

# FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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# From Our President...

**The critique theme for our October meeting is Unique Fall Colors.** I'm asking you to think outside the box, maybe try artsy, be creative. Remember, the common image gets common attention and the uncommon image gets uncommon attention. We will use the same critique method as we did last month. You'll have an opportunity to write a short critique on a 3x5 card for each image. Please email me your images by noon on the day of the meeting, October 17<sup>th</sup>. My email: [dannyoung56@yahoo.com](mailto:dannyoung56@yahoo.com).

**Berry College Field Trip.** Tom Sieswerda, Bob Starkweather, Ann Jones and her husband Tom joined me on September 29-30 for the unique opportunity to make images at Berry College. I hope you have enjoyed their images posted on Facebook.

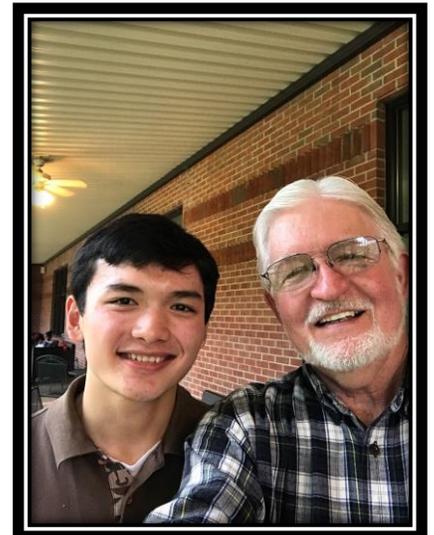
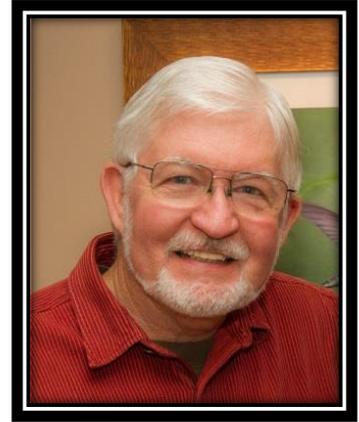
**We welcome ten new members!** Rebecca Ansley, Mary Lee Cawthon, Harrison Citron, Levi Cornelius, Jordan Dunbar, Nathaniel Fiumano, Peyton Hoffman, Sydney Ivie, Jenrette Romberg and Dustin Vandegriff are photography students at NGTC.

**Mentoring.** Our mentoring committee chairman, Chuck Lotts, referred a young college student at Toccoa Falls to me for mentoring. Phong Nguyen, a freshman, is already a skilled photographer and I hope to introduce him to the Foothills Group at the next meeting.

Happy Trails!

*Danny*

**Update on Phoebe Martin.** *"After 2 weeks in ICU and another in a regular room (for trauma patients) she has been released to a rehab facility in Baldwin – The Oaks. It is a good place and she is getting good care. I expect she will be here for a month or more. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers."* John Martin



# 47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia

By John Martin

(7<sup>th</sup> in the series)

## River Falls at the Gorge



**Description:** River Falls Resort is a private campground. After checking at the gate, you can drive through and photograph one of the prettiest spots on the Tallulah River. There are wide flat rock formations and shoals (particularly adjacent to “B” camping area) that will thrill the photographer looking for moving water and water-sculpted granite outcrops.

**Notes for the Photographer:** I waded into the water and made this picture with a 1.5 second exposure to get the river’s smooth flow in the foreground.

**Directions:** From the bridge in Tallulah Falls, travel north on 441 for about 1.5 miles to the next bridge. As you cross that bridge, you will see the resort reception area on your right. Within the resort, some of the roadways are one way.

**GPS Coordinates:** 34°45’31.8”N 83°23’46.5”W

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Laura Jenkins

Chairwoman of Community Service Committee

I was born and raised in Clarkesville, GA, where I still live. I spent my teenage years living on Lake Burton and my college years in Athens, GA. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Admin at UGA and a Master's Degree in Math Education at North Georgia College.

I started my career as a cost accountant at Coats and Clark in Toccoa. After that, I started working part-time at North Georgia Technical College while finishing my master's degree. I have now been a fulltime employee of North Georgia Tech for 22 years. I'm the Department Chair of General Education, the Quality enhancement Coordinator, and a math instructor.



My mother was a Registered Nurse who worked at Dr. Lumsden's office in the beginning of her career. She taught nursing at North Georgia Tech and worked her way up to Vice President for Academic Affairs. After retirement, she spent several years at the Director of GraceGate, a free medical clinic in Habersham County. My father worked at Clarkesville Mill before passing away when I was 11 years old. My stepfather taught drafting at North Georgia Tech before passing away when I was 29.

I currently live in Clarkesville with 4 dogs and 2 cats, and my mother. We have a home that has separate living spaces for each of us. This allows me to be available when she needs me.

I have always taken photos at holidays and vacations. About 10 years ago, I decided to take a trip out west to some of the national parks. I purchased my first DSLR and first zoom lenses. Over the past few years I started taking continuing education courses at North Georgia Tech and North Georgia College to enhance my skills.

Of course, I started out using the automatic settings and as I became more comfortable I started shooting in manual mode or aperture priority. I have never considered myself an artsy type person so I had to work on that side of photography.

In the beginning, I didn't think I wanted to edit my photos, but someone said something to me that stood out. He said, "What comes out of the camera may not be exactly what you are seeing. You may have to edit the photo to get the vision you are seeing." That changed my mind a little on editing, and I do use

Lightroom, but rarely use PhotoShop. I believe that my skills have improved over the last few years and the Foothills Photography Group has been a big part of that.

I enjoy nature photography. I like photographing landscapes, sunsets, sunrises and animals. I want to continue improving my skills. My family enjoys receiving my photos as gifts. I take my older grand-niece and nephew on a short trip each year and they expect to receive a photo book for Christmas. They love to laugh and reminisce about the trip.



# Quote of the Month

*Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving.  
What you have caught on film is captured forever.  
It remembers little things,  
long after you have forgotten everything.*

---- Aaron Siskind

## TIP OF THE MONTH

*By Danny the Young*

There are only 3 components of photography that you can change in order to make BETTER images.

**YOU:** Become a better photographer. Use proper settings, composition, etc.

**EQUIPMENT:** Use better equipment. Usually means more expensive equipment, but not always. Experiment with different camera/lens combinations. Learn the “sweet spots” of each lens.

**SUBJECTS:** Select better subjects, focus on the uncommon, or present the common in an uncommon way.