

Hi Everyone:

Thank you to all of you who attended the Wilderness Wildlife Week activities this past week. It was good to see a number of you at my session Saturday morning too. The total attendance at the week long event was around 21,000 according to the Pigeon Forge Events Office. Those of you who missed any of the events should make plans now to attend next year's WWW the second week of January as you missed a chance of a lifetime!!!!

Anyway here are some notes for you today:

(1) CLUBS

LECONTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. LeConte Photographic Society will meet again on **Monday, February 1** at the First Presbyterian Church of Sevierville. Meeting and competition will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting and competition will begin at 6:30 p.m. Our speaker for February 1st, at the LeConte Photographic Society will be Colby McLemore of Colby's Photography who will give a talk on Lightroom Photo Editing Software. The assignment for February would be "Frame your Subject" without manipulation.

NOTE: As for the winter weather, our camera club, The LeConte Photographic Society will NOT meet, IF the Sevier County Schools are closed. WBIR TV10 will report Sevier Co. School Closings.

The LeConte Photographic Society is in its second year of club activities. We will continue with our format of competitions of three levels (*this is new*) and a program by a local professional, some may not be so local, but of interest. Fee for membership is \$25. per fiscal year, and that is 12 months – we have met through last summer and will continue to meet thru the summer of 2010.

Winning photos from our most recent competition are on line now.

We have three field trips in mind for the near future

- 1. Photograph Laurel Falls with ice, and river scenes with ice bells.**
- 2. Atlanta Zoo and possibly the Aquarium as well.**

3. Newfound Gap for snow, ice scenes - that area can always be a complete surprise, once you've arrived there and many icy river scenes on the drive back down the mountain.

Anyone who "may" be interested needs to contact me, so that we can set a date to agree with your work schedule.

Dee Murphy

The club is going places and doing lots of good outings this coming year. Please check our website for our latest competition winners, our club members have done an excellent job with their division entries and assignment competition. www.Lecontephographic.com or Deemur@charter.net .

NEXT LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FOCUS GROUP...

NEXT MEETING IS THIS WEDNESDAY, January 20th : Lunch Meeting Topic : **Solving and managing image storage problems....**at 12PM (noon) at Makino Japanese Buffet at 8217 Kingston Pike (in front of Chuck E Cheese). We will meet in the back room to the left. This will be the last meeting of this year. The club meets on the first and third Wednesday each month and all serious photographers are invited to attend and learn from the group.

...got topics? Send your suggestions to lisa@almphoto.com

Don't forget to invite any serious photography enthusiasts who would enjoy sharing and learning with our group.

:: GENERAL INFORMATION ::

Meeting format/Agenda

Each member should bring an article, website, book, DVD or photographs they have found useful on the topic to be covered to share with the group. Even if it is not a topic of interest to you, you will learn something and when we cover a topic that really fires you up you will have the opportunity to share your knowledge with everyone. Bring a paper and pen and be prepared to leave with some exciting, new information!

For more information contact:

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PSET's next meeting will be Thursday, February 4th at 6:30pm. Their new meeting place is the Rose Center, 442 W 2nd North Street, Morristown, TN 37814 (diagonally across from the county court house). This is about a 40 minute drive from Knoxville. Please check out their web site at www.PSET.org.

KINGSTON TN PHOTO GROUP: The next meeting will be at the Morrison Hill Christian Church in Kingston at 7pm on Thursday February 4th.

We will meet the first Thursday at 7PM at the Morrison Hill Christian Church in Kingston <http://morrisonhill.com/> at 7PM. We will continue our series based on Bill Fortney's Great Photography Workshop. We have a couple of special guests lined up for our meetings after we were scheduled to complete the Great Photography Workshop series next month. So I'm sending the handout we would have used last night had the weather not have been so bad. We may double-up on the material in February so we can start other things in March when Jim Ford will come present a special on underwater photography. We will have a learning exercise so bring your cameras and willingness to learn (and pitch in).

For more information contact; Brian Kalderbach at kaldenbk@bellsouth.net .

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF CHATTANOOGA:

Check out the web site at www.chattanoogaphoto.org for more information and locations. I hope to see all of you at the next **PSC meeting on January 21. Photographic Society of Chattanooga** will hold their monthly meeting at the East Ridge Community Center this coming **Thursday, January 21st** at 7pm (social time begins at 6:30). Our guest speaker will be Paul Hassell - www.paulhassell.com whose programs are always very interesting mixing adventure, nature, education and instruction all in one. A MUST SEE EVENT.

For directions, please visit our website at www.chattanooga-photo.org or contact Mark @ (423) 605-0375.

Make note that the **Blackwell Reception** was rescheduled for **THIS FRIDAY January 22** due to icy conditions. **February 1 is first Social at the Hamilton Place YMCA for 2010.** Members are asked to bring their favorite snack food for this.

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Photographic Society of Chattanooga
PSC Website: www.chattanooga-photo.org

DIGITAL LUNCH BUNCH:-- The next meeting of this group is Wednesday February 10 at noon at the Mandarin House on Downtown West Blvd at Gleason Road. *(This is located west of West town just off Kingston Pike. Going west (toward Nashville) from West Town Mall, get in the left lane and when you see O'Charlie's Restaurant on the right you TURN LEFT on Downtown West Blvd. and go the end of the road. The Mandarin House is on the left at the corner of Gleason Road.)* Come and join our lively group. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. It is a lot of fun for an hour or so with a great bunch of photographers. Come and rub shoulders with some of the best! Cost is \$10 per person who eats at the buffet. Program this week is a surprise..especially for those who are unable to attend the WWW events. For more information contact Larry Perry at larryperry@att.net.

BLOUNT COUNTY PHOTO CLUB---

The club will meet again **THIS Thursday January 21, 2010. Beginning Jan. 21. Our Club meetings will be moving to the 3rd Thursday of the Month.** We will be in Room A at the Blount County Library. Please check our website for information about Bob Quinn's classes at FAB for photo lessons.

Wishing everyone a great NEW YEAR!

Thank You
Our website: www.blountcountyphotoclub.com. (For more information contact Janie Mertz at aladytraveler@yahoo.com or 865 - 982-7368, cell 804-1051).

OAK RIDGE CAMERA CLUB:

The next meeting of the Oak Ridge Camera Club will be on Tuesday February 9 at Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge Campus on Briarcliff Road. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the City County Room just inside the front door of the main building. Everyone is welcome.

Check out the new webb site at www.cameraclubofoakridge.org.

If there are any questions about the club, please call Douglas Hubbard at 525-1465 dfhubb@comcast.net.

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB:

The next meeting of the club will be next week on Tuesday evening January 26, 2010. The presenter will be Nye Simmons on Nature. He has authored or co-authored several books on nature photography and always has a great program. More on this program later. For general club information contact Kendall Chiles at kchiles@knology.net or check out the web site at www.sanp.net.

(2) EVENTS

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Here are the winners from the great Wilderness Wildlife Photo contest last week:

AMATEUR

1st ---Sherlene Johnson
2nd---Gretchen Kaplan
3rd---Teresina Wheaton

WILDLIFE

1st---Gretchen Kaplan
2nd---Clay Thurston

3rd---George Bradfield

PROFESSIONAL

1st---Clay Thurston

2nd---Nell Moore

3rd---April Lane

YOUTH

1st---Austin Paine

2nd---Adam Paine

3rd---Michael Johnson

LANDSCAPE

1st---Gail Stewart

2nd---Pete Michaels

3rd---George Bradfield

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NP

1st---Doug Witmer

2nd---April Lane

3rd---George Paine

VIEWERS CHOICE AWARD

Teresina Wheaton

Congratulations all.

SANP CONTEST:

2010 SALON RULES & REGISTRATION:

Please read the rules carefully, especially regarding the parameters of digital entries. Changes for this year's rules are in bold print. The entry

filing date is THIS WEEK between: January 11-23, 2010, at Thompsons Photo or Fleetwood Photo on Bearden Hill. Be sure you read the rules and complete the entry form too.

If you need more information on this contest, contact Mike Naney at mtnaney@knology.net.

(3) CLASSES AND SEMINARS:

TWO DAY WORKSHOP IN OLD CITY KNOXVILLE--MARCH 1 & 2, 2010

No Limits: Knoxville is a two-day **Photography & Photoshop Workshop** with international award-winning photographer & creator of Design House, Andy Armstrong

When: Monday, March 1st & Tuesday, March 2nd from 9am-5pm each day
Where: Knoxville, TN at a large studio space in the Old City, Downtown Knoxville

Registration: \$249 per person
Early-bird Special (before 2/1/2010): \$199 per person

Do you want to learn how to get the best out of your clients during a shoot? Do you want to create images that turn heads? Do you want to wow your clients with every image? Do you want to produce images, albums, and specialty products that set you apart from your competition and help you get national and international recognition? If you do, then you don't want to miss No Limits: Knoxville

Join three-time international award-winning photographer and creator of Design House, Andy Armstrong for this two-day, intensive, hands-on photography workshop in the Old City of downtown Knoxville as he teaches and demonstrates interpersonal interaction, shoot strategy, pose flow, and how to there are "No Limits" in creating image after image that make mouths and wallets fall open.

It's a two-day workshop on March 1 and 2nd in the Old City in Knoxville.
All the info can be found here, but I wanted to make sure that you knew

that there was an early-bird special for registrations before Feb 1. It's only \$199 - after that, it goes to \$249. Here's the link to all the info: <http://www.andyarmstrongphoto.com/?p=714>

No Limits: Knoxville includes:

- Live model shoots
- Posing demonstration and instruction
- Lighting demonstration and instruction
- How to communicate more effectively
- How to make your clients comfortable
- Hands-on coaching
- When and how to break the rules
- INTENSIVE Photoshop demonstration and training that will help you create your style and win awards

Email me with any questions.

Andy Armstrong

<http://www.andyarmstrongphoto.com>

JOHN SHAW NATURE and DIGITAL WORKSHOP---ATLANTA Jan 30-31.

Cost is \$225 for full weekend or \$160 for one day only. Doubletree Hotel in Atlanta, 3314

Peachtree Road NE (404-231-1234). For those who don't know John Shaw, he is one of the finest nature photographers in the world and spending two days with him, you will learn more about nature photography and digital photographer than you can imagine. This program is

HIGHLY recommended. You can get more information at www.photosafaris.com or call 206-463-5383.

GEORGIA NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION:

Georgia Nature Photographers Association

Annual Photo Expo – Callaway Gardens

January 29-31, 2010

GNPA is holding their Annual Photo Expo at the beautiful Lodge and Spa of Callaway Gardens this coming January. Don't miss out on this opportunity for an educational and fun packed weekend. The keynote speakers will be Rob Shepard (former Outdoor Photographer Editor) and Nancy Rotenberg (professional nature photographer). There will be exclusive opportunities to photograph butterflies and birds of prey, photo competition, portfolio review, visit and speak with equipment vendors, buy and sell equipment, social events and much more. The winners of the Photo Competition will have their images displayed for 6 months at Callaway Gardens.

For more information and to register for this great event please go to GNPA's website at www.gnpa.org

UT PHOTO CLASSES:

The University of Tennessee's Department of Personal and Professional Development sponsors a series of really good evening school courses on photography by some of the areas leading photographers. Here is a list for the winter semester:

10WI406 Architectural Photography	02/03/2010 209.00 New!
10WI044 Beginning Photoshop	03/02/2010 199.00
10WI250 Close Up Photography	03/15/2010 215.00
10WI228 Contemporary Art Photography	01/26/2010 199.00
10WI203 Fundamentals of Digital Photography - I	01/28/2010 209.00
10WI201 Fundamentals of Digital Photography II	01/25/2010 209.00
10WI234 Introduction to Fashion and Glamour Photography	03/02/2010 209.00
10WI874 Nature and Travel Photography	03/04/2010 209.00

You can get more information by checking out the website at

www.outreach.utk.edu/ppd or calling UT at
974-0150.

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
SCHEDULED ROADS CLOSINGS:**

- **Cades Cove Loop Road is scheduled to be closed to all public use from March 1-May 21, 2010 for repaving. Weather conditions may affect these closure dates.**
- **Clingmans Dome Road is scheduled to be closed to all public use from February through May 2010 for repaving. The road closed for the winter on November 30, 2009 and will not reopen until completion of the repaving project.**
- **Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail is scheduled to be closed until late May 2010 for repaving.**
- **The parking area at the Sinks on Little River Road will be closed through May 2010 for redesign and repaving.**

Thanks to Troy Keesee for this information.

To those new folks who are receiving these Larry Notes for the first time, welcome aboard. I hope that you can attend one or more of the local camera/photo clubs to increase your knowledge of this

great hobby.

To those of you who are receiving multiple copies of these wonderful notes, please use the DELETE

key on all but one of them. It just saves me a lot of time!!!!

To those of you who would rather not receive these, please just email me and let me know rather than

reporting these as SPAM.

Thank you.

Now get out and shoot, shoot, shoot before they close the roads in the smokies.

Larry

PS: If you do not want to receive these weekly notes, please email me and I will remove your email address from the master lists. If you receive more than one copy, please simply DELETE the other copies as the list is from 11 different lists and it is very time consuming to eliminate the duplications. Thank you.

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