

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Monthly Newsletter

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Photo Provided by FPG Member, Amelia Chatham

From our President.....

Fellow club members,

I would like to congratulate Matt on two very successful terms as president. I have enjoyed working with him the past two years. I know we all wish him the best, and a positive result for Charlie in her upcoming surgeries. You will be in all our prayers.

Moving forward I am truly humbled by your faith in me to elect me as president for the coming year. I hope to be able to lead as well as motivate the club over the coming year. There is always a raised level of enthusiasm when the leadership of any group changes. Trying to maintain some level of this rise is my job.

The most recent board meeting showed a level of that with the addition of new members, Ashley Farmer – Web Master, David and Marsha Hinson - Social Chairmen, Kim Martin – Publicity Chairman, and Steven Paige who will serve as Field Trip Chairman. I look forward to working with them as well as John, Tanya, Wendy, Laura, and Chuck over the coming year.

I am truly excited about the addition of a calendar to our web page. <https://www.foothillsphotogroup.com/> With the advent of social media we forget about the web page sometimes. I hope this calendar can serve as the hub for the activities of our club. The monthly meetings will be listed there as well as Meet-Ups and Field Trips. If there is something else you would like to see there just ask. Contact me at: dshort@hemc.net with your suggestions or criticism. I can't affect change if I am not aware of your concerns. This applies to anything about our club. Because it is foremost **OUR** club.

Our plan is to have at least some form of event each month to start. Events to try and use the skills talked about in our regular meetings along with visiting locations with great photograph opportunities. These club events will only be as successful as club participation allows so I encourage you to attend if possible. If you are unsure of the skill level, most of the rest of us are as well. That is why we are planning these to help you add something else to your photographic skill set.

Most important get out there and click the shutter. Then share it with the rest of us on the facebook page. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Daniel Short
President, FPG

Quote of the Month:

*"I was once asked whether I preferred taking pictures or telling stories...
the truth is, I love them both."*

Jim Loring



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*Popular Places to Photograph
in Northeast Georgia*

By John Martin

#29 Unicoi



Unicoi Park

Description: The largest state park in Georgia may also be the most beautiful. In addition to the 53-acre Smith Lake (aka Unicoi Lake) and its two beaches, the park has hiking trails, biking trails, picnic areas, and unique rental accommodations.

Directions: From Helen travel north on Hwy 75 (Main Street) a few miles to Robertstown where you will make a right onto Hwy 356. At about one and one-half miles you should pull (left) into the parking area just after passing the road to Anna Ruby Falls and right before crossing the dam.

Notes from the photographer: From the parking lot you can walk the two-mile trail around the lake to get some really nice landscape shots. You will cross the dam at the end of the loop -- where this photo was made.

GPS Coordinate of parking lot and head of trail going around lake: 34°43'29.9"N 83°43'37.1"W

Interesting fact: In 1954, the state opened Unicoi State Park named after the Unicoi Turnpike, which was a toll road used in the 1830s to bring the first white settlers to the area. The Cherokee word "unega" means "white," thus the meaning of Unicoi is "Place of the White Man," "White Man's Way," "The New Way," or "The New Beginning."

Member spotlight: New President, Daniel Short

I was born here in Habersham County. I have lived here most of my life. At this point in my life I'm open to adventure, though. Attended Habersham County Schools where I participated in sports and clubs, graduating in 1979. I then attended Young Harris College for two years where I received an Associates of Science in Business in 1981. I played on the tennis team there as a freshman where we finished 2nd in the state among 2 yr. Colleges. I then attended the University of Georgia and graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Operations Management.

From 1983 until 2014 I worked at Short Manufacturing Co., Inc. The business was started by my father in the mid 1960's. We were a contract manufacturer of sewn products. Over the years we manufactured nylon jackets, ladies fashion denim wear, sportswear for Walmart, J C Penny, and Sears. Over the years we also fabricated ground cover, erosion control barriers, banner blanks, filters for grain elevators, and desert camo shade products for the US Military in Desert Storm.

In the later years we made and did design work on flotation swimwear for children, water filtration products, and protective clothing for the restaurant industry made



from Kevlar and Nomex fabrics. We had two other businesses, Habersham Awning and Graphic Image USA, making fabric awnings and screen printing and embroidery of garments and promotional items respectively.

Father was educated at Kohen Electrical School in Chicago and worked at various businesses in the area before starting his own

business. He was disabled and worked at a munitions plant in Sandusky, Ohio during WWII. My mother was a homemaker.

My wife Rosanne and I have been married 20 years and are empty nesters. I have two daughters and a stepson. We have 4 grandchildren. We have 5 pets, 2 cats and 3 dogs. I am still recuperating from a motorcycle accident in 2014 and Rosanne is in the home stretch of a doctoral program at The University of Alabama.



It seems like I've always taken photos. From the camera I got as a Christmas present to the Polaroid camera my parents had. I remember taking photos as a kid. Then in my junior year of high school I took a class at North Georgia Tech.



I learned how to take photos, develop film, and print photos. I had a Canon AE1 and a black and white dark room at home with a Bessler 67C enlarger. I took photos for the high school yearbook and school paper. I also took photos for the Key Club

and our scrap book was recognized at the National Convention. I took photos in college and later of my kids and family. When digital came out I used it in the Awning business as a sales tool. I had a software package that allowed me to take a photo of a client's home or business and digitally place different styles of awnings with the major manufacturer's fabrics on them.



Traveling, biking, motorcycling I always had a camera with me to record the memories. The smartphone and digital camera became a part of communication for business and social media for me. Then in 2014 I had a serious motorcycle

accident that almost took my life. It left me with some serious challenges and big holes in my life. Photography has filled some of those holes and presented me with challenges that are attainable. It fills the time and helps me appreciate the beauty all around me. I have become a licensed drone pilot and I am in the process of starting a commercial photography business. My favorite part of photography is Nature Photography, wildlife and landscape. I really love photographing birds especially raptors. I have spent quite a few afternoons chasing hawks and sitting in my blind at the bird studio.

I enter competitions on a regular basis and have been selected for several regional exhibits in the Atlanta area. I have won a couple of challenges on Digital Photography Review and had several more place in the top three. I have won several ribbons at the local fair, but I am still



chasing that Best in Show designation. I have also had photos published in a few regional publications. I feel that while competitions can be extremely subjective, they also give you a certain amount of credibility as a photographer. The only true comparison for your own work that any photographer should be concerned with is past and current. It is truly gratifying for me to look at images from 5 years ago and my more recent images

My goals are to continue to learn and become a more skilled photographer. I hope to be able to travel to the National Parks out west and capture some of those iconic vistas, Alaska is also on the list.



Photo Opportunities **& Contests:**

March 21 Lake Lanier:

John Hunter Rowing Regatta, 3105 Clarks Br, Rd.

April 18, 2020 at 10 AM – 3 PM Lake Hartwell Antique Boat Festival, 149 Hartwell Marina Road, Hartwell, GA

April 16-19 Lake Lanier: US & Canadian canoe/kayak Trials, 3105 Clarks Br. Rd.

13th Annual iphone awards: ippawards.com (deadline March 31st)

ND awards: ndawards.net (deadline April 26)

Photo Editing Challenge from Photography Planet (look online for information)

Group Fieldtrips:

March 21st at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens. I want to get the first one under our belt to get things rolling for 2020 so this will be a rain or shine event. If it is raining, we can photograph inside the Atrium as well as outside for those of us who will venture into the rain for a shot. There is no charge but they do have a donation box. We will meet at 10 am. Should have a good variety of plants and flowers for us to photograph.

April 4th at the Historic Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. We will again meet at 10 am. At this time of year, there should be a large number of flowers and plants to photograph as well as lots of architecture and statuary.

May 16th at Gibbs Gardens. Looking at the bloom calendar, there will be a large number of plants and flowers blooming. Meeting time will be 10am.

The June trip is tentatively set for June 6th at the NE Georgia Swap Meet. It looks interesting due to the large number of item that people are selling which should make for some interesting shots. More information coming soon.

Upcoming group trips to calendar: (more information coming soon)

Sept 6 & 7 Rodeo

Sept 12 Dragon boat races

Oct 24 & 25 Air show

Foothills Photography Group News:

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 at 7:00 PM at North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) in the Visual Tech Building, Clarkesville Campus. Social Time begins at 6:30 PM. Look for signs as you approach the college from Clarkesville.

Members Showcase: March 2020 - Daniel Short

March Program: The scheduled speaker is **Jim Loring**.



“Evaluating a Photo”.

Bio taken from his website (jimloring.com)

Award-Winning Humanitarian Photographer, Educator and Speaker.

With 30 years-experience as a speaker, educator and international photographer, Jim Loring brings educational & inspirational value.

You'll learn what it takes to step out of your comfort zone and pursue your dreams, to connect with humanity and become the person you were always meant to be.

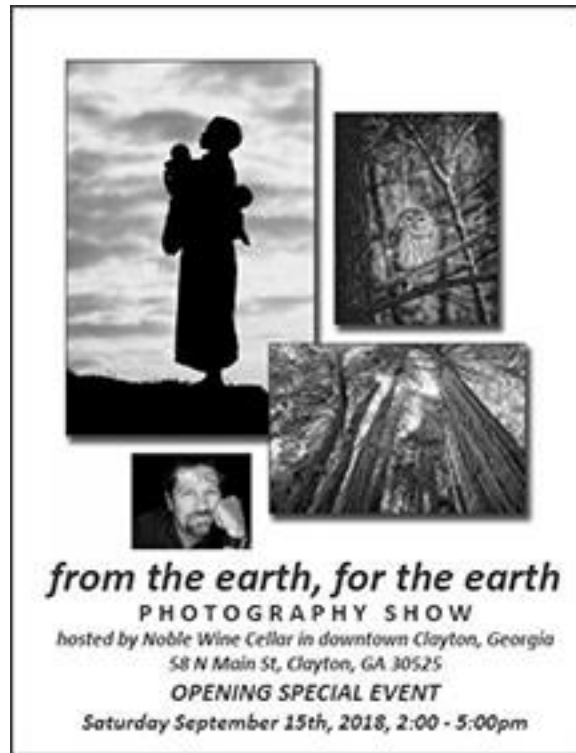


Topics include adventure, photography, finding your calling, being a leader, international perspectives and how to connect with the rest of humanity.

With thirty years' experience and more than 70 international assignments, Jim Loring has travelled the globe discovering the strength of the human spirit and capturing stories of people living on the edge of survival.



In 1987 he covered stories in Romania documenting the impact of Nicolae Ceausescu's resettlement policy. This led to opportunities with the British Army and some of the world's leading relief and development agencies including Care International, World Vision, Save the Children and Tearfund UK, where he was also photographic editor.



His work has covered disasters and more than twelve conflict zones, and his recent projects include trips to Afghanistan (2018), Iceland (2018), Nepal (2016), Lebanon (2014) and Mali (2012), where he witnessed the struggles of refugees, the impact of extremism and the hopes of those seeking a better future.





Foothills Photography Group Membership Application



NAME/s _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please print clearly. (The email address is for your newsletters and all group notifications)

Are you interested in becoming an activities leader or other supporting roles? Yes No

Referred to join Foothills Photography Group by _____

Annual Dues: \$40 (Adult) \$50 Family* \$10 (Student/Youth - minimum age thirteen (13) years old)

* All Family members MUST be in the same household.

Adult Family Student/Youth Amount Paid: \$ _____ Check Cash

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Foothills Photography Group

Address: Foothills Photography Group For more information: John Martin
 P.O. Box 1872 706-499-0956
 Clarkesville, GA 30523 jmartin@hemc.net

I, _____, intending to be a legally bound member of the Foothills Photography Group (FPG); do hereby, for myself and my heirs, release all rights and claims for personal injuries or damages I incur while participating in FPG sponsored activities. I agree with these terms.
 Signature/s of Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s, (if applicable) are legally bound to this agreement:

Photographic Interests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astro/Low-Light/Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Macro/Micro Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Portraits | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Portraits | <input type="checkbox"/> Photojournalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Exploration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Portrait Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Art Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Still Life Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |