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## Adam Jones Scheduled Guest Speaker at January SANP Meeting

Adam Jones will be speaking about and showing pictures of a recent photography outing to Africa. Joyce Wilson, an SANP Member, also went on this Africa trip. Some of Adam's new images will include nature, landscapes, wildlife, close-ups, and more.

Adam is a dedicated landscape and wildlife photographer. His images are regularly published in a variety of commercial publications including posters, greeting cards, magazines, billboards, textbooks, calendars, national ads, and annual reports for major corporations. His work has been credited by National Geographic, National Wildlife Federation, Natural History, Ford Motor Company, Disney, Miller Beer, Eddie Bauer,



Outdoor Photographer, and others. Three books by Adam are *Kentucky River Palisades*, *Kentucky Tour Guide*, and *National Parks Book of Days*. Calendars that include Adam's work are titled "Wild and Scenic Kentucky" "National Parks Desk Diary," and "Journeying Through the Days." Also, he won the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year contest in 1995 for his entry in the category "In Praise of Plants."

For the past 15 years, Adam has led national and international tours and workshops because he enjoys teaching others and sharing his skills in the art of photography. You won't want to miss this meeting and the chance for Adam to share some experiences with you.

## SANP's 2002 Annual Nature Photography Competition Approaches

February 23, the date of our annual Salon meeting is approaching rapidly. The January 19–25 entry period is only a couple weeks away. All entries need to be made during business hours at any Thompson Photo. The stores are located at 217 N. Peters Road and 2019 Middlebrook Pike in Knoxville and also at Manhattan Place in Oak Ridge. Knoxville store hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday while the Oak Ridge store is only open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

The four divisions are Color Prints, Black & White Prints, 35mm Color Slides, and Medium Format Slides. Each division's categories are Scenic, Wildlife, Plants, Miscellaneous (Nature), Capturing the Light, and Creative Imagery. The last category is the only one in which post shoot image manipulation is allowed. Also, be aware that the same or nearly identical images cannot be entered in different divisions.

The full competition rules were mailed as an insert in the October 2001 newsletter, but can also be found at [www.sanp.net/pdf/Salon2002Rules.pdf](http://www.sanp.net/pdf/Salon2002Rules.pdf). All entries should be well packaged and *each entry* must be accompanied by either a print or slide entry form (included in this newsletter) and also available at

[www.sanp.net/pdf/SalonEntry2002.pdf](http://www.sanp.net/pdf/SalonEntry2002.pdf). The competition is open to all SANP members who have paid their annual dues by January 1, 2002.

The Salon meeting at which results will be announced begins with viewing of entries at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23 at the United Methodist Church located at 3316 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. A buffet dinner will be served starting at 7:15 p.m. The proposed menu consists of pork roast, marinated Italian chicken, tossed salad, green beans parmesan, sweet potato pecan casserole, spiced fruit, fruit cobbler, cake, rolls and butter, coffee, and tea. Slides will be projected and prizes will be awarded following the dinner.

Advance tickets are required for all members, visitors and guests. Tickets to the SANP Salon 2002 are \$15 per person and *must be ordered in advance* and paid for by February 16, 2002. Make your check to SANP and mail it to: SANP c/o Lutie Culver, 925 Glennshire Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923. Participants also need to pick up their entries at the meeting or else make arrangements with someone else who is attending to get them for you.

## Photo Resources on the Internet

Here are some interesting websites that I have come across while surfing the net. E-mail me with any photography related sites you find, and I'll see about putting the link in an upcoming newsletter. Also, I will feature one SANP member website in the newsletter each month if someone wants the publicity.

### December Online Only SANP Newsletter

<http://www.sanp.net/NewsLetters/pdf/Dec2001.pdf>

If you missed this special edition of the newsletter, you can still check it out on the SANP website. The issue contains info about the 2002 Salon, road work in the Smokies, x-rays, and state park closures as well as a trip report, part one of an article about using the internet to plan a photo outing, and more.

### American Photo Mentor Series Website

<http://www.mentorseries.com>

Info on photo treks, galleries, discussion groups and FAQs with well known photographers, etc. Thanks for this one Sandy.

### Great American Photography Weekend Workshops

<http://www.gapweb.com/default.asp>

If you are looking for guided workshops in great places with big name people & have dough to blow, this is the place to go.

## Featured Member Site

### Shawn's World

<http://www.shawngrantsworld.com>

This is Shawn Grant's website, which includes not only galleries of his photography, but also cool astronomy sections. In addition, Shawn's site has a well done Macromedia Flash introduction and other multimedia pages.

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## Newfound Gap Road Closures

In case you missed the special December edition, the latest known schedule for tunnel repairs on US Route 441, Newfound Gap Road over the Smokies is posted below for your information. The dates are subject to change due to weather and other delays, and the road may also be closed on scheduled open dates because of snow and other bad weather. You can find this schedule at [www.nps.gov/grsm/tunneltable.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm/tunneltable.htm).

The park service suggests that visitors check for any changes to the schedule by any one of the information sources they have provided. Besides the page link above, look for any breaking news on the park's main webpage at [www.nps.gov/grsm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm). Also, you can call the toll free hotline at (888) 355-1849 or in the Gatlinburg and Knoxville calling areas dial 436-1200 for current information. Here is the current schedule:

### STAGE 1

**Midnight Nov. 25, 2001 – Jan. 18, 2002**

From January 3 – 18, the road is again *CLOSED* to *ALL* vehicles (including bicycles), hikers and horses between Sugarlands Visitor Center and Newfound Gap.

### STAGE 2

**Jan. 19 – Mar. 15, 2002**

No buses, trailers, or RVs are allowed. Short sections of the road near the two tunnels will be restricted to *only one lane* of traffic. Traffic will be regulated by automatic traffic signals 24 hours a day. **BE PREPARED FOR LONG DELAYS**, especially on weekends.

### STAGE 3

**Mar. 16 – Sept. 27, 2002**

No construction work is scheduled on weekends or holidays.

Mar. 16 – May 18:

During the week, there will be *temporary single lane closures* at the two tunnels with flaggers directing traffic. **EXPECT LONG DELAYS.**

May 19 – Aug. 18:

The **ROAD IS OPEN** ! No construction work is scheduled.

Aug. 19 – Sept. 27:

*Temporary single lane closures* with flaggers are scheduled.

Take note that *during the full closure periods, the Tennessee side will be closed to all public use* including hiking, cycling and horseback riding. Besides the road closures, these *four Park trails will be closed*: the Chimney Tops, Road Prong and Alum Cave Trails in their entirety, along with the two mile segment of Huskey Gap Trail from Huskey Gap to Newfound Gap Road.



## In The News

### *Fleetwood Photo Discount*

Fleetwood Photo is currently offering SANP members a 20% discount on all of their services. This discount includes conventional processing and other services they provide. Fleetwood Photo is located at 6504 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. This is on top of Bearden Hill right next to Fazoli's and between Copeland's and Darryl's. Members will need to identify themselves to be eligible for the discount. Also, the folks at Fleetwood will then verify that your name is on the membership list we have provided. To find out more about Fleetwood's services and prices, either call them at (865) 584-4554 or check out their website at [www.fleetwoodphoto.com](http://www.fleetwoodphoto.com).

### *New SANP Members*

During the past couple months, four more people have joined the SANP. Please give these folks a warm welcome at upcoming meetings. Our new members are as follows:

Edward Bowen  
Lloyd Loveday  
David McCombs  
Jerry Yares

### *National Park and Other Interior Websites Down*

If you have tried to access any websites connected to the National Park Service since early last month, you have received a message stating that the sites are down until further notice. The reason that they are down is because of a recent court order stemming from a decades old legal fight over a Native American land use royalty trust fund. Early in December, U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth ordered this sweeping blackout after a court appointed hacker was able to penetrate systems containing trust data via a dial up internet connection.

In addition to Department of the Interior websites, this shutdown order also applies to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuges, and National Park Service Sites including their main site ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)), Links to the Past ([www.cr.nps.gov](http://www.cr.nps.gov)) and NatureNet ([www.nature.nps.gov](http://www.nature.nps.gov)). Also, parks service employees cannot be e-mailed because their mail servers are shut down as well.

Currently, the only way to get National Parks information is to call a park directly or send a letter by snail mail. However, there are some other unofficial sites with varying amounts of information including L.L. Bean Park Search ([www.llbean.com/parksearch](http://www.llbean.com/parksearch)), [GORP.com](http://www.gorp.com), [OutdoorPlaces.com](http://www.outdoorplaces.com), and [AreaParks.com](http://www.area-parks.com). For camping reservations at national parks, you can call (800) 436-7275 for Yosemite or (800) 365-2267 for all other national parks.

No Interior site will be allowed back online until various parties and the judge involved in the case are satisfied that adequate security measures are in place to prevent any unauthorized access. As a result, it is unclear when National Park Service sites and their e-mail will be back in normal operation.

## Upcoming Workshops & Activities

Again, there weren't many notices probably due to the holiday season and start of the new year. If you know of any upcoming events of interest to the group, submit them to the editor before the first of each month to get them in the newsletter. Please include the event's description, location, dates & times, and contact information for the event's organizer.

A **Ijams Nature Center** in Knoxville will be hold a **Beginners Bird Watching Class** on Saturday, January 19 from 9 am until noon. This adults only class will include a lecture by Lyn Bales followed by a bird watching hike. On Saturday, January 26, Ijams is also holding an **Eagle Watch**. This activity is an all day field trip to Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee where participants will travel on a barge in the lake to observe wintering bald eagles. The cost of either event is \$10 for members or \$15 for non members. If you are interested, call (865) 577-4717 extension 11 to register.

It's not too soon to start thinking about spring, and that means the **Dogwood Arts Festival** in Knoxville. In 2002, the festival's art and quilt, and photography competition is scheduled to run from April 5 to April 20 and will be held in the TVA West Tower. Details haven't been made public yet, but they will be published in this newsletter as soon as they become available. However, for further information, you can call check out the festival homepage at [www.dogwoodarts.com](http://www.dogwoodarts.com) or call (865) 637-4561.

## SANP Swap Shop

The Swap Shop is open to any member who wants to buy, sell or trade some equipment. To place a notice, send it to the editor before the first of the month along with a description, price, condition, and your contact information. For additional exposure, you can also place a notice on the SANP bulletin board at [http://www.sanp.net/Discussions/disc1\\_frm.htm](http://www.sanp.net/Discussions/disc1_frm.htm).

Would like to purchase a **download cable** for an **AGFA E307** camera. Contact Don Wallace at [foodeter@worldnet.att.net](mailto:foodeter@worldnet.att.net).

## Contact the Editor

I welcome story ideas and suggestions to improve this newsletter. If you are an SANP member and have a story or an article that you would like to submit for publishing in this newsletter, please feel free to send it to me for review. Also, send me any weblinks, photo swap shop notices, trip reports, upcoming workshop or field trip activity announcements, or news items that you would like to appear in the newsletter. Rich Text Format (.rtf) *only* e-mail attachments please. I need to receive any items before the first of each month to be considered for inclusion in that month's edition. Besides catching me at monthly meetings, you can contact me via either of the following methods:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday	Jan.	19-25	<b>Entry Period for Annual Photo Competition</b>
Tuesday	Jan.	29	<b>SANP Monthly Meeting: Adam Jones</b> First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Social Hour – 6:45-7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb.	23	<b>2002 SANP Salon Meeting</b> (no monthly meeting) First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Mar.	23	<b>SANP Monthly Meeting: Mike Ellison</b>