

SANP MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our program this month is SANP's own Paul Hassell. He will be presenting "Patagonia Adventure" based on his recent trip to the area. Following is Paul's brief about the program:

"No—it is not a country. Yes—it is an outdoor clothing company. But, Patagonia is also the southernmost region of the South American continent.

Tales of its trophy-trout swim through the dreams of fly fishermen. Its glaciated mountains and granite spires draw climbers from around the globe. For three years this place tugged at my heart—relentlessly calling me to traverse its wild terrain. In January 2009, the dream was fulfilled.

The place was nuts! Our treks through the Patagonian mountains of Torres del Paine and Fitz Roy along the Chile-Argentine border did not disappoint our lofty expectations.

I could go on forever. Instead, I'll let the images do most of the talking, and I think you'll understand. Join SANP's Paul Hassell at Goins Auditorium on March 31st for an evening of photography and adventure.

There will be specific photographic instruction as well as stories and images that will take your breath away. This is one presentation you won't want to miss!"

BIO

Paul Hassell is a Knoxville native and 2008 graduate of University of Tennessee. He has been combining his love and enthusiasm for photography and outdoor adventure since the age of 11. These pursuits have taken him to many unique places in North America and worldwide.

2009 SALON

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Mike Naney for a job well done as Chairperson of the 2009 Salon for his hard work in making the Salon a success. Thanks go to the following members who volunteered to help with the many aspects of the Salon: Chuck & Hazel Cole, Brad & Sharon Cottrell, Susan Dunn, Bob & Gloria Epperson, Jim & Ann Ford, Mark Frankel, Jack Goodwin, Rachel Harrison, Brian Kaldenbach, Scott Keller, Ron McConathy, Colby McLemore, Dee Murphy, Linda Naney, Margarete Ohnesorge, Larry Perry, Alice Reed, Janice Threlkeld, Clay Thurston & Bobbie Crews Thurston, and Joyce Wilson.

A big thank you also goes to our 2009 Salon judges: Bill Carter, Tom Cory, Don McGowan, Nye Simmons, John Smith, and Jerry Whaley.

Finally, a big thank you also is due to the following people and companies for providing door prizes for the Salon: Randy Burleson of Aubrey's Restaurants, Gary Farber of Hunt's Photo(Boston), Jim Richards of Mast General Store, Rick Robbins of Gander Mountain Sports, and Brad Cottrell.

Congratulations to all 2009 Salon winners! The level of competition was very good this year, and once again shows the overall ability, creativity, and talent of the SANP membership.

2010 SALON COORDINATOR NEEDED

We need a member to volunteer to be the 2010 Salon Coordinator. It has proved helpful in recent years to get a coordinator in place ASAP after the last salon. An excellent template is in place to facilitate this position, and since we started using it, the Salon has been better organized and executed. If anyone is interested please contact Kendall Chiles at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net.

SANP FIELD LEARNING EVENT

Greenbrier

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Leader: Susan Dunn **Phone:** 865-436-7486 **E-mail:** understand@bellsouth.net

Meeting place: Parking area at the Greenbrier entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Time: 8:00 am **Group size is not limited. No reservations required.**

Location description:

It's easy to understand why the valley along the Little Pigeon River, Ramsey Prong and Porters Creek was once populated with a large of community of mountain residents. Seventy-five years after the establishment of the national park, much of the beauty of the original landscape has returned, and little evidence of the former residents remains.

In April, wildflowers abound along the streams and roads. In some places along the trails, the flowers carpet the forest floor. Opportunities for great photos include mountain streams with cascades and boulders, flower filled landscapes, and close-ups of delicate spring flowers.

Recommended equipment:

Wide angle to telephoto lenses for landscapes, a macro lens or some other type of close-up lens for flower photos, polarizing filter, reflectors and diffusers, and a tripod that allows you to shoot close to the ground.

Walking required:

The amount of walking you do can vary from almost none up to about four miles. The leader will decide on details of the outing after considering the weather, condition of the flowers, and input from the group. All walking will be on easy roads and trails.

Driving directions:

Go to traffic light #3 in Gatlinburg and turn east onto Hwy 321 toward Cosby. Go 6 miles and turn right at the Greenbrier park entrance sign. (The turn is just before the bridge over the Little Pigeon River.) Meet the leader in the first parking area on the right.

59TH SPRING WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE PHOTO COMPETITION

The annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in Gatlinburg is having its first ever Photography Competition. Entry deadline is April 17, 2009. For complete rules, information, and entry form go to www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org. You can also contact Darrell Manis, Competition Coordinator, at 865-436-0500.

CLASSIFIEDS

Chuck Cole has the following for sale:

-Bogen 3221 black tripod legs in excellent condition, \$125.00.

-Bogen 3275 410 Mini Geared Head with 2 Bogen quick release plates and one Arca Swiss mount adapter, \$125.00.

If interested contact him at 865-693-0232.

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.

ACADIA NP WORKSHOP

Don McGowan and Kendall Chiles are leading a nature photography workshop in Acadia National Park, ME from October 11-15, 2009. Scheduled to coincide with the fall color season along the Maine coast, this workshop will be a hands-on, field workshop with minimal classroom instruction. The workshop will be based out of Bar Harbor, ME. Price is \$995, which does NOT include lodging or meals. Minimum of 5 participants with a maximum of 8. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kendall at 865-363-1525 or kchiles@knology.net, or Don at 828-235-0974 or don@earthsongphotography.com.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 28, 2009

May 26, 2009

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

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