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The cover photo is a crop of an image by Daniel Short. It won first place in the Member Showcase theme for April: WATER. See more on page 9.



Hello, Fellow Club Members.

Thanks to everyone who attended the April meeting and participated in the downtown Clarkesville photo shoot. At the May meeting, we will be voting for the best photo from that trip. The best photo will receive a special prize.

Since May is one of the best months for flowers, John Martin has arranged for our own David Hinson to present on flower photography in the Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountains. To prepare for the presentation, I've found a few YouTube videos that were very interesting.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-zXnUNhQCBuBNAAu9Gc4mXa85nzY4j8V>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stJ3RorkK5Y>

Congratulations to Daniel Short (1st), Rusty Russ (2nd), and Melissa Elzey (3rd) for their April Member's Showcase winning photos. In recognition of our field trip, the April topic was "WATER." The May topic is "TWO". Get creative and send in your photo to me at lpjphotography15@gmail.com .

I hope to see everyone at the May meeting. It should be a great night.

See you on May 21.

Laura Jenkins
Foothills Photography Group President

BRASSTOWN FALLS FIELD TRIP !!

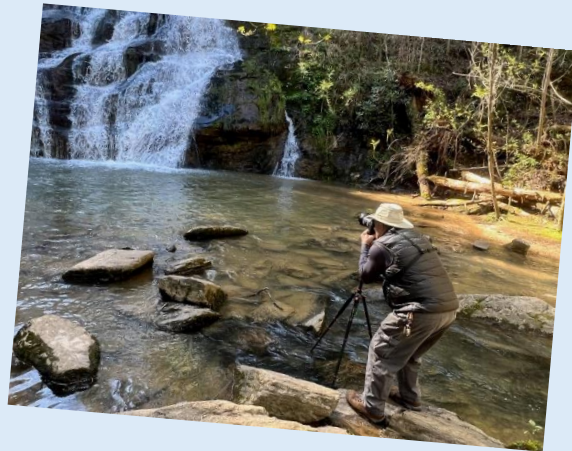


(L. to R.) Charlie Caldwell, Anna Coddington, Steve Coddington, Ruth Coddington, Melissa Elzey, David Hinson, Gary Elzey, George Boyd, Catherine Boyd and Julie Boyd. Also attending but not pictured: Kathleen Townsend. Photo by Melissa Elzey

The group gathered first in Clayton and made the trip via caravan to this beautiful spot in South Carolina. The next page is a collection of individuals hard at work. A “thank you” to David Hinson for getting the names right!



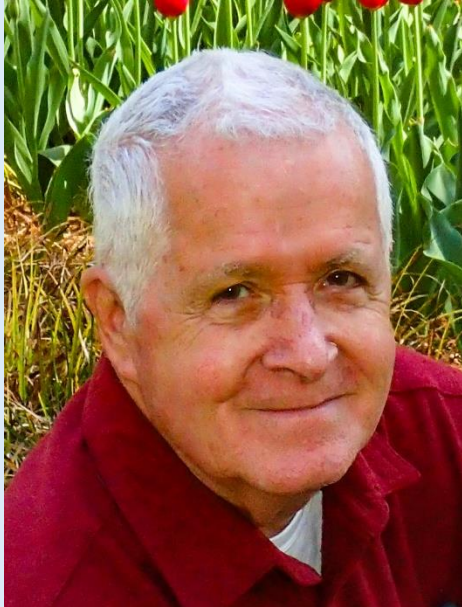
Clockwise from top left: David Hinson, Steve Coddington, George Boyd, Charlie Caldwell, Melissa Elzey, Charlie Caldwell. These photos by David Hinson and Melissa Elzey.



“I Won’t Miss a Single Meeting!”

By David Hinson

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You’re a member of Foothills Photography Group. Now think of the best meeting or field trip you have attended recently. When I do this mental exercise, I think of so many I don’t have room to list them all. One especially fascinating program was presented by our own Ashley Farmer. She returned from a trip to Iceland and showed us how to photograph the aurora borealis. I was surprised by her images of volcanoes belching fire in Iceland! Our April field trip to Brasstown Falls Trail was one of our best. The trail is located near Long Creek, S.C.. We learned how to use

neutral density filters and slow shutter speeds to give our waterfall images that misty, artsy look. The trip was led by Melissa Elzey. Melissa went over cliffs too steep for mountain goats! For people my age, the first trail was along a short, flat path bursting with wildflowers.

Another thing I really like about our group is the opportunity to learn from members who make good enough photos that people want to buy them. Four professionals that I know about are Kim Martin, Matt King, Danny Young, and Daniel Short. Don’t hesitate to ask them about their techniques. While you’re striving to improve your photography ask Linda Schultz how she took that outstanding photo of a cardinal! Check your March Newsletter to see Linda’s “Best of Show” cardinal and, if you just want to have fun with your camera and/or cell phone, come to our meetings and field trips.

By-the-way, if you’re not a member, our normal dues are \$40 for an individual or \$50 for a family. You’re welcome to attend our meetings at the Visual Arts Building, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville Campus just to see what all the excitement is about.

About the May meeting...



The presenter for the May meeting is David Hinson. From childhood, David has held an interest in the wildflowers of the Blue Ridge and the Appalachians. The highlights of David's talk include...

- ...where and when wildflowers are blooming in the Foothills.
- ...his techniques for making the photograph.
- ...the equipment he recommends.
- ...some folklore surrounding specific varieties.
- ...dealing with a surprise guest on the trail.

We're fortunate to have a wildflower enthusiast (and excellent photographer) in our own club. See you May 21ST !



More about the May meeting...



This is a Minolta Maxxum 50. It isn't worth much but would be a nice camera if you want to try shooting film. 28 – 100 mm, interchangeable lens, AF. If you are interested in doing some film shooting, let me know and it's yours. See me at the May meeting. John Martin.

Also...photography books will be given away to four lucky attendees.

The Member Showcase theme for May is “TWO”. The possibilities are endless. Send your entry photo to Laura at lpjphotography15@gmail.com.



Photo: TWO guards at Buckingham Palace.



Member Showcase For April: WATER

Danny Short took first place with this unique water droplet.

Second place was captured with this bridge by Rusty Russ.



Melissa Elzey's lacy waterfall brought home third place.