

SANP MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2008

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our presenter this month is Bill Lea. Bill is no stranger to SANP and has presented programs to us several times in the past. This program will be based on his new book, Cades Cove: Window to a Secret World. Through his career Bill has probably spent more time photographing in Cades Cove than any other nature photographer. His intimate knowledge of the area and its wildlife in any season is second to none. As well as great photography this book also details much of the history of Cades Cove prior to Great Smoky Mountain NP. Bill will have copies of the book for sale at the meeting. Do not miss this program!

BIO

Capturing intimate images of wildlife, scenery, wildflowers, and a variety of other natural subjects in “just the right light” has long been the trademark of **Bill Lea’s** photography. He may best be known for his artistic documentation of deer and bear behavior, the various moods of the Great Smoky Mountains, and southern ecosystems. Photographing in the Smokies since 1975 has afforded this photographer limitless opportunities to observe and record the flora, fauna, and scenery of the region. Bill’s craft reflects his deep appreciation for nature and he communicates his enthusiasm and expertise as a natural history photographer and writer to others through his books, workshops, feature articles and civic presentations. He has been teaching photo workshops at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont since 1992.

More than 7,000 of Bill’s photos have been presented in an array of books, calendars, magazines, advertisements and other publications. His work has appeared in *Audubon Calendars*, *BBC Wildlife*, *Defenders of Wildlife*, *Exploring the Smokies*, *National Geographic* books, *Nature Conservancy*, *National Wildlife*, and many others. His three front covers in a row was a first in *Field & Stream’s* more than one hundred year history. In 2005, Bill authored a coffee-table book titled *Great Smoky Mountains Wildlife Portfolio* and recently co-authored the *Great Smoky Mountains Wonder and Light* book. His newest book, *Cades Cove – Window to a Secret World*, was released in September 2007 and is already in its second printing. When asked what he would like most to achieve through his photography, Bill replies, “I hope my images will promote a better understanding and appreciation for wildlife, the natural world, and most of all, our Creator.”

To see more of Bill’s artistic work, please visit his website at www.BillLea.com .

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2008-2009 are due by May 27. You can renew your membership at the May 27 meeting or by mail. A membership form is attached to this newsletter or can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net).

2009 SALON

The SANP Board decided that the “special” category for the 2009 salon is “Backyard/Urban Habitats”. The guidelines for this category are: Any landscape, plants, or wild animals in backyard settings, community parks, or public gardens.

SANP FIELD EVENT

Oakes Daylily Farm Saturday, June 21, 2008

Leader: Mark Frankel

Phone: (865) 235-7192 **E-mail:** mmfrankel@comcast.net

Meeting place: Oakes Daylily Farm – See map and directions below

Time: 9:00 am

Group size is not limited. No reservations required.

Location description:

Ken Oakes will meet us at the farm at 9:00AM. He will give us a tour and some of hints on photographing the flowers. He has done all the pictures for the catalogs.

There is a pond with a gazebo and a rainbow of colorful acres of day lilies with the farm house in the distance. We will have lots of macro and telephoto opportunities. There are also some shade houses which may have some interesting blooms and patterns to photograph. No need to rush. As the name implies, the blooms only last a day and open around 9:00AM. Bring umbrellas in case of rain and to shade you and your shot from the hot sun. Knee padding of some sort would also be good to stay clean and comfortable while shooting low.

If you want to car pool, I would suggest meeting in the Ingles parking lot in Powell at 8:00AM, leave at 8:15 for the 16 mile drive to the farm. Estimated drive time is 28 minutes. There are no food facilities near the farm, so you may want to take some snacks. There are some picnic benches at the farm.

Web site: <http://www.oakesdaylilies.com/supplier/home.php?id=s000>

Learning opportunities:

- 1 Close-up techniques
- 2 Background control
- 3 Use of reflectors and diffusers

Recommended equipment:

Macro lenses or other equipment and accessories for making close-up photos.

Reflectors and diffusers (or an umbrella).

Wide angle lenses for broad landscapes.

Telephoto lenses to isolate artistic compositions in the daylily fields.

Knee padding and/or a ground cloth.

A tripod will be your best friend.

Walking required: Minimal

Driving directions:

Map: <http://www.oakesdaylilies.com/supplier/s000/graphics/oakesmap.gif>

Take the Knoxville Center exit off I-640 (formerly the East Towne Mall Exit), go north onto Washington Pike 10 miles. Turn left onto Corryton Rd., go 2 miles and turn right onto Monday Rd., 1/4 mile to the garden.

Another route from Knoxville is to take I-40 East to the Rutledge Pike exit (Exit 392). Go right (north) 8 miles and turn left onto Roberts Rd. (just past the C&K Equipment Co. which is on the right). The 2nd stop sign is Washington Pike. Turn right and go 3 miles. Turn left onto Corryton Rd., go 2 miles and turn right onto Monday Rd., 1/4 mile to the garden.

CLASSIFIEDS

Bob Epperson has a Canon EOS-1Ds Mark II digital camera body with one extra Canon NP-E3 battery for sale. Both are in excellent condition. \$5700.00. If you are interested, he can be reached at 865-577-7474 or bgepperson@comcast.net.

Mark Frankel has a LowePro Nova 2 shoulder bag for sale. Green in color. \$25.00. If you are

interested, contact him at MMFRANKEL@comcast.net.

Lucy Scanlon has an Epson Multimedia Projector Powerlite 77c – like new (only used two days). Brilliant 2200 lumens, XGA resolution, only 6 lb. Easy to set up with either a MAC or PC and can be attached to three video sources at the same time! It can project front, rear or ceiling and be set up as much as 34' from the screen. Great for presentations, movies, games, digital photos etc. I have \$800 in it, but would sell for \$550. If you are interested, contact her at (H) 865-494-7654, (C) 865-254-1269, or merrymountLPS@earthlink.net.

Bob Ellis has the following equipment for sale. If you are interested, contact him at 865-376-6571 or ellis5023@bellsouth.net.

CANON EOS 20D Digital SLR with Canon EF-S 17-85MM IS Lens & EW-73B Lens Hood, 511 Battery & Charger, 1GB SanDisk Ultra II card, Hoya HMC Cir-Polarizing Filter, Hoya Super HMC PRO1 UV Filter. Excellent Condition w/boxes, software, cable, Magic Lantern Guide and Short Course DVD. Very lightly used. \$750.00.

CANON Battery Grip (BG-E2) for Canon 20D, 30D, or 40D. New. \$90.00.

SIGMA 30MM F1.4 DC EX HSM Lens (for any Canon APS-C camera) – with 2 EX filters (1) m/c UV and (1) m/c Wide Cir-Polarizing. Like New. \$250.

SIGMA EX APO TeleConverter 1.4x. New. \$85

MANFROTTO PROBALL 469RC w/ extra QR plate. Excellent. \$90

MANFROTTO 322RC2 Grip Head. New. \$85

FUTURE FIELD EVENTS

Chuck Cole has offered to lead a group to Perry's Water Garden in Franklin, NC. Perry's Water Garden grows and sells Water Lillies and Lotus plants. We will be photographing these plants in their growing ponds. For more information on Perry's go to www.perryswatergarden.net. The group would leave Knoxville around 6:30AM and carpool there. It is about a three-hour drive to Franklin. There is NO entrance fee to Perry's.

The proposed dates are July 1 OR July 8, not both. If you are interested please email Chuck Cole at ccole@knology.net and be sure to include which date works best. A decision on which date will be made in June and another email will be sent to the membership at that time.

FUTURE MEETINGS

August 26, 2008

Steve Zigler

September 30, 2008

October 28, 2008

Kevin Adams

November 25, 2008

REMEMBER, NO MONTHLY MEETINGS IN JUNE & JULY!