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February Meeting: Dinner to Celebrate 2004 Salon

The February SANP meeting will be on Saturday, February 28th, at the First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, in the fellowship hall. The doors will be open at 6:30 pm to allow viewing of the print and medium format entries prior to the buffet dinner at around 7:15 pm. Slide entries will be viewed and prizes awarded after dinner. Tickets (\$15/person) for the dinner must be ordered and paid for by Feb. 20th. Mail your dinner reservation form (found in the January newsletter; check the web site, <http://www.sanp.net>) and your check (made out to SANP) to

SANP
c/o Shawn Grant
229 Gallaher View Rd
Knoxville, TN 37919

Call Shawn (865-470-9439) if you have questions. This is an informal event, and a good opportunity to admire the photography of talented SANP members.

There WILL NOT be a meeting on February 24th.

SANP 2004 Nature Photography Competition

Judging of the competition entries was held on Saturday, February 7th and winners were selected by 6 independent judges. The winners will be announced at the Competition Dinner meeting on Saturday, February 28th, at the First United Methodist Church meeting location. Please plan to attend.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Sat., February 28, Annual Competition Dinner**
- **March 30, Nye Simmons and Bill Campbell**
- **April 27, Connie Toops.**
- **May 25, Tom and Pat Cory**

Member News

Don't be shy! Notify the newsletter editor Ron McConathy (mcconathy@aronsha.com) if you have a service to offer members, have been honored, or have achieved something noteworthy. This is your newsletter—let others know what you have done or what you are doing in photography.

SANP Photography Workshops and Field Trips

Black and White Winter Scenics Field Trip

Kendall Chiles will lead this field trip on Saturday, February 21, 2004, from 8 am till 12 noon. Participants will meet at the Townsend "Y" and then car pool to the Little River or Tremont area to photograph. Dust off your rolls of black and white film for this outing. Call Kendall Chiles (865.693.2448) to register.

Flash and Lighting Workshop

On March 27, 2004, from 12 noon till 4 pm at the First United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN, Dick Dickerson and Ron McConathy will lead an informal hands-on workshop exploring how to use portable flash equipment to light small scenes and macros. Handy techniques for spring wildflowers! The workshop will be limited to the first 20 members who sign up. Bring your camera and lighting equipment [shoe-mounted flash units (fresh batteries!), slaves, sync cords, flash meters, reflectors, backgrounds, etc.] so you can learn how to use it, and this will also allow others to observe how to use a variety of stuff. Bring your digital camera, if you have one, to allow instant feedback of lighting results. Those present will need to pay their share of a donation for the room's use, so bring some small bills (probably \$3-6 per person). Call Kendall Chiles (865.693.2448) to register.

Tennessee Aquarium After-Hours Field Trip

Kendal Chiles has arranged for a field trip to the Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga, TN, on Thursday, July 15, 2004, from 5:30 pm till ~9 pm. Photography will be easier since the aquarium will be closed to the public at this time. The trip leaders will be Tom and Pat Cory, and the total cost will be \$20/person. The limit is 25 people total (this includes the public at large, so call early). To register, **you must call 423.267.3474 in person**, and give them a credit card to pre-pay. SANP can have its own trip (on another date) if 20 members sign up. . . so call Kendall ASAP if you are interested or if you have questions (865.693.2448).

New SANP Officers and Committee Chairs

President	Lee Ownby	865.690.8460
Treasurer	Joyce Wilson	
Secretary	Gloria Epperson	
Membership	Alice Reed	865.483.4461
Programs	Brad Cottrell	
Newsletter	R/S McConathy	865.376.3976
Workshops/Trips	Kendall Chiles	865.693.2448
Salon 2004	Shawn Grant and Mark Frankel	
Publicity	Allen Koch	
Web Site	Thom Ashton	

Elected Board Members:

Jane Blankenship	Ron McConathy
Chuck Cole	Alice Reed
Brad Cottrell	Margarete Ohnesorge
Gloria Epperson	Clay Thurston
Mark Frankel	

The SANP Board meets monthly. If you have issues you would like the board to discuss, contact Lee Ownby, leeownby@mindspring.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:

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Wilderness Wildlife Week Photo Contest

Congratulations to the SANP members who were winners in the Wilderness Wildlife Week photo contest in January 2004:

- **Linda Bolt** won 3rd Place in the Animal Scene Category
- **Dee Murphy** won 1st in the Digital Category and 3rd in the Professional Category
- **Roy Swann** won 1st Place in the Animal Scene Category

Workshops and Seminars Offer Learning Opportunities

Alan Heilman's "Spring Wildflower Photography" Workshop

SANP member Alan Heilman will lead a workshop on spring wildflower photography presented through the Smoky Mountain Field School on Saturday, April 17, 2004, from 8 am to 5 pm at the Sugarlands Visitor Center, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cost of the workshop is \$49. To register, call 865.974.0150.

"Waterfalls of Fall Creek Falls State Park" Weekend Workshop

A spring-time workshop will be lead by Harold Stinnette and SANP member Kendall Chiles beginning Fri., April 30, 2004, at 7 pm and ending Sunday, May 2, at 12 noon. To register contact Harold at 423.365.6433 or go to his web site www.naturalimpressionsphotography.com. Cost of the workshop is \$425, which includes lodging on Friday and Saturday, continental breakfast both mornings, lunch on Saturday, instructional materials, drinks, snacks, and one roll of Fuji 35mm film.

Instructional Seminar Opportunity

Rod Planck is presenting his all-day seminar on Sunday, March 7 at the JW Marriott on 3300 Lenox Road in Atlanta. The cost is \$79, which includes detailed seminar handouts, one roll of Fuji Velvia color slide film, and a chance to win a door prize. Advanced reservations are required. For more information or to register, call 906.293.3339 or visit Rod's web site: <http://www.rodplanck.com>.

Photography Competition

The Second Annual Smoky Mountains Traditions Photography and Arts Competition is coming soon! Competition entries should interpret and express the stated theme of this competition — "Celebrating Smoky Mountains Traditions. . .the Heritage, Culture & Freedoms."

Winners will receive cash prizes from \$50 to \$150. The entry deadline is March 18, 2004. Contact the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events at 865.429.7350 for more information, rules, and an entry form.

For Sale:

Nikon Coolpix 5700 Digital Camera, Nikon TCE-15ED 1.5X Convertor F/CP 5700, Nikon UR-E8 Convertor Adapter F/CP5700, Nikon MB-E5700 Battery Pack F/CP 5700, Microtech 1 GB IBM Microdrive W/Adapter, Nikon MC-EU1 Remote cord F/880/990/995, Adorama 52mm Convertor Adapter F/CP5700, Nikon HRE-5700 Lens Hood F/coolpix 5700, 2 years remaining on warranty, and TFN 52MM Photo Essentials Kit UV/CP/812: \$1100.

Contact Lee Ownby, 865.690.8460.

Digital Slide Show Software On Review...

After Chuck Summers' informative and inspirational digital presentation at the January meeting, I searched the internet for slideshow software. A partial list of the software found is given below. None of the packages we evaluated have all the features we wanted. Some of the software seemed barely adequate, some more than adequate and professional, and a few are definitely worth consideration.

If you are in the market for digital slideshow software, we recommend that you check carefully before you buy since this evaluation could be wrong. Software that allows you to download a trial version should be considered first because you can actually see how the program works before you buy.

Key: Y = yes; N = No; D = Demo; T = Trial; ? = Unknown

Software Name & URL	Trial or Demo	Price	Titling	Transitions	Image Management	Burn to CD/DVD	Image Editor	Music	Comments
3D-Album Commercial Suite 3.0, www.3d-album.com	?	\$299	Y	Y	Y	?	?	Y	Professional applications
ACD FotoAngelo 2.0, www.acdsystems.com	Y	\$30	Y	Y	?	?	?	Y	
Audiopix, www.3dsoundstore.com	D	\$30	?	?	?	?	?	Y	
Digital Photo Slide Show www.digitalphotoslideshow.com	T	\$20	?	Y	N	CD	N	Y	
DVDXSHOW, http://www.dvdxcopy.com/show.asp	D	\$40	?	?	N	DV D	N	Y	Read the "FAQ" link
Easy CD & DVD Creator 6, www.roxio.com	D	\$80	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
ImageMatics StillMotion Creator PE, www.imagematics.com	D	\$69	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Animated shows from still images; confusing product line
IphotoDVD, www.keronsoft.com/iphotodvd.html	Y	\$20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
LiveSlideShow 2.0, www.liveslideshow.com	D	\$50	Y	Y	?	?	?	Y	Uses Quicktime
MediaWorks, www.cakewalk.com	?	\$79	?	?	N	Y	N	Y	Strong audio capabilities
MySlideShow, www.anixsoft.com	T	\$24	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	
Photo2VCD Professional v2.75, www.photo2vdd.com	N	\$40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
PhotoBase 4.5, www.arcsoft.com	Y	\$75	?	?	?	?	Y	Y	
Photoparade, www.photoparade.com	D	\$25	Y	Y	N	CD	N	?	
PhotoPulse, www.photopulse.com	T	\$35	?	Y	N	CD	N	Y	uses Flash
PicturePlus, www.eventhorizonsoftware.com	T	\$25	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	
ProShow Gold, www.photodex.com/products/proshow/index.html	T	\$60	Y	Y	N	CD	N	Y	Also, ProShow 1.3 for \$30*
ScreenPictures, www.screenpictures.com	D	\$40	Y	Y	?	?	?	Y	
ShowBiz DVD 2, www.arcsoft.com	Y	\$100	Y	Y	?	DV D	?	Y	Can combine videos and photos
Slideshow XP - Professional*	T	\$60	?	Y	N	Y	N	Y	
Ulead DVD PictureShow, www.ulead.com	Y	\$50	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

*URL for Slideshow XP Professional: www.consultingnation.com/default.asp?CLoc=ProdMult_SlideXP

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