



Tetons Sunrise, Scenic Category, 3rd place, 2021 Salon, © Marcy Wielfaert

January Meeting – Tuesday Jan. 25 at 7 PM, a Zoom only meeting featuring Frans DeRoos

Join us on January 25th for our monthly club meeting at 7 PM. Our presenter is SANP member Frans DeRoos, who will be speaking to us on *The Reality of Photography—My Personal Experiences*. Out of an abundance of caution for potential health and weather concerns, our meeting will be on Zoom this month. Members are encouraged to join us at 6:45 PM for social time before the meeting.

See Frans's bio on page 2.

SANP members do not need to register to join the Zoom session. The link will be emailed to all members on Sunday, January 23. Guest who are not SANP club members and wish to join the Zoom session must [register](#) to receive the Zoom link via email.



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Bio: Frans DeRoos, January presenter

Frans was in the 9th grade when he was first exposed to photography. He recalls the excitement of building a pinhole box camera. He found the photographic process, from building the camera to final exposed image, to be thrilling.

Frans returned to photography in 2012, seeking a creative outlet and a way to balance work and personal time. “As I plunged deep into the world of photography, I found a love and passion that gave me a sense of joy, happiness, and fulfillment.” The idea of capturing God’s creation through landscape photography speaks to Frans. When life’s obligations keep him inside, photography encourages him to get out of the house and experience life outdoors.



Frans DeRoos



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Claiming no professional expertise, Frans attributes his knowledge of photography to trial and error, subjecting his images to constructive criticism, and mastery of his camera. This has allowed him to be well-informed as to why he does what he does in photography.



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Topics to be discussed at the meeting:

- My introduction to photography
- Transparency leads to encouragement
- My approach to photography—
philosophy and experience
- Asking questions leads to answers



Sharon McConathy

Sharon McConathy: When Saying Thank You Doesn't Seem Adequate

by SANP officers and Board of Directors

Sharon McConathy has been associated with SANP since its early years. Although her work in support of SANP has often been behind the scenes, the results of her work and her impact on club operations have been abundantly visible for two decades.

Sharon served as newsletter editor from 2002 to 2006 and again from 2014 to 2021. She has taken the newsletter from its early format as a simple one page plain text document to the multimedia publication that we are accustomed to reading today. In the recent member survey, the question about the newsletter received responses of, "it's fabulous," "looks fantastic," "best one I receive," "I look forward to every one" and "truly exceptional."

In 2009, when someone was needed to manage the SANP website, Sharon stepped up and filled that role for the next twelve years. She has provided excellent website design and maintenance services to support the changing needs of the club throughout

those years. In 2020, during the transition to our new website with its integrated membership management system, she met the challenge with dedication and determination to make it our best website ever. The beautiful website that you enjoy today is the result of her creative redesign and meticulous organization.

Sharon's work on the newsletter and the website has undoubtedly benefited the club in many ways. The newsletter has provided members with timely information about upcoming events and activities as well as educational articles to help our members improve their photographic skills. New members are continuously drawn into the club by the attractive newsletter publication. The design of the new website has brought welcome benefits to both club members and staff. The convenience of online dues payments and event registrations on the new website is a major enhancement to daily club operations, and the overall attractiveness of the site is appreciated by everyone.

Sharon has retired from her service as newsletter editor and website manager, where she displayed the finest example of excellence throughout her tenure. We are grateful that we can look to her legacy as a standard for our own work in the future.

SANP's First Photo Challenge *by Ron McConathy*

The first SANP Photography Challenge is Saturday, Feb. 5, from 12 noon until 4 pm. Photographs can be made at any ground-level outdoor location within a mile radius from the front door of the building where you live. Equipment specifications for this Challenge include any handheld camera (including cell phones) and lens focal lengths from 24 to 60 mm (35mm equivalent focal lengths). These limitations should not only challenge photographic skill but also level the competition between photographers. Participants have until midnight, Saturday, February 12 (one week after the event) to submit up to three JPEG digital image files for judging. Challenge details are available on the SANP website at <https://sanp.net/Photo-Challenges>.

Why Challenges?

- If you are wondering why SANP now has photo challenges along with the annual Salon, here are the reasons:
- Our club survey showed that a number of members thought more competitions would be good.
- Sometimes the best way to learn is to put ourselves in situations that require different approaches; hopefully, these challenges will do that.
- Photo Challenges happen throughout the year—four regularly scheduled, one during each season, in nearby, easy-to-access locations. But (and that's an important "but") any member can sponsor a Challenge during any of the other months, designating the location and establishing the photographic requirements. Be creative!
- A healthy club is one whose members are active, and these Photo Challenges give everyone the chance to participate and to be a sponsor. Go to <https://sanp.net/resources/Documents/PhotoChallenges/SANP-Photography-Challenges-detailed-information.pdf> to read the specifics of how to be a sponsor.
- Any member can be a judge! No judging experience is required. In fact, this process was established so that all you need is the willingness to help. Read how to do this here: <https://sanp.net/resources/Documents/PhotoChallenges/PhotoChallengeJudgesGuidelines.pdf>.
- Perhaps most important: let's have some fun! If the regular challenges don't meet your definition of fun, create and sponsor one that does!

I hope we will all be amazed at the photographs that will result from these challenges. In fact, I'm betting that we will see remarkable variety, considering all will be shot during the same time period with similar equipment in one location.

Future Challenges will be held at a designated place and time, but the first one was set up to make it easier for everyone to take part. Reminders have been scheduled to go out to our mailing list using SANP's Membership Management System; only members can enter images for judging.

SANP's First Photo Challenge (cont.)

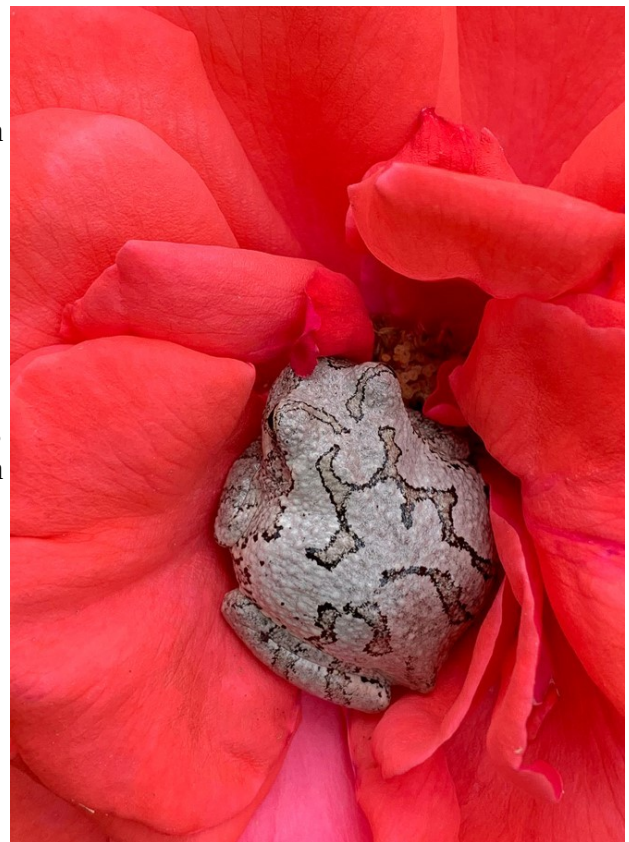
To participate in this first Photo Challenge, go to <https://sanp.net/event-4593169> and join the others who have registered. You'll receive specific instructions via email for how to submit your selected photos for judging.

Yes, we need judges

Because these Photo Challenges are competitions, each challenge will have designated winners. Our hope is that we will be rewarding excellence in photography and also be providing reinforcement and encouragement along the way.

All submitted images will be posted in challenge-specific galleries on our Zenfolio website, and winning images will be noted and announced at meetings and in the newsletter. Judges' scoresheets can be made available.

Being a judge can be a great learning opportunity. I encourage you to volunteer to judge one or more Challenges during the coming year. We have three member judges for the first Challenge, but we need judges for the rest of the year. Please contact me at mcconathy@aronsha.com and volunteer.



Wrapped in a Rose, Wildlife Category, 2021 Salon, © Clay Thurston

2022 SANP Salon

Submissions are currently being accepted for the [2022 Salon](#). The deadline for entries is Sunday, January 23. As of January 14th, 13 members have submitted images. Beginners and professionals benefit from reviewing their images. Don't be bashful to enter. Select what appeals to you. Don't worry about getting the number of pixels or the composition or the metadata completed just right. You learn whether your interests really match how and where you spent time taking pictures. Whether you get a ribbon or not, you still win!



Tellico Plains Covered Bridge, Travel category, 2021 Salon, © Dot Baxter

SANP Field Trips *by Dale Potter*

Club members have enjoyed participating in field trips throughout 2021. The most recent trip, led by Dale Potter, was to the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge. Though lighting and weather conditions were less than optimal, club members enjoyed the opportunity to photograph sandhill cranes in their winter habitat. Those long lenses got a workout!

Fickle weather conditions make planning winter field events a bit tricky. Some events are scheduled with short notice. Check the [Events](#) page on the website for upcoming outings. Members will receive email notification as events are announced. Plans are underway for an active spring of field events. If you have an idea for a field event or are interested in leading an excursion, contact Dale Potter. dalepotter55@gmail.com

Membership Renewal

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. Questions? Contact Brad Cottrell at cottrelb@bellsouth.net



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Future Club Meetings

Feb 22, 2022 Salon
Mar 29, 2022 TBA

SANP Officers

President: Ed Stickle 865-405-8143
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Board of Directors

The boards meets on the 2nd Monday
each month

2019-2021 Sharon Cottrell
Charles Samuels
Ron McConathy
2020-2022: David Boruff
Kristina Plaas
Dale Potter
2021-2023: Chris Cannon
Gretchen Kaplan
Marcy Wielfaert

SANP Annual Meeting

The annual meeting to elect new members of the board of directors will be held at the January 25 club meeting. Three new members of the board are elected each year. Jack Benhayon, Yvonne Dalschen and Clay Thurston have agreed to serve three year terms expiring in 2024. They will succeed retiring board members Sharon Cottrell, Charles Samuels, & Ron McConathy. Dale Potter has agreed to fill out the remaining term of Kent Sauter, expiring in 2022. Dale has been serving as an interim director since Kent resigned in July 2021. We appreciate the service of the outgoing board members and appreciate those who accepted nominations for the 2022 board.

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 and their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/CameraClubCouncilOfTennessee>

SANP member Nye Simmons is offering landscape photography workshops in 2022. Details and additional workshops can be found on his website at www.nyesimmons.com

Spring Smoky Mountains: Apr 21-24
<https://nyesimmons.com/spring-workshop-details-1>

Spring Blue Ridge Parkway: May 5-8
<https://nyesimmons.com/spring-workshop-details-1-1>