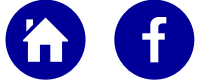




# ABC Photo Society, Inc.



## New Officers Elected for 2015

President - Brandon Hirt  
VP of Competitions - Sally Becker  
VP of Programs - Bill Baird  
VP of Outings - Bob Airhart  
Treasurer - Margie Navarro  
Secretary - John Varljen  
Assistant Treasurer/Secretary - Loretta Storm  
Newsletter Editor - Eric Gaston

## Upcoming Programs

Jan 5th: Old Camera Night  
Jan 20th: Lightroom/Photoshop Tips  
(Please note that this meeting is on a Tuesday due to the Library being closed on the 19th)  
Feb 2nd: Panel Discussion / Q&A  
Feb 16th: Member's Choice Presentations



## **We Have a New Meeting Place!**

With the start of 2015, the club is moving to a new location. We will be holding our meetings at the new Hollidaysburg Area Public Library. It is a fantastic new building with amenities that will benefit us greatly. The community room is has a wonderful audio/video setup that we're sure to love. Meetings days and times will remain the same. Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:15pm. (With some exceptions for holidays).

The Library's address is:

1 Furnace Rd

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Don't forget to renew your club dues for 2015. You can download a membership form on the club's website at <http://abcps.webs.com/newslettersandforms.htm>

Also, if you have photos from the recent YMCA events (Turkey Trot, Polar Bear Plunge, and Twilight Race), please let Sally Becker know. We'd like to update the club bulletin board at the YMCA.



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## Message from the (outgoing) President

I decided to hijack this section since I wasn't able to make the last meeting in 2014. I just wanted to take a minute to say "thank you" to all the members. I've enjoyed my past four years as president. From the beginning, everyone has been so friendly. I've enjoyed our meetings, our outings, and our countless meals at Marzoni's. I look forward to many more years of watching the club grow, learn and have fun.

And I'd like to give a special emphatic "THANK YOU!" to all of the officers I've served with during this time. Thank you for all of the hard work, advice, and support. You all made my job very easy. :)

-Eric Gaston



## Members Win Big at SAMA

Three of our members have placed photos in the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art 2014 Biennial. The Biennial is a juried exhibition featuring 116 works from more than sixty artists throughout Pennsylvania.

Andy Dierks won First Place in Photography with "Confidentially Speaking."

Eric Gaston won Second Place in Photography with "Peeking Sun at Dolly Sods."

Dave Hammaker won an Honorable Mention in Photography with "Chincoteague Lighthouse."

The display runs until January 24th at the SAMA Loretto location.

(Click on each photo to open a larger version in your web browser.)



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Once I saw this picture of Brandon on Facebook, I knew this was the shot I had to use for the newsletter. :)

## Q&A With the New President

1) How long have you been into photography?

Photography has been a hobby for me for a long time but I never really got into photography until I took a couple of Black and White darkroom photography classes in college as electives and it started making sense.

2) What was your first camera?

My first "real" camera was a hand me down Canon AE-1 program with 50mm lens. I was taking a photo class in high school and my dad let me borrow the camera for the class. As a typical kid he didn't get it back for a couple years when I jumped ship and bought my Nikon F100. I had a real cheap point and shoot camera before that but I don't even remember what kind it was.

3) What camera(s) do you shoot with now?

I just started the Full Frame trend and purchased a Nikon D610. The lens I have are 85mm 1.8, 80-200mm 2.8, 24-70 2.8 I also have a lensbaby lens that is kind of fun but rarely make it on the camera. I almost forgot about my macro lens that came bundled with my F100 it is a 28-105 macro lens. I guess my Iphone counts as a camera now. I just printed a 16x24 canvas with a photo from my Iphone 5 and it looks good.

4) What is your favorite subject to photograph?

If you look at my Iphone you would think it was my cats but my favorite thing lately has been shooting at night and having stars in the image.

5) If you were given the opportunity to photograph any place on the planet, where would you head to first?

New Zealand. If I had to pick in the United States it would be Antelope Canyon or NYC. In our local area my favorite spot is Blue Knob.

6) If you could go back in time and photograph any historical figure, who would you choose?

John Muir

7) If you could spend a week being taught by any pro photographer, who would you choose?

Kevin Adams



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## Member Photo Spotlight



Mary Ann Keagy's photo was chosen to be in the Altoona Mirror's 2015 calendar.

Mary Ann gave us a little insight into the story behind the photo:

"Long ago, my father was an engineer for the PRR and he lived his whole life for his family and his work. When my husband and I took residence in his home, we chose the Christmas Choo Choo in his memory, and to remind us that his little light shines every year at Christmas beside his house."



## Member Q&A with Bill Baird

1) How long have you been into photography?

Approximately 46 years.

2) What was your first camera?

A Kodak Brownie

3) What camera(s) do you shoot with now?

Nikon D700 and some point & shoot types including cell phone.

4) What is your favorite subject to photograph?

I really don't think I have a favorite. I like to dabble with all kinds of subjects. If I did have one I guess it would be landscapes.

5) If you were given the opportunity to photograph any place on the planet, where would you head to first? Angkor Wat in Cambodia followed by Machu Picchu in Peru.

6) If you could go back in time and photograph any historical figure, who would you choose?

Jesus of Nazareth.