

Hi Everyone:

I hope you have hinted to your spouse or friend about your photographic NEEDS for this year! Time is getting short for getting the hints out there. I hope that Santa recognizes each of you this year and brings you a lot of photo goodies that you can use this year in your quest for excellence in your photographic endeavors. Anyway, MERRY CHRISTMAS everyone.

Now here are some notes for the week:

(1) CLUBS (All the local clubs have completed their 2009 meetings but read on to schedule those beginning in about 2 weeks. Plan now to attend any of the clubs mentioned as you are always welcome regardless of skill level.)

NEXT LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FOCUS GROUP...

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, January 6th : Lunch Meeting Topic : Promotions and Specials to bring in more business....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.

Upcoming lunch meeting dates and topics:

January 20th : Lunch Meeting : Solving and managing image storage problems

...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!

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF CHATTANOOGA:

Check out the web site at www.chattanoogaphoto.org for more information and locations.

Items for the next PSC newsletter need to be sent to psceditor@bellsouth.net by the 25th of each month. If you have photo related items you want to sell or are looking for a particular item, send it in to me and I will put it in the newsletter for you. Also, questions you want to throw out to the membership for feedback can be included in the Members' Corner when available space permits.

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Photographic Society of Chattanooga

PSC Website: www.chattanoogaphoto.org

LECONTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. LeConte Photographic Society will meet again Monday, January 4th at the First Presbyterian Church of Sevierville. Meeting and competition will begin at 6:30 p.m.

On **Monday, January 4th**, Judy Cravy will make a presentation on Architectural photography. Judy does architectural photography in the Sevier and Knox County area and has photographed cabins (lots of them), homes, labs and churches. She will explain what lens she uses, go over Nikon's Creative lighting system, and the use of Photoshop in her work.

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.

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.

I 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, ya'all,

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.Lecontephotos.com or Deemur@charter.net .

DIGITAL LUNCH BUNCH:-- The next meeting of this group is Wednesday January 13 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. For more information contact Larry Perry at larryperry@att.net.

BLOUNT COUNTY PHOTO CLUB---

Reminder: There is no meeting in December. The club will meet again on 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 beautiful and glorious Christmas holiday!

Thank You

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PSET's next meeting will be Thursday, January 7 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 January 7.**

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 with the topic "Exposure Exposed". 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 .

OAK RIDGE CAMERA CLUB:

The next meeting of the Oak Ridge Camera Club will be Tuesday evening January 12 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.

FUTURE COMPETITION SUBJECTS:

Bob Stone, our competition chairman, has been listening to our members and is using subjects suggested by them. February is "Things Aloft". The "things" can be high like clouds, or low like bumble bees, or medium like kites, but they have to be photographed in a state unsupported by the earth. April is "Color as a Subject" where color is used to give a lifelike rendering of the subject. In these pictures, the color is an end in itself. I can see an abstract work filling the bill, or a false color photo, or maybe just a collection of unrelated but intensely colored objects. He made June "Water" pictures. These topics are different than normal for us and cover a wide enough range that everyone already may have a few entries or be motivated to look at subjects a little differently.

Again, congratulations to all the winners of our 61st Annual Salon and thanks to all those who made it possible!

We appreciate your input and help in carrying out our projects and suggesting future activities. Please continue to provide us with your input and we will try to put them to use.

Check out the new webb site at www.cameraclubofoakridge.org. (*Really nice...Larry*)

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 on Tuesday evening January 26, 2010. 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 CONTEST--The Fantastic (*my words*) Annual Wilderness

Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge will be next year from January 9 thru the 16th in Pigeon Forge. If you

have never been to any of the events, you have missed one of our area's finest events for photographers and those just interested in Nature. There are seminars and workshops all week long and the cost is

FREE!!! The Photo Contest is open to everyone. Entries must be taken to the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events at Stoplight #5 in Pigeon Forge no later than January 8, 2010. You can simply Google

Wilderness Wildlife Week on the internet for more information. There is a limit of 5 images per

person and only one in each of the following categories: Any subject related to **nature wilderness or wildlife, any landscape or seascape image, wny wildlife subject, Great Smoky Mountain landmark. Read the instructions carefully when making up your image for submission!!**

(If you need entry forms, email me and I will send to you. Larry)

SPEAKING OF THE WWW CONTEST: Several of you have sent questions of interest to everyone about the contest. Here are some questions and hopefully the answers:

(1) Is there a minium size for the print mounts? Do they have to be on 16 X 20 mounts?

A: NO. The minimum size of the print is 64 square inches (8 x 8 Inches for example). The maximum is 20 inches wide however. So anything in between will be acceptable.

(2) When do they have to be taken to the contest?

*A: They need to be taken to Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events--Stoplight #5---in Pigeon Forge between JANUARY 4-8 --9am until 4:30 pm OR on January 9 between **9 am and 1 pm** to the Convention Center at the Music Road Hotel in the Cello Room.*

(3) Who can enter?

A: There is a place for everyone either Amateur or Professional depending upon the category and if you earn ANY money from your photograpy.

(4) When will they be judged?

A: Ribbons will be placed on the photographs at 9 am on Thursday January 14.

(5) Will there be monetary prizes?

A: Yes: First place = \$100; Second place= \$50 and Third place= \$25.

If you are not entering the contest, then plan on coming to one or more of the great seminars and workshops there. You can get a list on line. The presenters are among the best

in the business too!!!

For more information call the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism Special Events Office at 865-429-7350, or to see the complete itinerary go to:
www.mypigeonforge.com/winterfest-06wwwclasslist.asp.

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK PHOTO CRITIQUE CHANCE:

If you would like to have your images critiqued (in a nice way) here is your chance by a couple of expert judges:

- 1) Those wishing to submit a digital image for critique should mail their images to:
wwwcritique@gmail.com
- 2) Images should be resized for projection and consistency: **Maximum image width (horizontal) is 1024 pixels; Maximum image height (vertical) is 768 pixels.**
- 3) You may send up to three images: they must be of totally different content
- 4) Participants are NOT required to submit images to attend the class
- 5) **Deadline for submitted images is December 30 th, 2009**
- 6) Submitted images will be presented in a slide show format. Images may be modified during critique to illustrate the presenter's perspective.
- 7) The second session will present images not shown in the earlier session. As time allows, selected images from the earlier session may be re-shown.
- 8) Those wishing to have a written critique should request this when emailing their images. Written critiques will be emailed after the WWW presentation.

Work Shop Presenters: Pat Gordy & Ron Plasencia

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions:

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SANP CONTEST:

2010 SALON RULES & REGISTRATION

The 2010 Salon Rules & Registration Forms have been included in this newsletter. 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 between: **January 11-23, 2010**, at Thompsons Photo. Be sure you read the rules and complete the entry form too.

(3) CLASSES AND SEMINARS:

TOM AND PAT CORY WORKSHOPS

2010 Schedule

*Nature Photography Workshop.....January 9, 2010
Part of Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge
The Joy of Photography.....January 10, 2010
Part of Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge
Beginning Digital Photography.....January 12, 2010
In conjunction with the Tennessee Aquarium
In-Depth, a Day at the Tennessee Aquarium...January 16, 2010
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See our website, Tomandpatcory.com for our program schedule, our current newsletter, and archives of our newsletters. If you have a problem reaching that URL, please try Coryphotography.net Or you can reach us at 423-886-1004

UT CLASSES

The Personal Professional Development Department has released its classes for the Winter semester in the evenings and you can register now for most of the classes on line. Check out the classes by some really good local photographers at www.outreach.utk.edu/ppd or call 974-0150.

NOTE: DO NOT REGISTER for the Photoshop Classes that were to be taught by me. I have major policy and contract dispute with the department and WILL NOT BE TEACHING

there. This dispute arose after the catalogues were printed so there is an error in the catalog and perhaps on line. *Larry*

SPECIAL FROM TROY KEESEE:

Here is a piece from CNN (video) that showed up on AOL regarding the photographer who came up with the idea and how successful it was around the world.

Thought it might be something others would like to see. I'm sure it can probably be found on other IP's or directly through the CNN website.

[*Professional Photographer Jeremy Cowart Organizes Help Portrait to Give Everyd*](#)

*Well thatis it for this week everyone. I hope that this Friday **CHRISTMAS DAY** is the best day of the year for you and yours. Take time to spend with your family and yes drag out the camera to make those life long remembrances. After all the whole family doesn't get together as a whole much any more. Cherish it while you can.*

Larry

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