

SANP AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2012

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our presenter this month is Lori Kincaid. Her program is titled "Photographing the Landscapes and Flora of the Southern Appalachians." The Southern Appalachians are ancient mountains characterized by deep forests, fast flowing streams, and unparalleled biodiversity...which often results in pure chaos viewed through the lens. More than 17,000 species have been documented in the Great Smoky Mountains alone, and scientists believe tens of thousands more have yet to be discovered there. Harboring this incredible diversity are various ecosystems ranging from spruce-fir forests to cove hardwood forests, from mountain bogs to grassy balds, and from high-elevation rock outcrops to low elevation rocky streamsides. Each ecosystem presents unique opportunities for the photographer, but each also presents unique challenges. Lori Kincaid will explore some of our mountain ecosystems and describe how to use light, composition and technique to harness the chaos while letting the wild beauty of the mountains shine through.

BIO

East Tennessee native Lori Kincaid threw away her engineering hat more than ten years ago to become a professional photographer and hasn't looked for it since. She specializes in the landscapes and flora of the Southern Appalachians where she thrives on hiking through rain, shine, sleet and snow in search of unique and artistic images that capture the beauty of the mountains and convey the peace and joy she finds in nature. Lori makes many of her photographs on 4x5 sheet film with an old-fashioned view camera, but she also employs 21st century digital technology when wind, light or other conditions dictate. Her photography appears regularly in premier photography publications such as Sierra Club and Audubon calendars, and has been featured in national and regional books, calendars, magazines, brochures, and exhibits. Lori holds photography workshops at her secluded mountaintop home near Max Patch on the Tennessee-North Carolina border, where she draws fresh inspiration each and every day.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2012-2013 were due May 1. You can renew your membership at the August 28 meeting, or by mail. A membership form can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net).

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

At the May 29 meeting the membership elected the following people to serve on the Board: 2015 Term-Chuck Cole, Sharon Cottrell, & Cheryl Sherrill; 2014 Term-Ron Sentell; 2013 Term-Frank Ulcar. Ron and Frank are both filling positions that were vacated since our last election.

2013 SANP SALON

The SANP Board decided that the "special" category for the 2013 salon is "Americana". The guidelines for this category are: Subjects that are related to the history, geography, folklore, or cultural heritage of the United States.

SANP FIELD LEARNING EVENT

Cherokee Caverns, Knoxville, TN

Saturday, August 25, 2012

Leader: Kris Light **Phone:** 865-988-9717 **E-mail:** klight10@gmail.com

Meeting place: Cherokee Caverns, Oak Ridge Highway (located between Karns and Solway)

Time: 9:30am **Cost:** \$7.00/person

Registration is required, and we must have a minimum of 12 people to make the trip a "go". **To register, send an email to Kris.**

Cave photography is an interesting alternative to the animals, wildflowers and landscapes that most of us are used to shooting. The fascinating geological formations in Cherokee Caverns range from massive columns, stalactites and stalagmites, flowstone, cave popcorn and bacon formations to the delicate and fragile soda straws, fuzzy anthodite crystals and gravity-defying helictites. We will have the opportunity to visit areas of the caverns that are not on the "public tours" given at various times of the year. The air temperature in the caverns is a constant 58 degrees, so a light jacket is advised. The main walkways are lit, but a headlamp or flashlight would be helpful for locating the smaller formations. No crawling or tight spaces will occur on this tour!

Equipment needed:

Camera

Tripod

Flashlight or headlamp

Jacket or sweater

Optional - Macro lens for tiny cave formations; telephoto for formations high on the ceiling

Knee pads in case of low, floor photography

For more information about the cave, see the following websites:

http://www.cherokeecaverns.com/Home_Page.php

http://www.easttennesseewildflowers.com/gallery/view_album.php?set_albumName=geology

(see photos #6 - 18)

Driving directions:**From Oak Ridge:**

At the junction of Hwy 62 and Hwy 162, near Solway, take Hwy 62 (Oak Ridge Highway) towards Karns. Historic Cherokee Caverns is approximately one mile out on the left. Just between West Emory Road. and Wexford Downs Subdivision. (gate is across the highway from the car repair shop)

From West Knoxville:

Take Pellissippi Parkway toward Oak Ridge. Veer right onto Highway 62 before you get to Solway. This is Oak Ridge Highway. The cave is about one mile on the left.

From North Knoxville:

Take Clinton Highway to Schaad Road. Take Schaad Road to Oak Ridge Highway. You will pass the Softball field on your right. Then you will pass Volunteer Village. The cave is just past Volunteer Village on the right.

UT NON-CREDIT PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

University of Tennessee Professional & Personal Development will offer the following non-credit photography classes during fall term:

Fundamentals of Digital Photography I-Tom Geisler; Wednesdays, 9/12 – 10/31

Fundamentals of Digital Photography II-Tom Geisler; Tuesdays, 9/11 – 10/30.

Beginning Photoshop CS5-Steve Chastain; Tuesdays, 9/11 – 10/16.

Infant, Children, & Young Family Portraiture-Jill Geisler; Tuesdays, 9/11 – 10/16

Adobe Photoshop Portrait Retouching & Special Effects-Colby McLemore;
Tuesdays, 9/11 – 10/30

Adobe Lightroom from Start to Finish-Colby McLemore; Wednesdays, 9/12 – 11/7.

Nature & Travel Photography-Kendall Chiles; Thursdays, 9/13 – 11/15.

Video & Stop Motion Photography-Bryan Allen; Mondays, 9/17 – 11/5.

Lighting Essentials: Flash Photography-Wade Payne & Lisa Hudson;
Tuesdays, 9/18 – 10/23.

Image Assignment & Critique Photography-Bryan Allen; Tuesdays, 9/18 – 11/13.

Action Photography-Wade Payne & Lisa Hudson; Wednesdays, 9/19 – 10/24.

Portrait Photography-Ron McConathy; Wednesdays, 9/19 – 10/24.

Wedding Photography I-Tom Geisler; Mondays, 9/17 – 10/22.

Night Photography-Steve Chastain; Thursdays, 10/11 – 11/15.

Cell Phone Photography-Ron McConathy; Mondays, 11/5 – 11/26.

Wildlife Photography-Kendall Chiles; Thursday & Saturday, 11/29 & 12/1.

To enroll, or if you have any questions, call 865-974-0150 or go online to www.utnoncredit.com. Several of these instructors are SANP members.

3RD ANNUAL WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOTO FEST

Veteran nature photographers Bill Lea and Kevin Adams will be hosting their 3rd Annual Western North Carolina Foto Fest on September 7-9, 2012 in Montreat, NC. They are hoping that this will be a huge event involving many of their friends from East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. For information please check out the website at: www.wncfotofest.com

ACADIA NP WORKSHOP

Don McGowan and Kendall Chiles are leading a nature photography workshop in Acadia National Park, ME from October 13-19, 2012. Scheduled to hopefully coincide with the fall color season along the Maine coast, this workshop will be a hands-on, field workshop with minimal classroom instruction. The workshop will be based out of Southwest Harbor, ME. Price is \$1250/person, and does NOT include meals, lodging, or transportation. There is a minimum of 6 participants with a maximum of 12. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kendall at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net, or Don at 828-788-0687 or don@earthsongphotography.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

Jason Davis has the following Canon equipment for sale:

- Canon 40D - \$460, Great condition, very light usage.
- EF 20mm f/2.8 - \$250
- EF 28mm f/2.8 - \$350
- EF 50mm f/1.4 - \$320
- EF 85mm f/1.8 - \$300
- 580EX Speedlite - \$300
- ST-E2 - \$200

If interested contact him at 865-805-2788 or Jason@jdavisphotos.com.

FUTURE MEETINGS

September 25, 2012 Dennis Sabo
October 30, 2012
November 27, 2012

SANP OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Kendall Chiles	President	865-363-1525	kchiles@knology.net
Steve Shackelford	Treasurer		
Kris Light	Field Trips		
Bob Turney	Field Trips		
Paul Hassell	Program Coordinator		
Allan Glazer	Membership		
Ron & Sharon McConathy	Website		

Elected Board Members

2013

Harry Dunn

Ron McConathy

Ron Sentell

2014

Jim Ford

Jack Goodwin

Frank Ulcar

2015

Chuck Cole

Sharon Cottrell

Cheryl Sherrill