

# SANP APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

## APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

**Date:** Monday, April 29, 2013

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

### **PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT CHANGE TO APRIL MEETING**

Due to a scheduling conflict with a PSTCC event in Goins Auditorium, **OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 29 INSTEAD** of Tuesday, April 30. Please be sure to mark your calendars of this **ONE TIME** change.

Our presenter this month is Wayne Wolfersberger. His program is titled "Photographing Wildlife in the Wild." Wayne will concentrate on how one can maximize wildlife photography in the natural environments that one most often encounters in the various county, state, and national parks and preserves. Most techniques and approaches will illustrate how to create better images of mammals and birds. We will explore what Wayne calls the four essential P's of wildlife photography: preparation, patience, persistence and with a special emphasis on wildlife portraiture. Some techniques covered include shooting mode, exposure, focusing as well as lighting, focal length, lens choice (zoom and/or prime), and more. Other aspects are more about ways to "approach" wildlife to get the best image. Illustrative images include animals from A to W (American badgers to Tasmanian devils and woodpeckers but no zebras).

### **BIO**

Wayne Wolfersberger has been interested in nature and wildlife since childhood. He fell in love with the natural world, but back then the camera was secondary. Wayne was mainly interested in reptiles and amphibians in his very early teens and initially wanted to be a herpetologist. He did a lot of bird watching as well. He always took the family Kodak Brownie Hawkeye when on family trips urging his parents to take side trips to various nature regions near to the Disneyland or beach resorts etc. so he could photograph the wildlife. One location that made a special impact on him at this time was Yellowstone NP. For the past 14 years Wayne has worked as a summer naturalist/ranger in Yellowstone.

Wayne received degrees from the University of Maryland in Conservation and Resource Management, and George Mason University in VA. He took a job in Yellowstone NP between his Sophomore and Junior years, and bought his first SLR camera - a Kodak Retina Reflex III. He later replaced it a Nikon F, and has been using Nikon cameras and lenses ever since. During his undergraduate years Wayne worked for a small commercial photography firm, and learned a lot about wet color and B & W processing between shooting assignments. This was when he started getting serious about photography, reading books on wildlife photography, and taking a lot of pictures during class field trips to nature preserves for ecological studies.

Upon graduation from U of MD he worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a research biologist at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, MD. Later, he joined the Navy (during the Vietnam War) and ended up working at the US Navy Photo Lab in DC. After leaving the Navy, he taught biology and used the camera in the classroom giving slide presentations on biological and geological subjects.

Through the years, Wayne photographed weddings, school groups, and did the craft fair circuit, but always found time to travel to shoot wildlife. After retiring from the teaching field, Fairfax County Public Schools 30 years and VT for eight years part time, he began teaching photography classes locally. Many of his images have been published for local and national calendars, post cards and national/international magazines. Wayne has made numerous presentations around Virginia, Maryland, and the DC area, and also overseas in UK and Australia. He has also served as judge for many photography competitions. Most recently Wayne has been honing his skills with the video features of the newer SLRs and published a few on YouTube. Check out his photography at [www.waynewolfersberger.com](http://www.waynewolfersberger.com).

### **BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS**

The SANP Board is comprised of nine volunteers who serve for three years. Each year three people rotate off and three new people are elected to the board. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or have a suggestion of someone you think would be a good candidate, please contact Kendall Chiles at 865-363-1525 or [kchiles@knology.net](mailto:kchiles@knology.net) by April 23, 2013. If enough people respond in time, we will vote on the candidates at the April 30 meeting. If not, we will vote at the May 28 meeting.

### **SANP WORKSHOP/FIELDTRIP**

**Pre-Processing: Strategies for Better Photographic Seeing**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

**Leader:** Wayne Setser **Phone:** 865-394-1509 **Email:** [wsetser@hughes.net](mailto:wsetser@hughes.net)

**Meeting place:** Hardee's at the Harriman/Rockwood exit of I-40

**Time:** 6:30AM until ??

#### **Destination:**

[Laurel-Snow State Natural Area](#). Located just outside of Dayton TN. Laurel-Snow offers countless photographic opportunities on its almost 11 miles of trails. We will concentrate on just the first mile of the main trail, which offers river views, falls and cascades, boulders, wildflowers, trees, and the remains of a coal mining operation from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

#### **Description:**

Today a great deal of emphasis is placed on post-processing of images. While post-processing does play an important role in creative photography, I believe pre-processing; identifying, responding to, and capturing the image is at least as important as what you do with it afterwards. This workshop is intended to help you better connect with your surroundings. You will learn to recognize and respond to photographic opportunities as well as compose more creatively.

**What to bring:**

- Your favorite camera and lenses
- Tripod

**Registration:**

There is no charge for this event, however, to ensure personal attention, it is limited to eight photographers. Please email me if you wish to attend.

**Driving directions:**

From Knoxville take I-40 west to exit 347, Harriman/Rockwood. At the end of the ramp, turn right and look for Hardee's on the left.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

May 28, 2013      ???

August 27, 2013      ???

REMEMBER, **NO** MONTHLY MEETINGS IN JUNE & JULY!

**SANP OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

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## Elected Board Members

2013

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