

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Monthly Newsletter



Cover photo Tanya Smith



Beautiful
photo from
Tanya Smith

From our President.....

I hope everyone enjoyed our August speaker. I think we all have to make our own decision about shooting strangers. I haven't had the chance to get out and shoot any strangers lately but I did shoot some strange goings on at my Grandson's Drive-By Birthday Party! That's right "Drive_By", his friends and family drove by and dropped off gifts and good wishes. Grandparents got to sit in the backyard and have cake as well! The times we live it.



I have had a few chances to get out but mostly I have been reviewing some older images. My cataloging and storage system leaves a lot to be desired. I take back-up seriously but finding certain images when I want them in RAW format can be time consuming if not impossible at times. Image storage and back-up is a subject every photographer should take seriously. My father always told me time is money, so the time you spend taking photos has a value. If you do it professionally you owe it to your customers as well to have secure storage. If you have it but can't find it, do you really have it? Something to think about. The days of shoving them in an album and throwing the negatives in a drawer are long gone.

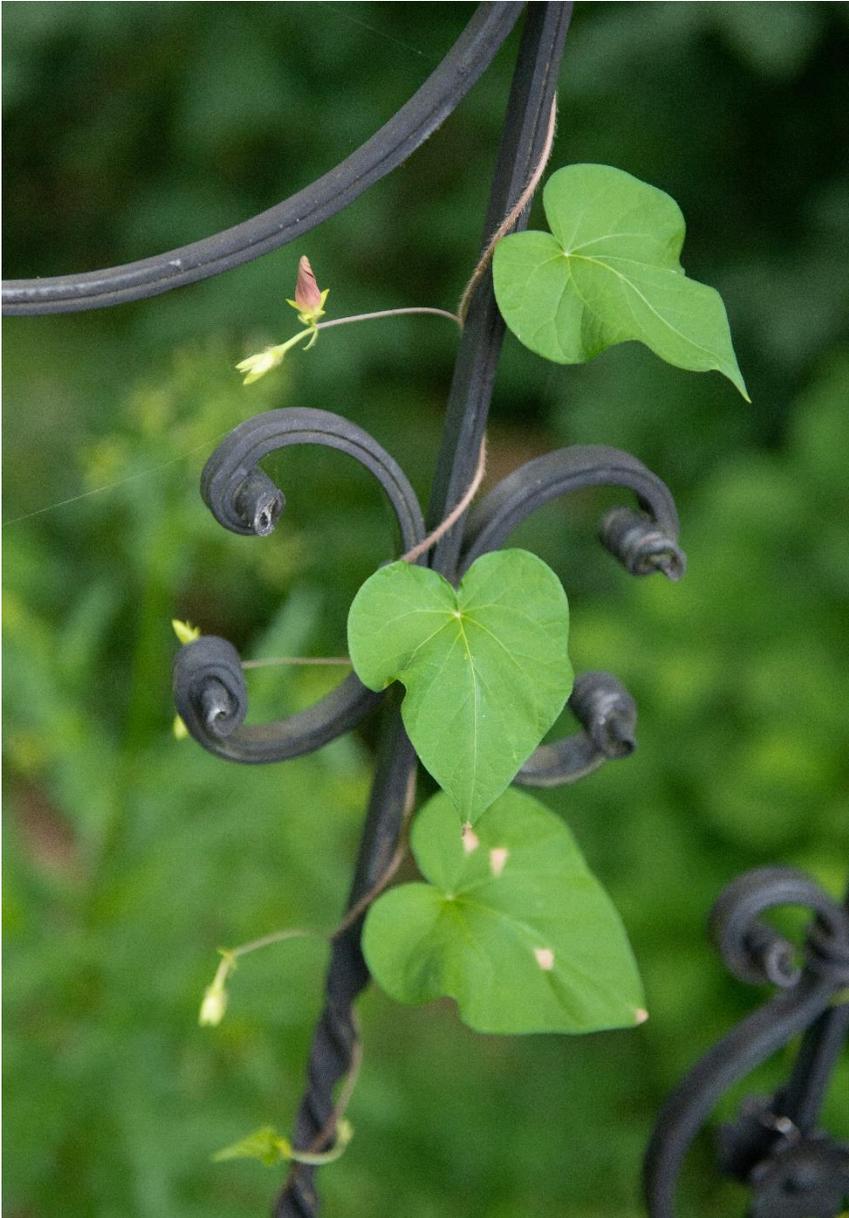
I hope everyone can attend our next online meeting. Our own John Martin will be presenting some of his images and giving us reasons to look at the choice between black & white and color. This should be really interesting and informative. This a subject that should be of interest to all levels of photographers. So, get out there and invite someone to join our meeting and pass along the link in this newsletter and on Facebook.

One additional thing I would like to mention is that Amanda Moon has offered to continue posting a **Weekly Photo Theme** on our Facebook page. The most recent "Butterflies" has had a good response. If you have something you would like to see or a good idea for one, make a comment below the posting each week. It can be hard to find ideas sometime.

Don't forget, **CSSI!!!!** Click that Shutter and Share your Images.



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47 Popular Places to Photograph *in* *Northeast Georgia*

By John Martin

#35 Fred Hamilton Gardens

Description:

The magic time here is mid-April through May. That is when the 400 varieties of rhododendron are in full bloom. But...if you miss this peak viewing season you will want to go to the gardens anyhow. You will find dogwoods, magnolias, azaleas, trillium, and other wildflowers. Hamilton Gardens is a true community project. Every year thousands of man-hours are contributed by local enthusiasts. A recent renovation has made this a definite stop for photographers and lovers of nature.

Entrance is \$3.00.

Notes for the photographer:

Of course, the big hint for the photographer is to visit during the blooming season. But, if you miss those dates (and this is definitely non-technical) do this: Visit anytime. One's photography often improves when the photographer finds himself in a calm, laid-back, gentle, and non-hurried environment.

Directions:

From the center of Hiawassee, travel northward on US 76 about a mile and a half (cross the bridge) to a right turn onto Music Hall Road. This is the entrance to the Georgia Mountain Fair Grounds and the Towns County Park. Take the first right into a large parking area and make your way to the back of it. You can park there or in the smaller lot at the entrance.

GPS coordinates for the parking lot entrance:

34°57'57.9"N 83°46'15.8"W

Interesting fact: Fred Hamilton was an executive with Sears Roebuck. He and his wife donated their personal collection of rhododendrons to Towns County in 1982. Eventually it was re-located to the spit of land protruding into Lake Chatuge where the soil and environmental conditions are excellent for supporting this Georgia mountain gem.

For sale: Do you have equipment for sale? Let us know so we can post it in the newsletter!

John Martin is selling some Nikon equipment. It is all in good working order. Here's your chance to own quality Nikon equipment at less than market prices. If you have an interest in any of these items, email John at jmartin@hemc.net

Nikon D2X body. In original box. With battery charger. Original book and camera strap included. Available on eBay (with charger) for \$300 to \$500. I'll sell for \$200.

Nikon D800 body. In original box. With battery charger, original book, strap, etc. New York sellers get \$850 to \$950. I'll sell for \$600.

Lens: Nikon 17-55 mm f/2.8. This is a DX lens. Original box, carrying case, instructions. Adorama, B&H, eBay all list for \$1,496. I'll sell for \$900.

Foothills Photography Group News:

NEXT MEETING: John Martin

Next Meeting: September 15, 2020

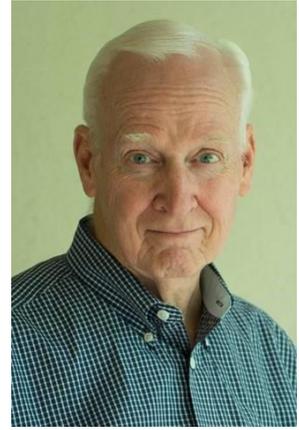
Invite a friend to attend this next meeting!

Foothills photography group is a club made up of people of all ages and backgrounds. Our aim is the enjoyment, mastery, and furtherance of photography through cooperation and good fellowship.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) in the Visual Tech Building, Clarkesville Campus. Social Time begins at 6:30 PM. Look for the signs as you approach the college from Clarkesville BUT due to the current pandemic we are holding our monthly meetings online using the Zoom platform. We would like to invite anyone interested in our group to join us. Social time begins on Zoom at 6:30 PM the meeting at 7:00 PM. Eastern Time (US and Canada) Sept. 15, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87444961271>

September Program: John Martin - Black & White Photography



Mesa Verde, John Martin

Why is black and white popular? What subjects make good black and white photos? How do you process color photos to black and white? Why black and white?

These questions and others will be addressed by John Martin using thirty color photos and their black and white equivalents – photos made in his travels locally and around the world. John is the founder of Foothills Photography Group. He is a past president and the club's program chairman.

Questions? jmartin@hemc.net

Special submissions:



Look at these colors in the sky photos taken by Barbara Johns! Beautiful & amazing!





Foothills Photography Group Membership Application



NAME/s _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please print clearly. (The email address is for your newsletters and all group notifications)

Are you interested in becoming an activities leader or other supporting roles? Yes No
 Referred to join Foothills Photography Group by _____
 Annual Dues: \$40 (Adult) \$50 Family* \$10 (Student/Youth - minimum age thirteen (13) years old)
 * All Family members MUST be in the same household.
 Adult Family Student/Youth Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check Cash

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Foothills Photography Group

Address: Foothills Photography Group For more information: John Martin
 P.O. Box 1872 706-499-0956
 Clarkesville, GA 30523 jmartin@hemc.net

I, _____, intending to be a legally bound member of the Foothills Photography Group (FPG); do hereby, for myself and my heirs, release all rights and claims for personal injuries or damages I incur while participating in FPG sponsored activities. I agree with these terms.
 Signature/s of Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s, (if applicable) are legally bound to this agreement:

Photographic Interests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astro/Low-Light/Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Macro/Micro Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Portraits | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Portraits | <input type="checkbox"/> Photojournalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Exploration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Portrait Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Still Life Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |