

MARCH
MARK SCALA
Photography at the Threshold

# PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE THRESHOLD

ark Scala is the chief curator at the Frist Art Museum. His major exhibitions have focused on the subject of human vulnerability and transformation in global contemporary art. His presentation, "Photography at the Threshold" will consider a selection of contemporary artists working today for whom the play between fiction and reality creates a space between, in which viewers can project their own subjective notion of truth, weighed against knowledge of history and a society in constant flux. Principal points of discussion will be "staging reality," "medium as content," and "documenting the in-between."

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## Calendar of Events

#### CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30pm Watkins College of Art, Design & Film 2298 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee **SPEAKER:** Mark Scala • Photography at the Threshold PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: A Pet

#### DIGITAL FOCUS GROUP

Thursday, March 28, 6:00pm • Goodlettsville Public Library, 205 Rivergate Parkway, Goodlettsville, Tennessee

#### CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30pm Watkins College of Art, Design & Film 2298 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee **SPEAKER:** Greg Thomason • GregThomason.com **Developing Rapport With Your Subjects** 

# PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: A Path DIGITAL FOCUS GROUP

Thursday, April 25, 6:00pm • Goodlettsville Public Library, 205 Rivergate Parkway, Goodlettsville, Tennessee

#### CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30pm Watkins College of Art, Design & Film 2298 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee **SPEAKER: Tom Ventress • Ventress.com • Use or Abuse?** How Your Photos Might Be Treated by a Designer PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: A Flower

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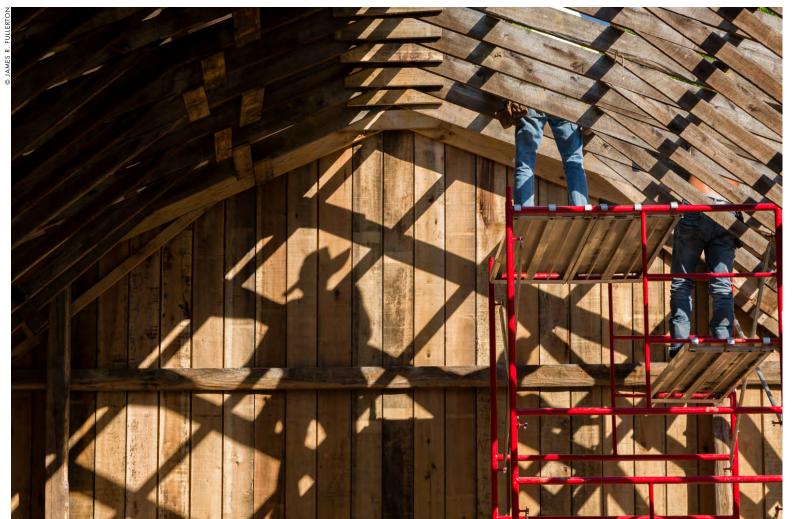
#### ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 11:00am - 2:00pm Long Hunter State Park, 2910 Hobson Pike, Hermitage **Bring Dessert To Share** 

NPC meets at 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month January through November, at Watkins College of Art. The Digital Focus Group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, March through October, at the Goodletsville Public Library.



#### FEBRUARY 2019 PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: SHADOW



▲ FIRST PLACE: James R. Fullerton

#### PHOTO OF THE MONTH

#### RULES

- 1 You must be a member with dues paid up to date.
- 2 Photograph must pertain to the Monthly Theme (January's theme is Night Lights).
- 3 Image size limits: Minimum 4"x 6" to Maximum 12" (long side).
- 4 Place ONE photo on the table provided for judging.
- **5** Photograph needs to be taken within the 12 months prior to the contest month.
- 6 You must be present to win.

#### UPCOMING THEMES

MARCH: A Pet

APRIL: A Path

MAY: A Flower

JUNE: Sunshine

JULY: High Key

AUGUST: Blues

SEPTEMBER: Low Key

OCTOBER: On the Street

NOVEMBER: Country

JANUARY: In the Details

FEBRUARY: Gray Matter



"When people look at my pictures I want them to feel the way they do when they want to read a line of a poem twice."

> — ROBERT FRANK (born 1924) Swiss-American photographer and documentary filmmaker

#### FEBRUARY 2019 PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: SHADOW

### It was a two-way tie for second place in February!



▲ SECOND PLACE: Scott Robertson



▲ SECOND PLACE: Betty Cowart



"What's really important is to simplify. The work of most photographers would be improved immensely if they could do one thing: get rid of the extraneous. If you strive for simplicity, you are more likely to reach the viewer."

> - WILLIAM ALBERT ALLARD (born 1937) American documentary photographer



# 3CT 2019 Spring Event APRIL 26 - APRIL 28, 2019 Great Smoky Mountains National Park HOSTED BY THE LECONTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

All activities except Friday night's Dinner will be based out of Gatlinburg since all the activities are planned to be held in the Park.

#### **SCHEDULE** (subject to change)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Meet and Greet Dinner $-6:30\,\mathrm{pm}$  at The Local Goat in Pigeon Forge, TN

Order from the menu. They have a large room that can hold 60 people.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Times to be determined

#### CHOOSE FROM:

- Oconoluftee Overlook for Sunrise. Then visit Mingus Mill and Oconoluftee Visitor & Pioneer Farmstead
- 2. Clingman's Dome for Sunrise
- Greenbrier (flowing water, rocks, beautiful stream) can be visited after sunrise.
- Elkmont—Model Shoot + stream with large boulders, troll bridge, historic cabins.
- Tremont—on your way to Cades Cove, so some may want to do Cades Cove first and then stop by Tremont for some water photography. Nice rocky stream and a roadside waterfall.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28 Times to be determined

#### CHOOSE FROM:

- 1. Clingman's Dome parking lot or Oconoluftee Overlook for sunrise
- 2. Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail (cabins, streams, waterfalls, flowers)
- Cades Cove is an 11-mile loop road that can be driven at your own pace.
   Take short hikes or visit historic cabins, churches, a mill and the visitor center.





#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

#### Greystone Lodge on the River and Zoder's Inn & Suites

 $\label{lem:making your reservation to receive the special rates.} \\$  Mention LeConte Photographic Society when making your reservation to receive the special rates.}

You are welcome to make reservations at these hotels or make other arrangements. These hotels are offered due to the good prices they offered and location.

#### The Greystone Lodge GreystoneInnSuites.guestreservations.com

800-451-9202 or 865-436-5621

559 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

They will be holding 15 rooms, Executive queen/Queen non-smoking until March 26, 2019

Special rate for the event-

- Friday and Saturday-\$106 plus 12.75% tax each night
- If you plan to stay over on Sunday night the rate is \$85 plus 12.75% tax.
- All room prices are for up to 4 people.

Rooms include free wireless internet and deluxe continental breakfast featuring biscuits and gravy each morning.

Zoder's Inn & Suites Zoders.com • 865-436-5681

402 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

They will be holding 15 rooms at a rate of \$93 per night plus tax. This rate is good up to 3 days before check-in.

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Mitchell, President, LeConte Photographic Society 865-654-8606 • cindymit8920@bellsouth.net

# FAMED PHOTOGRAPHER JAY BLAKESBERG AT CITY WINERY MARCH 20, 7PM

etween The Dark and Light: The Grateful Dead Photography of Jay Blakesberg is a dynamic slideshow/storytelling presentation that kicks off with Blakesberg's colorful teenage years growing up in suburban New Jersey in the late 1970s, when he and his friends' lived solely for the thrill of sex, drugs and rock and roll. He describes how his love for photography began in 1978 after his father gave him an old Pentax camera to shoot th Grateful Dead performing at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Back then Blakesberg simply wanted to create memorabilia to plaster on his bedroom walls and began obsessively seeing and shooting his favorite bands live: Hot Tuna, Eric Clapton, The Grateful Dead, Neil Young, The Who and Bob Dylan to name a few. His teenage interest in 1960's Haight-Ashbury culture opened his mind up to the ideas of art, music, and travel all merging to create life experiences that would reshape his thinking of where and how to spend his life.

Blakesberg then shares how after high school he embarked on a wild psychedelic ride, joining the music-loving circus of freaks and misfits known as Deadheads. In the mid-80s he settled in San Francisco and began to build a professional career as an in demand commercial rock photographer whose work has been published in

preeminent books and magazines (including Rolling Stone, Guitar Player, *Vanity Fair, Esquire*, and *Relix* – to name a few) thousands of times.

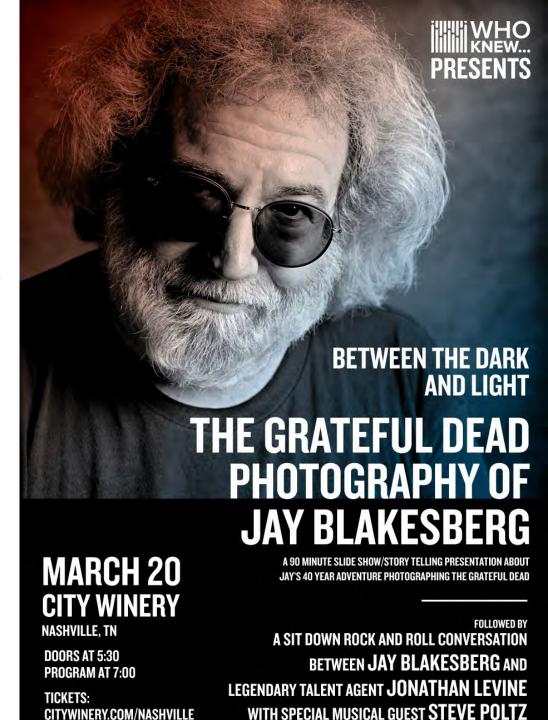
This engaging, fast moving presentation grants the audience an "all access" pass to his many years photographing the band, first as a fan, and than as a journalist, and ultimately as an insider working for the band. *Between The Dark and Light:* includes Blakesberg's story of serving as the official photographer for the Grateful Dead's 50th anniversary "Fare Thee Well" concerts in 2015 right up through current Dead and Company shows.

Today, Blakesberg—the once shutterbug hobbyist—is one of the music industry's most sought-after rock photographers, known for capturing the explosive energy of the live music experience as well as the intimate moments of one-on-one portrait photography. Most significantly, Blakesberg is a preeminent fixture on the jam band scene whose body of work in this arena makes up a comprehensive photographic archive of the modern psychedelic rock-and-roll tribe that began 50 years ago in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco.

"I have felt for a long time that what I am doing is visual anthropology, and I truly believe that this is a unique tribe whose story is important and has deep cultural significance," says Blakesberg.

MORE ABOUT JAY BLAKESBERG

TICKETS FOR THE EVENT

























# PARTING SHOT



EGYPT. CAIRO. THE THREE PYRAMIDS SEEN THROUGH PALM GROVE

1936

ERIC MATSON, 1888-1977