

January 2024



SANP Newsletter

*Zebras. Best in Show, 1st Place Black & White – Other category. 2023 Digital Image Salon.
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January Meeting – Tuesday, January 30th 7:00 PM, at Pellissippi State Community College, featuring Jack Graham

Join us on January 30th for our monthly club meeting. We will be meeting in Cafeteria Annex of the J. L. Goins Administration Building on the Hardin Valley campus of Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Road, Knoxville TN.

Jack Graham will be our presenter, offering ideas to take our photography beyond the basics. Bring a friend and find some inspiration! Social time is at 6:30 PM, the meeting starts at 7: 00 PM.



© Jack Graham

Beyond the Basics...And Some Inspiration! *with Jack Graham*



Please join Jack Graham for an evening of inspiration and information that will help you take your photography up a notch. We'll discuss some overlooked but important aspects of photography that go beyond what we all have been told are the basics for successful images.

Within his presentation you'll see some interesting photographs taken by Jack locally here in Tennessee as well as around the globe.

The presentation will be followed by questions, comments and as always, some fun and memorable stories. Please join us on Jan 30th!

Jack Graham is a professional photographer with over thirty years of experience. He currently resides in Eastern Tennessee close to the Great Smoky Mountains. Jack has lived for almost 20 years near Mt Rainier and returns often to photograph the Great American Pacific Northwest.

Jack has been leading both small groups and one-on-one photography workshops domestically and internationally for 30 years. He has been published in leading photography books, magazines, and advertising publications.

Jack is a past chairperson of the Awards Committee as well as a past member of the Board of Directors of [NANPA](#).

If you would like to contact Jack about workshops, print sales and speaking engagements please [EMAIL](#) Jack's Office



Jack Graham – Artist Statement



For me, the experience of immersing myself in the location is just as important as the photograph. As a photographer, my mission is to make images that depict my emotions and relationship to my surroundings and the environment, rather than document the obvious.

It's the whole experience that fascinates me. When I make an image, I must negotiate the creative boundaries of what goes into the image, often before the camera even comes out of my bag.

I have been so blessed by being able to travel to so many places, see so many things, and to have made so many great friends. Making self-expressive images is almost secondary to the experiences in and of themselves. Images are the product of the process. The process of making art keeps me going. Artist first, photographer second.”

*All images
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2023 SANP Print & Digital Image Salon



Above: Hello, Summer. Best in Show, 1st Place Birds category. 2023 Print Image Salon. © Theresa Williams

Below: Lonely Home. 2nd Place, Travel & Place 2 category. 2023 Print Image Salon. © Robert Vranek

Right: Jimson Weed. 2nd Place, Plants category. 2023 Print Image Salon. © David Liles



It was a grand gathering last November, the night SANP members and friends came together to celebrate nature and travel photography in East Tennessee. We hope you enjoyed the 2023 Salon. Thanks to chairman Dale Potter, members of the Salon committee, judges, and all who entered. Congrats to the winners!

Photographs entered in the 2023 Print & Digital Image Salon may be viewed on the SANP Zenfolio site.

[2023 Digital Salon Competition](#)
[2023 Fall Print Salon](#)

The Salon booklet listing all the winners can be viewed [here](#).



February 2024 SANP Photography Challenge

The February Photo Challenge is underway. The objective is to photograph winter in East Tennessee. When Ron McConathy chose the topic, I doubt he knew what a winter we would have this month. If you haven't registered for the challenge, it's not too late! Read more on the website: [February Photography Challenge](#)



Four Old Friends at the Waterhole. 1st place, Wildlife – Mammals category, 2023 Print Image Salon. © Cyndy Waters

SANP Annual Meeting 2024

The Annual Meeting of SANP will be held in conjunction with our monthly meeting on January 30th. The Chester A. Massey Distinguished Service Award and Presidential Citations will be presented to deserving recipients. Following the awards, candidates for election to the SANP Board of Directors will be presented for your sustaining vote. The candidates are:

2023 – 2025 Julie Glibbery (replacing Jerry Whaley)
2024 – 2026 David Boruff
Hill Henry
Kathy Westbrook

The board will take up the business of electing & sustaining SANP Officers for 2024 at the February board meeting. Ed Stickles' term as president is coming to an end, so look for a new club president next month. Thanks to all who volunteer their time and talents to make SANP a wonderful organization!

SANP Field Events



In recent weeks, club members have traveled to the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge for the opportunity to see and photograph waterfowl overwintering at the confluence of the Tennessee and Hiwassee Rivers. Sandhill cranes are the primary attraction, but white pelicans are also present in significant numbers this year. Thanks to Dale Potter for leading these field events!

*Above left: Sue Mitchell
Right: © Kelli Thompson*

Field Event leaders wanted!

If you have an idea for a field event, we'd love to hear it. If you would be willing to lead a field event, please contact [Dale Potter](#). We need you!



New Workflow Option for Lightroom Desktop

By Brad Cottrell

Have you heard rumors that Lightroom Classic is going away? NOT TRUE! But there is a new way to use Lightroom. To understand what's happening, read this blog post by Victoria Brampton (The Lightroom Queen): [Should I move from Lightroom Classic to Lightroom Local?](#)

Oh Photoshop!

The Lightroom workshop with Dave Kelly last month was a rousing success. Thanks to all who attended. Many have asked about similar opportunities to improve your skills in using Photoshop. There are many free resources online. Dale Potter offers the following suggestion:

This website was recommended to me by an expert instructor of Photoshop and Lightroom as a website with good videos for learning different features of Photoshop. Julieanne Kost has videos on Photoshop, Lightroom, and other photography topics. All are free. [Julianne Kost Photoshop Training Videos](#)

If you have online resources for photo editing that you've found particularly helpful, let us know. [Newsletter editor](#)



*Common Basilisk Costa Rica. 3rd Place, Wildlife - Other category. 2023 Print Image Salon.
© Doug Wielfaert*



Did you know you can help support SANP when shopping for groceries? Kroger has a program known as Community Rewards that they use to donate to qualifying organizations, like SANP. Log into your Kroger account online and select My Account. Under that menu select Community Rewards. Enter **HQ083** for your reward sponsor. That will select the Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers. Save it. Logout and then log back in to verify it saved your information. **This does not cost you anything or affect your fuel points.**

Each quarter Kroger donates to the SANP a check from the Community Rewards to help support club projects. If every member signed up and encouraged their family and friends to do the same, this would result in a substantial increase in the amount of money Kroger would donate to our club. Take a few minutes and enter your information in your Kroger account online. You can check each quarter to see how much money you are spending at Kroger resulting in a donation to the club. You will be glad you were able to help the SANP.

SANP Salon Slideshow of Digital Images

By Ron Sentell

After the recent SANP Banquet, several people asked about the equipment and software used for the digital image slideshow. The slideshow of all images displayed on the corner monitors at the beginning of the banquet used the Micca Speck G2 media player purchased from Amazon. The slideshow was contained on a USB thumb drive connected to the media player which was connected to the monitor's HDMI input. For the slideshow presented during the banquet, the same media player was connected to SANP's projector. A separate audio output from the media player was connected by an audio cable to a separate speaker. The software used to create the slideshows was Adobe Lightroom and ProShow Gold.

The media player was a great discovery by Ed Langston when SANP formed the Community Outreach Group. It greatly facilitated presenting slideshows to people in senior living facilities who could no longer get outside. Previously, a slideshow presentation required use of a computer. The Micca Speck G2 media player is a 3 x 0.6 x 2.5 inches block that weighs five ounces. It is easily configured through a settings menu to output video and sound together through an HDMI output to a television monitor or projector or sound separately through an audio cable to a speaker. The settings menu is used also to allow a slideshow to stop after one playing or to repeat – or to sequence individual image files automatically or manually, or to play individual audio files automatically or manually. Quite a little package that does so much for only \$42.99! Discover more details of the Micca Speck G2 on Amazon.

The slideshow seen on the corner monitors at the banquet was created as an MP4 video file using the Slideshow Module of Adobe Lightroom. The Slideshow Module also allowed placing the Title and Creator from the image metadata in the header and footer of each image. For the slideshow presentation at the banquet, the same images were exported from Lightroom with the Title and Creator labels and used in ProShow Gold, where timing was adjusted for different segments of the slideshow and multiple soundtracks were added. Presently, Adobe Lightroom does not provide the same flexibility in adjusting timing or use of multiple soundtracks.

Larry Perry, who received the SANP Chester A. Massey Distinguished Service Award for 2023, paved the way for creation of the SANP Community Outreach Group and taught many of us how to create and present pleasing slideshows. He was a wonderful mentor and is greatly missed.



Alpine Colors. Honorable Mention, Travel & Place 2 category. 2023 Print Image Salon. © Marcy Wielfaert

SANP Tips & Techniques



No Parking without Permit *By Jerry Whaley*

To provide a bit of levity regarding the somewhat controversial parking tag issue in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, I took one of my photos with a flat meadow and prompted Generative Fill in Adobe Photoshop to generate a UFO with segmented windows to be coming in at an angle to land. I then “generated” a blank sign and, on a new layer put the lettering on the sign. For some reason Generative Fill would not provide the sign with the words. I suspect it has to do with the licensing of fonts.

As a contributor to Adobe Stock, I received a small payment recently for the use of my images in Firefly, Adobe’s AI engine. They seem to be getting ahead of the curve regarding the ongoing litigation related to uncompensated use of creative assets by AI engines. Photographers routinely remove things (dust spots, power lines, etc.) from their images using AI enabled processing tools. Soon we may not be able to detect if they have added things to an image.

SANP Members Corner

Welcome New SANP Members

Gibson Collett joins us from Lenior City. Landscapes, travel, and artistic post-processing are among his interests.

We were pleased to host the following photographers at Dave Kelly's Lightroom course in December. Since course registration included a twelve-month membership, we would also like to welcome you to SANP!

Jane Ambroso, Loudon TN
David Clark, Crossville TN
Sheila Dillon, Philo OH
David Jackson, Red Boiling Springs TN
Bill Lea, Townsend TN
Jim Noonan, Loudon TN
Kay Rangnekar, Knoxville TN
Nitin Rangnekar, Knoxville TN
Holly Roznowski, Seymour TN
Lisa Stennett, Baxter TN
Sanjay Thakur, Knoxville TN

Welcome to SANP!



Images shared to the SANP Facebook group this past month:

Top right: Waterfall. © Jack Benhayon

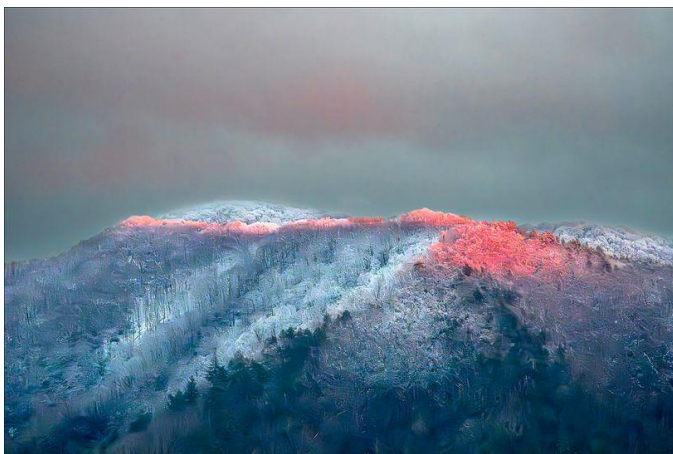
*Center right: Rain in the Maasai Mara.
© Cyndy B. Waters*

*Bottom left: Cedar Waxwing in Oak Ridge.
© Clarence Juneau*

Members Corner *(cont.)*



*Top Center: Blythe Ferry Sunrise.
© Nawras Baban*



Left: Last Kiss. © Jack Benhayon

*Bottom right: Sunday Light in Cades
Cove. © Julie Glibbery*

For Sale

Savage Port-A-Stand for background paper or muslin for studio work. Maximum height 8 ft 10 in, maximum width 9 ft 5 in. Collapses to 44 in. Includes travel case. Will sell to any SANP member for a highly discounted price for personal use. Not for resale. See similar item [here](#):

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Upcoming Club Meetings

Jan 30th Jack Graham
 Feb 27th Roger Trentham
 Mar 26th TBA

SANP Officers

President: Ed Stickle
 Vice President: David Boruff
 Secretary: Ann Barber
 Secretary's Assistant: Jack Benhayon
 Treasurer: Sharon Wright Cottrell

Volunteer Managers

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

Board of Directors

The board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month.

2021-2023: Chris Cannon
 David Boruff
 Marcy Wielfaert
 2022-2024: Jack Benhayon
 Yvonne Dalschen
 Clay Thurston
 2023-2025: Bob Howdeshell
 Dale Potter
 Jerry Whaley

It's More Fun with You!

Joining or renewing your SANP Membership is easy. Visit the website and renew your membership today. Bring a friend with you!

Join SANP



Golden Arches. 3rd place, Travel & Place 1 category. 2023 Print Image Salon. © Sharon Cottrell

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](#) or on [Facebook](#).