

SANP SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Time: Social time 6:30pm/Meeting 7:00pm

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our presenter this month is SANP member Harry Dunn. Harry will be presenting several short programs on Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks. He spends a lot of time shooting in The Smokies and has been to Yellowstone and The Tetons multiple times in the last several years, so you can expect to see some interesting images. Harry has developed a reputation for presenting quality slideshow programs that include funny and entertaining stories about his photographic and travel adventures.

BIO

Harry is an area native who lives in Farragut with his wife, Roseann. He served two tours of duty with the USAF during the Vietnam War, and is retired from The Boeing Company. However, his retirement lasted a whole two months, after which he went back to work because he needed to “buy some more toys” (i.e, camera gear).

Harry has been involved in photography since he got his first “instamatic” back in the late 60’s. He got more serious in the 80’s, when he bought his first true 35mm and soon after received his first photography awards. But he didn’t become an admitted “photography addict” until he bought his first DSLR. Now he spends almost all of his free time traveling and doing nature and wildlife photography. When he's not in Tennessee he's likely to be in some distant place like the San Juan Islands, Yosemite, Canyonlands, Arches, Olympic, Zion, or one of many other special places.

Harry was elected to the SANP Board this year. Some of his work has been printed in the Knoxville News-Sentinel and he is currently working on a book project. He will be conducting several incredible photo safari's in 2011. You can see some of Harry's images at his website (www.naturechaserphotography.com) or on Facebook at (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000110769554>).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2010-2011 were due May 1. You can renew your membership at the monthly meeting or by mail. A membership form can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net). Remember, to be eligible for the 2011 Salon, your membership must be paid in full by December 31, 2010.

2011 SANP SALON

The SANP Board decided that the “special” category for the 2011 salon is “Abstracts In Nature”. The guidelines for this category are: Naturally occurring patterns, shapes, and colors. Same rules apply as other categories (except destination), which includes no man-made objects.

FIELD LEARNING EVENTS

#1--SUNSET AND MOONRISE FROM CLINGMANS DOME

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Friday, September 24, 2010

Leader: Brad Cottrell **Phone:** 865-691-3986 **E-mail:** cottrelb@bellsouth.net

Meeting place: Parking area at the end of the Clingmans Dome Road

Time: 6:45 pm **Group size is not limited. No reservations required.**

Location description: The sunset skies around Clingmans Dome can be quite dramatic. Purple, blue or reddish haze may cover the peaks, enfolding the mountain tops in a many-layered blanket of soft color. Late day cumulus clouds often form luminous mountain ranges of their own with unique shapes and textures that rival the rolling ridges of the Smokies. Views from the top are unpredictable, but never boring.

On this date, while the sun will set at about 7:30pm. About 20 minutes later the moon will be rising in the east. The tower at top of Clingmans provides an excellent level platform from which to work. However, if you prefer not to make the climb to the tower, both the sunset and the moonrise can be viewed and photographed from the parking area. If you want to arrive early, you may find additional photo opportunities in late-blooming wildflowers along Clingmans Dome Road.

Recommended equipment: A full range of wide angle to telephoto lenses may be useful. A long telephoto lens can produce especially dramatic sunset and moonrise photos. A split neutral density filter can be used to help balance a bright sunset sky with darker mountains in the foreground. A polarizing filter may improve photos of clouds against a blue sky. A tripod will be essential.

Walking required: The walk from the parking area to the top is about a half mile on a steep and moderately strenuous paved trail. If you want to work from the parking area, very little walking will be required.

Temperatures at Clingmans Dome can be cool, maybe cold, so bring a warm jacket and gloves to keep you comfortable.

Driving directions: From Gatlinburg, take the Newfound Gap road (US Hwy 441) to Newfound Gap. Turn right onto Clingmans Dome Road, and drive to the parking area at the end of the road near the summit of Clingmans Dome.

#2--SANP FALL WILDFLOWER HIKE

Haw Ridge Park

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Leader: Kris Light **Phone:** 865-483-0643 **E-mail:** klight10@comcast.net

Meeting place: Haw Ridge Park parking area at the kiosk

Time: 9:00 AM **Group size is not limited. No reservations required.**

Location description: Haw Ridge is a "hidden gem" in the Oak Ridge/west Knoxville area. With 20 miles of hiking trails, there is something for everyone. Although it is mostly known for mountain biking, trail running and hiking, it is also a wonderful place for photography. The trails pass through mixed hardwood forests, cedar barrens, wetlands and open fields next to Melton Lake. The fall wildflowers should be at their peak with lots of goldenrod, Joe Pye Weed, asters, Ironweed and many more coloring the fields.

For a sneak preview, check out the "Wildflowers of Haw Ridge" brochure at Kris' website:

http://www.easttennesseewildflowers.com/presentations/haw_ridge_wildflower_brochure.pdf

The accompanying map is found at:

http://www.easttennesseewildflowers.com/presentations/haw_ridge_wildflower_map.pdf.

If there has been sufficient rainfall we could see interesting fungi. There are fascinating rock formations and fossils along some of the trails. A macro lens will bring out the fine details of the bryozoans and brachiopods. Along the lake we could see Great Blue Herons, Kingfishers, ducks and other birds. If we are really lucky, we might even see a snake and some colorful spiders (harmless ones, of course!). Sturdy shoes or hiking boots are recommended.

Driving directions: From Knoxville, go toward Oak Ridge, cross the bridge at Solway and turn right onto Edgemoor Road. Go about one mile and turn into the Haw Ridge Park. We will meet in the parking area at the kiosk.

Biographical information for Kris: Kris Light is a member of SANP, and has lived in Oak Ridge for the past 30 years. She and her husband, Ken, enjoy hiking in the parks and mountains of east Tennessee. Kris has taught environmental education outreach classes for ORNL and the American Museum of Science and Energy since 1987, and was a science specialist for the Oak Ridge Schools for 13 years until 2009. She looks forward to leading wildflower hikes so she can share her love of nature with others.

In 2003 Kris began compiling her wildflower photos into a website: <http://www.easttennesseewildflowers.com/>. Over the years it grew to include galleries of insects, birds, spiders, fungi, weather and other subjects about nature. She especially enjoys macro photography to capture the delicate details of flowers, snowflakes, and insects. She uses photography and her website to help educate people about the wonders of nature.

FUTURE FIELD EVENTS (Details on both will be in the October newsletter.)

Fall color in Big Creek, GSMNP. Saturday, Oct 30, 2010.

Sunrise on Foothills Parkway/Fall color in Tremont. Saturday, Nov 13, 2010.

UT NON-CREDIT PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

University of Tennessee Professional & Personal Development will offer the following non-credit photography classes during fall term. The following classes have not yet started meeting:

Portrait Photography-Ron McConathy; Mondays, 9/20 – 11/1.

Beginning Photoshop-Steve Chastain; Tuesdays, 9/21 – 10/26.

Adobe Lightroom-Colby McLemore; Wednesdays, 9/22 – 11/3.

Introduction to Photojournalism-Adam Brimer; Tuesdays, 9/28 – 11/9.

Adobe Photoshop Elements 8 for Photographers-Paula Campbell; Tuesdays, 10/9 – 11/20.

Business of Wedding Photography and Videography-Bud Gibson; Thursdays, 10/14 – 11/18.

Night Photography-Steve Chastain; Thursdays, 10/14 – 11/18.

Introduction to Fashion & Glamour Photography-David Moore; Tuesdays, 10/19 – 11/23.

Intermediate Photoshop-Steve Chastain; Tuesdays, 11/2 – 12/7.

Wildlife Photography-Kendall Chiles; Thursday & Saturday, 11/18 & 11/20.

To enroll, or if you have any questions, contact Jennifer Bennett, Program Coordinator, at 865-974-0150 or www.outreach.utk.edu/ppd. Several of these instructors are SANP members.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP CS4-5 CLASSES

Larry Perry will be teaching Photoshop 101 in Adobe Photoshop CS4-5 for beginners this fall. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 15, and run for 5 weeks. Classes will be held at the Holiday Inn West on North Cedar Bluff Road just off I 40 and will run from 6 pm until 9 pm each Wednesday. The cost of the course is \$200.00 per person, which includes the new CS5 Workbook. Contact Larry at larryperry11@comcast.net or 865-927-5875 for more information. The class will be limited to 30 students.

FALL FOLIAGE INFORMATION

If you are looking for current information about fall colors try The Foliage Network website, www.foliagenetwork.com. This is a good website for fairly reliable information that is updated each Wednesday and Saturday during the fall color season. They have three regional reports: Northeast, Midwest, and Southeast. They also have previous years' reports archived for comparison. I have used this website for several years and found the information very helpful.

FALL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Kendall Chiles will be teaching a Fall Nature Photography Workshop for the Smoky Mountain Field School on Saturday, October 23, 2010. This workshop will have classroom instruction of the photographic principles of exposure, composition, and lighting during the morning. After lunch the workshop will have hands-on field instruction in GSMNP. This workshop will be held at the Great Smoky Mountains

Heritage Center in Townsend. It starts at 8:00am and ends at 5:00pm. Price is \$65. If you have any questions please contact Kendall at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net. To register call 865-974-0150 or go to www.outreach.utk.edu/smoky.

HUNT'S PHOTO & VIDEO SPECIALS

Please check this month's specials from Gary Farber at Hunt's Photo & Video at <http://wbhunt.com/specials/>. If you call, please mention that you are a SANP member. Gary Hunt's is a great alternative to the New York mail order houses.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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| October 26, 2010 | Tom & Pat Cory |
| November 30, 2010 | Panel Critiques of members images |
| January 25, 2011 | ??? |

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| Kendall Chiles | President, 865-363-1525, kchiles@knology.net |
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SANP Membership Form, <http://www.sanp.net/archives/pdf/membershipform.pdf>