

Hi Everyone:

It has been a beautiful last couple of days and the colors are really coming through now in the Smokies and should peak out this week over on the Plateau too. Time to get out and get some beautiful color shots of the area to share with your friends up north!!!!

Also did you see the great article and story about Paul Hassel and his work in the Knoxville News Sentinel recently? Really good!!

Here are some notes for this week that may be of interest to you:

(1) CLUBS:

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS: The Next meeting of the SANP will be on Tuesday night November 24 at Pellissippi State Community College in the Goins Building Auditorium **WEBB SITE:** SANP website (www.sanp.net).

2010 SANP SALON

The SANP Board decided that the "special" category for the 2010 salon is "People In Nature". The guidelines for this category are rather self-explanatory: people enjoying and interacting in nature.

For general club information contact Kendall Chiles at kchiles@knology.net or check out the web site at www.sanp.net.

DIGITAL LUNCH BUNCH:-- The next meeting of this group is Wednesday November 11 at noon at a location to be determined. Will tell you next week. Ramsay's Cafeteria went out of business! 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 \$11 per person who eats at the buffet. For more information contact Larry Perry at larryperry@att.net.

LECONTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. LeConte Photographic Society will meet again on Monday, December 7th at the First Presbyterian Church of Sevierville. Meeting and competition will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A field trip is offered to club members for **this Saturday November 7th**. We'll visit CHIPS ANTIQUES for some interesting set ups of antique cars, door hinges, knobs, etc., etc., etc. Sure to be a great photo setting for many subjects. This will supply our members with their March assignment of "OLD".

December assignment for club members is "Lights". By the first of November all of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, will be strung with thousands of lights for our photographic pleasure. Manipulation on this subject is acceptable - there will be some real creativity shown for this competition.

Our Program for December comes from Rob Mosely of PicsREasy.Com. He will visit from Raleigh, NC and will give us a step by step demo on how to create a photo book, calendar and if time allows, a canvas wrap.

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.

The club is going places and doing lots of good outings this 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.Lecontephotographic.com or Deemur@charter.net .

BLOUNT COUNTY PHOTO CLUB---Blount photo club next meeting will be **THIS Thursday Evening November 5**. Social time is from from 6:30 pm to 7 pm. Meetings start at 7pm. Future Meetings will have Presenters, Linda Waterhouse on Micro Stock photography, Bob Quinn on Discovering tools in Elements 3, 4, 5, or whatever number they have now!! January will be electing officers and a presentation on Lightroom 2 by Colby McLemore. (*Anyone that would like to share a program with our club for 2010, is welcome to contact Janie Mertz.*)

The club meets at the Blount County Library in Maryville. We will be in ROOM A the rest of the Year.Our December Meeting will be a Christmas Dinner, probably at TGI Fridays. Visitors are welcome. 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:

This month's meeting – Tuesday, Nov 10, 2009, 7:30 PM at The Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, 461 West Outer Dr., Oak Ridge, TN 37830

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting was a competition with the subject of Architecture. As has been the trend in recent competitions, our new members took home the lion's share of the awards. The judge was Alex

Dumas who is a highly talented local artist. He brought examples of his impressive oil paintings for display and gave commentary from a little different perspective than we normally get from our traditional photography based judges.

WEB SITE:

With the help of Ray Smith, we have an established web site. As we have previously reported, he developed the site and has personally maintained the domain name with the link to the Camera Club of Oak Ridge web site: <http://cameraclubofoakridge.org/>

Note that the November meeting will be held at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge on November 10th at 7:30 PM. The program will be presented by Clay Thurston on the subject of Nature Photography. He was one of our judges this year and we will also ask him to comment on specific entries from a judge's perspective. There has been considerable conversation regarding the judging of photographs; and, this should be a great opportunity to learn more about this topic.

All entries for the Salon will be picked up this night, November 10th.

Salon Location:

**Children's Museum of Oak Ridge
461 West Outer Dr., (look for big Red Caboose in front of the building)
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
phone 865.482.1074
<http://childrensmuseumofoakridge.org/>**

SALON GALLERY WALK:

The entries for our 61st Annual Salon are on display at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge. The gallery walk will be **THIS Saturday Nov 7th between 6:30 and 9:30 PM**. Bob Stone will give the gallery talk. Refreshments will be served. This is a very important event for our club and is one where we get to enjoy the work of others and enjoy visiting with fellow photographers. Please come and bring your friends!

(NOTE: A list of the winners appears below. There are some really really good images in the contest this year too. One of the Best of Show winners, Carol Slay, has some of the best and unique

colors in her image that I have seen in a long time. I am looking forward to talking to her about how she did it too. You just have to take the family over to the Children's Museum this week to see these images. The family will really have a good time too. Larry)

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PSET's next meeting will be **THIS Thursday November 5**. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at Jefferson Middle School, Jefferson City, TN at 6:30 pm. The school is located at 361 W. Broadway Blvd in Jefferson City...about a 20 minute drive from Knoxville. 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 **THIS Thursday November 5**.

We will continue with the “Great Photography Workshop” series using Bill Fortney’s book of the same title as our guide. Read-ahead in chapter 4 as we will be discussing and demonstrating “how the camera works”. Bring your cameras to this meeting as we will have learning exercises. This month we will be talking about “Using the Creative Controls to be Creative”, folks are reminded to bring their cameras since we will have a learning exercise. The meeting will be Thursday, 5 November at 7PM in Kid Central.

**NEW CLUB FOR PROFESSIONALS AND SEMI-PROFESSIONALS...
NEXT LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FOCUS GROUP...**

NEXT MEETING IS THIS WEDNESDAY, November 4th 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.

Upcoming meeting dates and topics:

- November 4th : Lunch Meeting : WPPI and PPA conventions in 2010
- November 18th : Lunch Meeting : Photographing Christmas lights
- November 20th : Evening Meeting (NEED HOST!)

...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!

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to take our photography skills to the next level by focusing on one topic per meeting. A few minutes of preparation before each meeting is all that is required to be part of an amazing learning experience and interact with some awesome and talented people too. Sharing information is how we learn. We all have tons of website "favorites" or articles we have marked in magazines or books that we have purchased to help us out. To have a successful group, all it takes is for each of us to invest 10 to 20 minutes prior to each meeting to locate a link, book, article, DVD or photographs.

Let's have fun, learn something new and exciting and take our photography to the next level!

Also, don't forget to be prepared to discuss the agenda topics we cover each week such as bragging rights (bring a photo you are especially proud of), new equipment, deals and shooting locations.

Listed at the bottom of each reminder will be the topics for the next few meetings. This will give everyone more advance notice on the topics to be covered. Lots of great topics!!!

NOTE: I had the opportunity to join this group last month and loved it and the format. If you are really serious about your work and how to market it and improve it, this is a great group for you to consider. They meet several times a month at noon and always have a lively discussion. A serious amateur and professionals should consider attending this group. Larry

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(2) EVENTS OF INTEREST

Chattanooga Club Program:

The program, “The Complete Digital Photography Process,” for the Photographic Society of Chattanooga’s **THURSDAY November 19** evening meeting, will be presented by Jim DiVitale at the Christ United Methodist Church located at the corner of East Brainerd Rd. and Morris Hill Rd. More details about the start time will come next week.

Jim DiVitale has been an Atlanta commercial advertising photographer and photography instructor for over 28 years. During the last 15 years, he has specialized in digital photography and computer photo illustration for ad agencies, design firms, and corporations nationwide.

In addition, Jim is a Canon “Explorer of Light,” and as a member of National Association of Photoshop Professionals Instructor Dream Team since 2000, Jim writes the “Digital Capture Workshop” column for *Photoshop User Magazine*.

Topics for the PSC meeting will include:

- Calibration and custom profiling from capture to final output
- Determining proper exposure values for digital capture
- Understanding bit depth, resolution, and file format
- Customizing Photoshop’s settings to work for your specific needs
- Processing Images from RAW capture to final DVD archiving
- Workflow processing with Adobe Lightroom
- Shooting and stitching multiple images to create large panoramas
- Working with layer blending modes and adjustment layers
- Using selection and layer masking for the multiple image montage
- Using light painting and selective focus for creative effects.
- Getting the best quality output for your client

(MY NOTE: This will be an excellent meeting. I know Jim from Atlanta and will probably go down for the meeting. If anyone is interested in carpooling, email me and let me know. Larry)

For more information contact Pat Gordy at patgordy@bellsouth.net.

DURY'S (Nashville) SWAP FEST THIS SATURDAY:

Dury's is proud to host the 3rd annual ASMP Swap Fest. If you've got gear laying around, or need new equipment, you should be interested in attending! The swap fest will be held at the Dury's facility in Nashville at 701 Ewing Avnue --just off I 40 downtown.

The [Canon 1D Mark IV](#) and the [Nikon D3s](#) are now available for pre-order for the upcoming December releases. Give us a call if you're interested in doing so! 1-800-824-2379.

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK PHOTOS

For those of you who want to have a professional critique of your images

Ron Plasencia each year has a program that he and some

judges will critique your images for you and help you

improve your photography...FREE. The WWW is held in

Pigeon Forge in January but you need to get your images to

Ron before then.

Photographers interested in providing images for the WWW critique workshop should go to www.pset.org.

There is a link on the front page that will take you to the submission guidelines. Those that wish a critique, but cannot attend either session may request a written critique.

There is also a link to Dale Knight's workshops.

(3) NOTES RECEIVED FROM YOU:

This past Sunday Marcy and I went to Frozen Head State Park. About 42 miles from our house. The color was near peak in my estimation. Streams running strong with all the rain we have been getting. Suppose to be peak this weekend.

Comments appreciated.

Mark Frankel
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Went to the Gap Thursday morning. Foggy in PF but it cleared up as soon as I hit the section between PF and Gatlinburg. Got to the top and it was cool (not cold..about 42 and no breeze) and clear.....very clear. Lots of folks with camera's this morning. Went down the NC side a ways and shot some there. No color above the Chimney Tops at all. All gone. Chimneys back to Gatlinburg there is still lots of color but afraid the rain will bring most down. Went from Sugarland over to the Wye and lots of color over all of that stretch and on up the the Cove (very crowded). The best color I found was the pulloffs right before you get to the Cove. It was like going through a bright yellow tunnel of trees for a short distance. Made to loop and back down to the Wye and over to Foothills Parkway. There is still color on the Parkway but it was noonish when I got there so the colors were flat.

If we get any hard rain most will come down. And also the Doom road closes this weekend for the season as well as Roaring Fork.

That's about it.

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Frozen Head SP Last Saturday Note:

Five of us showed up. We sat in the visitors center watching the rain until about 10:00 am,

then drove on to the end of the road. All went home except Joe Anderson and me. About 10:30, the rain stopped, and we made photos until about 12:00 noon. The creek was really high and taffy colored, and water was running everywhere in the woods. Color was very good. I intend to put some of our pics on the new Zenfolio gallery. Will let you know when you can see them.

Brad Cottrell
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(4) WINNERS OF OAK RIDGE CAMERA CLUB CONTEST:

COLOR PRINTS

Landscape-----1st Carol Slay (BEST OF SHOW) (*You have to see this shot--Larry*)

2nd Mike Slay
3rd Doug Hubbard
HM Carol Slay
HM Laura Capozzola

Special Effects---1st Rebeca Fairbanks

2nd Gretchen Kaplan
3rd Rebecca Fairbanks
HM Mike Slay
HM Doug Hubbard

Inanimate Objects---1st Mike Slay

2nd Gretchan Kaplan
3rd Bryan Kalderback
HM Mike Boyd
HM Peggy Turner

Art & Design---1st Pat Postma

2nd Peggy Turner
3rd Rebecca Fairbanks
HM Doug Hubbard

Architecture---1st Rebecca Fairbanks

2nd Mike Slay
3rd Mike Slay
HM Carol Slay
HM Bryan Kaldenbach

Portrait-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks

2nd Doug Hubbard

3rd Rebecca Fairbanks
HM Jill Barber
HM Doug Hubbard

Wildlife-----1st Jill Barber
2nd Gretchen Kaplan
3rd Wes Sims
HM Wes Sims

Scenic-----1st Gretchen Kaplan
2nd Bryan Kaldenbach
3rd Wes Sims
HM Laura Capozzola
HM Carol Slay

Plants-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks
2nd Bob McAnally
3rd Doug Hubbard (*Doug shooting plants??? What is this??? Larry*)
HM William Harper

Other Color Prints---1st Peggy Turner
2nd Betsy Clark
3rd Gretchen Kaplan
HM Heidi Fritch
HM Jill Barber

BLACK AND WHITE PRINTS

Landscape and Scenic---1st Joey Stewart
2nd Jowy Stewart
3rd Beth Gerber
HM Peggy Turner

Architecture-----1st Beth Gerber
2nd Martha Stewart
3rd Beth Gerber

Portrait-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks (BEST OF SHOW IN B & W)
2nd Jill Barber
3rd Doug Hubbard
HM Doug Hubbard

Plants-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks
2nd Joey Stewart
3rd Joey Stewart
HM Carol Slay

DIGITAL MEDIA

- Architecture-----1st Roni Boyd
2nd Laura Capozzola
3rd Carol Slay'
HM Brian Kaldenbach
- People-----1st Jill Barber
2nd Rebecca Fairbanks
3rd Mike Boyd
HM Jill Barber
HM Chuck Flanagan
- Inanimate Objects-----1st Brian Kaldenbach
2nd Mike Boyd
3rd Brian Kaldenbach
HM Chuck Flanagan
- Landscape-----1st Roni Boyd
2nd Heidi Fritch
3rd Constance Cremese
HM Carol Slay
HM Rebecca Fairbanks
- Art and Design-----1st Brian Kaldenbach
HM Pat Postma
HM Chuck Flanagan
- Plants-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks
2nd Chuck Flanagan
3rd Doug Hubbard
HM Bob Stephenson
- Scenic-----1st Mike Boyd (BEST OF SHOW IN DIGITAL MEDIA)
2nd Mike Boyd
3rd Roni Boyd
HM Carol Slay
HM Chuck Flanagan
- Special Effects-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks
2nd Laura Capozzola and Chuck Flanagan
3rd Carol Slay
HM Dennis Clark
HM Doug Laverne

Wildlife-----1st Rebecca Fairbanks
2nd Rebecca Fairbanks
3rd Peggy Turner
HM Roni Boyd
HM Constance Cremese
HM Bob Stephenson

Other-----1st Mike Boyd
2nd Constance Cremese
3rd Laura Capozzola
HM Constance Cremese

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE RIBBON WINNERS.

Well that's about it for this week everyone. Time to get out and do some shooting.

Larry

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