



A word From Our President

Happy April BPG! I am hopeful everyone managed to avoid the worst of the recent storms. Does this story sound familiar to anyone? 2021 seems to be taking 2020's challenge to heart! The good news is this time of year brings rebirth and along with it lots of flowers to photograph! I have already seen some excellent flower photos posted in our [Members-Only Facebook group](#). If you have not joined the Facebook group yet, or haven't been in a while, I encourage you to jump in. It's also a great place to ask questions and to post links to things you are learning about photography.

We have a great lineup for April to look forward to. Jim Zuckerman is going to give us some pointers on photographing birds. I don't know if you have noticed, but birds tend to get crazy this time of year, so who wouldn't like some help with this subject?! Emily Naff will present at our mini-clinic, covering Color Theory + Theoretical/Technical Camera. So if you like to nerd out on the technical side of photography, this will be a good one to attend and watch the replay, too.

See you on Zoom!

Jeremy Teran
BPG President



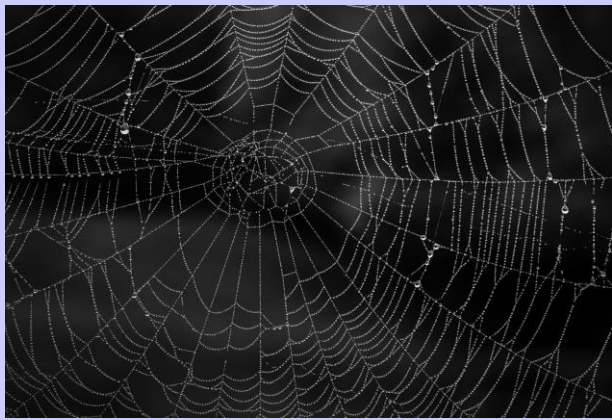
Member Spotlight

John Mott
BPG Vice President

My photography roots run deep into photojournalism. I started shooting and writing about high school sports for my father's newspapers in Cookeville and later worked as a writer and photographer for The Tennessean before moving on to a career in marketing and public relations.



Today, I am mostly retired but still own Mott & Co. Marketing Services, LLC, now operated by my son, Robert.



My current photographic interests revolve around my role as vice president of BPG and a dedication to exploring and preserving the beauty of creation. I photograph flowers, birds,



other wildlife, landscapes, and my grandchildren. I shoot most of my photos on my farm in southern Middle Tennessee. I am blessed to have married Lynn, a farm girl with a talent for growing beautiful flowers. She keeps me supplied with fresh subjects all through the year.



Follow me on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/jmott3/> or visit my website at www.johnmottphotography.com.

Important Links for 2021

Main Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Time 7pm - 8 pm

Speaker: Jim Zuckerman

Topic: A Simple Formula for
Capturing Birds in Flight

[Click to Launch Main Meeting - Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 863 1197 6753

Passcode: 722966

Mini-Clinic

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Time 7pm - 8 pm

Speaker: Emily Naff

Topic: Color Theory + Theoretical/Technical Camera

[Click to Launch Mini-Clinic Zoom](#)

Photography Basics

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Time 7pm - 8 pm

Speaker: Gale Stoner

Topic: "Good" vs. "Great Images"

2nd Tuesday of each month February – August

Zoom links are unique to you.

Use links provided in your confirmation email.

Video Replay Links

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube – Main Meetings](#)

[YouTube – Mini-Clinics](#)

[Photography Basics](#)

Outing

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Location: [Falls Mill](#) (tentative)

Time: 1:00 (tentative)

[Hold Harmless Agreement](#)

****Please size your image to 2000 pixels on the longest edge in jpg format****

****Image file name must include your name****

[Upload Outing Image](#)



Photo by John Mott

Gallery Wall - 2021 theme is an open category

Gallery Wall is an opportunity to showcase your art in a non-competitive environment.

- Resize your image to 2000 pixels along the longest edge
- Down-sample your image so it is less than 1MB.
- Save image as a .jpg format.
- Your email subject line should be "BPG Gallery Wall".
- Email 1-2 images, in a single email, to president@brentwoodphotographygroup.org

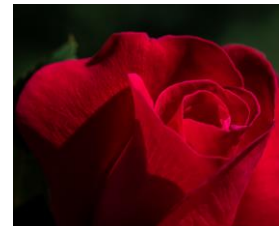
Photo of the Month

2021 PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEMES

MONTH	THEME 1	THEME 2	THEME 3
January-21	Sweets	Joy	Open
February-21	Arches	Fragile	Open
March-21	Books	Wild	Open
April-21	Smiles	Unique	Open
May-21	Windows	Love	Open
June-21	Visitors	Juxtaposition	Open
July-21	Objects	Pride	Open
August-21	Signs	Polished	Open
September-21	Fruit	Rustic	Open
October-21	Masks	Speed	Open
November-21	Letters	Glamour	Open

Submit Images

April 19, 2021–
April 23, 2021
by 4:00 pm



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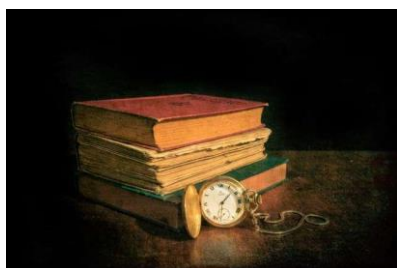


Vote

April 26, 2021 –
April 30, 2021

Books First Place

[Mike Swindle](#)



Wild First Place

[Durwood Edwards](#)



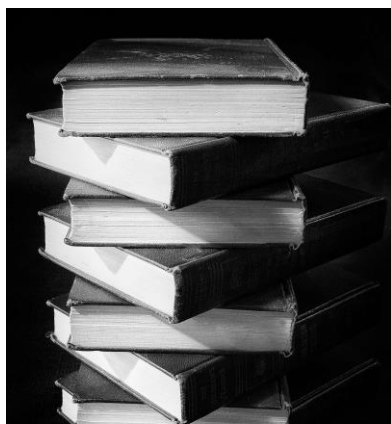
Open First Place

[Mike Swindle](#)



Books Second Place

[Walt Viney](#)



Wild Second Place

[Ed Batsel](#)



Open Second Place

[Martin Cregg](#)



BPG Exhibits

Williamson County Public Library Exhibit



Our Best Shots

Exhibit 1: March 1 - 31, 2021
Williamson County Public Library Gallery
(Exhibit 2 Coming April 1 - 30, 2021)

Seventeen Photographers from the Brentwood Photography Group present their best shots from the Group's outings, activities and other photographic educational opportunities.

To learn more about ways the Brentwood Photography Group can help you improve your photography skills, go to www.brentwoodphotographygroup.org/join.



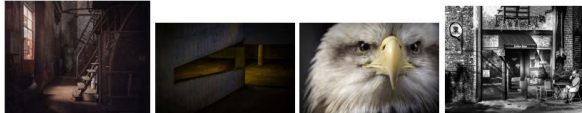
Claude Velasco Martin Cregg Lois Frost Phyllis Tatum John Mott



Diane Burgett Scott Oberle Dick Dougall Jim Havens



Marjorie Pess Duane Miller Ken Langley Rick Wise



Jo Fields Rick Borchert Connie Cole Bob McReynolds

March



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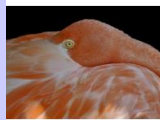
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Dick Dougall



Phyllis Tatum



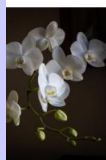
Kato Kinder



Marjorie Pess



Scott Oberle



John Mott



Kevin Graham



Rick Borchert



Joyce Oberle



Claude Velasco



Al Wood



Mark Reynolds



Jo Fields



Jim Havens



Ken Langley

April

Photography Competitions

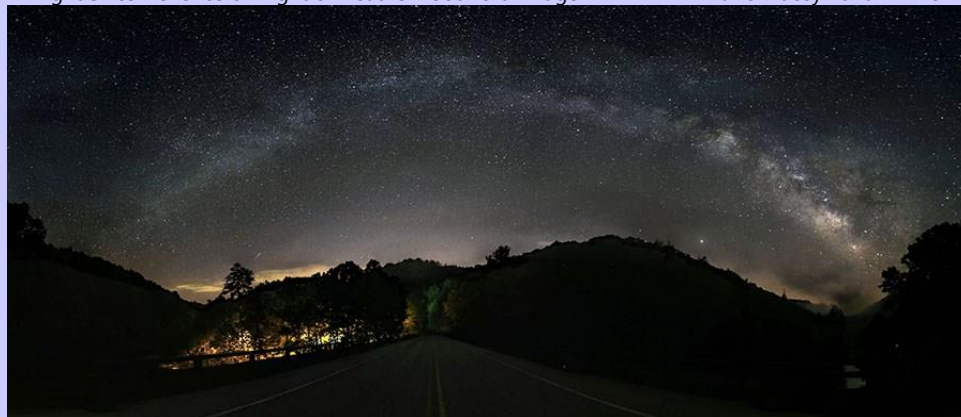
2021 Big South Fork Photo Contest

<https://home.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/biso-photo-contest.htm>

Deadline: 7/31/2021 Entry Fee: Free for up to two entries

Night Skies – Silence of Night on Leatherwood ford Bridge

Travis Tracey 2020 Winner



Earth.Org Global Wildlife & Natural World Photography Competition

<https://earth.org/photocompetition/>

Deadline: 4/4/2021, Entry Fee: Free, Cash prizes

Audubon's 2021 Photography Awards Contest

<https://www.audubon.org/photoawards-entry>

Deadline: 4/7/2021

Fee: \$15 per image Cash prizes

2021 Obed Photo Contest

[Obed Wild and Scenic River](#)

Deadline: 7/30/2021

Entry Fee: Free

Selected images will be unveiled at the artist reception, and printed for exhibition at Obed Visitor Center, and will be displayed on the park's official website, social media pages, and other venues.

Society of Arts and Crafts (SAC's) & Stonehenge Gallery, The 2021 Photo Competition

[SAC's & Stonehenge Gallery Photo Competition](#)

Deadline: 4/23/2021 Entry \$25 for three entries

Cash prizes / Gallery Exhibit

2021 National Park Photo Contest presented by Tamron

[National Park Photo Contest](#)

Deadline: 8/31/2021

Entry Fee: Free

Best in Manipulation:
"Storm Over the Desert"
by Donna Dangott



Been published or won any competitions?
We would love to hear from you and showcase your art
secretary@brentwoodphotographygroup.org

What's Happening Around Town

Due to Covid, all events are subject to change

2021 Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival

<http://www.nashvillecherryblossomfestival.org/>

Public Square Park, Nashville, TN

April 10, Saturday at 9:30 AM – subject to change

Admission: Free



Image from
Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival FB Page

Cherry blossoms represent renewal. Year after year, the pops of pink mark the unofficial end of the bleak winter months and signify the long-awaited start of spring. While unseasonably warm weather can prompt a premature bloom and uncharacteristically cool temperatures can conversely cause a delay, blossoms typically reach their peaks between March and mid-April, making this a prime time for hanami.

Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt

<https://luckyladdfarms.com/index.html>

Lucky Ladd Farms, Eagleville, TN

Friday, April 2, 2021 - 11:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday, April 3, 2021 - 11:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: \$16.99. Children 2 and under are free

Square Fest and Classic Car Show

[2021 Square Fest](#)

Downtown Gallatin, TN

April 24, 2021 10:00am – 5:00pm

Admission: Free

Spring Fest in the Grove

[Fiddlers Grove Historic Village](#)

Lebanon, TN

Saturday, May 1, 2021

10:00am – 3:00pm Admission: Free

Gibbs Gardens | World Class Gardens in North Georgia

<https://www.gibbsgardens.com/>

Daffodil Gardens - 20+ Million Daffodils

Early bloomers – March 5 – March 19

Mid bloomers – March 19 – April 2

Late bloomers – April 2 – April 16

Free to Cheekwood Botanical Garden members

Call to schedule an appt 770-893-1881

Non-member - \$18 - \$20

Cheekwood

[Cheekwood in Bloom](#)

March 06, 2021 – April 11, 2021

The Cheekwood in Bloom display will also feature

hyacinths, violas,

and of course, the

stunning Basham

Daffodil Field

Appointment required.



Photo by John Mott

Historic Nolensville Buttercup Festival

[Nolensville Buttercup Festival](#)

Nolensville Rd, Nolensville, TN 37135

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 AT 10 AM – 5 PM

Admission: Free

Workshops

Brentwood Photography Group does not sponsor or is affiliated with any workshops

Great Smokey Mountains Institute at Tremont

[Autumn Brilliance Photography Workshop](#)

October 29, 2021 – November 1, 2021

Fee: \$750

Unlike many photography workshops, our price includes meals, lodging (group camp style) and instruction by one of the finest teams of photography instructors anywhere in the country. Separate accommodations can be made outside of the park (not included in price).

There will be demonstrations on Photoshop techniques, close-up techniques, and wildlife photography. One of the highlights of every workshop is the concluding group photo review of work completed during the weekend.

In addition to the presentations and demonstrations, there will be an emphasis on photographing in the field, one-on-one interactions with four instructors, free-time for those who want to do some work on their own, and an optional photographic trip to Cades Cove. The workshop is designed for all levels of expertise, from serious beginners and beyond. Program lasts from Friday afternoon to Monday mid-morning.



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Weekend Photography Workshop at

Pickett State Park

[Pickett State Park Photo Workshop](#)

Pickett CCC Memorial State Park

Jamestown, TN

Friday Apr 16, 8:30 AM

Fee: \$325

Photography Workshops

- [Acadia National Park Workshops](#)
- [America's National Parks at night](#)
- [Auroras of the Northwest Territories](#)
- [Milky Way & Night sky](#)
- [Nature & Wildlife Workshops](#)
- [NatureScapes Workshops](#)
- [Night Photography Workshops](#)
- [North America Workshops](#)
- [Unique Outdoor Workshops](#)
- [US, Canada, & European Workshops](#)
- [Yellowstone National Park](#)

We are always looking for ideas and suggestions to explore new photographic opportunities and stimulate creativity.

If you are aware of any events, workshops, or competitions you would like share with

the group, please send detailed information or link to the BPG secretary.

We welcome the opportunity to include new activities in our next newsletter or email blast.

secretary@brentwoodphotographygroup.org

Mark your Calendars

Astrophotography

Information provided by PhotoPills
in combination with the internet

Super Moon 4/26/2021

Golden hour 6:55-7:47 pm
Super Moon rise 7:12 pm
Sunset 7:30 pm
Blue hour 7:47-7:57 pm

Full Moon / Partial Lunar Eclipse 11/19/2021

Begin: 11/19 12:02 am
Maximum: 11/19 3:02 am
Ends: 11/19 6:03 am
Duration: 6 hrs, 2 min
Sunset: 11/19 4:37 pm
Golden hour begins: 11/19 3:59-4:54 pm
Blue hour begins: 11/19 4:54-5:05 pm
Moon rise: 11/19 4:54 pm

Super Moon / Partial lunar eclipse

5/26/2021

Eclipse Begin: 5/26 3:47 am
Eclipse Maximum: 5/26 5:35 am
Eclipse Ends: 5/26 5:38 am
Eclipse Duration: 1 hr. 51 min
Golden hour begins: 5/26 7:17-8:12 pm
Sunset: 5/26 7:55 pm
Blue hour begins: 5/26 8:12-8:23 pm
Super Moon rise: 5/26 8:33 pm



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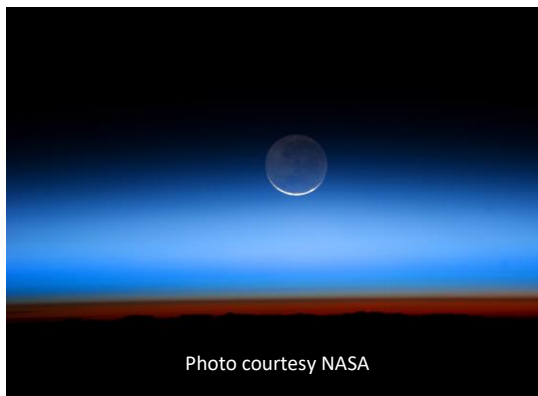


Photo courtesy NASA

Earthshine Moon

Earthshine is a dull glow which lights up the unlit part of the Moon because the Sun's light reflects off the Earth's surface and back onto the Moon.

Earthshine is best seen a few days before and after a New Moon, right after sunset or before sunrise. Earthshine is more intense in April and May.

Meteor Showers

Maximum	Peak rate (per hour)	Parent body	Moon Illumination	Moon Phase
5/6/21 4:21 AM	20-60	1P/Halley	25.0%	Waning Crescent
8/12/21 4:26 AM	90	109P/Swift Tuttle	16.5%	Waxing Crescent
9/29/2021 (time unconfirmed)	50-100?	15P/Finlay	39.5%	Waxing Crescent
10/7/2021 (time unconfirmed)	50-100?	15P/Finlay	4.2%	Waxing Crescent
11/5/2021 (time unconfirmed)	10-20	2P/Encke	2.5%	Waxing Crescent

Milky Way Galactic Center Visibility Schedule



Photos by
Criz Quinn



DATE	GALACTIC VISIBILITY CENTER BEGINS, VARIES ON LOCATION	GALACTIC VISIBILITY CENTER ENDS, VARIES ON LOCATION	GALACTIC VISIBILITY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON CYCLE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
4/8/2021	4/8/21 12:57 AM	4/8/21 4:54 AM	3:57	4/8/21 5:04 AM	4/7/21 3:07 PM	Waning Crescent	6:23 AM	7:15 PM
4/9/2021	4/9/21 12:54 AM	4/9/21 4:52 AM	3:58	4/9/21 5:33 AM	4/8/21 4:08 PM	Waning Crescent	6:21 AM	7:16 PM
4/10/2021	4/10/21 12:50 AM	4/10/21 4:51 AM	4:01	4/10/21 5:59 AM	4/9/21 5:08 PM	Waning Crescent	6:20 AM	7:17 PM
4/11/2021	4/11/21 12:46 AM	4/11/21 4:49 AM	4:03	4/11/21 6:23 AM	4/10/21 6:05 PM	New Moon 4/11/2021 9:32 pm	6:19 AM	7:18 PM
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4/14/2021	4/14/21 12:34 AM	4/14/21 4:44 AM	4:10	4/14/21 7:44 AM	4/13/21 8:57 PM	Waxing Crescent	6:15 AM	7:21 PM
4/15/2021	4/15/21 12:30 AM	4/15/21 4:43 AM	4:13	4/15/21 8:15 AM	4/14/21 9:55 PM	Waxing Crescent	6:13 AM	7:21 PM
4/16/2021	4/16/21 12:27 AM	4/16/21 4:41 AM	4:14	4/16/21 8:52 AM	4/15/21 10:52 PM	Waxing Crescent	6:12 AM	7:22 PM
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