

SANP MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2007

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Time: Social time 6:30pm/Meeting 7:00pm

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

Ken Jenkins will be our speaker for the May meeting. His program is titled "Gems I Have Mined Along The Way: 30 Years of Trial and Error" (and success). He said he would be showing a combination of his successful images along with some of his favorite images that he has created over his career.

Ken needs little introduction to most SANP members. His 30 years as a professional nature photographer has literally taken him to all the corners of North America, and beyond. His talent as a speaker and teacher made him highly sought after as a workshop and tour leader early in his career. In recent years, he has also used his photography to augment his strong communication skills as an inspirational speaker for groups and corporations. His photography has been widely published in numerous magazines, books, and calendars. He and his wife, Vicki, own and operate "Beneath The Smoke" gallery in Gatlinburg.

Ken can also be considered the founder of SANP. It was on a photography trip that Ken mentioned the concept of a nature photography club to the late Chester Massey. Chester, using his talent for networking and mobilizing people, and armed with a list of names from Ken, then pursued the idea. Within a year SANP was born in 1991 and Chester became SANP's first president.

GSMNP RANGERS TO ADDRESS SANP IN SEPTEMBER

There are new National Park Service regulations/policies regarding distance to wildlife for black bear and elk in Great Smoky Mountains NP. Kim DeLozier, Wildlife Biologist Supervisor, and Bill Wright, Chief Ranger, from GSMNP will be at the September 25 SANP meeting to explain and discuss these new policies.

After a chance meeting and discussion with Kevin FitzGerald, Deputy Superintendent of GSMNP, back in April, I asked him to have someone contact me (Kendall Chiles) regarding these changes. I think that it is important for the SANP membership to maintain a positive relationship with GSMNP in all areas. Since we all photograph in GSMNP on a regular basis, it is important that we conduct ourselves in an ethical and legal manner at all times. I want our membership to be good examples of proper behavior, not bad ones!

(Note: This will NOT be the entire September meeting. We will also have a presenter/speaker.)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues for 2007-2008 are due by May 29. If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so at the May 29 meeting. Membership forms can be downloaded from the SANP website (www.sanp.net).

2008 SANP SALON

The SANP Board decided that the "special" category for the 2008 Salon will be "Tennessee State Parks". Get out and visit our many state parks this year and discover some of the natural wonders Tennessee has to offer!

CLASSIFIEDS

Faith Counselman has a Sigma 170-500mm zoom in Canon EF mount for sale for \$599.00. You can contact her at huntermridge@embarqmail.com .

FUTURE MEETINGS

REMINDER: SANP does NOT have monthly meetings in June, July, and December.

Fall monthly meetings:

- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27