

# FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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Matt King making pictures at the Help Portrait event. *(Picture by John Martin)*

# Help Portrait at the nursing home was a loving success!

**I dropped in on the club's charity event at the nursing home at Habersham Medical Center Saturday.** As I arrived at the hospital I found that I had to take a considerable hike – the parking lot was heavily populated with cars. This was unusual for a Saturday since all the administrative and support offices are closed. Approaching the nursing home, I passed groups of people in the waiting areas who appeared to be celebrating family reunions. I walked on to the nursing home where I found more of these family groupings.

Years ago I worked at this hospital. I had been in the nursing home dining room probably a hundred times but never had I seen the atmosphere as on that day. Smiles were everywhere. Nursing home staff were transporting residents to the portable studio, onlookers were encouraging responses and expressions from the residents, photographers were active (think Matt King at his best), a processing and printing setup manned by NGTC students was humming, and...well...it was festive.

A large amount of good was being done and everyone was enjoying it. I wasn't the only one who got emotional seeing older people adored by their families as they came together for their free portraits. Some, I'm told, came from as far away as Augusta.

**And none of this was by accident.** In late 2014 a group of photographers gathered in my living room to form the Foothills Photography Group. Here's the purpose of the Club as that group stated it in its constitution:

*The aims of the Foothills Photography Group shall be the enjoyment, mastery, and furtherance of photography through cooperation, effort and good fellowship. **The Club encourages its members to offer their talents in charitable activities as a service to the community.***

So...you see...the Club has done this since birth. And we founding members could not be more proud. We've done other charitable events but this one takes the cake. Thank you, members.

*John Martin*





Jim Loring, Kim Martin and photography students from NGTC printed the images which Matt King made.



Laura Jenkins, Help Portrait director for our club, enlisted over 15 helpers, and everything ran smoothly.

# Quote of the Month

Provided by FPG member, Wendy O'Connor

***“Chance favors the prepared mind.”***

--Ansel Adams

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## November 21<sup>st</sup> Program

7:00 p.m.

**Richard Hayes** will present on the general subject of the presentation of photographic works. Matting, mounting, framing, displaying – all a mystery to most photographers. Additionally he will do a hands-on demonstration of mat cutting, and dry mounting using the facilities of the School of Photography.

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## November 21<sup>st</sup> Critique

“Best of 2017”

Pick out 2-3 of your favorite images made this year and share them with us. Please email them to Danny by noon on the day of the meeting. His email: [dannyoung56@yahoo.com](mailto:dannyoung56@yahoo.com)

# 47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia

By John Martin

## Wells Viaduct in Toccoa

### **Description:**

An impressive structure, this railroad bridge was built in 4 years, starting in 1915, and is still in use today. The tallest columns are two hundred feet above the streambed.

### **Notes for the hotographer:**

You won't have to wait long for a train. This is the main north-south rail route and traffic is pretty heavy. I was on site less than one hour on a weekday and saw three trains.



**Directions to a long distance view:** From Toccoa, head north on GA 17 (It is actually the Toccoa By-pass and you are going westward.) to Trestle Ridge Road on the right. Turn right and go 1.3 miles and stay left on Trestle Point. Park just off the cul-de-sac for a view northward.

**Coordinates for long distance view:** 34°34'05.8"N 83°22'38.9"W

Directions to trail head leading to the trestle: Same as above except turn left off of Trestle Ridge Road (after just one mile) onto Trestle View Road and then immediately right onto Trestle View Way. The trail head is between the addresses of 97 and 125 Trestle View Way. Be considerate when parking; this is a residential neighborhood.

**Coordinates of the trail head:** 34°33'58.7"N 83°22'56.6"W

**Interesting fact:** The columns at the ends of the trestle are solid. All the others are hollow, an engineering accomplishment in the day. The trestle has been in service almost 100 years.