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2003 Nature Photography Competition Judging Complete

Judging for the Annual Photography Competition took place on Saturday, February 1, 2003. Six independent judges determined the winners in four divisions:

- ◆ Black & White Prints
- ◆ Color Prints
- ◆ Medium Format Transparencies
- ◆ 35mm Color Slides

Each division had five contest categories and two photographer classifications. There were insufficient entries in some categories, and those entries were added to the Division's Miscellaneous category. The Competition committee rejected approximately 19 entries because of variance with contest rules.

There were about 109 prints and 175 slides entered in the contest. Forty-one members participated — 12 as Photographer I and 29 as Photographer II. Judges commented that they were impressed with the overall quality of the entries. Ribbons or certificates will be given for the winning photographs.

Prizes donated by manufacturers and businesses will be given as door prizes and to the following top winners:

Photographer I

35mm Color Slides — Scenic, Wildlife, Plants, Miscellaneous, Motion in Nature
Color Prints — Scenic, Wildlife, Miscellaneous
Black & White Prints — Miscellaneous

Photographer II

35mm Color Slides — Scenic, Wildlife, Plants, Miscellaneous, Motion in Nature
Color Prints — Scenic, Wildlife, Plants, Miscellaneous, Motion in Nature
Black & White Prints — Plants, Miscellaneous
Medium Format — Scenic, Plants, Miscellaneous

Best of Show

35mm color slides
Color Prints
Black & White Prints
Medium Format

Tips from Competition Judges

If you were unable to attend the judging on Feb 1 and are interested in some of their comments, read these tips for improving the presentation of your photographs:

- ◆ Mounted prints need to be attractively presented by choosing matting that complements the print.
- ◆ Protective plastic covering over prints makes judging difficult and may result in a lower judging score.
- ◆ Appropriate photograph titles may sometimes positively influence judges by indicating how the photographer interprets his/her image.
- ◆ Faded and dirty slides typically result in a lower score.
- ◆ Images that are properly focused and properly exposed receive the highest score possible for the photo's subject, composition, etc.
- ◆ Images that do not fit the definition of a category are judged lower.

Coming Events

February 2003 SANP Competition Dinner, Feb. 22, 2003, First United Methodist Church, Knoxville.

March Slide critique by Clay Thurston, Kendall Chiles, and Bob Epperson

April Bill Carter presents program

May Larry Perry on digital photography

June/July No meetings

Member News

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See page 3 for reservation form for Competition dinner!

Sign Up to Show Your Slides

As SANP members, you are cordially invited to sign up to show 8-10 slides at the social period just prior to a meeting. Three members can sign up for each meeting. A sign-up sheet is provided each month for future meetings, or you can call Bob Epperson (865.577.7474) to reserve a time.

If you have taken advantage of this opportunity, you know this is a good way for others to see and understand your photographic passion. (Contact Kendall Chiles, 865.693.2448, if you can't reach Bob.)

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The SANP Board meets monthly. If you have issues you would like the board to discuss, contact Ron McConathy, mcconathy@aronsha.com.

SANP News is published monthly except June and July to provide information to members. Articles or ideas from the membership are welcome.

Newsletter Deadline: First of each month
Send submissions to mcconathy@aronsha.com

SANP mailing address:
P.O. Box 32324, Knoxville, TN 37930-2324

SANP Swap Shop

The SANP Swap Shop is open to any member who wants to buy, sell or trade photographic equipment. Send items to mcconathy@aronsha.com and we'll post them here.

Canon EOS-3. Like new, in box, with body cap, wide strap, instruction book and blank USA Canon warranty card. \$650.00. Chuck Cole, 865.693.0232 or ccole@knology.net.

Easy to Understand Contest Rules?

Writing photography contest rules is not easy. The following contest rules were recently found in *Shutterbug* magazine. "Photos must be black & white and must represent one or more non-human animals, real or imaginary, living or man-made."

Pull out your old pictures of griffins, dragons, and trolls. They just might be winners!

SANP Web Site Features Your Photographs

The beautiful pictures that appear on the SANP web site are there because they were submitted by members. Any SANP member is welcome to submit photographs to be included on the web site. The images are rotated to give people equal visibility. Go to the web site (<http://www.sanp.net/MembersOnly/index.htm>) and follow the directions for submitting your images. A camera club web site needs a large number of member images to make it look good.

Windstar Wildlife Garden Weekly

Windstar Wildlife Garden Weekly is a FREE email news service from WindStar Wildlife Institute that provides timely, interesting information on wildlife and how you can improve the wildlife habitat on your property. *Windstar Wildlife Garden Weekly* is the 2002 winner of the Bronze Award for General Excellence in the Web Sites and Electronic Newsletters Category by the Society of National Association Publications. The issue for the week of January 6, 2003, had an excellent article on the history and impact of West Nile virus on wildlife. Spooky stuff! Go to the Institute's web site at <http://www.windstar.org> to sign up to receive the newsletter. This is a good source of information about the wildlife that we all love to photograph.

**SANP 2003 Nature Photography Competition Dinner Meeting
Order Tickets by February 17, 2003**

The SANP 2003 Nature Photography Competition dinner meeting will be held on Saturday February 22nd at the First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN. The fellowship hall will be open at 6:30 P.M. for a social at which time the print and medium format entries can be viewed. The buffet dinner will be served at 7:15 P.M. Afterwards, the slide entries will be projected and prizes will be awarded. The menu is pot roast with carrots and onions, oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli and rice casserole, tossed salad with assorted dressings, rolls and butter, chef's choice of dessert (fruit cobbler and cake), coffee, tea and water.

Tickets to the SANP 2003 Nature Photography Competition dinner meeting must be ordered and paid for by February 17, 2003. The cost is \$15.00 per person, members and guests. Make your check payable to SANP and mail it to:

SANP
c/o Alice Reed
102 Capital Circle
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Advanced **ticket orders are required**. Alice must **receive your payment by February 17, 2003**. Upon receipt of your payment a confirmation letter will be sent to you which will be your admittance ticket.

DINNER MEETING TICKET RESERVATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NUMBER OF DINERS: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to "Sharing the Awareness of Nature through Photography." The club meets the last Tuesday of every month except June, July, and December at the First United Methodist Church on Kingston Pike in Knoxville at 6:30 p.m. for social time and 7 for the program. Visitors are welcome!