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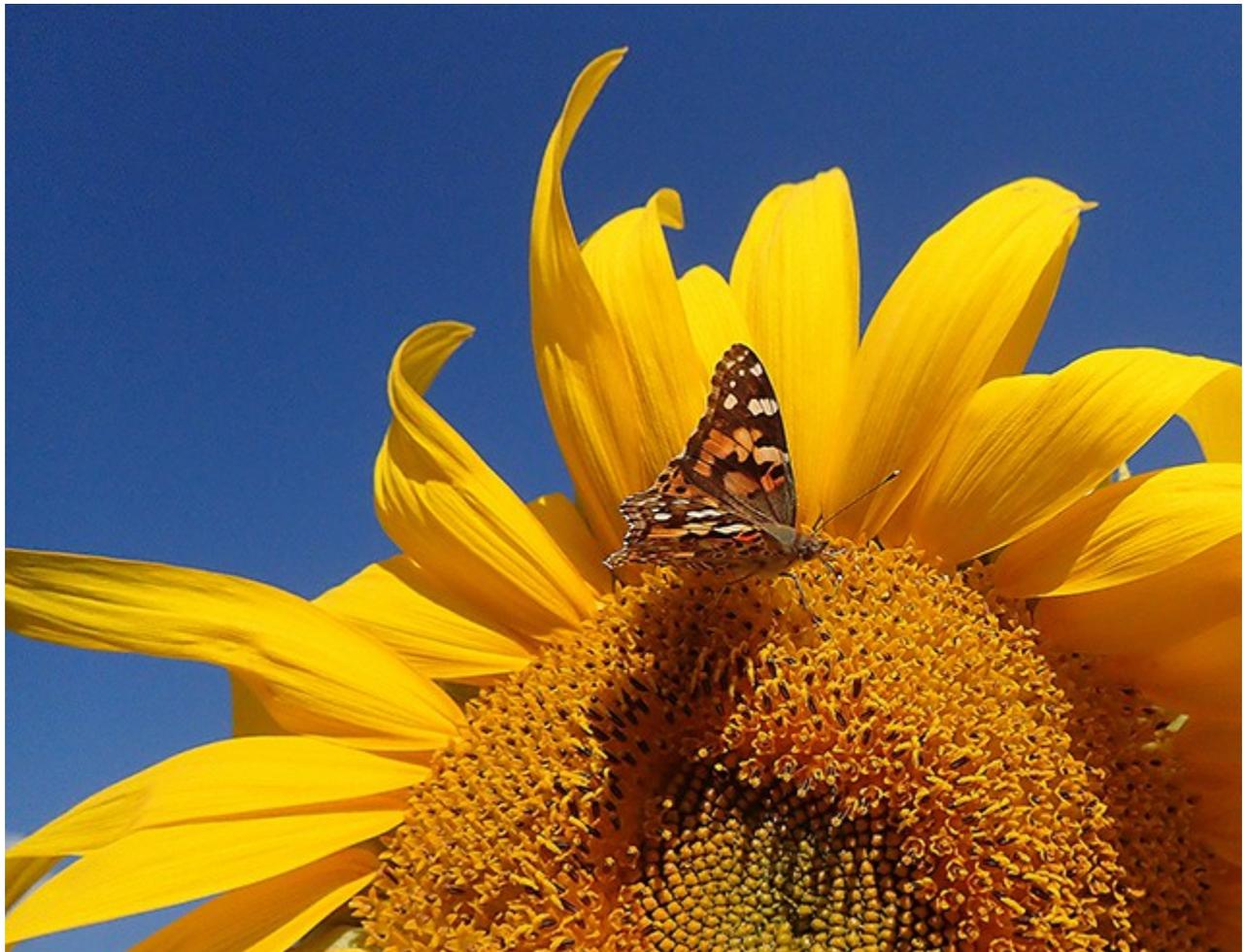


Photo Provided by FPG Member, David Hinson

From our President.....

Good evening Foothills Photography Group, fall is upon us. This time of year we will see the slow changing of colors from green to deep reds and oranges as the leaves turn. So I hope that all of you get out there and photograph some really great stuff. Revisit your favorite summer places and watch them magically change. This is also the end of the season for stargazing the Milky Way. I encourage you all to get out and photograph the Milky Way before it disappears in November. I look forward to seeing everyone's images on the Facebook page. Please contribute all that you can.



Matt King,
President, Foothills Photography Group

Quote of the Month:

“Landscape photography is the supreme test of the photographer,
and often the supreme disappointment.”

—Ansel Adams

Update on Jim Johns. Reposted with Barbra's permission.

My Jim update...

There are many, many decisions you make in your lifetime. Many with a joyful song, most, hopefully with excitement of a beautiful memory and some are made through eyes of tears for weeks that are life changing not only for yourself but for family and friends alike.

Over the past month or more Jim's decline has been slowly coming. Having to watch this and try to push him to stay steadfast and upbeat is becoming more of a challenge. His ability to help me move him around while taking care of him is a shaky slower process each day. Our decision along with Hospice care to stop all of his medications (which are numerous) was devastating. His body is rejecting the medications because his meds are those of which he took when he was an up and totally function body, he no longer requires 99% of this poisoning medication. All of his medicine gets crushed up and put into his feeding tube and it was, after 9 feeding tubes in 4 weeks, clogging it up! So we are now just feeding him and flushing with water.

The toughest decision for me was to move Jim into a facility that could care for him properly and be able to move him easier than I can. Bad backs and bedridden people are totally not compatible. We have requested Habersham Home East at the hospital and he will be put on the waiting list. As of today I have discussed with all the boys and all are in full agreement this would be the best next step for Jim. Please keep us in your prayers for which we are ever so grateful. The cards, calls, visits and friendships are such a blessing to both of us.

I don't know what our future will be or how long we will have him with us but for me I am grateful for each and every day that I step into his room, smile and say "good morning sweetheart!" So blessed to say we have been together for 40 years. This man is my rock and my salvation and I will ever be grateful that God chose me to be with Jim. Our interim Minister told me when Jim first had his stroke. He said "Barb, God has a plan for you". I reacted badly saying "tell me what this plan is?" this was not in any plans we made for our future. BUT, 18 months later, I fully understand that plan God laid out for us. I am so grateful for this time with Jim, regardless of his circumstances. You see I could have been mourning Jim back in July of 2018 but God let me keep him for a while longer. Just like our vows all those years ago we said in the little chapel in Guilford CT. "To have and to hold from this day forward. In sickness and in health, until death us do part" Those vows were said with a full loving heart...

I will keep everyone updated when the move comes. We are in a waiting list and we are not sure how many before us.

With love and so many blessings for each and every one of you...

Barbara & Jim

47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia

By John Martin

#25 Nacoochee Presbyterian Church



The clean, crisp Greek Revival lines and the immaculate landscaping make this one of the prettiest churches in Northeast Georgia. It was built in 1928 when the original meeting house burned. The beautiful window above the blue doors contains this message: "Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer."

It is worth spending a few hours here. Across the roadway the Sautee Nacoochee Center houses the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia, the History Museum, galleries in the old school building and the African American Heritage Site. This community is about art and regional culture.

Directions: From the bridge in Helen drive south 1.8 miles on State Highway 75 and turn left onto State 17. Drive 2.3 miles and turn left at Old Sautee Store. The church is .3 miles on the right.

Notes for the Photographer: I'm not suggesting that you do this but, after an unsuccessful earlier attempt, I took step ladder with me to get a little elevation so that the ivy covered wall didn't block out the grassy area in front of the church.

GPS: 34°41'15.2"N 83°40'32.3"W

Interesting fact: The name Nacoochee Presbyterian is technically in error since the church is located in Sautee Valley not Nacoochee Valley. It stems from the fact that the church had its founding almost 150 years ago in what is now Crescent Hill Baptist Church (in Nacoochee Valley).

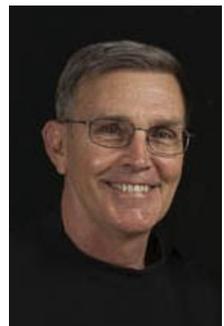
Foothills Photography Group News:

Next Meeting September 17th, 2019 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.

Members Showcase September 2019 -- Larry Hample

September Program: John Seible – Putting the “Wild” back in your Wildlife Photography

John specializes in photographing sunsets, sunrises, nature, landmarks, architecture, and a variety of other sights that we often miss or overlook in the hurried pace of life - or while we sleep. He is somewhat like a moth - drawn toward the muted light before dawn or after the sun has set; and he uses his photographic skills to show that light in unusual ways. In addition to creative use of light, he applies the three P's to his photography: Patience, Placement, and Perseverance. His philosophy is, "You can't get the shot that isn't there, and you can't get a shot if you're not there."



Habersham Animal Shelter Needs Help!

By Daniel Short

Some of you may have seen the letter posted on the Facebook page by Becky Portwood asking for help. I answered the call for help last week but found that my mobility issues made for a less than ideal situation. This leads me to once again issue the call some to our membership to volunteer and help Becky. She will be at our next meeting to ask for help. Please give her a listen? This is a very worthwhile cause. I am including a few images I took and reposting her letter below.



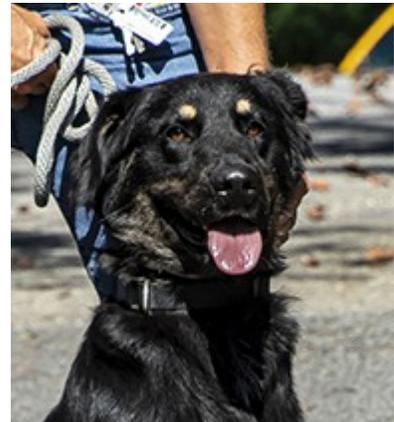
My name is Becky Portwood, and I coordinate the volunteers (myself being one of them) to photograph new dogs that arrive at Habersham Animal Care and Control each week. Besides doing some of the photography, I coordinate the schedule for the other photographer(s) and the dog handlers so that we have two people there each week to take good portraits of the new dogs. I also distribute the edited photos to the Northeast Georgian twice monthly for a half page ad, and to social media through the Habersham Humane Society.

As you well know, a good photograph of an animal can attract lots of attention. And shelter dogs, who are already stressed out, scared, and shut down, really need good photos that showcase their personality and their best features so that someone viewing this photo online might be interested in adopting. It takes a bit of time and patience to get these dogs to relax for their best photos, but it's worth every bit of effort.

That's where I need your help. I need a couple more photographers, who are willing to commit to a once monthly (or more, if you can) photo session with whatever dogs have come in since the last session. Depending on the number of dogs, the sessions can take anywhere from 45 minutes to 2 hours.

If you think you would be interested in helping in this great cause, please contact me for more information about what it involves. You can reach me via email at becky.portwood56@gmail.com, through FB messenger (either my personal page, <https://www.facebook.com/becky.portwood>, or my photography page, <https://www.facebook.com/BeckyPortwoodPhotography/>) or by cell at 706-892-4361. I look forward to hearing from some of you!

Best,
Becky Gibson Portwood



**How can you say no to these faces?
They need our help!**

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:

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