

# FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

## *Monthly Newsletter*

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*Photo Provided by FPG Member, Daniel Short*

*From our president....*

**Lots of praise for the February meeting!** Many of you gave me and the Board positive feedback. We'll try the "hands on" meetings more often. And the new critique method...I think that is here to stay. Everyone seemed to like that. Our cover picture this month is the image that got the most

points in the Critique Bowl. Daniel Short made this image and congrats to you, Daniel. This month, on March 21, we will do Critique Bowl II and the theme will be: MY HOUSE. Imagine you are a photographer for Southern Living and you are doing a story about your house. Two pictures per member. A window scene, kitchen shot, patio, big room, porch, walkway, a shelf...or whatever. For those who weren't present last month, each person is given a sheet of paper with all the images listed and you will score them 1-5 on their "Wow Factor", "Technical" and "Emotive" qualities.

**Board Members for the New Year.** The new Board of Directors look a whole lot like the old bunch.

President:	Danny Young
Vice President:	Tanya Smith
Secretary/Treasurer	Wendy O'Connor
Program Chair	John Martin
Social Chair	Tanya Smith
Publicity Chair	Nikki Pittman
Community Service Chair	Laura Jenkins
Mentoring Chair	Chuck Lotts
Webmaster	Steve Griswold

We need someone to accept the chairmanship of the Field Trip Committee. Would you like to do that? If so, please contact me or one of the Board members. You will coordinate field trips during the year. It's time to renew membership fees. Individuals are \$40, families are \$50, and students are \$10.

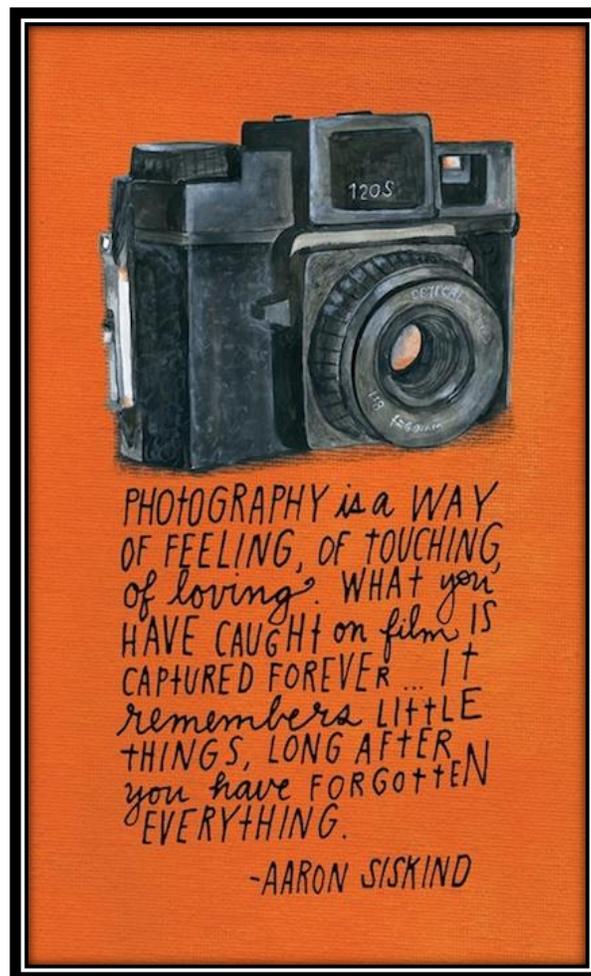
**Congratulations to Steve Griswold, top Delta pilot.** That's right, Captain Griswold is the most senior pilot of all the Delta pilots. Many flights and many miles and still so young. We're proud of you, Steve.

**In case you missed it...**Bill Land handed out business cards to Wings Camera in Atlanta, giving them a high recommendation. Their website is [www.wingscamera.com](http://www.wingscamera.com).

**Welcome New Member!** William C. "Rusty" Russ, who lives in Lakemont, GA, and in addition to photography, he collects Porsche cars.

Happy Trails!

*Danny*



## Here's A Tip! *Highlight Tone Priority*

By Danny Young

I was recently at a photo shoot with three other people. We were all trying to make images of the Berry College bald eagles. We waited and waited and then finally, the eagle flew away from the nest. Click, click, click! Our cameras sounded like firecrackers. Then...silence, as we all began looking at our images to see how fortunate (or unfortunate) we had been. One person said they got a good shot and we all looked. Another wanted to show her images. I was impressed. Mine weren't so good. All the whites on my images, like the eagle's head, were too white. As in "blown out white"! When I got home, I started checking my camera to see what settings I had. Something was different, but what? Then I remembered: after my car crash I had sent the camera in for repairs. But I had never reset the settings, namely, the Highlight Tone Priority setting. When I send my camera to Canon to get it repaired, the techs remove all settings. Not having my camera set to Highlight Tone Priority made a big difference with the eagle images. Highlight Tone Priority is a camera mode that internally adjusts exposure so that the bright spots or "highlight" areas keep as much detail as possible. Check your camera. Is your HTP set? Here is a Youtube video that will show you an example.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuO7mLo\\_G0k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuO7mLo_G0k)

# The Peregrine Falcons of Tallulah Gorge

As most of you have probably heard, the peregrine falcons are back at Tallulah Gorge. They showed up 3 years ago, first nest in the wild in Georgia in 80 years. I think I was the first one to make an image of them this year, on February 14. I was at Overlook Nine when one of the rare birds came by, making 3 passes as close as 150 feet. I had never before seen them this close to the South Rim. Their nest is on the North Rim. By special arrangement with the rangers at the park, Foothills Photography Group can be allowed special parking. (You still will need either an annual pass or a day pass.) To keep it simple, they want me to be the contact person. Just let me know when you are going and what car you are driving and I will notify the ranger. (706-499-9901) Parking is in the area on the right side of Highway 441, where you see a sign that says Restricted, Official Vehicles Only, about 200 yards before you get to the bridge. The gate is closed and locked but you can drive to the left of the gate and enter the dirt parking area. The afternoon is the best time, and usually between 3-5.

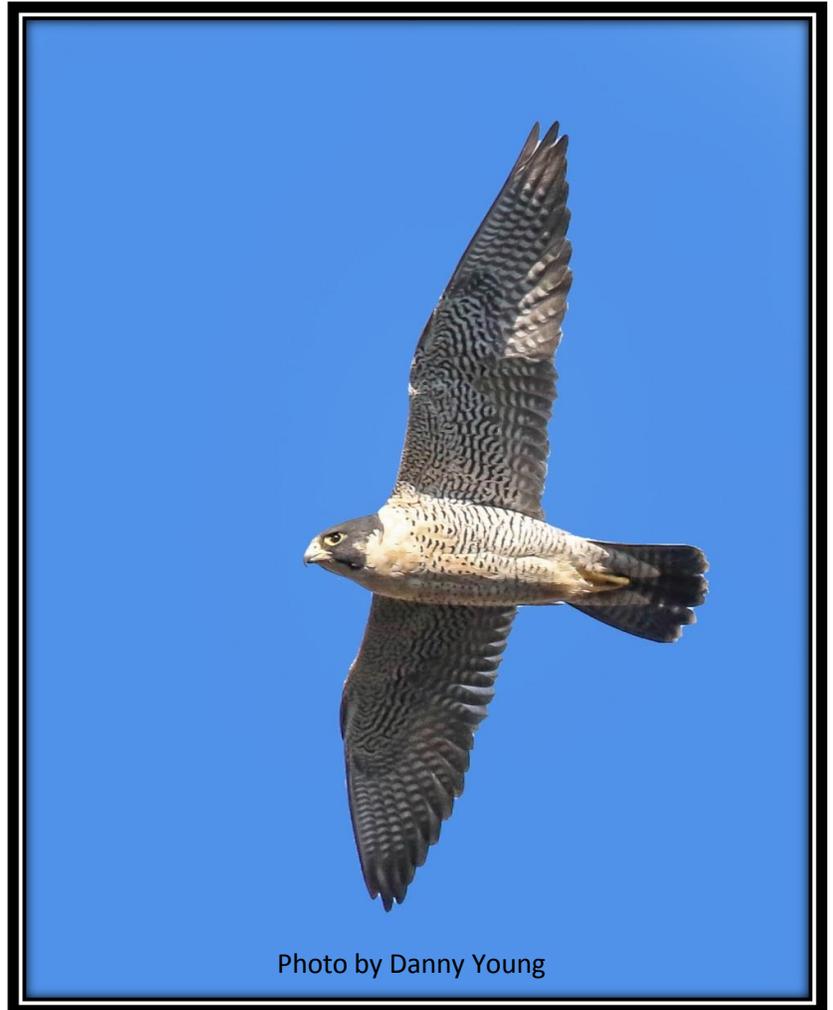


Photo by Danny Young

# THE MARCH PROGRAM

by John Martin

It isn't often that you get to access the secrets that took a professional years to learn.

**Matt King** has been a portrait photographer for 22 years. He is retired now but still knows the secrets – and he is going to share them with us at the March 21 meeting. Matt will demonstrate how to pose a model – enhancing the good points, minimizing the others. We will learn how to pose a child and how to set up a group portrait. He will show us how to get amazing results with just a window light. Will he get into posing a puppy? Come to the meeting to find out! This is a real opportunity to watch a hands-on demonstration that will surely improve our photography. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Visual Tech Building on the North Georgia Technical College campus.

