

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Monthly Newsletter



Cover photo of Cades Cove by Laura Jenkins

Cades Cove has 11 miles of scenic loop and see historic building including churches, log cabins, barns and a mill. See white tailed deer, horses, turkeys, coyotes, and black bears.



BIG NEWS in the Presidents newsletter (to accompany these beautiful pictures of Cades Cove by Laura Jenkins!)





From our President.....

Fellow Club Members,



I hope you are all safe and healthy during these trying times. It seems we all have been touched by the COVID-19 virus. Some more so than others. I personally have lost a good friend and a first cousin. We can only try and keep ourselves safe and pray for those who have been infected or touched in some other way by this horrific event. It is with that in mind that the Board of Directors has determined that it will be in everyone's best interest to not hold a Christmas Party and Dinner this year. Instead we will have a regular meeting in the month of January. The funds that are usually put toward the event will be used for a giveaway of lodging for two nights at a location that includes some great photographic opportunities (look at Laura's pictures above for a big hint!). Eligibility for this will be based on membership and meeting attendance. I will have all the particulars in the coming months.

Starting with the October Meeting we will be returning to our previous practice of having a Monthly Critique of member submitted photos.



The theme for October will be “Halloween” and we will be concentrating on “Composition” in these photos. Get out and shoot anything that lends itself to the season. Decorations, costumes, whatever and use your best composition skills to make it great.

After our speaker we will review the images and discuss them. **Images can be emailed to me at dshort@hemc.net by 12:00 noon October 19, 2020.**

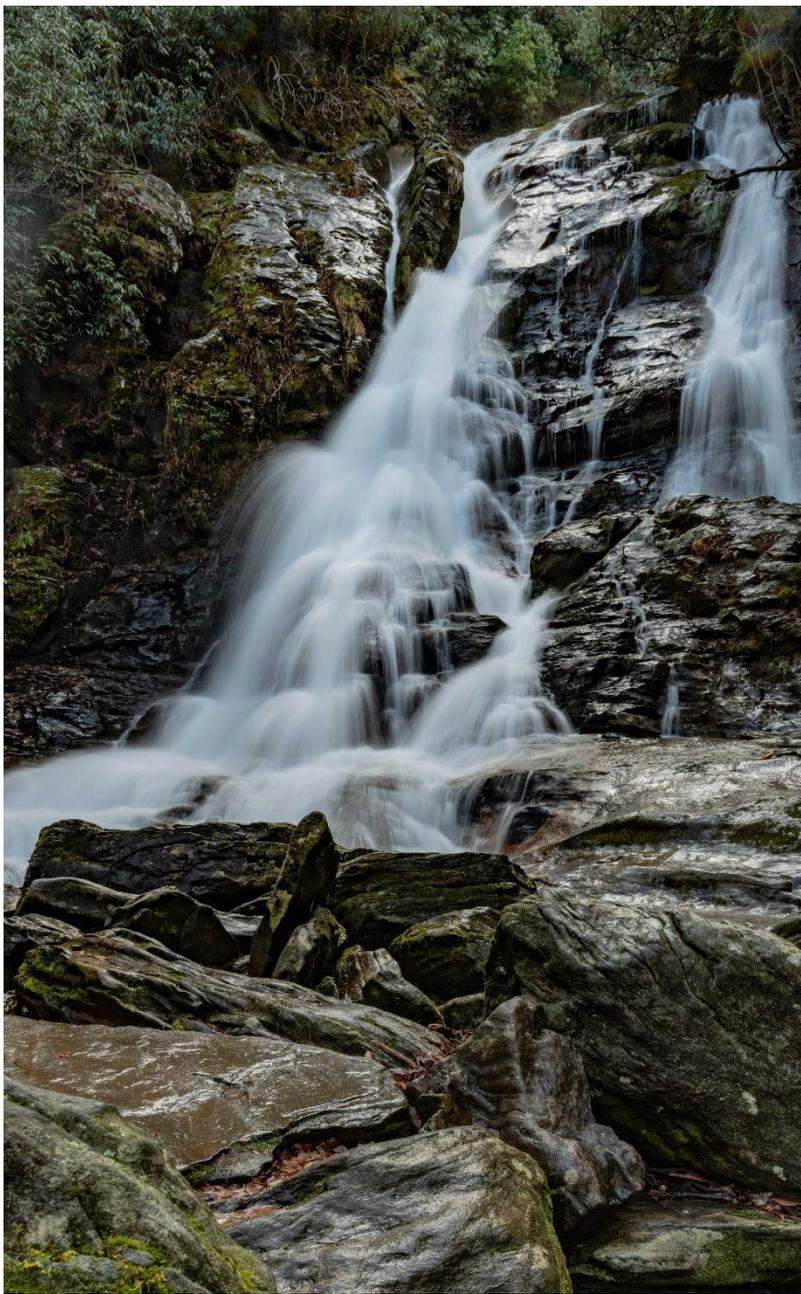
There are also plans for a trip to Whitewater Falls near Cashiers, NC in the coming weeks. I am just waiting for the fall colors to break out. We will meet there on a Saturday morning 10:00 AM October 10th or possibly the 17th. Watch your email in the next week for exact date. We will also try to stop by Issaqueena Falls near Wahalla, SC on the way home. I hope some of you can make it. Other than that, I look forward to interfacing with all of you at our next meeting on Zoom, October 20, 6:30 PM EST.

Don't forget, CSSI!!!! Click that Shutter and Share your Images.

Daniel W. Short
President, Foothills Photography Group
dshort@hemc.net

47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia

By John Martin #38 Falls on High Shoals Creek



Description: There are actually two waterfalls here – each one of which is worth the walk. The upper falls (Blue Hole Falls) has a nice swimming pool while the lower falls (High Shoals Falls) is higher and more impressive. Possibly because of their remoteness both have remained idyllic in their settings. On occasion there are signs at Blue Hole on the viewing platform restricting swimming but...well...if you do, be cautioned that the water is always COLD.

Notes for the photographer:

Blue Hole is probably photographed best from the far side of the creek. Careful – those rocks are slick. High Shoals Falls is different. If you shoot up from close to the bottom, the falls will appear large at the bottom and small at the top (like photographing a tall building from the sidewalk in front). In this case shooting from the viewing platform is better than from down below it.

Directions:

Getting there is half the fun. From Helen travel north about 11 ½ miles on 17/75 to a sharp right-hand turn onto the graveled Forest Road 283 (Indian Grave Gap Road). The turn onto Indian Grave Gap Road is 2.0 miles down from Unicoi Gap and is easy to miss. In about a thousand feet you will cross the Hiawassee River

without benefit of a bridge. It's quite safe unless recent rains have swollen the river. Be advised. From the highway it is about 1.4 miles to a small parking area on the left. The easy trail down to the first falls is 1.2 miles. You will descend about 550 feet through one of the prettiest hardwood forests in Georgia. After crossing High Shoals Creek on a log (Foot bridge was washed out as of early

2020.) the trail turns left and parallels High Shoals Creek down to the side trail which accesses Blue Hole. The side trail down to High Shoals Falls is another 400 feet.

GPS Coordinates of the parking area:

34°48'58.1"N 83°43'37.2"W



Interesting Fact:

As a kid (I'm now much, much older) we did irresponsible things here. That would be jumping from the top of Blue Hole and climbing the rocks up High Shoals Falls. Don't do this. Don't let anyone in your party do this. According to my parents at least one person has died when climbing High Shoals Falls.

For sale: Do you have equipment for sale? Let us know so we can post it in the newsletter!

John Martin is selling some Nikon equipment. It is all in good working order. Here's your chance to own quality Nikon equipment at less than market prices. If you have an interest in any of these items, email John at jmartin@hemc.net

Nikon D2X body. In original box. With battery charger. Original book and camera strap included. Available on eBay (with charger) for \$300 to \$500. I'll sell for \$200.

Nikon D800 body. In original box. With battery charger, original book, strap, etc. New York sellers get \$850 to \$950. I'll sell for \$600.

Lens: Nikon 17-55 mm f/2.8. This is a DX lens. Original box, carrying case, instructions. Adorama, B&H, eBay all list for \$1,496. I'll sell for \$900.

Kim Martin has several **film cameras for sale!** If you are interested please text her at 706-348-3044 for a list, pictures and prices! She letting these go for a really good deal so if you are looking for a fabulous film camera let her know.

NEXT MEETING:

Invite a friend to attend this next meeting!

Due to the current Pandemic we are currently meeting on Zoom. Join us at our next Meeting. Time: Oct 20, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87029926803?pwd=Q0NRcjFWSElkendmeERGZXZJYVg2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 870 2992 6803

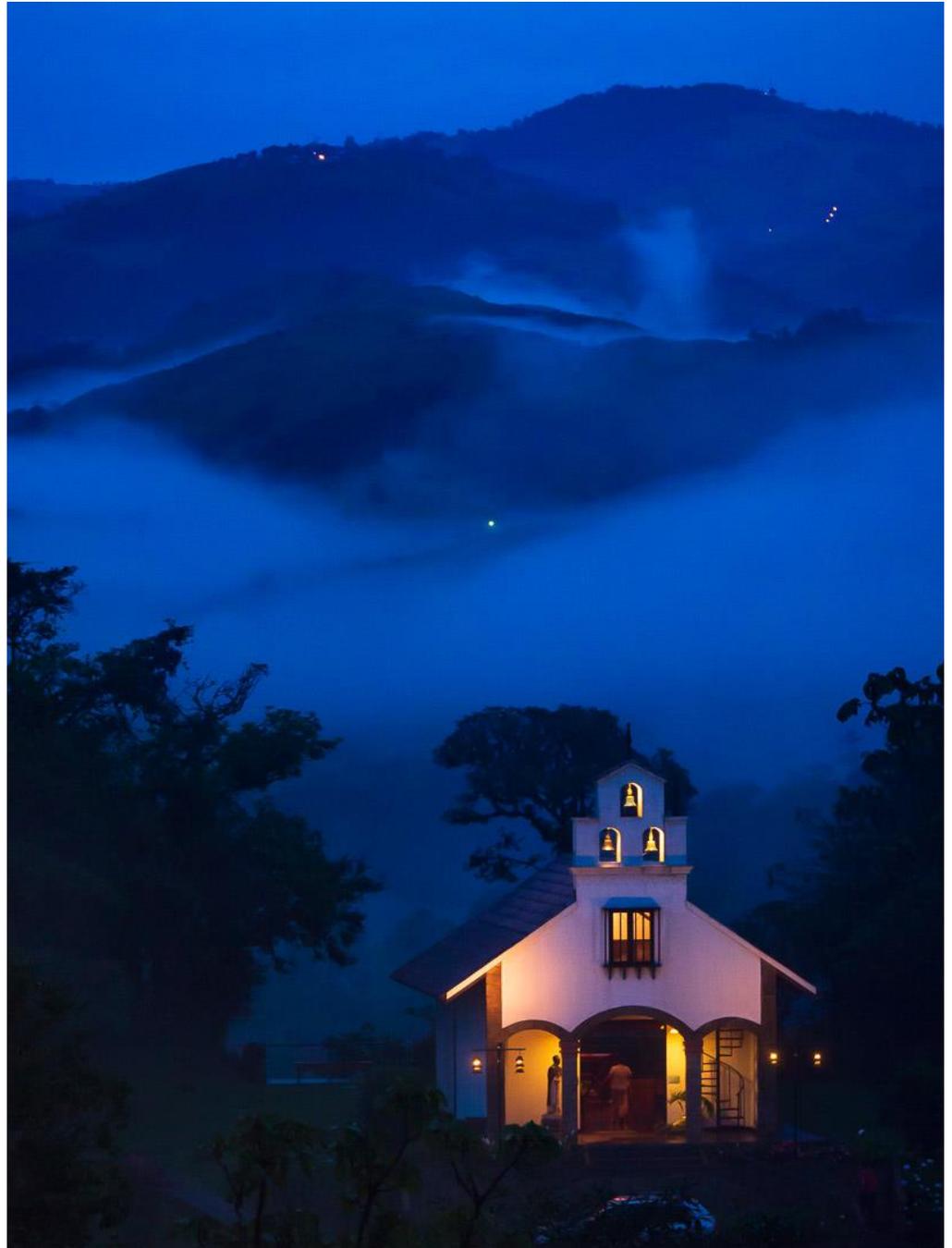
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Topic: Your itinerary for great travel photos.



Olympus Educator Rob Knight has had the chance to work with and interview some of the top traveling photographers in the industry. He has combined what he's learned from his colleagues with his own travel photography experience to create this program to help

you make better photos on the road. Rob will go through some of the tools that are available to help you plan your trip, including apps for your smart phone and resources on the internet. Then you'll learn tips and techniques to make the most of your shooting time in the field. You will explore great travel photography to discover what sort of shots should be in your travel photography portfolio to capture the "sense of place" that we hope to bring home when we travel.



Rob will round out the discussion by talking about your camera gear options. There has been a lot of new technology over the last few years, but the fundamental needs of a travel photographer haven't changed. Rob will help you decide on the perfect camera equipment for your next trip.

Bio: Travel and Nature photographer Rob Knight has been a professional artist for nearly thirty years. He's been a photographer for more than half of that time and an educator since 2009. Rob has been using mirrorless cameras since before they were cool. He has been teaching and writing about the micro 4/3 system since he got his first Olympus Pen camera in 2011. Rob is an Olympus Educator, a Tenba Visual Artist, and GNARBOX Pro ambassador. He is an Adobe Certified Expert in Photoshop Lightroom, and a two-time finalist for the National Association of Photoshop Professional's "Photoshop Guru" award. Rob has published two books for Peachpit Press and Rocky Nook Publishing, and his work has been featured in Nature's Best Photography magazine. Rob is best known for his destination photo workshops, his easy-going teaching style and his informative critiques. He enjoys teaching in a classroom setting, but his passion is teaching and exploring with students on location. Rob began leading photo workshops in 2009 with a focus on nature and wildlife photography. Some of his favorite locations are Costa Rica and Grand Teton NP.

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/robknightphoto>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Robknightphotography>

DID YOU SEE: Congratulations to Daniel!!!

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to the regional level. Students must write and read a 3-5 minute essay on the selected theme for information.

Cornelia man wins Mountain Traveler contest

BY KIMBERLY BROWN

With amazing colors and mountain vistas, fall is the most popular time in the Northeast Georgia mountains - for both visitors and photographers. One of those photographers, Daniel Short, has been named winner of the cover contest for the 2020 fall edition of *The Mountain Traveler* magazine.

Short and his wife, Rosanne, live in Cornelia. Short's photograph of a fall view of Lake Russell from Chenocetah Mountain in Cornelia is featured on the magazine's cover, and he received \$100.

The *Mountain Traveler*, a full-color regional visitor and travel guide for Northeast Georgia, is published each summer and fall by Community Newspapers, Inc. (CNI). It is a combined effort of the region's newspapers - *The Northeast Georgian*, *White County News*, *The Clayton Tribune*, *The Dahlonega Nugget* and *The Toccoa Record*. The magazine, on newsstands now, brings readers features and special stories of life in Northeast Georgia.

In an effort to continue focusing on local talent, CNI Regional Publisher Alan NeSmith invited artists and photographers to submit his or her vision of autumn in the Northeast Georgia mountains.

"With about 60 entries for this contest - everything from mountain views, waterfalls, creeks and hiking trails - choosing a winner was a hard decision," NeSmith said. "Mr. Short's photograph of Lake Russell from Chenocetah Mountain in Cornelia captured the beautiful colors of fall in Northeast Georgia."

Short, who owns Daniel Short Photography, enjoys nature photography, including flowers, wildlife, landscapes and even aerial photography, done by connecting a camera with a telescope. He is also a licensed drone photographer.

A Habersham County native and 1979 graduate of Habersham Central High School (HCHS), Short began taking photographs in high school. He has also taken photography classes at North Georgia Technical College (NGTC).

"I was photographer for the Key Club (at HCHS), and we had a couple of nationally recognized scrapbooks," he said.

Short moved away from photography and on to other things after graduating high school. He earned degrees at Young Harris College and the University of Georgia, and he became a local businessman, owning Short Manufacturing Company, Habersham Awning and Graphic Image USA.

Then he had a motorcycle accident in 2014, which limited his physical mobility.

"My wife and a friend of mine got together and decided I should start taking pictures again, to give me something to do," he said. "It's filled my time. I've always been real active, and that's out of the question now."

Short uses Canon cameras, shooting nature photographs with his 70D Mark II and EOS R, Canon's first mirrorless camera. However, he said, "They say the best camera is the one you've got with you, including your phone if that's all you have."

Short is president of Foothills Photography Group, which met at NGTC until the pandemic. For the time being, the group holds meetings via Zoom.



KIMBERLY BROWN/Staff

Daniel Short of Cornelia was named the winner of the cover contest for CNI's fall edition of *The Mountain Traveler* magazine. Short won \$100, and his photo of Lake Russell from Chenocetah Mountain will be featured on the magazine's cover.

"We offer a lot to people," Short said of the photography group. In addition to having a speaker at each monthly meeting, the group provides mentors to new photographers.

"If somebody's new to photography, we have people who shoot all kinds of cameras, so we can set them up with somebody," Short said.

The group also takes field trips to places such as Cades Cove, Tennessee, to photograph wildlife, and they have more local field trips to farms and other places for photography practice.

For more information about Foothills Photography Group, search on Facebook or visit foothillsphtgroup.com.

Short said he spends a lot of time sitting in his car with his 600 mm lens to capture the beauty of nature. One of his current favorite spots is Cornelia Water Works, off of Camp Creek Road.

"There's a lake behind the dam, and there's blue heron, green heron, king birds, sandpipers, blue birds, belted kingfishers ... there's lots of birds out there," he said. "I use the car as a blind."

Short recommends new photographers "find something you're passionate about," as he is about photographing nature.

"Photography gives me a chance to really appreciate God's world," he said. "... How can somebody not believe in a higher power when you're out in [nature]?"

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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 |
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