

# SANP Newsletter

February 2021

Storm at Sunset, First Place, Scenic category, Prints, 2020 Salon, *copyright Jim Britt.*

## February Monthly Meeting—Tues, Feb 23, at 7p: a virtual ZOOM meeting featuring the digital images from the 2021 SANP Salon

Join us on February 23 for a Zoom version of the Salon dinner. You will have to provide your own refreshments!

The judging, held on February 6, went very well, and the three judges (Don McGowan, Jerry Whaley, and Tom Cory) all felt that the images they judged were some of the strongest overall they had seen from our club!

After a brief business meeting, Dale Potter, Salon Coordinator, and Ed Stickle, Digital Image Coordinator, will begin the Salon presentation, showing all images entered by category and announcing the winners. Shortly before the meeting, you will receive an email with a link to a PDF version of the Salon booklet that normally sits on the tables at the Salon dinner. Certificates for winners will also be sent out as PDF files.

Some of the judges may be joining the Zoom meeting and be willing to offer comments on their choices of winners. The Zoom link for the meeting will be sent by email on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, to SANP contacts and members. Join the meeting at 6:45 on the 23rd for visiting time.

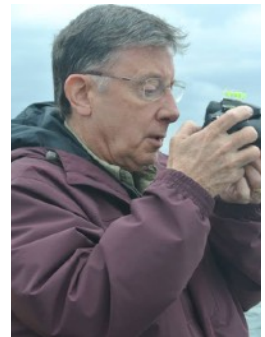


*Sullivan County Farm, by Kendall Chiles, First Place, Travel and Place, and Best of Show, 2020 Salon*

## Ed Stickle elected new president of SANP; three new board members selected by the club

Ed Stickle was elected SANP President at the January Board of Directors meeting. The Board also welcomed Chris Cannon, Gretchen Kaplan, and Marcy Wielfaert, who began serving their 3-year terms that night.

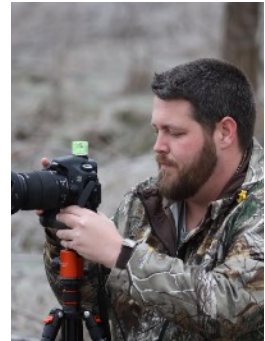
**Ed Stickle**, a professional engineer at the Y-12 Plant for 32 years, is currently Chief Engineer for Boston Government Services in Oak Ridge on a part-time basis. Ed says he works enough to finance his photography habit! He joined SANP in May 2014 after participating in an SANP workshop, the fee for which included a year's membership. In 2016, he was elected to the Board for a 3-year term and then reelected in 2018 for another 3-year term. In the spring of 2018, he was elected Vice President. Ed served as Assistant Salon Coordinator for 2019 and Digital Image Coordinator for 2020 and 2021.



Ed Stickle, new president of SANP

At the time Ed first joined SANP, he was using Nikon equipment. When he went to Greenland and Iceland in September 2017, he switched to the Olympus Micro Four Thirds mirrorless camera system, and he currently owns the Olympus OM-D E-M1 Mark II and Mark III and the OM-D E-M1X cameras along with numerous Olympus and Panasonic lenses.

**Chris Cannon**, an SANP member since 2020, pursues nature photography with a sincere passion for the natural world, sometimes shooting several times a week. Chris's macro photography of insects, spiders, and other "bugs" is illustrative of his sincere passion for the natural world. Chris brings experience in journalism and graphic design to the SANP Board, and he is interested in helping SANP establish a social media presence. Check out his websites: <https://www.christophercannonphotography.com>, <https://www.facebook.com/christophercannonphotography/>, <https://www.instagram.com/christophercannonphotography/>



Chris Cannon, new SANP board member

**Gretchen Kaplan** (no photo available), a retired obstetrician/gynecologist who practiced at Fort Sanders hospital, says she never owned a camera until she retired. She took up photography because she was looking for a hobby that was not too physical, her previous hobby being tennis. Her developing interest in wildlife photography changed her mind about photography not being a physical activity! Although bird photography remains her favorite, she has over the years developed other photographic interests as well. Gretchen has been a member of SANP for many years, and recently joined the Oak Ridge Camera Club as well. One of her most popular photographs is featured on the last page of this newsletter.

**Marcy Wielfaert**, an SANP member since 2018, says "I LOVE TO TAKE PICTURES!" After retiring from a career as an educator and administrator, Marcy has brought her undying enthusiasm to photography. She and husband Doug travel widely and document their adventures in pictures and words. She is a fierce competitor in SANP salons, winning many awards through the years of her membership. She says, "My goal is to be a lifelong learner, always striving to be the best that I can be in every area of my life." See some of her photos at <https://marcysphotography.com/> and <https://www.instagram.com/marcysphotojourney/>,



Marcy Wielfaert, new SANP board member

The Board also voted to extend Ron McConathy's term another year to complete the remainder of Ed Stickle's term.



Kendall Chiles at the 2020 SANP Salon Dinner.

## THANK YOU, KENDALL CHILES

*by Steve Shackelford*

Since mid-2006, Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers has been fortunate to have Kendall Chiles serve as its president. During that time, the club has remained steadfast in its mission to provide a friendly, welcoming and informative organization for all who love nature photography. Over time the club has evolved, as some members have left and others have joined, bringing fresh thoughts, expectations and ideas. Many of the new members were invited to join SANP while taking non-credit courses at the University of Tennessee taught by Kendall.

During the years Kendall was president, the digital photography age was in full swing, with sensor and software technology growing by leaps and bounds, with the arrival and use of mirrorless cameras and even the advent of high-quality cell phones emerging as tools of the craft. Post processing evolved from hours spent in a darkroom to time in front of a computer screen with increasingly powerful editing tools at everyone's fingertips. These have been sources of challenges and opportunities for SANP. As you may know, Kendall was one of the last to embrace “the digital age of nature photography,” but he never let his preferences influence the direction of the club, and eventually he joined the digital ranks!

Finding members who treat nature photography as an art rather than a social media snapshot opportunity has made keeping SANP a vibrant organization a bit of a challenge. With his contacts not only in our area but throughout the nation, Kendall has been instrumental in bringing in many accomplished photographers to share their wide array of knowledge and skills with the club, providing insight into the art of photography, the technical aspects of photography and the changes in photography. The club has offered field trips, wildlife and nature seminars, and other photo opportunities to its members.

The annual salon has seen a growing number of digital images entered over the years as the SANP Board added categories such as “travel and place” and “people in nature,” inspired by club members’ interest in these areas. Our salon continues to promote photo printing and black and white nature photography—areas that might be considered passé to outsiders but remain popular among our members. SANP has strived to keep the art of nature photography alive and relevant.

Obviously, Kendall didn't do all these things on his own, but with his leadership and the help of many dedicated nature-loving photographers and club members, he has been a valuable asset to the Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers. As an organization we owe Kendall our gratitude for his years of service and dedication to our club.

So from me and hopefully from everyone in the club, I say **“Thank you, Kendall, for your almost 14 years as president!”**

## A Word from our New President, Ed Stickle

**First, I want to thank the Board of Directors** for having faith in me to succeed Kendall Chiles. The article in this newsletter about Kendall's long service to SANP shows just how difficult my job will be.

**My main goal for this coming year** is to continue the momentum that Kendall and all the members of SANP have created. I especially want to thank several individuals for the current success of SANP. Our membership is growing thanks in large part to Brad Cottrell who recommended and facilitated our switch to a Membership Management System, which has made possible the easy payment of dues, the dissemination of information about new events, and probably many other things that I don't know about yet. Second, I want thank Sharon McConathy (and of course Ron) for all the work on the new website, the hosting of Zoom meetings, and the excellent production of each issue of the Newsletter. Lastly, I want to thank Ed Dumas and Ron Sentell for their long involvement with the SANP Salon. Ed was the Salon Coordinator for many years and Ron oversaw digital image coordination for many years. I have performed Ron's job for the past two Salons, so I know how much work he did. I am sure I am not aware of the hard work that many other members have performed, and I look forward to learning about that this year.



Ed Stickle doing his favorite thing with one of those numerous lenses.

**My immediate goals for this year** are to find members who are willing to be Vice President and Treasurer (Steve Shackelford has been Treasurer for many years and would like to retire); to continue adding new services for our members such as Workshops and Field Events (Dale Potter is leading that effort); and to continue to expand participation in the Salon next year (30 excellent photographers submitted entries this year, but we have many more members who did not). One of my personal goals is to win First Place in some division – I have been fortunate to have several Second Place and Honorable Mention photos, but the competition is fierce in all categories.

**Lastly, I hope that we can meet in person sometime this year** and have a Salon Banquet next year. Zoom meetings have allowed us to continue to have successful meetings, but it does not replace face-to-face meetings. We had to conduct the judging for this year's Salon via Zoom, and our February meeting will replace the Banquet. We had to abandon the Print category this year, and I look forward to resuming that when it is safe to do so. If anyone has any other ideas for improving SANP, please contact me or any of the Board Members. Our contact information is available on the website in the [Member Directory](#).

I look forward to serving you this year. Please stay healthy and continue to make excellent photographs.

—Ed Stickle

Want to share an interesting field experience or other information with fellow members? Email [sanpinfo@sanp.net](mailto:sanpinfo@sanp.net) and include a short description and some photos.

From **Jack Benhayon**: "The waterfall image was my attempt to isolate a section within the Bald River Falls off the Cherohala Skyway just outside of Tellico Plains. The falls can be easily photographed from the road. I was there in the morning and was fortunate to get the effect of the light hitting the rocks as the sun came up over the tree tops behind me. I used a Nikon D810, 70-200 lens@170mm, F22, 30-second exposure, ISO 64 and a 5-stop ND filter, trying to prolong the exposure as much as possible for the soft effect on the water."



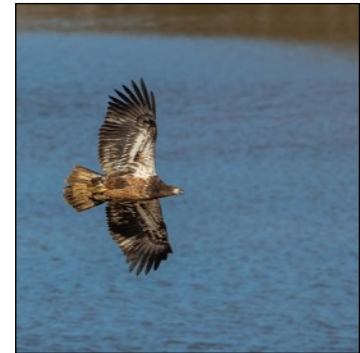
*Bald River Falls closeup, copyright Jack Benhayon.*

From **Nye Simmons**: "I'm offering a Landscape Photography Workshop on April 24-27 and April 29-May 2, limited to 6 photographers; lodging and meals not included. More info on my website, <https://www.simmonsphotoarts.com/>, or go to the spring workshop page, <https://www.simmonsphotoarts.com/tours/2021%20Spring%20%20Workshops.htm>. Call me with any questions: 865.556.7573."

## Field Events—just passed and upcoming

Check out our [website](#) for all the latest information on events. Links below provide more details, including how to sign up if there are spaces still available.

**Sandhill Cranes at Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge.** Trip Report from Dale Potter: We had a good turnout at Hiwassee Observation Deck for an iffy day with the weather. Several potential new members attended. For some attendees, this was a first experience at Hiwassee. There were fewer sandhill cranes visible from the observation deck area compared with past Januarys, but for the newcomers, it was an enjoyable experience. Some were able to see the pelicans fly overhead early in the morning. That afternoon others got to enjoy the juvenile bald eagle. For our first field event of the year, it went very well! Everyone wore masks due to COVID and maintained a safe distance.



*Juvenile bald eagle, Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge, copyright Dale Potter.*

### [Little Pigeon River in Black and White](#) Sat, Feb. 20, 2021 (date changed)

SANP Field Learning Event with emphasis on black and white photography  
Leader: Brad Cottrell, 865.235.8350, [cottrelb@bellsouth.net](mailto:cottrelb@bellsouth.net)

### [Night Skyscapes Photography](#)

SANP Field Event to be scheduled sometime during the week of April 9-16, 2021  
Leader: Ron Sentell, 865.441.2937, [ron@sentell.org](mailto:ron@sentell.org)

Meeting place: To be announced later Time: Late night to early morning Registration: March 1

**Hosting Events.** If you are interested in volunteering as a host for an event (and/or helping plan the event), email [dalepotter55@gmail.com](mailto:dalepotter55@gmail.com). If you have any questions or concerns about being a host or helping with planning, Dale will work through them with you. His motto: "Working together we can have a great event year!"

Dale Potter, [dalepotter55@gmail.com](mailto:dalepotter55@gmail.com), 865.773.8114

## GreyLearning Virtual Photo Conference – FREE Attendance

SANP members are invited to join Tim Grey for a special all-day virtual photo conference. Tim is a respected photography educator and international workshop leader.

On Sunday, February 21, 2021, Tim will make presentations on a number of topics throughout the day, including photography, Lightroom Classic, Photoshop, and more. The entire online event is free to attend.

From the Members page on the SANP website, go to Advice from the Pros (<https://sanp.net/advice-from-the-pros>) to see the schedule of presentations; follow instructions on that page to register for the conference.

### Welcome New SANP Members!

Ann Barber	Clinton
Betty Girardeau	Vonore
Cindy Hatcher	Lenoir City
Rachel Lee	Corryton
Tony Mashburn	Lenoir City
Joseph Mosely	Knoxville
Nye Simmons	Knoxville

### Welcome Back Previous SANP Members!

Jack Benhayon & Judith Marquand	Knoxville
Brenda Cover	Loudon
Linda Spangler	Oak Ridge

Questions about membership? Contact Brad Cottrell at [sanpmembership@gmail.com](mailto:sanpmembership@gmail.com).

## Too Funny...

Submitted by Mark Frankel. Hmm... there could be a resemblance.

'OK, last night you did the dishes; today you're folding the laundry. Just what lens have you ordered and how much did it cost?'

*[with apologies to the artist for not providing appropriate copyright info; this was too good to pass up!]*



### Future 2021 Meetings

Feb 23 Salon awards presentation  
 Mar 30 TBA

### SANP Officers

President: [Ed Stickle](#), 865-405-8143  
 Vice President: TBD  
 Secretary: Charles Samuels  
 Treasurer: Steve Shackelford

### Volunteers

Community Outreach: [Ron Sentell](#)  
 Newsletter: [Sharon](#) & [Ron McConathy](#)  
 Website: [Sharon McConathy](#)  
 Program Organizer: [Kendall Chiles](#)  
 Field Events Manager: [Dale Potter](#)  
 Workshop Organizer: Open  
 Membership Managers: [Brad Cottrell](#),  
[Charles Samuels](#) & [Kristina Plaas](#)  
 Salon Coordinator: [Dale Potter](#)

### Board of Directors

2019-2021:	Sharon Cottrell Charlie Samuels Ron McConathy
2020-2022:	David Boruff Kristina Plaas Kent Sauter
2021-2023:	Chris Cannon Gretchen Kaplan Marcy Wielfaert

### CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL OF TENNESSEE (3CT)

SANP is a member club of 3CT, [www.3ct.org](http://www.3ct.org), which is a network of photography clubs from across Tennessee and neighboring states. Their [monthly newsletter](#) (over 20 pages) includes information about meetings and events for member clubs. You can also visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CameraClubCouncilOfTennessee](http://www.facebook.com/CameraClubCouncilOfTennessee).

### Membership Renewal

If you need to renew your membership, go to your online [profile](#) on the SANP website and click the button labeled “Renew to mm/dd/yyyy.” Follow the prompts to pay by credit card. If you want to pay by check, click the “Invoice me” button, and follow the instructions on the invoice.

Other questions about renewal? Contact Brad Cottrell at [sanpmembership@gmail.com](mailto:sanpmembership@gmail.com).

“I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.”

—Oscar Wilde



This dramatic photo of an adult great egret and its young, taken by SANP Board member Gretchen Kaplan, was published in a high school biology textbook, *copyright Gretchen Kaplan*.