

SANP NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2009

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our presenter this month is Bill Lea. He will be presenting a new program titled "What Works-Composition & More". Bill will take us on adventure to discover together which elements make a successful image and which elements can be distracting and extraneous. Audience participation will be encouraged and sought to make this an excellent learning experience for photographers of all skill levels!

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.

2010 SALON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our annual SANP Salon is scheduled for February 27, 2010. Mike Naney has graciously agreed to be the chairperson for the second straight year. We 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 Mike Naney at 865-696-2772 or mtnaney@knology.net or Kendall Chiles at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net.

2010 SALON RULES & REGISTRATION

The 2010 Salon Rules & Registration Forms have been included in this newsletter. Please read the rules carefully, especially regarding the parameters of digital entries. Changes for this year's rules are in bold print.

Guidelines for Using the SANP Zenfolio Webpage

A website at Zenfolio (sanp.zenfolio.com) was set up in October 2009 to provide a gallery for members' photographs; the sanp.zenfolio.com site is linked from the Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers (SANP) website at www.sanp.net. SANP signed up for the "Unlimited" (\$40/year) plan that includes unlimited storage space and a maximum file size of 12MB. The website can have any number of groups and galleries, and these can be nested. Loading and managing images on the website is easy. This approach gives SANP great flexibility in presenting members' images, thereby promoting the great photographic talent in our organization.

Guidelines for use of the Zenfolio website have been developed by the SANP Board to ensure that all members have equal ability to submit and display their images. These guidelines will help ensure that the site's contents stay fresh with new images and updated on a regular basis. You may view the Guidelines on the www.SANP.net website. The Guidelines give instructions on how to submit your images to the SANP Zenfolio website.

Anyone wanting to set up a Zenfolio account for their own photographs can receive a \$5 discount by using SANP's Zenfolio discount referral code FNT-SHZ-Y7Y. SANP will also receive a \$5 credit for each use of the referral code. Thus, the SANP Zenfolio site will be FREE if 8 people per year use the referral code.

FIELD LEARNING EVENT

WILDLIFE IN CADES COVE

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Leader: Clay Thurston Phone: 865-281-0645 Email: claythurston@bellsouth.net

Meeting place: Parking area at the entrance to the Cades Cove loop road

Time: 7:00 AM

Location description: Cades Cove is the premier location for whitetail deer in late autumn. The rutting season is still underway, and there is excellent potential for

photographing large bucks in their prime. Beautiful animals in a beautiful setting like Cades Cove are the makings of great photographs.

Landscape and scenic shots may be an exciting possibility, also. The roadways, fence lines, and isolated trees in Cades Cove make excellent compositional elements. A heavy frost or a little snow can transform the cove into a wonderland for photography.

Learning opportunities:

- * How to respect wildlife while making photographs
- * How to choose lenses and camera settings for wildlife photographs
- * How to get the best lighting on your animal subject
- * How to use your tripod or other camera support when animals are moving about
- * How to get better shots by anticipating animal movements

Lenses in the medium to long telephoto range will be most useful for wildlife shots. Lenses of all focal lengths might be useful for landscapes and scenics. Frosty conditions offer good macro opportunities.

On a cold day, your camera and tripod can freeze your hands and make you miserable. Chemical hand warmers (e.g., HotHands) can turn the misery into fun again. Don't leave home without them.

Very little walking will be required for this trip. Most of the shooting will probably be near the road. Heavy dew or frost can soak your boots very quickly, so water-friendly footgear is recommended. An extra pair of dry shoes and socks in the car might be helpful.

Driving directions: From Maryville, take U.S. Hwy 321 (Lamar Alexander Parkway) to Townsend. At the Townsend traffic light, continue straight ahead into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At the "Y" in the road, take the right fork to Cades Cove. Drive to the parking area near the gate at the entrance to the Cades Cove loop road.

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK

The 20th annual Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge is scheduled for January 9 – 16, 2010. 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. WWW is headquartered at the Music Road Hotel. 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 to see the complete itinerary go to: www.mypigeonforge.com/winterfest-06wwwclasslist.asp.

FUTURE MEETINGS

-- REMINDER: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER --

January 26, 2010 Nye Simmons Blue Ridge Parkway

February 27, 2010 SALON

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