

SANP NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Date: **Monday, November 26, 2013**

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our presenter this month is Dr. Nye Simmons. His program is based on his newly published book Blue Ridge Parkway Celebration. This book celebrates *FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway's* twenty-five years of service to the Parkway, and the Parkway itself. Alongside Nye's excellent photography the book includes poetry, prose, and essays. The book was created to offer thoughtful contemplation as well as visual enjoyment. From the lofty heights of the Pisgah Ridge, past the peaceful James River, to the borders of Shenandoah National Park, follow Nye on a journey through the seasons along the majestic Blue Ridge Parkway. Program features include a slide show of Parkway images as well as discussion and book signing.

Nye will have copies of the book for sale. There is also a companion 2014 calendar available.

BIO

Nye is a local photographer/writer, and was a charter member of SANP back in the early 1990s. Photographing and writing about these mountains provides him a means of expression and an avenue with which to share his experiences with you. Published in regional and national publications, his ongoing emphasis is classic landscape photography. He grudgingly gave up working with color films and the traditional large format view camera when digital capture achieved the same level of quality he demanded.

His previous publications include: Blue Ridge Parkway, An Extraordinary Journey Among the World's Oldest Mountains (with Jerry Greer), Best of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Tennessee Wonder and Light, The Smoky Mountains Photographer's Guide (with Bill Campbell), and Great Smoky Mountains Wonder and Light (with Jerry Greer and Bill Lea). He was also a contributing photographer/writer for The Ultimate Guide to Digital Nature Photography.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for 2013-2014 were due May 1. You can renew your membership at the October 29 meeting or by mail. A membership form can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net).

2014 SANP SALON

The SANP Board has decided that the “special” category for the 2014 salon is “Captive Nature.” The guidelines for this category are: Any living plants or animals on public display in a facility such as a zoo, arboretum, animal park, aquarium, museum, etc.

2014 SALON RULES & REGISTRATION

Normally the upcoming Salon Rules & Registration Form are attached to the November newsletter. Since we do not have a Salon chairperson yet, the 2014 Rules have not been finalized. Once we hopefully get a chairperson, the 2014 Rules & Registration Form will be emailed to the membership in December.

2014 SALON CHAIRPERSON & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our annual SANP Salon is scheduled for February 22, 2014. Currently we are searching for a chairperson. If you are interested in serving as coordinator, please contact Kendall Chiles. We also need other members to volunteer for other duties required for the judging and the event itself.

For several years now the same members (for the most part) have been involved with bringing this event to fruition. They have done an excellent job, and there is a good template already in place for the logistics of the process. I would ask each member to consider helping with this event.

If you are willing to help, please contact Kendall Chiles at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net.

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK

The 24rd annual Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge is scheduled for January 25 – February 1, 2014. This is a great FREE event for any outdoor enthusiast. WWW offers many presentations, workshops, hikes, etc. by over 100 “experts” in their related fields dealing with outdoor pursuits and/or the Smokies.

Please note that this year WWW is moving to its new home in the brand new LeConte Center, which is located at the corner of Teaster Ln and Jake Thomas Blvd.

Several SANP members are involved in this event each year, and there are other photography related presentations by other “experts”. If you have never been to WWW, you will not believe what you have been missing. For more information call the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism Special Events Office at 865-429-7350, or go <http://www.mypigeonforge.com/events/wilderness-wildlife-week/>.

FUTURE 2013 MEETINGS

January 28, 2014	Clay Thurston
February 22, 2014	Salon Dinner Banquet
March 25, 2014	Kris Light

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2014

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