

# SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN



## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS

# SANP News

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through Photography

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### January Meeting:

## Paul Hassell to present "Techniques for Unique Photographs"

The January 25 program will be presented by Paul Hassell. Paul is an SANP member and a Knoxville native who has always had a heart for wildlife and exploring the wilderness. At a young age, Paul discovered that the camera was the perfect tool to share with others the miraculous events he was witnessing in nature.

Paul hopes to provide people with at least a glimpse into the wonder and beauty of God's creations. His mission in photography is to inspire others to experience, appreciate, and preserve the natural world. Paul most frequently photographs in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, but has compiled images from other parts of the world as well. He has photographed the spectacular wildlife and scenery of South Africa and has most recently photographed in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons.

Although Paul graduated from high school just last spring, he has a list of accomplishments that even a seasoned nature photographer would be proud of. He recently published a 2005 Smoky Mountains National Park calendar, which is now on sale in the park visitor centers and area book stores. He has shown his work at Bennett Galleries in Knoxville and has also had two feature exhibits at Dean-Smith, Inc. in Knoxville. He has won first place awards in both the SANP annual contest and the Dogwood Arts Festival photo contest. WBIR-TV has aired a special program on his photography. Paul's work has been published in the Knoxville News Sentinel, and he recently received one of eight college student scholarships to the NANPA Summit in January. You can see some of Paul's photographs on his website at [www.PaulHassellPhotography.com](http://www.PaulHassellPhotography.com).

In other areas of interest, Paul has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and he is a nationally ranked gymnast. He also enjoys white water kayaking and backpacking.

For our program on January 25, Paul will show a collection of his work from the Great Smoky Mountains and other locations around the world. Using selected images, he will show us his techniques for getting a unique perspective on subjects that are often over-photographed, such as the Smoky Mountains. He will also tell us about the making and marketing of his calendar. This should be an enjoyable program, and it will give us inspiration to improve our own skills and creativity.

## SANP 2005 Nature Photography Competition Information

### *Award Dinner Announcement*

The SANP 2005 Nature Photography Competition dinner meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN. The fellowship hall will be open at 6 pm for viewing of the print and medium format entries. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:45. After dinner, the slides will be shown and prizes will be awarded.

Dinner tickets must be ordered and paid for by Feb. 15, 2005. Cost is \$15.50 per person for members and guests. Make checks payable to SANP. Complete and submit the form on page 3 and mail it to:

Mark Frankel  
1112 Fox Ridge Drive  
Powell, TN 37849

## Photo Competition JUDGING moves to a new location

This year because of a scheduling conflict at the Methodist church, the judging of competition entries will be held at Baptist Hospital. Judging begins at 12 noon, Feb. 5, 2005, in the Joe Johnson Conference Center located off the lobby of the women's wing. The hospital is off the Lovell Road exit of I-40 near the Turkey Creek shopping area, at 10820 Parkside Drive. For any further directions you may call the hospital at 865-218-7011.

## Upcoming Meetings

- February 26: Annual Competition Dinner.
- March 29: Bill Schneider presentation

**SANP Officers and Committee Chairs**

<b>President</b>	Lee Ownby	865.690.8460
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joyce Wilson	
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<b>Salon 2005</b>	Mark Frankel	
<b>Publicity</b>	Open (any volunteers?)	
<b>Web Site</b>	Thom Ashton	

**Elected Board Members:**

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

The SANP Board meets monthly. If you have issues you would like the board to discuss, contact Lee Ownby, [leeownby@mindspring.com](mailto: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 [mconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mconathy@aronsha.com)

SANP mailing address:

P.O. Box 32324, Knoxville, TN 37930-2324

**Your Contributions to the Newsletter are Welcomed!**

If you have a favorite spot for photography or a tip you find particularly useful, send in a short article about it for publication in the SANP newsletter. This is a great way for members to share experiences (and it helps your newsletter editors as well)! Here's our email address: [mconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mconathy@aronsha.com)

**Member News**

Don't be shy! Notify the newsletter editors, [mconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mconathy@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 are doing in photography.

**For Sale:**

Canon Zoom, EF 28-105mm f/3.5-4.5 USM AF Lens with caps, in like-new condition. Price: \$125. Contact **Chuck Cole**, 865.693.0232.

Do you have some used camera or computer equipment sitting idle in a closet? Advertise in the **SANP News**.

*President's Corner***Random Thoughts ...**

—Lee Ownby

January always marks the beginning of a new year, the first page on the calendar that is soon filled with events, meetings or appointments. It gives us time to reflect on what we've accomplished over the preceding twelve months, and what we need to focus on a little more intensely during the months ahead. Often, I feel that my photographic education is at a standstill or that I'm treading water, trying desperately not to forget what little I know.

My photo opportunities are frequently limited to family trips. By the time a new trip rolls around, I may have forgotten a technique or trick that I learned on the last journey.

The beauty of a new year is the chance to map out educational opportunities and exciting places to take photographs. With the advent of the digital revolution, I feel like Wylie E Coyote pushing a rock up a gigantic hill being chased by the cliff from which I'm doomed to fall.

In an effort to slow my growing ignorance, I've signed up for a weekend retreat at the end of the month. Also, my wife gave me a new toy for Christmas—a portable digital photoprinter. I can immediately print from my camera or the memory medium. Instant feedback does have its drawbacks though. It may suggest a return to the classroom or putting away the camera to just enjoy the view.

January is also the month that we submit our entries for the annual SANP salon. Hopefully, everyone has taken lots of photographs because now is the time to choose our favorites. Don't forget to submit photographs for the club's participation in the Nature's Best contest.

See you at the next meeting!

**SANP Web Site Getting Makeover**

The SANP web site is getting a makeover, thanks to member Shawn Grant. It will have a modern, fresh design that will better reflect our passion for nature photography.

Help us achieve this goal by sending in some of your photos. We need lots of them! Some photos will be used in design elements such as page header banners, navigation buttons and other elements. Those photos may undergo heavy manipulation for the purpose of making the SANP web site more presentable.

Other photos will be completely unaltered (other than resized) to be used to display the great talent of SANP members.

If you are interested in submitting a photo, just email it to Shawn ([shawn@grantcomputerservice.com](mailto:shawn@grantcomputerservice.com)). Make the photo no larger than 600 by 800 pixels and about 150kb in size. You will receive full credit for the photo. Also specify if you don't wish it to be part of a graphic design element.

Grant says, "I need the photos ASAP. The sooner I get them, the sooner the web site can have a better look."

### 2005 CNPA Annual Meeting

The 2005 Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association annual meeting, featuring speakers Kevin Adams, Don McGowan, Nancy Rotenberg and Michael Reichmann, will take place on April 14-17 at the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center in Lake Junaluska, NC. The schedule of events includes opportunities to photograph sunrises and sunsets, wildflowers in Greenbrier Cove, mountain streams in the Smokies, and wildlife (elk) in Cataloochee. Details at <http://www.cnpa.org/AM/2005/>.

### Grandfather Mountain Nature Photography Weekend

The annual Grandfather Mountain Nature Photography Weekend will be June 3-5. Hear lectures by top nature photographers Tony Sweet, Gregory Georges, Kevin Adams and Benjamin Walls in the evenings and photograph spectacular scenery and native animals during the day. Slides from Saturday's photo excursions are processed overnight to be entered in an informal contest Sunday morning. Details at <http://grandfather.com/events/nphoto.htm>.

### X-ray Scanners Pose No Harm to Digital Media

*December 2004.* Digital camera media were tested safe in both carry-on and checked baggage, according to tests by the imaging industry and the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

The tests of scanner models currently in use in the U.S. transportation industry were jointly conducted by the International Imaging Association (I3A), the leading global association for the imaging industry; SanDisk Corporation, a manufacturer of digital media cards; and the TSA. The tests found no evidence of x-ray scanner damage to digital camera media cards or to the images they hold.

These findings mean that digital cameras and their image storage media can travel safely in either checked or carry-on bags, which will be reassuring to travelers. More care is needed for cameras with film, however, as the x-ray scanners for both checked and carry-on luggage can fog both developed and undeveloped film. None of the scanners, nor walk-through or hand-held metal detectors, had any effect on the content of flash storage media. Travelers are still strongly advised to request hand inspection of high-speed film. More at: <http://www.dpreview.com/news/0412/04121602digitalfilmxray.asp>

*Complete form below. Clip and mail with your check to reserve your place at the Competition Dinner.*

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#### SANP 2005 Nature Photography Competition Dinner Reservation Form

**Deadline:** Form and check must be received by February 15, 2005

**Dinner:** Saturday, February 26, 2005, First United Methodist Church, 3316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, 6pm

**Cost:** \$15.50 per person

**Make check to:** SANP

**Mail form and check to:** Mark Frankel, 1112 Fox Ridge Drive, Powell, TN 37849

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (number of reservations times \$15.50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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!