

# FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

## *Monthly Newsletter*

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Cocktail Cruise on Burton

*Photo Provided by FPG Member, Daniel Short*

## *From our President.....*

Good evening Foothills Photography Group. I want to give a special thanks to Richard Hayes who was our guest speaker this past month on drone photography. It was most enlightening. I think it inspired a lot of us to get out of our comfort zone and try an alternative photographic adventure, I for one was inspired enough to buy a drone for myself and have now started the process of learning how to fly a quadcopter and run video. A special thanks to Barry Smith for coming up this past month and for cleaning so many cameras.



With fall just around the corner I'm sure we all have some favorite places we want to head to to get those fall colors and to see some amazing wildlife. I hope to see you all out there and can't wait to see the images that you come back with. I for one am heading out for another nighttime adventure this weekend. With the end of the Milky Way season upon us it's time for the last hurrah. The North Georgia Mountains in fall are a breathtakingly beautiful place to live. There's always something new and beautiful to photograph. I would love to hear from all of you on your favorite places to revisit every year to see the changes and the new places that we can't wait to experience. I hope to see you all at the next meeting and I look forward to seeing the images you all come back with

Thanks everyone,

Matt King President,  
Foothills Photography Group

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### *Quote of the Month:*

“To me, photography is an art of observation. It’s about finding something interesting in an ordinary place... I’ve found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them.”—**Elliott Erwitt**

*Provided by FPG Member, Steven Griswold*

# *47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia*

*By John Martin*

## #16 Watt's Mill



### **Watt's Mill**

Description: Watt's Mill is now generally known as Mark of the Potter. In the early 19th century there was a string of mills (Hill's Mills) built in this area of the Soquee where the river drops in elevation. One of them was close to this site. Robert and Alan Watts built the current structure in 1931 and milling operations continued until high water damaged it in the mid 1960's. In 1967 John and Glen LaRowe converted the building to its present use. It has been operated as a pottery and pottery shop to this day. Be sure to note the various pieces of mill equipment still in and around the display areas.

Notes for the photographer: To get this photo (or similar) you will have to climb down into the river - and wade across it - about 100 yards downstream from the mill. I was able to do it at a time when the water flow was less than knee high. Frankly, I wouldn't try it if the water was higher. One slip and you have a wet camera.

Directions: From Clarkesville, start off north in the direction of Historic 441 North. Just as you are leaving town make a left onto Hwy 197. Yahoo! Travel has just named this stretch of roadway to it list of "The Most Scenic Drive in All 50 States." Watts Mill is ten miles ahead on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 34°43'45.6"N 83°35'20.2"W

Interesting fact: Some of the workings of the mill and a little waterfall are below the first floor -- ask for access (but watch your head).

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## **Foothills Photography Group News and Announcements:**

**Next Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Reminder - Refreshments (Cookies and ice) for the Sept. meeting will be provided by Carolyn Gaik**

**Monthly Critique Theme: "Composition"**

**email your images to: [foothillsphotographycritique@gmail.com](mailto:foothillsphotographycritique@gmail.com)**

**The September Program features:** Martin Bozone, a graduate of Mississippi State University, concentrating in Graphic Design. He has extensive experience in the graphic design field relating to advertising and print. His presentation will center on "Composition" from story telling to impact. He will lead a round table discussion using our member submitted photos. Fittingly our monthly Critique Theme is "Composition". We encourage everyone to submit your best "Rule of Thirds" and "Leading Lines" images. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## *Historical Photos from Our Area*

This was the summer home of Joseph Habersham of Savannah (1751-1815), Georgia patriot, Revolutionary War hero, and political leader. He was a Colonel in the Continental Army, a member of Continental Congress and of the Georgia Convention that ratified the Constitution in 1788. Educated at Princeton, he returned to Georgia to aid in organizing the "Liberty Boys" as the Revolution approached. With other patriots, he organized the Council of Safety at Tondee's Tavern, June 22, 1775. On January 17, 1776, leading a small group, he captured and placed under guard Sir James Wright, British Colonial Governor. With Captain Bowen, he commanded the first commissioned vessel of the Revolution. Twice speaker of the General Assembly, in Georgia's first legislative body. In 1785, Joseph Habersham signed the first charter granted to a state university in America that of the University of Georgia. He served as Postmaster General under Presidents Washington, Adams and Jefferson. From 1802 until his death he was president of the Georgia branch of the Bank of the United States. Habersham County, created December 19, 1818 was named for Joseph Habersham.



Unsure what year each of these were taken.



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