

## *A New Challenge for SANP Members*

# SANP Photography Challenges—Summary

In January 2022, an SANP Photography Challenge (Challenge) will debut for current members only. These Challenges are meant to provide members with the opportunity to create images under specified conditions and constraints. It is also an opportunity for members to interact and develop an appreciation for each person's individual talents and creativity. Any active SANP member may participate in a Challenge and may also sponsor new Challenges. Photographs submitted by participants will be saved to a Challenge Gallery on the SANP Zenfolio website, where anyone can view them. Photographs from each challenge will be judged with first, second, and third place winners chosen.

### **Is a Challenge different from entering images in the yearly Salon?**

A Challenge differs from the SANP Salon because all the images are made at the same time and at the same location. All participants will use similar photographic equipment, have access to the same subjects, and be working with the same lighting conditions. Each Challenge Sponsor will announce the limitations on equipment, technique, and/or digital processing that all participants must follow. For submitted images to be judged, a Challenge must have at least five participants. The quality of the images will depend on a photographer's skill, creativity, selective vision, and perhaps luck.

### **Participant responsibility**

Participants are responsible for providing all the photographic equipment they use during a Challenge and for using only the photographic equipment, techniques, and processing permitted in the Challenge description. (**Note:** A cell phone camera can be used for most Challenges.) By registering, Participants agree to follow the guidelines stated in the Challenge description and to respect and protect from damage the personal and public property where Challenges are conducted. Participation is on the honor system, with the assumption that Participants will abide by the Challenge specifications.

### **When Challenges are held**

There will be four scheduled Challenges each year, usually on the first weekend of February, April, July, and October, organized by the Challenge Administrator. Members can sponsor Challenges on the other 8 months (one per month). Each challenge will take place on one day during a 4- to 6-hour period that varies across the year so that participants deal with morning, mid-day, and evening lighting conditions. Challenges can be rescheduled for weather and other reasons.

### **Submitting images for judging**

Participants can submit up to three images made during a Challenge for judging by a minimum of three judges. Submissions are emailed to Ron McConathy by the Saturday after a challenge. The volunteer judges will be active SANP members who will serve for a calendar year.

Based on judges scores, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be announced about 2 weeks after each challenge. ALL images submitted for judging will be displayed on the SANP Zenfolio website, and the winning images may be shown on SANP social media, the SANP website, and in the SANP newsletter.

### **Challenge Administrator**

Ron McConathy was elected by the SANP Board to be the Challenge Administrator during 2022. A Challenge Administrator will be appointed annually by the Board. Each January the Administrator will accept volunteers from the membership and select up to twelve judges to serve for that year.

### **Judges**

Any active SANP member can participate as a judge; there are no qualifications other than being interested, and the experience will make all of us better photographers. A judge who is a Participant in a Challenge is not eligible to judge that Challenge and must find a replacement judge among those appointed for the year.

### **How the process begins**

The first SANP Photography Challenge is scheduled for February 5, 2022. Because this is the first challenge, it will serve as a test of the Challenge procedures as written here. There is not a specific location for this challenge so that more members can participate. Members can register on the SANP Website.

If you have questions after reading this explanation, contact Ron McConathy, [mcconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mcconathy@aronsha.com).

[**Note:** the description below can be used by Challenge Sponsors as a guideline for the information to be specified about a given Challenge.]

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## **SANP Photography Challenge Number 1**

**Title:** SANP TEST Photography Challenge

**Date:** Saturday, 5 February 2022      **Time:** Noon until 4 pm EST

**Sponsor:** Ron McConathy, [mcconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mcconathy@aronsha.com) , 865-387-8673 (m)

**Location:** Any ground-level outdoor location within a mile radius from the front door of the building where you live.

**Maximum Number of Participants** (5 min.): No maximum.

**Description of the Challenge's Purpose:** This TEST Challenge is designed to let all SANP members participate. Any applicable subjects allowed in the 2022 Salon can be photographed (<https://www.sanp.net/salon>). (This is to help those who might live in a predominately urban neighborhood find subjects to photograph.) Winter makes this a difficult Challenge.

**To sign up for this Challenge:** Register on the SANP website at the link emailed to members. You will receive a confirmation for your registration. If you have questions, contact Ron McConathy, [mconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mconathy@aronsha.com).

**Note:** Challenge image submissions will be posted in a Challenge gallery on the SANP Zenfolio website accessible by the public; winners will be displayed on SANP social media, the SANP website, and in the SANP Newsletter.

### **Equipment Specifications**

**Camera:** Any handheld type of camera is allowed.

**Lens focal length:** Only lens focal lengths from 24–60 mm may be used (35mm equivalent focal lengths).

**Filters:** Only polarizing filters may be used.

**Flash:** No flash.

**Tripod:** Any tripod is allowed.

**Cell Phone:** Any cell phone is allowed when NOT used with a wide angle or telephoto setting or attachment.

**Other:** None.

**Photography Technique Specifications:** None

**Processing Technique Specifications:** None

### **Entering your images from the Challenge:**

Entries must be received by midnight EST, Saturday, 12 February 2022. Submit up to three JPEG digital image files (not over 4 MB each), naming the digital files in the following format. The Participant's copyright information and the image metadata must be embedded in the submitted image files. Send your entries to [mconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mconathy@aronsha.com). Entries received late, sized too large, or not in the proper file name format will not be judged. If you want your images displayed on Zenfolio but not judged, state that when you submit the images.

Example of the required digital file name format:

**SANPPC-202202-a-A\_Photographer**

Where

**SANPPC** stands for 'SANP Photography Challenge' (do not change this)

**202202** is the year and month (month is always two digits)

**a** is the participant's first entry (**b** = second entry, **c** = third entry)

**A\_Photographer** is the photographer's first initial and last name

Note: The Administrator or Sponsor will remove the photographer's name from each entry's file name and substitute a unique assigned photographer number prior to judging to ensure anonymity.

[Note: read the [Challenges Detailed Description](#) document for more complete information.]