You might be chosen at our meeting on Tuesday June 21st, I hope you'll be there!

A friendly reminder, the critique theme for June is Family Heirlooms! I can't wait to see what you have and the stories that are behind them. Just email them to Danny and he'll get them to me or Colby for display.

Our cover photo is by:

Jim Johns. This image was made at Cades Cove. Ask him about it when you see him at our next meeting!

Tip of the month:

This month's tipster is Wendy O'Connor.

Tips for iPhone photography...

1. To quickly access your camera app, swipe up on the camera shortcut from the lock screen. (Bottom right corner)
2. Use the volume-down button on your head phones to take a picture remotely.
3. Keep your lens clean to maintain sharpness.
4. Use burst mode for action shots.

Quote of the month:

This month's quote is from Amelia Chatham. I thought this was perfect for our theme this month!

Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything. Aaron Siskind

Article of the month:

This month's article is submitted by Will Davis.

The Second Time Around

Last fall I noticed an announcement for the meeting of the Foothills Photography Club in the local paper. It occurred to me this might provide a good way to develop an interesting and enjoyable activity. I shot a lot of 8 mm movie footage in the 1950-60s, but have not had much other photography activity since.

After a search, I found a 35mm camera and went to Walmart for film. The sales person stated Walmart no longer sold film. She said the SLR was the camera of choice now. So... I bought a Nikon and joined the Club.

It was not long before my new status was found described in a quote by Ansell Adams that goes: "Buying a Nikon doesn't make you a photographer it makes you Nikon owner".

I decided I needed access to a structured program with a format that teaches the skill, demonstrates the skill and provides homework assignments that require the "would be" photographer to achieve some skill in the current subject.

Next came the search for DVD packaged material. I found it in three photography courses published by THE GREAT COURSES. The three courses are:

- * Fundamentals of Photography by Joel Sartore, National Geographic Fellow 24- 30 minute lessons.
- * The Art of Travel Photography by Joel Sartore. 6-Lessons with tips, techniques, and demonstrations.
- * Masters of Photography by 12 National Geographic Masters.

If you should desire to know more about these courses call and get on their mailing list. (1-800-832-2412)

They have sales...do not pay full price! When on sale they are frequently 75% off. Keep calling until you get an on sale date. I think you will be pleased with how good these materials are.

Good luck!
Will

New this Month is Member Spotlight.

Hello from Ann Jones!

I was “chosen” as the person to provide a Member Spotlight for the newsletter.

I’ve been a member of Foothills Photography Group since the beginning. I was born and raised in L.A. (lower Alto) Georgia (insert laugh). I later moved and lived many years in White County before settling back into my old neighborhood.

I work a full time job as an Accounting Manager for a poultry company in Gainesville. I started a photography business about two years ago and do all of that work in my free time. My business is *Precious Memories Photography* and I cover Hall, Habersham, White and Banks counties. I do most of my work outdoors but I have recently set up a small indoor studio. I do a lot of family portraits, kid’s photos and some weddings. I am thrilled when I get the chance to photograph a special needs child, they are so amazing. I have a page on Facebook called *Precious Memories Photography*. I also have a group on Facebook called *Words for Inspiration*; on this page I take my photos and insert words from the Bible, hymns or poems. It’s a closed group but I will gladly add anyone from FPG – send “Ann Cragg Jones” a message via Facebook. And of course, you can add me as a friend on Facebook, if you so desire.

I am married to the best Tom Jones in the whole world – and no, he does not sing. I have two adult children and one grandson. I also have many nieces and nephews that I “practice” on when I have a new idea I want to try out. I absolutely LOVE photography and wish I had started this journey many years ago.

I am abundantly blessed and grateful to have found Foothills Photography Group. I have learned so much, especially at the monthly meetings. The group leaders have done a fantastic job of bringing in experts that amaze me with their work. The tips and ideas that are shared at the meetings are very beneficial; I strongly encourage you to attend each month. After seeing Anne’s presentation in May I now have a desire to try pet photography – wish me luck.

One last note - I have to say I am sad to hear that Sharon Alicia will be moving. She has been such an inspiration to me and she freely shares her vast knowledge of photography. I, like many of you, will miss her dearly.

I’m looking forward to seeing Member Spotlights on other group members. Remember to stay focused! Ann

Upcoming Programs:

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Tom Query

Tom has been a licensed professional counselor for twenty years. He's also a minister and a great photographer.

Tom Query is a semi-professional photographer with several national and regional awards.

He has taught several photography courses at the Cedar Heights Center in Clarkesville -- one of which is Emotional Photography. That is the subject of the June program.

"In my personal life - I am a Father, Friend, Psychotherapist, Photographer, Reluctant Minister, and Retired Magician. I have an adult daughter. I am married to my girlfriend for life."

He is a member of Roswell Photographic Society and has been on their board.

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Wingate Downs

Education

Graduate, UGA Grady College

Studied photography at Auburn Univ., LaGrange College and UGA

(My father was a UGA journalism grad, a photographer, and newspaper owner-I literally grew up in the business!)

Experience

18 years director of photography for Athens' two daily newspapers;
wire service photographer for AP, UPI, and World Wide Press

Sports Photographer for Kodak's Prototype Digital Camera, 1987

Staff photographer, '96 Olympics, for Atlanta Olympic Committee

Remote image transmission from every part of the US

15 years operating commercial, portrait, and wedding business

Certified vendor for Microsoft, contract photographer for hundreds of businesses, governments and publications over NE Georgia

Awards

32 State and National awards for news and advertising photography

Teaching

Adjunct Professor, University of Georgia, Photojournalism
State Instructor, Georgia Press Association
Private consultant for southeastern media companies

Printed Work

Life, Sports Illustrated, Time, Newsweek, People, U.S News &W.R.
Dozens of book and CD covers
Cover, major contributor, Lewis Grizzard's "Glory, Glory",
Vince Dooley's "25 Years" and dozens of other UGA books

Studio

3,000 Sq. ft. facility with dressing room, complete digital production system, equipped with digital A/V.

Just final note...

Membership dues are being accepted at our June meeting. Stop by and see Wendy O'Connor. Come out, renew your membership, have some goodies before we listen and learn. I'll be there, and I hope you will be too!

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See you on Tuesday June 21st! Gathering time starts at 6:30 and our meeting starts at 7:00.