



Foothills Sunrise, 2022 Digital Image Salon, © Gary Pease

September Meeting – Tuesday September 27th, 7 PM, at the Watershed Building, Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, featuring Ken Jenkins

Join us on September 27th for our monthly club meeting at the Watershed Building at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. We'll be taking a trip down memory lane with Ken Jenkins as we look back on 30 years of SANP. Ken was there from the beginning and is the perfect host for an evening of celebrating nature photography in East Tennessee.

Social time begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7 PM. Come early and enjoy the opportunity to mingle with club members and share your latest photo opportunities with us. Friends are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you August 30th.

A Celebration of SANP – 30 Years of Nature Photography in East Tennessee

by Ken Jenkins



Ken Jenkins

Every significant anniversary should be significantly celebrated. My practice has been to revisit the past in order to better understand where the future can take us. More than thirty years ago, Chester Massey and I took a trip to Alaska with several goals in mind. One goal was to use the time away to plan and implement an effort to connect those from the East Tennessee area that had an interest in nature photography and to promote that interest into a passion.

Likely, no other person could have taken a legal pad of ideas and made them a reality. After all, Chester Massey had built Fox Den Country Club as well as an extremely successful insurance business to name only a couple of the many accomplishments in his life. Many will recall that on Chester's passing the News Sentinel had a page dedicated to his many, many achievements.

The story of the beginning of SANP is no short story and it is filled with brilliant suggestions, much devotion of time, and always loads of humor. I would like to take you along on my experiences in the beginning as this idea of a great photo club came to be a reality. We will cover many miles, talk to many of the most noted people in the natural history/nature photography areas, and we will catch the vision all over again of what this club was designed to be and why a man felt it important enough to give it his all.

In addition to our history, we will look at many aspects of staying engaged and excited about photography. I will draw from my 42 years of opportunities in making a living solely as a nature photographer while suggesting ways that we can regularly examine our motives of why we do what we do and how it is benefits us. Thirty-two years ago, I started Wilderness Wildlife Week during the same time that SANP was evolving. For more than twenty years I ran natural history/nature photography tours in many areas of Alaska and throughout the West and to South America. I will share the successes and failures that keep me going even today. We will look at photos as we go, the usual and the unusual, while sharing lessons learned and suggestions on how you can enjoy travel to its fullest benefit. All the while we will connect the dots to the beginning of this great club and why it has continued to help photographers on every level of interest. Prepare to laugh a lot and be more committed than ever to keeping a great thing moving in a great direction.



Alaska Grizzly, © Ken Jenkins

SANP Events

SANP Field Event DIY Mat and Print Assembly

Monday, October 3rd 5:30-7:30 PM

This event is a follow up to the recent print workshop. Come get some great tips for prepare prints for the upcoming salon. Read more on the [event](#) page. Space is limited, please register soon.

November Photo Challenge

The next photo challenge will be at the University of Tennessee Arboretum in Oak Ridge on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

The purpose of this challenge is to photograph fall colors and scenes at the UT Arboretum. The photographers should try to capture the feeling of autumn in their images. Any applicable subjects allowed in the 2022 Salon can be photographed (see Salon 2022 for categories).

Registration is required for this event. Read more about the challenge rules and register for the [event](#) on the SANP website.

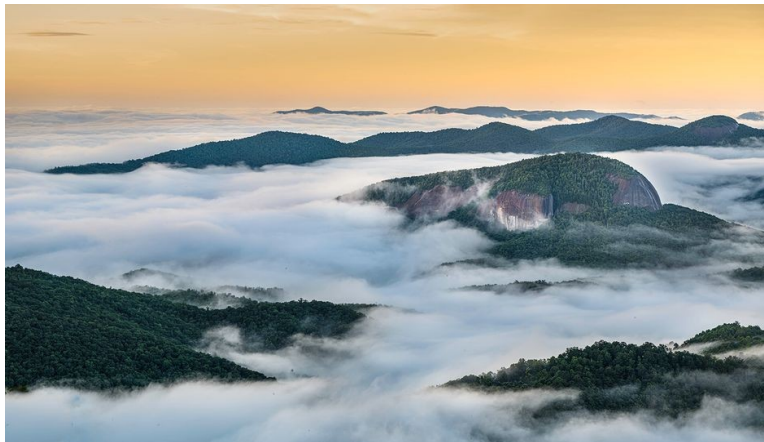
2022 Nature Photography Print Salon

Finishing touches are being made for the 2022 SANP print image competition. Now is the time to begin choosing your images and preparing your prints. Any SANP member whose dues are current on October 31, 2022 may enter the competition.

Prints will be accepted in fourteen (14) categories: Scenic, Birds, Wildlife Mammals, Wildlife Other, Nature Close Up, Plants, Night Photography, People in Nature, Abstracts in Nature, GSMNP Smokies, Travel & Place 1, Travel & Place 2, B&W Wildlife, and B&W Other.

Prints will be accepted during a two week period in November. Winners will be announced at the Salon Dinner and SANP Annual Meeting in January 2023.

Look for complete information about the print salon forthcoming soon.



Blue Ridge Golden Hour, © Jack Benhayon

SANP Photography Challenge

On August 7th the cameras and tripods of SANP descended on downtown Knoxville for an evening capturing the urban landscape. Ten photographers submitted 30 images for judging. All submitted images can be viewed on the [SANP Zenfolio site](#). Congratulations to the winners!

- 1st place: Jack Benhayon & Nawras Baban (tie)
- 2nd place: Jack Benhayon
- 3rd place: Ron Shrieves & Ron Shrieves (tie)



1st place, Nawras Baban



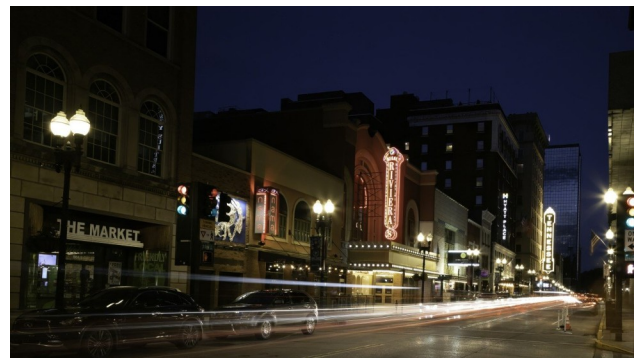
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SANP Members Corner

Bob is the Best!

SANP member Bob Howdeshell is the best – Best in Show at the 2022 Tennessee State Fair Photography Competition. His image of a Jumping Spider won Best in Show at the Tennessee Valley A & I Fair last year.

With encouragement from TVA&I fair official Ginger Huskey, Bob submitted his photo to the state competition. A few weeks ago he was notified of his wining entry. What was Bob’s response? *Oh my goodness! It’s a photo of a spider – most people don’t like spiders!*”

Congrats to Bob on his little spider that keeps on winning!



Jumping Spider, Best in Show, 2022 Tennessee State Fair, © Bob Howdeshell

Welcome New Members!

We’re pleased to welcome three new members to the club this month:

Travis “Hill” Henry: Hill is a biologist and wildlife photographer from Knoxville.

Tim Hudnall: Tim joins us from Knoxville. He says he’s just an amateur photographer that likes to make images when he’s in the “mood.” He likes plant life and abstract photography best.

Patricia Serio: Pat is also from Knoxville. She says she loves photography but has no training. She doesn’t believe in “photo art,” preferring to leave God’s world just as He created it. “What I see is what I capture.”

SANP extends an enthusiastic welcome to all our new members!



Tell Us!

Did your photography receive recognition at the fair this year? Maybe you were acknowledged by a local club, accepted into a juried exhibition, or published in a magazine.

Let us celebrate your nature photography success with you. Share your image and story with the **Newsletter Editor** (kplaas@gmail.com) Yay and Hooray!

SANP Members Corner – Educational Opportunities

Preparing for and Entering a Gallery Exposition

Sponsored by Professional Photographers of East Tennessee

PPETN is sponsoring its inaugural Photography Expo at The Gallery in Rarity Bay. This is your 2-month long opportunity to showcase your photographic creativity and professionalism in a gallery setting. The Expo is planned for November thru December of 2022 and is open to all photographers in East Tennessee.

Since some photographers may not have experience preparing for a gallery exposition (which is very different from a photography salon or a photo club competition) we are offering 2 short FREE workshops on “Preparing for and Entering a Gallery Exposition”. You can attend either session on Thursday, September 22nd or Tuesday, September 27th. Each session is from 7 PM to 8 PM via Zoom. Workshop Zoom log in is 735-898-9634.

Autumn Brilliance Photography Workshop

Sponsored by the
Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont

*Featuring Tom Vadnais, Susan Milinkovich,
Todd Moore, Dan Thompson,
and Steve Zigler*

October 28-31, 2022

<https://gsmit.org/event/autumn-brilliance-photography-workshop-2022/>

Workshops with Nye Simmons

Colorado Fall Color

Ouray, CO

October 2-8

<https://nyesimmons.com/2022-colorado-fall-color>

Fall Color Blue Ridge Parkway

Waynesville, NC

October 13-16

<https://nyesimmons.com/blue-ridge-parkway-2022-fall-color-workshop>

Fall Color Smoky Mountains

Townsend, TN

October 27-30

<https://nyesimmons.com/smokies-fall-2022-photo-workshop>

Wildlife, Waterfalls, & Fall Foliage Photography Workshop

October 26-29, 2022

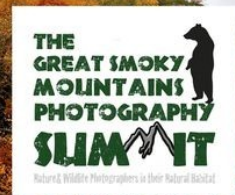
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North Carolina

Summit Instructors:

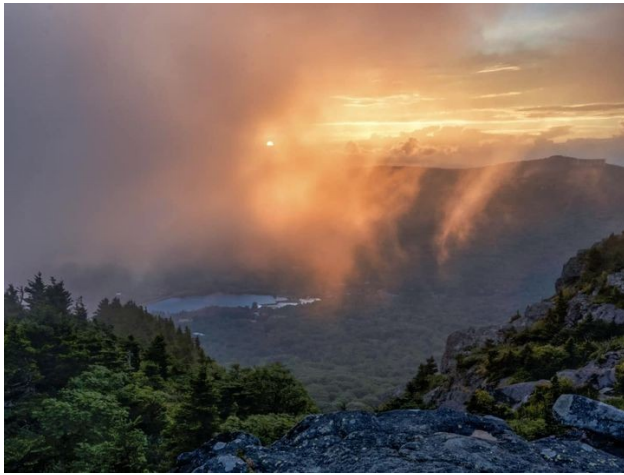
Chas Glatzer

Ken Jenkins

& Brett Wells



SANP Members Corner – Out and About with Cameras



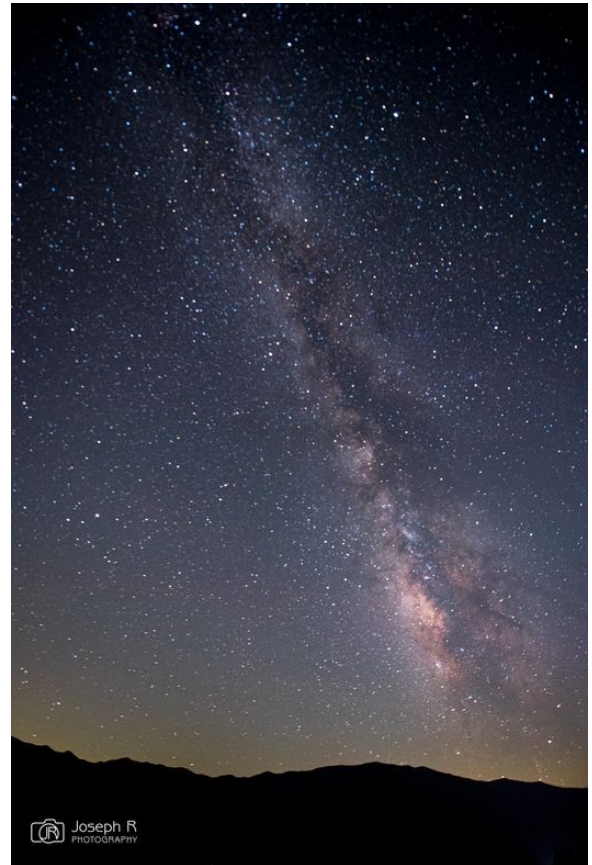
Late summer found SANP members out and about with their cameras and capturing a diversity of nature, landscape, and travel images. Here are a few shared on the SANP Facebook group.

Top left: Sunset from the Mile High Swinging Bridge on Grandfather Mountain, © Nawras Baban

Center left: On the Rocks, © Theresa Williams

Bottom left: As Seen on the Streets of Savannah, © Shawn Grant

Bottom right: The Milky Way from Foothills Parkway East, © Joe Rentz



Upcoming Club Meetings

September 27, 2022 Ken Jenkins
October 25, 2022 TBA
November 29, 2022 TBA

SANP Officers

President: Ed Stickle
Vice President: Open
Secretary: Charles Samuels
Treasurer: Sharon Cottrell

Volunteer Managers

Community Outreach: Ron Sentell
Field Events: Dale Potter
Librarian: Ann Barber
Membership: Brad Cottrell
Newsletter: Kristina Plaas
Photo Challenges: Ron McConathy
Programs: Kendall Chiles
Salon: Ed Stickle
Social Media: Chris Cannon
Website: Shawn Grant
Workshops: Open

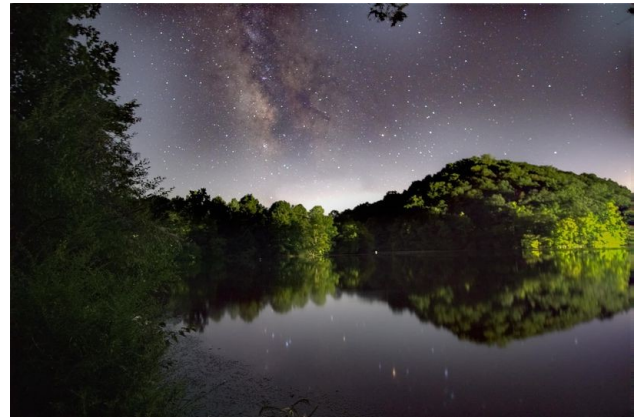
Board of Directors

The board meets on the 2nd Monday
each month

2020-2022: David Boruff
Kristina Plaas
Dale Potter
2021-2023: Chris Cannon
Gretchen Kaplan
Marcy Wielfaert
2022-2024: Jack Benhayon
Yvonne Dalschen
Clay Thurston

Camera Club Council of Tennessee (3CT)

SANP is a member of 3CT, a network of camera clubs across Tennessee and neighboring states. Their monthly newsletter is filled with information about meetings and events for member clubs. Details can be found on their website www.3ct.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CameraClubCouncilOfTennessee>



The Milky Way over the Emory River, © Paul Schubert

Share your Shoots!

You adjust the buttons and dials, point, aim, and shoot. Then what? Are your megapixels hiding on a hard drive somewhere? Well shoot, we want to see what you're shooting! Grab an image file or two and share your nature, landscape, and travel images with club members. Send your images with a brief description to the [Newsletter Editor](mailto:kplaas@gmail.com) (kplaas@gmail.com) for use in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. Shoot, what are you waiting for?