

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Monthly Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Amazing cover photo taken by Rusty Russ December 2020 from his back porch.



From our President.....

Fellow Club Members,

Welcome 2021!! This is indeed a new year filled with hope and expectations. Expectations of meetings and gatherings filled with new information, opportunity, and fellowship with other photographers. Hope for a

return to some semblance of that all too often used word “normalcy”. As photographers is that really what we want? Great inspiration as well as great creativity can and often do come from chaos. I want to challenge each of you to get out and take those unusual images. Step outside of your comfort zone and use your personal point of view to capture a moment to tell a story.

In 2021 we will replace the usual photo critique with a Monthly Members Showcase. Each showcase topic will be related to the previous meetings presentation topic. Following our speaker we will view the images. All images will be anonymous and identified only by number. There will be no discussion about the images. After the meeting you will be asked to vote on your favorites, selecting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finisher by number and emailing those votes to me. Votes should be emailed to me by 11:59 PM the day of the meeting. The winner’s images will be posted on our Facebook page along with the winner’s name. Winners will receive 15 points for first place, 10 points for second place, and 7 points for third place. Everyone who submits an image will receive 2 points. Only one image may be submitted per month. Only paid members may submit images. At the end of the year the member with the highest total points for the year will receive a plaque naming them **“Foothills Photography Group Photographer of the Year 2021”**. Anyone attending that monthly meeting may vote.

Images should be emailed to me at dshort@hemc.net by 12:00 noon January 18, 2021.

The theme for our January Members Showcase is “New Beginnings”! Think about using your story telling skills to illustrate the topic. The best description for this is a photo which conveys a feeling or emotion about a place or event. Photographic storytelling is the art of conveying stories, ideas and viewpoints through the medium of photography. It is a great example of how photography is not just the practice of creating visually interesting or stunning pictures, but is about telling stories, real or imagined.

Our next meeting is January 19th on Zoom. Our speaker will be Lance Lewin. He will present a program on “Fine Art Photography”. The meeting details and invite will be in the announcement section of this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

I would like to urge paid members, especially to attend these meetings on Zoom. They count toward the drawing for our Cades Cove Prize. Board members are not eligible for this drawing. Viewing the meeting on Facebook does not count, you must log in on Zoom. The winner will get a

\$300 gift certificate for a trip to Cades Cove. The more meetings you attend the better your chances. Drawing will be held during the March meeting. If you are not a paid member currently, I encourage you to rectify that situation promptly and join in on the fun.

See you at the meeting,

Daniel W. Short, President, Foothills Photography Group dshort@hemc.net

47 Popular Places to Photograph *in Northeast Ga*

Article & Photo by John Martin

#35 Milky Way

Why, you ask, is a photo of the Milky Way in this collection of photography sites in North East Georgia? It is because you can't see - much less photograph - the Milky Way unless you are in a very dark place and have good access to the sky. Such a place exists on the Richard Russell Highway just north of Helen.

Notes for the photographer:

If you have photographed the night sky you won't need this but...if you haven't, these tips will get you started. It is important that the sky be as dark as possible. To get this you will want to wait a few hours after sunset AND pick a night when the moon has already set. You can see some lights in Helen some six miles to the southeast. Get your sharpest focus on one of those lights and set your lens to manual. I lock my focus with a piece of tape so that it doesn't accidentally change. Your mileage may vary but I consider these things: Always use a tripod, use a short lens if you have one, turn the aperture to wide open (2.8 or similar), and make an exposure of about 30 seconds.

Directions:

From Helen, Georgia, drive northward on State 75 to Robertstown. (It's less than a mile.) Take a left onto State 75A. Travel for 2.2 miles where you will turn right onto Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway, a.k.a. State 348. You will drive 6.9 miles to an unpaved pull-off on your left. If you reach the place where the Appalachian Trail crosses the roadway at Hogpen Gap you've gone about 300 yards too far.

GPS Coordinates: 3443'33.3" N 8350'12.3"W

Interesting Fact: You may have noticed that the trip from Helen was mostly uphill. This is the course of the annual Hogpen Hill Climb, an 18K (11.2 miles) road race. It is reportedly one of the toughest races in America – but advertised as "...only one hill...".





The Newsletter Needs YOU!!



You can make the newsletter more interesting by sharing your photo related experience, knowledge, or adventure. Consider writing an article for a future issue. It doesn't have to be long or professional.



Possibilities: A new photo venue you have discovered, a new camera or gadget you own, your thoughts about the camera on your iPhone, etc.

Talk it over with Kim Martin, editor, or send your article to her at kimmersphotography@gmail.com

Foothills Photography Group News:

All paid members will be sent an invitation to view the zoom meeting. You will be able to view from your phone, tablet or computer.

Feel free to INVITE a friend to our online meeting!

(Towards the end of this newsletter you will find a flier you can use to invite a friend.)

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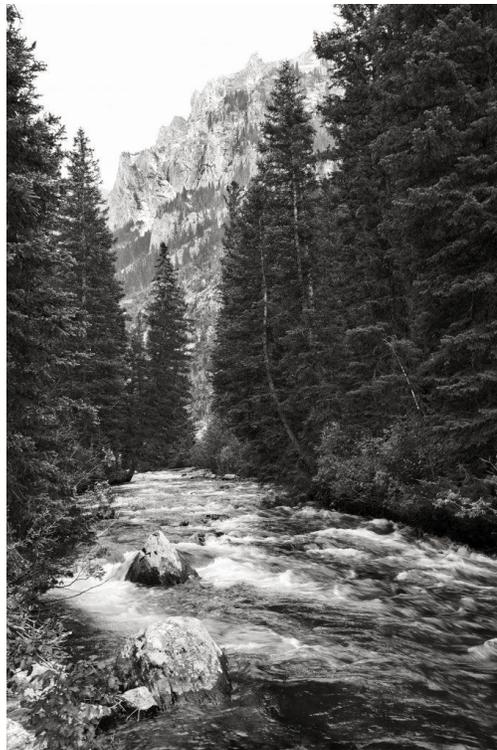


Photo by Lance Lewin, Guest speaker January 19th.



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Thank you to Chuch Lotts for sharing this:

It could be you... \$450,000 to be won in world's richest photographic awards
By Chris George <<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/uk/author/chris-george>>

HIPA 2021 photo contest opens for entries and is looking for images on the theme of Humanity.

With a staggering \$450,000 prize fund, the Hamdan International Photography Awards are open for entries. Celebrating its tenth anniversary, the theme for this year's HIPA contest is Humanity - with the Grand Prize winner receiving a cash award of \$120,000 for the best overall picture on the subject.

Founded in 2011 under the patronage of crown prince of Dubai Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum, the HIPA awards are not only open to any photographer, professional or amateur, they are also completely free to enter.

Alongside the Humanity theme, there will also be a special category for architectural images. And as usual, there will be portfolio, color, and black-and-white awards to be won too.

Entries to the competition must be submitted before 31 January 2021. To see the full details and to enter the competition, see the HIPA 2021 website <<http://www.hipa.ae/en/humanity-2020-2021/introduction>> .



What did you do for New Years Eve? New Years Day?

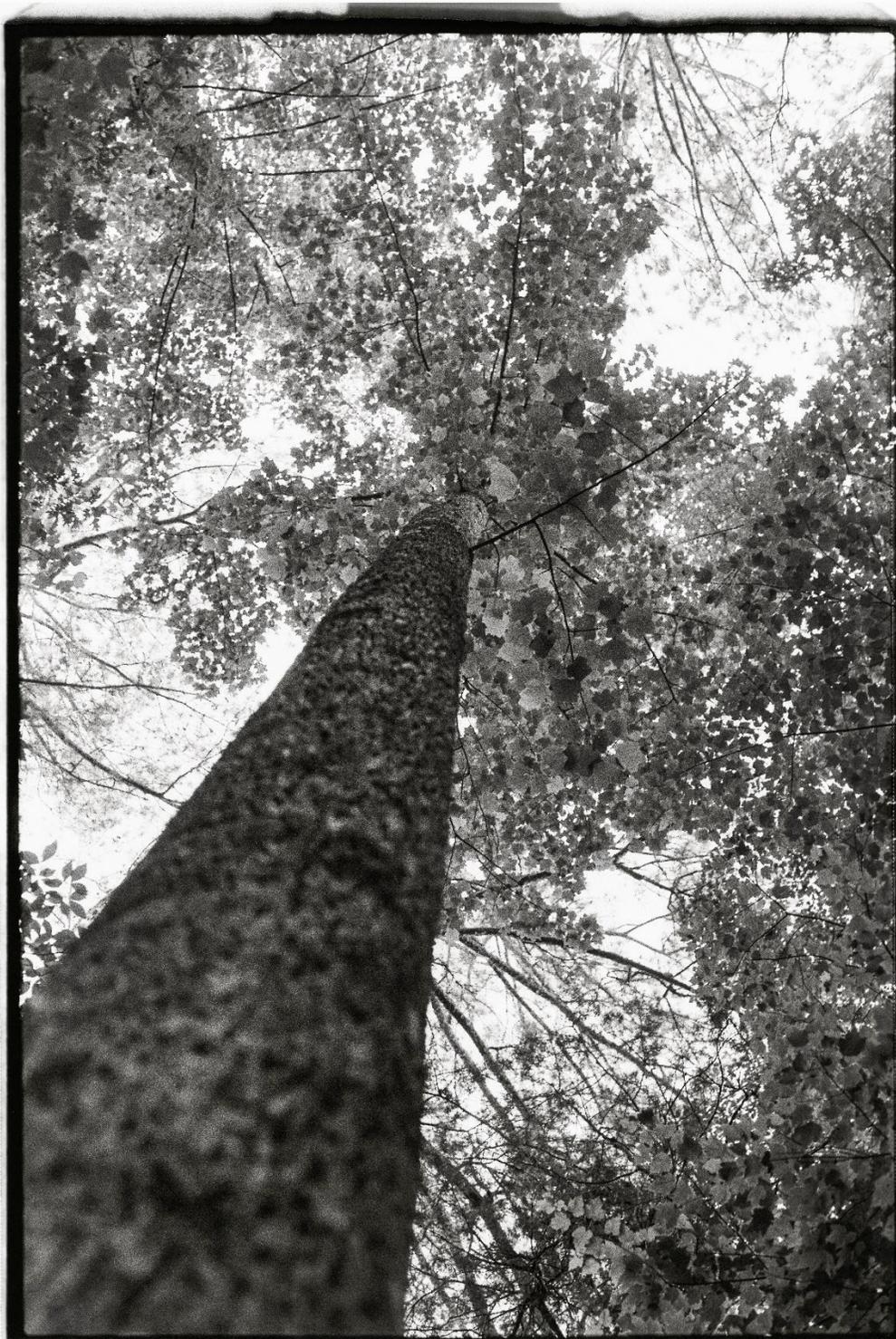


I was able to photograph the LCKC Annual Polar Bear Plunge!
Here are just a few pictures of this very wet event!



Here they are hanging “covid pinatas” and the numbers 2020!





Another beautiful work by Lance Lewin, our guest speaker in January.



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Join Zoom Meeting

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This meeting is open to the public, as are all others .

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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"/> _____ |

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