

SANP SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2009

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Our program for September is three-time international award-winning photographer and graphic artist Andy Armstrong. He will discuss and demonstrate techniques you can use in your digital post-processing work. Armstrong's techniques are quick, easy and can really make images grab attention and win awards.

BIO

Andy is a native Knoxville who from an early age began creating art and pursuing a career in art. He worked as a Political Cartoonist for UT's The Daily Beacon and The Weekend Journal during college. Over the last 10 years, he has worked as a graphic designer and web developer and has embraced the computer era of design and art. The next logical step in his pursuit of creating art was the camera, and more specifically – the digital camera. Andy's photography is diverse and includes commercial, editorial, sports, fashion, weddings, and portraiture. He recently placed first overall in the Portrait Category and second overall in the Editorial/Illustrative Category of WPPI's 8x10 Print Competition. In 2008, Armstrong released design house - a library of essential creative tools for the modern photographer and designer. Armstrong's software has been part of the mix for more than eight big wins in national and international competitions. See more of his work at <http://www.andyarmstrongphoto.com> and learn more about design house at <http://www.getdesignhouse.com>

Andy states on his website: "I enjoy the instant gratification of photography. I love knowing what I want and being able to capture it through the lens of the camera. My main goal in shooting photos is to capture a moment – to show someone else the beauty that I saw."

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.

FIELD LEARNING EVENT

#1--HATFIELD KNOB ELK VIEWING TOWER

North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area in Campbell County

Saturday, October 3, 2009

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

Meeting place for car pooling: Wallace Memorial Baptist Church on Merchant Drive ½ mile west of I-75 North

Time: Leave Knoxville at 2:00PM. Leave the viewing tower about 7:30PM and return to Knoxville.

Because of the capacity of the viewing tower, group size is limited to 12 people.

Reservations are required - Contact Brad Cottrell. Paid SANP members will receive priority.

Location description: The last recorded sighting of a wild elk in Tennessee was in 1865....until the year 2000 when the TWRA began an elk restoration project in Campbell County. That year, fifty elk were released in the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area. Subsequently, 151 additional elk were released in the area. Now, more than 300 elk are estimated to be free roaming in the management area. The success of the project has made possible a managed elk hunt planned in late October this year for five hunters, four who were awarded permits in a drawing and one who paid \$17,700 for a permit in a fund raising auction.

Fortunately, we don't need permits for our kind of shooting. Our vantage point will be the Hatfield Knob Elk Viewing Tower located in the Sunquist Unit of the North Cumberland WMA about 5 airline miles (11 road miles) north of La Follette. We can set up our cameras on the tower platform and watch for elk coming to browse in the surrounding fields planted with food crops for the elk. The probability that we will see a lot of elk is good. This trip is scheduled during the elk mating season, and the animals should be quite active.

Walking required: We will have to walk about a half mile on an easy path from the parking area to the viewing tower.

Driving directions: To get to the meeting place at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, take the Merchant Drive exit #108 off I-75 North and go west on Merchant Drive. The church is about ½ mile on the right at 701 Merchant Drive. We will meet in the large parking

area on the west side of the church, and leave there at 2:00PM. Driving distance and time from the church to the elk viewing tower is 46 miles and about 1 hour. Directions and maps to the viewing tower will be provided to drivers at the church.

For more information on the elk restoration project and the viewing tower, click on these links:

<http://www.state.tn.us/twra/elkquestions.html> and
<http://tennessee.gov/twra/elktower.html>

#2--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.

UT NON-CREDIT PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

University of Tennessee Professional & Personal Development will offer the following non-credit photography classes during fall term:

Introduction to Fashion & Glamour Photography-Dave Moore; Tuesdays, 10/6 – 11/10.
Portrait Photography-Ron McConathy; Mondays, 10/12 – 11/16.
Advanced Photoshop-Steve Chastain; Tuesdays, 10/13 – 11/17.
Photoshop Lightroom-Colby McLemore; Thursdays, 10/15 – 11/12.
Fun with Photoshop-Slide Shows & More!-Larry Perry; Thursdays, 10/22 – 10/29.
Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 for Photographers-Paula Campbell; Tuesdays, 10/27 – 12/8.
Wildlife Photography-Kendall Chiles; Friday & Saturday, 11/13 – 11/14.

To enroll, or if you have any questions, contact Jennifer Bennett, Program Coordinator, at 865-974-0150 or www.outreach.utk.edu/ppd. Many of these instructors are SANP members.

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

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.

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

October 27, 2009 Sharon Cottrell
November 24, 2009 Nye Simmons

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Kendall Chiles	President	865-363-1525	kchiles@knology.net
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Brad Cottrell	Field Trips		
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