

February 2024



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

February Meeting — Tuesday, February 27th, 7:00 PM, at Pellissippi State Community College, featuring Roger Trentham

Join us on February 27th 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.

Roger Trentham will be our presenter, sharing his insights and expertise on black bears in the Smokies. Bring a friend and find some inspiration! Social time is at 6:30 PM, the meeting starts at 7: 00 PM.



© Roger Trentham

Lessons from the Forest: “What Bears Have Taught and Continue to Teach Me” with Roger Trentham

Join Roger Trentham for a photographic journey of discovery into the world of black bears. Learn what we think we know and what we certainly do not know about the complex relationships of black bears in the Smoky Mountains. Through personal observation and research conducted by others, Roger has learned that black bears do not lead solitary, independent lives as previously thought, but lead lives intertwined as part of a vast network of related and unrelated black bears. What started as a photographic pursuit has become a learning experience into these incredibly complex creatures that must live in a world dominated by humans.



All images © Roger Trentham

Roger Trentham is an eighth generation native of the Smoky Mountains. Having grown up in the Roaring Fork area of Gatlinburg, Roger spent many hours in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from an early age. Taking up photography in his early twenties, Roger has explored and photographed the mountains in all their seasons and moods. Through leading workshops, camera club outings and presentations, and having his photographs featured in magazine articles, he is more than happy to showcase this beautiful part of the world.



SANP Annual Meeting

The SANP Annual Meeting was held on January 30th, 2024. New members were elected to the board of directors. Julie Glibbery replaces Jerry Whaley on the board and will serve through 2025. David Boruff was re-elected, joining new board members Hill Henry and Kathy Westbrook in serving through 2026. Thank you for your dedication to SANP!



Chester A. Massey Distinguished Service Award

The Chester A. Massey Distinguished Service Award is given to one or more members in recognition of at least five years of outstanding contributions to the spirit and objectives of the club. Named after the founder of Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers, the Chester A. Massey Award is the premier award of SANP. This year four individuals were recognized for their exemplary service: Ron & Sharon McConathy (above center), Kendall Chiles (above left), and Brad Cottrell (above right). Each received a certificate, desktop monument, and were named on the perpetual plaque. Congratulations to these dedicated club members!

We would like to thank the SANP Board and SANP membership for the Chester A. Massey Distinguished Service Awards presented to us. This award is only presented to a few members and we are humbled to receive it. Our dedication and service to SANP is out of love for photography and helping others to enjoy this artistic endeavor through membership in SANP. We hope the other dedicated members who contribute to making SANP an outstanding photography club will have the pleasure of receiving this award in the future.

Ron & Sharon McConathy

Annual Meeting (cont.)

2024 SANP Presidential Citation Award

President Ed Stickle gave the nod to five individuals who have played a critical role in the success of SANP this past year. Each received a certificate and pin in recognition of their service. Presidential Citation Awards were presented to Ann Barber, David Boruff, Julie Glibbery, Dale Potter, and Ron Sentell. Congratulations to all!



*Top left: Ann Barber
Top right: Dale Potter
Center left: David Boruff
Bottom left: Julie Glibbery
Bottom Right: Ron Sentell*

Read more about the award winners at [SANP Service Awards](#)

Photos courtesy of Jerry Whaley

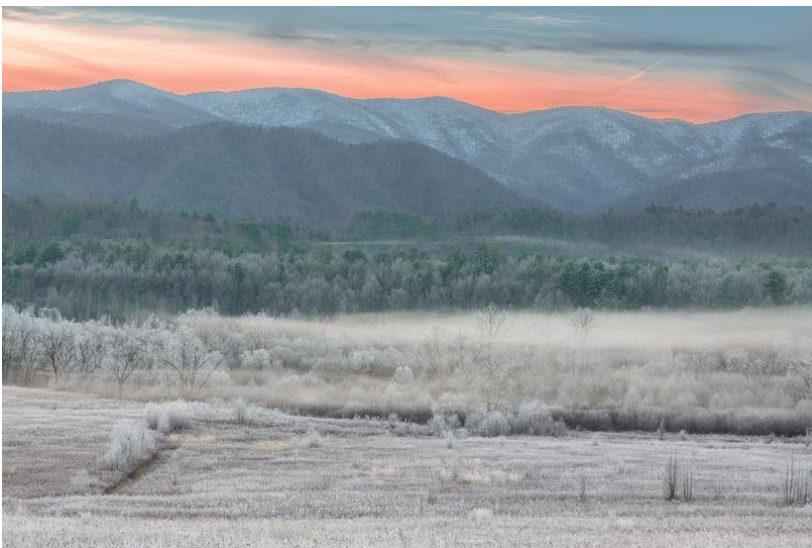


February 2024 SANP Photography Challenge

The February 2024 SANP Photo Challenge results are here. The purpose of this Challenge was to create a photograph that an average person in East Tennessee would easily recognize as being made in the winter, and even better if it was recognizable as being a wintertime photo made in East Tennessee. A photograph that met any of the 2023 SANP Digital Competition categories was permitted as long as the photograph was made in any location East of Hwy 127 in the state of Tennessee. All photographs must have been taken while the photographer was standing inside this area.

Twelve SANP members submitted 30 photos to be judged. Fortunately, there was some impressive winter weather for the photographers to capture in January, and the participants took advantage of it.

The winning image was made by Joe Rentz. The second-place image was made by Bill Lea. There were two images by Bill Lea and Kent Sauter tied for third place. Congratulations to the winners and those who participated in this Challenge.



*Above: 1st Place, © Joe Rentz
Left: 2nd Place, © Bill Lea*

Photo Challenge (cont.)



*Left: 3rd Place (tie), © Bill Lea
Below: 3rd Place (tie), © Kent Sauter*



© Maxim Basinski



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 Tips & Techniques

by Brad Cottrell



[Tim Grey Lightroom Webinar](#)

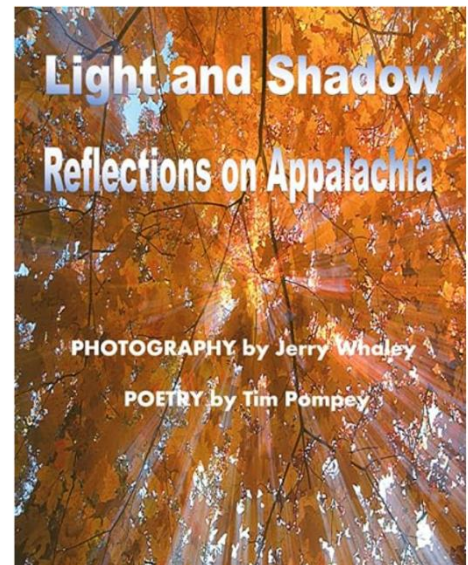
Do you ever wonder whether you should be using Lightroom (sometimes called Lightroom Local or Lightroom Cloud), Lightroom Classic, or Bridge? During this Grey Learning webinar, Tim Grey will provide insights into the similarities and differences between Adobe Lightroom, Lightroom Classic, and Adobe Bridge. These three applications from Adobe all provide a workflow solution for organizing and optimizing your photos. The presentation will help you choose which is right for you, and how each impacts your workflow.

Hot Off the Press!

Light and Shadow – Reflections on Appalachia

Tim Pompey recently published “Light and Shadow – Reflections on Appalachia,” a book which provides a poem related to each of the 20 photographs of the Southern Appalachian Mountain region (including the Great Smoky Mountains) taken by club member Jerry Whaley.

The poems and images are a tribute to the eternal and spiritual nature of this unique region, as expressed by two artists who grew up here. You can find the book on Amazon by typing “by Jerry Whaley” or “by Tim Pompey” in the search bar.



Does art or photography inspire you to pick up the pen and write? Visual art feeds creativity. Collaborations, such as this volume by Tim Pompey and Jerry Whaley, are possible when authors and artists network and feed off each other’s work. The digital journal, *The Ekphrastic Review*, highlights such co-creations. You can see some of Tim & Jerry’s work in this month’s issue: [The Ekphrastic Review](#)

SANP Members Corner

Welcome New SANP Members

Kathy Hale joins us from Copperhill, TN. She started photography while attending college late in life. She finds peace sitting in a swamp trying to get the perfect shot or walking alone in a forest. She enjoys wildlife and landscape photography.

Douglas Hubbard joins us from Knoxville. He is well-known in the local photography community and we're happy to have him join us at SANP. He enjoys landscape and close-up photography and images that support conservation efforts. He loves black & white photography and creating his own photographic prints. If you want to know more about printmaking, ask Doug!

Welcome to SANP!



*Top right: Double Trouble.
© Joe Rentz*

*Center right: Ice Panther.
© Anthony Hazen*

*Bottom left: Coquina Sunrise.
© Jeff Parlow*

Members Corner (cont.)



*Top left: Sunrise at Port Klang, Strait of Malacca, Malaysia. © Nawras Baban
Top right: Black & White Infrared of the Snow.
©Ron McConathy
Bottom left: Robin. © Randy Pucket
Bottom right: Yellowstone fox. © Sue Mitchell*



Coming in the next Newsletter – Meet the Board!
An introduction to the recently elected SANP officers and board members

Upcoming Club Meetings

Feb 27th Roger Trentham
Mar 26th TBA

SANP Officers

President: Jerry Whaley
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.

2022-2024: Jack Benhayon
Yvonne Dalschen
Clay Thurston
2023-2025: Julie Glibbery
Bob Howdeshell
Dale Potter
2024-2026: David Boruff
Hill Henry
Kathy Westbrook

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!

Mark Your Calendar

Jerry Whaley, newly elected President of SANP, will be the presenter at the next meeting of the *Camera Club of Oak Ridge*.
The program is:

The Range of Light in the Great Smoky Mountains

March 12, 2024, 7:30 PM
at Roane State Community College
701 Briarcliff Avenue
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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](#).