

SANP OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2009

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

Location: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, LAMAR ALEXANDER ARTS & SCIENCES BUILDING, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our program for October is SANP member Sharon Cottrell. Sharon will be presenting images from many of her travels in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah. She has been pursuing photography for only a few years, but has become an accomplished nature photographer in that time. Many of the images she will be showing are from locations that we have not seen in recent SANP programs, so I am sure you will not want to miss this presentation.

BIO

Sharon Cottrell grew up in La Follette, TN, graduated from UT, and worked 29 years at TVA including 4 years as a Biologist, 3 years as a Conservationist, and 22 years as either a Programmer Analyst or Systems Analyst. Since retiring 6 years ago she has been pursuing genealogy, travel, and photography. She has researched and added 1700 family members to her genealogy software called Family Tree Maker scanning 100's of photographs into the software for documentation. Sharon has planned 9 extensive trips in the US and Canada driving 50,000 miles over a total of 175 days. She has photographed over 85 Atlantic and Pacific coast lighthouses and 90 national and state parks, monuments, and national seashores. For the past two years she has had winning photos in the Knox Heritage Photo contest documenting many historical and endangered Knoxville buildings for inclusion in their yearly calendar. Sharon has also had several photography awards in the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club, Tennessee Valley Fair, and SANP photography contests.

IMPORTANT LOCATION CHANGE FOR OCTOBER MEETING

Due to a scheduling conflict we will not be able to meet in the Goins Auditorium for our October 27 meeting. Ron Goodrich at PSTCC has arranged for us to meet in the Performing Arts Center in the Lamar Alexander Arts & Sciences Building. The Alexander Building is located next to the Goins Building, and the Performing Arts Center is on the opposite side of Alexander from Goins. PSTCC has a campus map online at http://www.pstcc.edu/maps/pstcc_pmap.pdf. This location change is only for the October meeting.

SANP SPUDZ ARE HERE!

The SANP Spudz lens clothes arrived back in July. These are the large Spudz lens clothes that are 18% gray and have the SANP logo on the pouch. The cost is \$10 each and they will be available at the monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2009-2010 were due May 26. If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so at the October 27 meeting. Membership forms can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net).

2010 SANP SALON

The SANP Board decided that the "special" category for the 2010 salon is "People In Nature". The guidelines for this category are rather self-explanatory: people enjoying and interacting in nature.

As customary, the submission guidelines and entry forms for the 2010 Salon will be included in the November newsletter.

FIELD LEARNING EVENT

FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK

Saturday, October 31, 2009

Leader: Brad Cottrell Phone: 865-691-3986 E-mail: cottrelb@bellsouth.net

Meeting place: Frozen Head State Park visitor center

Time: 8:30 AM Group size is not limited. No reservations required.

Location description: Frozen Head State Park is a good place for finding fall color along small streams. The hardwood forest and water features provide endless opportunities for intimate landscapes and close-ups. Two waterfalls within easy walking distance enhance the potential for productive shooting.

The amount of walking required can vary from a few feet to about one mile. The parking area is in the woods beside a stream. The first waterfall is about 1/4 mile from the car, and the second waterfall is about 1/2 mile, all on easy trail.

Learning opportunities:

- Artistic composition
- Using long shutter speeds on moving water

- Framing a composition using a zoom lens
- Getting adequate depth of field and a good background for a macro subject
- Isolating the subject from the background using a long lens

Zoom lenses in the normal to wide angle range will probably most useful. Long lenses and macro lenses will be useful for isolating small scenes and details. Bring polarizing filters for the water scenes, and, as always, a tripod. Waterproof foot gear might be useful for getting to the best shooting position for water shots.

Driving directions: From Oak Ridge, take Hwy 62 (N Illinois Ave) to Oliver Springs. Just beyond downtown Oliver Springs, continue on Hwy 62 by turning right. From this point, go about 14 miles and turn right at the sign for Frozen State Park and continue on this road about 4 miles to the park visitor center. After meeting at the visitor center, we will continue on to the parking area at the end of the road.

FALL FOLIAGE INFORMATION

If you are looking for current information about fall colors try The Foliage Network website, www.foliagenetwork.com. This is a good website for fairly reliable information that is updated each Wednesday and Saturday during the fall color season. They have three regional reports: Northeast, Midwest, and Southeast. They also have previous years' reports archived for comparison. I have used this website for several years and found the information very helpful.

CLASSIFIEDS

Kendall Chiles has the following for sale:

- Nikkor AF-I 500mm f4D ED-IF w/hood, caps, & case. EX+/LN. \$4000.
- Nikkor AF-I 300mm f2.8D ED-IF w/hood, caps, & case. EX+/LN. \$2800.
- Nikkor AF 300mm f4 ED-IF w/caps. EX+/LN. \$790.
- Graf Studioball Ball Head with Arca-Swiss clamp. EX. \$200.

If interested please email him at kchiles@knology.net.

Wanted: Fujichrome Velvia, Velvia 50, Velvia 100, Velvia 100F, Ektachrome E100VS, and Fujichrome Processing Mailers. If you have switched to digital and have any of these items that you are no longer need, contact Kendall Chiles at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net. Looking for 35mm ONLY and ONLY the films listed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

November 24, 2009 Nye Simmons Blue Ridge Parkway
 -- REMINDER: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER --
 January 26, 2010

SANP OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Kendall Chiles	President	865-363-1525	kchiles@knology.net
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