

SANP MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Date: **Monday, May 28, 2013**

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our presenter this month is Gary Wilson. Gary works as the filmmaker for the Great Smoky Mountains Association. For over a year, Gary has been trekking around the park with a camera, time-lapse equipment and camping gear collecting footage for an upcoming six-part HD documentary series called the "Smoky Mountain Explorer." Gary came to the Smokies after spending more than a decade living in the Rocky Mountains of Central Idaho, where he sharpened his skills in photography, mountain climbing, and backcountry exploration while working in the field of multi-media. During his free time he extensively explored the National Parks of the American West, and has explored over a thousand miles of rugged Rocky Mountain backcountry in Idaho. Gary will showcase many of his photos from Western National Parks, the Great Smoky Mountains, the Sawtooth National Recreational Area, and various other locations.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2013-2014 were due May 1. You can renew your membership at the May 28 meeting, or by mail. A membership form can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net).

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

The following people have agreed to serve on the Board, pending approval by membership vote at the May 28 meeting, for the 2016 Term--Lloyd Mineer, Holland Rowe, and Wayne Setser.

Thanks go to Harry Dunn, Ron McConathy, and Frank Ulcar, whose terms on the Board came to an end, for their service.

SANP FIELDTRIP

Big Creek Trail, including Mouse Creek Falls & Midnight Hole
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Saturday, June 8, 2013

Leader: Ron Sentell **Phone:** 865-441-2937 **E-mail:** ron@sentell.org

Meeting place for car pooling: Dick's Sporting Goods on Peters Road. Be sure to park in an area away from the building. Otherwise, meet in the Big Creek parking area at 8:00 AM.

Time: 6:30 AM Dick's Sporting Goods/8:00 AM at Big Creek
Group size is not limited. No reservations required.

Location description:

Big Creek is one of the largest and most photogenic streams in the Smokies. A wide streambed strewn with huge boulders will provide a wealth of opportunities for exciting photographs. Our ultimate destination is Mouse Creek Falls where the smaller stream does a picturesque dance as it cascades over rocky ledges and drops into Big Creek. Along the way, we will pass Midnight Hole, where a beautiful cascade plunges into a dark, deep pool. There are countless other photo spots along the creek as well.

An overcast day would be ideal for this trip, but even if the sky is clear, leaving Knoxville at 6:30am will allow us enough time to work at both Mouse Creek Falls and Midnight Hole before harsh sunlight comes over the mountain.

Learning opportunities:

This is a good location to work on your technique for getting pleasing images of waterfalls and fast water.

How to meter for the best exposure

How to interpret the histogram for the best exposure.

What shutter speeds to use for the look you want

How to use polarizers and neutral density filters

Lenses of any focal length from 20mm to about 300mm will be useful.

Tripod.....absolutely essential.

Walking required: From the parking area, it is 2.0 miles up the Big Creek trail to Mouse Creek Falls. The trail has fairly smooth footing and is not steep.

Since some of the best shooting positions on this stream are in the water, you may want to wear high topped waterproof boots.

Driving directions: From Knoxville, drive east on I-40 to the Waterville exit #451. Take a left after the bridge on the road that heads up the right side of the river. At 1.4 miles from the exit, cross a bridge at the Progress Energy power station. At 1.7 miles, the road turns to gravel. Pass Mountain Momma's on the left and come to a stop sign at 2.3 miles. Keep straight - the road ends at 3.2 miles in a parking circle and camping area. Just before entering the parking area, look to the right for the Big Creek Trail to the falls.

One-way driving distance and time: approx. 80 miles, 1 hour 30 minutes

WATERFALLS, WILDFLOWERS, & BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY WORKSHOP

Don McGowan and Kendall Chiles are leading a nature photography workshop in Western North Carolina over the August 9 – 11, 2013 weekend. This workshop will be based out the Sunset Motel in Brevard, NC, and will include locations in Pisgah NF, DuPont SF, and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Tuition is \$275 per person, and does NOT include meals, lodging, or transportation. This workshop is limited to a maximum of 8 participants. To request an information packet or if you have questions, please contact Kendall at kchiles@knology.net, or Don at don@earthsonphotography.com.

FUTURE 2013 MEETINGS

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

August 27 Byron Jorjorian

September 24 ??

SANP OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Kendall Chiles President 865-363-1525

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Kris Light **Field Trips**

Bob Turney Field Trips

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Allan Glazer Membership

Ron & Sharon McConathy Website

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Elected Board Members

2013

Harry Dunn

Ron McConathy

Ron Sentell

2014

Jim Ford

Jack Goodwin

Frank Ulcar

2015

Chuck Cole

Sharon Cottrell

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