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Corys to Speak at April Meeting

As SANP members from Chattanooga, Tom and Pat Cory, are looking forward to their presentation this month because it has been some time since they have been able to make it to one of our meetings. The title of their presentation is "Visions of Color and Light." The Corys will share thoughts about combining elements of composition, light, texture, form and color to create images with emotional impact. The images presented will be a combination of styles from documentary to abstract, many of which will be nature related. Their presentation will also include a short program with images from abroad illustrating how to apply these concepts to travel photography.

Tom Cory has been interested in photography since his teenage years. About 20 years ago, he began attending a number of workshops and then began his career as professional photographer about 15 years ago. After marrying Tom, Pat Cory also took up photography and became a professional photographer. Over the years, Pat has also expanded her photographic interests into video, specializing in nature and travel videos.

The Corys have published two books – *Notes from the Field*, an instructional photography book in it's 5th printing and *Scenic Chattanooga and Beyond*, a reference book covering natural and scenic locations around Chattanooga. Their video, *The Story of a Dream*, is a documentary of the building of the Coolidge Park Carousel in Chattanooga. They have also had a number of their articles and images published in a variety of magazines, including *Outdoor Photographer*, *Nature Photographer*, and others. In addition, the Corys write a monthly column for the *Signal Mountain Mirror*, one of their local newspapers.

Tom and Pat began leading photography workshops about 15 years ago. Each year, they conduct approximately 25 that include evening seminars and two-week international workshops. In addition to a number of local workshops, their 2002 schedule includes workshops in the Smokies, the Eastern Sierra, Olympic National Park, and Acadia National Park. Their international workshop locations include Tuscany this year and Ireland and New Zealand in early 2003. If you want to know more, check out their homepage at <http://hometown.aol.com/tompatcory> or contact them at (423) 886-1004 or tompatcory@aol.com.

Membership Renewals Due May 1

SANP membership fees for the 2002–2003 Membership Year are due by May 1. The renewal form is included with this newsletter. The newsletter survey has also been included on the back of the renewal form for your convenience. Please submit the completed form along with a check payable to SANP either through the mail or at the April meeting.

Dues have not increased this year. There has never been an increase in the dues for the various categories during the 11 years that the SANP has existed. The Board is pleased to be able to keep the dues at the same prices once again. If you have any questions concerning membership or the renewal, contact Chris Windham at (865) 588-3011 or cwind007@aol.com.

Spring Field Trip May 17-19

The field trip committee has arranged a weekend shoot in the Asheville area on May 17-19. A list of potential points of interest on this trip is included on page 5. Members may arrive Friday evening to get an early Saturday morning start. After Saturday's shoot, we will gather at the Holiday Inn for dinner and a slide & picture viewing/critique. Please bring some of your shots to the dinner for the viewing.

Lodging is in Asheville at the Holiday Inn, Blue Ridge Parkway where 15 rooms (7 smoking and 8 non smoking) with double beds have been reserved for the club. The hotel is located on Hwy 70 East at I-40 Exit 55. You must make reservations with a credit card by April 22 to get the SANP rate of \$69.62 (includes tax) by calling (888) 298-5611 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After this date, availability and rates are not guaranteed.

The dinner will be held on Saturday at 7:30 PM in the hotel's Parkway room and will be a buffet with salad, roast turkey, vegetables, bread, dessert, and coffee or tea. To attend, please make out a check to SANP for \$19 to Joyce Wilson, Treasurer at the club meetings or mail to Joyce at: 112 Hillcrest St, Clinton TN 37716. (Note on the check that it is for the weekend dinner.)

For any questions concerning this event, suggestions, or if you are willing to lead a group on this trip, contact Mark Frankel at 865-673-3140 or Wilkesboro@usexpress.net.

Photo Resources on the Internet

U.S. National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov>

Plan a future photo outing, check for any news from specific parks, read about park histories, find maps, and more.

Featured Member Site

Cory Nature Photography

<http://www.hometown.aol.com/tompatcory>

This is website of this month's featured speakers, which includes not only galleries of their photography, but also information about their upcoming workshops, books & tapes, tips, and links.

Contact the Editor

If you are an SANP member and have a story or an article that you would like to submit for publishing in a future edition, feel free to send it to me. Also, send me any suggestions for improvement or articles, weblinks, swap shop notices, trip reports, upcoming event and activity announcements, or other relevant items that may interest other members. Please send any items you wish to submit within the body of your e-mail message, instead of as an attached document file. Any items must be received *before* the end of each month to be considered for inclusion in the following month's edition. Besides catching me at monthly meetings, you can contact me via either of the following methods:

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In The News

Final Printed Newsletter? Maybe, Unless...

This is the last printed newsletter unless an SANP member(s) steps forward to help with printing & assembly tasks and mailing at the Weisgarber Post Office. The editor will no longer be able to handle these tasks solo due to some schedule conflicts, but will continue writing and editing for this newsletter. In the past, a team of up to five or six members has worked on the newsletter. However, during the past year, no one has stepped forward as those volunteers have moved on to other tasks.

Now is the moment of truth. If you enjoy reading this newsletter and wish to continue to receive a printed copy through the mail, you need to step forward. These tasks will involve only a small amount of your time. Also, the SANP has an account with the post office and any printing costs incurred are fully reimbursed by the club. Persons willing to assist should contact [Ron McConathy](#) and [Tobin Shepardson](#) for details.

SANP Newsletter Survey Continues

If you haven't completed a survey already, it is on the back of the membership renewal form included in this newsletter. Any changes made to the newsletter relating to the method of distribution will be based on input received and will be implemented after August of the next membership year. We've already received a solid response, so don't miss the chance to make your voice heard in this organization.

The newsletter survey concludes after the April 30, 2002 SANP Monthly Meeting. Turn over your completed surveys on the membership renewal form to Chris Windham. All other completed surveys can be given to either Chris or Tobin.

More SANP News Items

- A photograph by Kendall Chiles is on the cover photo of the April/May *Country Magazine*. Congratulations Kendall!
- A new address has been established for the Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers. Our new address is: PO Box 32324 Knoxville, TN 37930-2324.
- The [form](#) is still available on the SANP website for members to update address, telephone, and e-mail information.

Other News Briefs

- A measure called Pennies for Parks, which would temporarily open 14 state parks closed last year because of budget battles, is being discussed by some members of the Tennessee Legislature. Keep your fingers crossed.
- The [National Parks Conservation Association](#) has published its annual listing of the "Ten Most Endangered National Parks." The Great Smoky Mountains National Park in our backyard made this list. Threats to the park listed include urban encroachment, air pollution, and insufficient funding.
- Some construction due to tunnel repairs continues on Newfound Gap Road (US 441) in the Great Smoky Mountains Natl. Park. For more information, check out www.nps.gov/grsm/tunneltable.htm or call (888)355-1849.

SANP 2002 – 2003 Membership Renewal Form

Due May 1, 2002

The SANP fiscal year ends on April 30 of each year, and all membership renewal fees for the period May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003 are now due. Please complete this form with your name(s), mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address, and select your category of membership. For your convenience, the newsletter survey is included on the back of this form for those who have not already completed one. **Make your check payable to SANP**, and send the check along with this completed form and the survey on the back to:

Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers
Attention: Chris Windham
2731 Sood Drive
Knoxville, TN 37921

If you have any questions concerning membership renewal, please call Chris Windham at (865) 588-3011 or send her an e-mail at cwind007@aol.com.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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| _____ | Full Membership | \$25.00 Annual |
| | For one person having full privileges of the club and one vote. | |
| _____ | Family Membership | \$35.00 Annual |
| | For all members of a family residing together (or away at school). All family members having full privileges of the club and two votes. | |
| _____ | Student Membership | \$12.50 Annual |
| | For individuals attending any accredited school. Full privileges of the club and one vote. | |
| _____ | Associate Membership | \$20.00 Annual |
| | For businesses wishing to support the club. Privileges limited to monthly meetings. No vote. | |
| _____ | Non-Resident Membership | \$12.50 Annual |
| | For individuals living over 100 miles from Knoxville. Full privileges of the club and one vote. | |
| _____ | Family Non-Resident Membership | \$17.50 Annual |
| | For families residing together over 100 miles from Knoxville. Full privileges of the club and two votes. | |

2002 SANP NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Please read each question carefully and circle the appropriate response(s) while following any special instructions for each.

1. What is your current status with the SANP?
 - a.) Lifetime Member
 - b.) Member
 - c.) NOT a member (*Skip to Question 3.*)

2. Please fill in your first and last name in the space provided below. This needed to verify membership status from Question 1 above.

3. Do you have any access to the Internet?
 - a.) Yes
 - b.) No (*Skip to Question 6.*)

4. How do you feel about going to the SANP website to view the newsletter?
 - a.) I would prefer getting newsletters this way. (*Skip to Question 6.*)
 - b.) I'm okay with it. (*Skip to Question 6.*)
 - c.) I am totally against receiving the newsletter via the Internet.

5. (*Answer this question **only** if you selected answer "C" to the question above.*) Why don't you want to view the newsletters on the SANP website? Select *all* answers that apply to you.
 - a.) My Internet access is at work and rules prohibit non-work related surfing.
 - b.) I am concerned about receiving viruses from the newsletter files.
 - c.) I want to be able to view the newsletter when I am offline.
 - d.) I don't have the Acrobat Reader software to view the newsletter.
 - e.) Installing the Reader is too technical for me and/or causes me virus concerns
 - f.) Other (*Please explain.*) _____

6. Do you have an e-mail address?
 - a.) Yes
 - b.) No (*Skip to Question 9.*)

7. Would you like to be notified each month by e-mail when a new newsletter is available on the SANP website? (You would not be e-mailed the actual newsletter file, but you could go to SANP.net and download or print it.)
 - a.) Yes (*Skip to Question 9.*)
 - b.) No

8. (*Answer this question **only** if you answered "No" to Question 7 above.*) Why don't you want to receive e-mail notification? Select *all* answers that apply.
 - a.) My e-mail is at work and rules prohibit non-work related messages.
 - b.) I am concerned about receiving viruses via e-mail.
 - c.) I think that using my e-mail for this purpose will cause me to get more spam mail.
 - d.) Other (*Please explain.*) _____

9. If you were able to choose *only one* method to receive the standard 9 newsletters from this time forward, which would you choose?
 - a.) Via the SANP website on the Internet
 - b.) Via the U.S. Postal Service

10. In December, the first online 'bonus' newsletter was published on our website. Would you like us offer more online only newsletters when printed editions are normally not published - June, July, and December? (*Circle only **one** answer that best applies to you.*)
 - a.) YES, I would like these to continue. (*Skip to 12.*)
 - b.) I don't have Internet access to view the bonus online editions. (*Skip to 12.*)
 - c.) No, I do NOT want any more 'bonus' editions. (*Go to 11.*)

11. Please explain why you selected "C" in Question 10 above:

12. If we were to reduce printing and mailing the 9 standard newsletters each year, how would you like any savings to be used by the SANP? *Select only one* answer you feel is best.
 - a.) Use the money towards the annual photo competition costs (catering, facilities, etc.)
 - b.) Provide monetary prizes for annual competition winners
 - c.) Provide door prizes at each meeting
 - d.) Reduce annual membership fees
 - e.) Pay for some miscellaneous costs at SANP Field Trips
 - f.) Other (*Please explain.*) _____

Thank you for your participation. Survey results will be published and announced after this survey concludes on April 30, 2002.

Arches Vandal Gets Off Easy

Southwestern photographer Michael Fatali was sentenced in February for damage he had done to the Delicate Arch in Arches National Park during a photography workshop he led during September of 2001. Fatali lit four artificial logs around the arch and left one burning after leaving the area. In December, Fatali pled guilty to the charges and also admitted to starting fires in Canyonlands National Park in 1997.

The Delicate Arch (pictured below) is a four-story high natural sandstone arch that is also one of the most recognizable national park landmarks. Despite restoration attempts, a burn scar remains visible on the slickrock directly under the arch.

Even though Fatali could have received a six month prison sentence along with \$5,000 fines for each of the seven counts against him, the judge sentenced Fatali to only two years probation and 150 hours of community service. Fatali also agreed to make restitution for damages and paid the park just under \$10,993. Fatali will not be allowed to enter Arches or Canyonlands during his probation, but he is not restricted from entering other parks or public lands.

You can still easily find examples of Fatali's work and his workshops promoted on the Internet. If you happen to come across something by Fatali, do the smart thing and just say no.



Field Trip Itinerary Proposals

Here are some of the proposed locations for SANP's spring trip:

North Carolina Arboretum – It has miles of nature trails, cultivated gardens, and a state of the art greenhouse.

Nature Center – Wolves, cougars, bobcats, black bears, deer, eagles, and other animals in captivity are on its 42 acres.

Biltmore Estate – The 8,000 acre estate is home to the Biltmore House along with acres of cultivated gardens and woodland.

Lane Pinnacle Sunrise Shoot – This is a suggested site for a sunrise shoot of Mt. Mitchell.

Mt. Pisgah Inn – Scenic views are present from the inn's parking lot, and the 1.1 mile Buck Spring Trail starts here.

Green Knob Overlook – The Lost Cove Trail begins here.

Folk Art Center – This is home of the Allanstand Craft Shop.

Mt. Mitchell – Several trails of various length begin here.

Craggy Gardens – Nature trails and gardens are at Craggy.

Upcoming Events & Activities

SANP member Dick Penner was chosen by the Arts and Culture Alliance of Greater Knoxville as April's Artist of the Month. Dick's exhibit, "Black and White Alternatives: Printing the Light Fantastic," will be on display from April 3-29. SANP members are invited to the opening reception on April 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the downtown Knoxville Candy Factory. For more information contact the Arts and Culture Alliance at (865) 523-7543 or via e-mail at knoxartscouncil@yahoo.com.

SANP members **Tom & Pat Cory** are holding a number of **Workshops** this spring. Area workshops include Smoky Mountains, April 17-21; General Photography, Chattanooga, April 27 (\$75); and Picture the Aquarium, Chattanooga, June 18 (\$20). Workshops they are holding further afield include one in Tuscany, May 3-15. For more information, check out the **Corys' website** or contact them via **e-mail** or at (423) 886-1004.

Bill Fortney will be conducting the annual **Nature Photography Weekend** workshop at **Cumberland Falls State Park** in Corbin, Kentucky on April 26-28. The fee is \$30. This state park is located south of Corbin and not far from I-75 off Exit 15. For more information, contact Cumberland Falls State Park at (606) 528-4121.

Wildflower Walks are scheduled at two locations in the Smoky Mountains in late April and early May. On April 28 and May 3, park rangers will conduct free wildflower walks on the Chestnut Top Trail in the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. Call the main park info line at (865) 436-1200 to find out more. Also, **Hedgewood Gardens** in Townsend will be conducting tours of the private 5.5 acre reserve on April 28 – May 2. Call Hedgewood at (865) 984-2052 to get their tour schedule.

SANP Swap Shop

The Swap Shop is open to any member who wants to buy, sell or trade some photographic equipment. Here is a recent notice:

Balazs Ujfalussy has a mint set of **Hoya Close Up Lenses** with 55mm filter threads. If you are interested and want more information, contact Balazs at blu@icx.net.

Low Tech Tip

Tired of fighting crowds at your favorite parks or dealing with the Cades Cove traffic jams? The best way to beat the teeming masses is by going out to shoot early in the morning or in the evening after dinner time. Unfortunately, it isn't always possible to find places devoid of other humans. Consider using them for scale or as a photojournalism subjects. As for gawkers, set up your shot, and then, while acting like you aren't shooting, snap the picture with your cable release as soon as they lose interest.

Another alternative is photography in the off season. Winter often provides a great opportunity to avoid crowds. Things to see include ice around waterfalls and creeks, coatings of ice created by early morning fog, and snow covered mountain peaks and valleys. Winter and early spring can also provide you with excellent opportunities to photograph birds and other wildlife that are often hidden by foliage.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 30 **SANP Monthly Meeting: Tom & Pat Cory**
First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Social Hour – 6:45-7:30 p.m.

May 01 **SANP Membership Renewals Due**

May 17 **SANP Spring Field Trip**
Asheville, NC Area, May 17–19

May 28 **SANP Monthly Meeting: Alan Heilman**

June/July *No Regular Monthly Meetings or Newsletters*

Aug 27 **SANP Monthly Meeting: Speaker TBD**