

Foothills Photography Group
Newsletter



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Hello Fellow Club Members,

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One of my favorite photography quotes is by Aaron Siskind: “Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever.... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”

I know that we all get busy and our everyday life sometimes gets in the way, but I encourage you to get the camera out of the bag and take some photos!! Get out there and tell us a story with your camera, document those cherished moments in life, and/or create your artistic vision. We are waiting to see your creations.

Congratulations to Linda Schultz (1st), Laura Jenkins (2nd), and Daniel Short (3rd) for their March Member’s Showcase winning photos. In honor of our field trip, the April topic is “water.” Get creative and send in those photos.

I hope to see everyone at the April meeting. We will meet in person at NGTC for a short talk on night/street photography. Then, we will be heading to downtown Clarkesville to photograph the town. Don’t forget to bring your gear.

See you on April 16.

Laura Jenkins
Foothills Photography Group President

FIELD TRIP !!

THIS, my fellow club members, has all the ingredients of a very special day.

Brasstown Falls (not the mountain) is just over the South Carolina border and is often described...”Wow, I didn’t know this was here!” or “This is a hidden gem!”.



The photo by Melissa Alzey shows two of the four falls.

The field trip will be on Saturday, April 13.

Meet-up is in Clayton at 112 Plaza Way, which is the Family Dollar Store in Clayton. It is a strip mall that has a big parking area and is next to McDonalds. Please do not park in the McDonalds parking lot. Our leader, Melissa Elzey, will be in a white Subaru Outback. Her number in case you need to contact her is 706-490-5860.

Melissa will lead the group on a 35-to-40-minute drive to the trail head. The walk to the waterfalls is less than a mile on a well-maintained pathway. And, as if you needed any more reasons, the weather forecast is “sunny and 71 degrees”.

One more thing: the trilliums should be in bloom!

Note from Laura: Don't follow Google Maps and try to go through Toccoa. You will not get there - personal experience - LOL!!

March Member Showcase

Theme = LUCKY



First Place was earned by Linda Schultz.
(The fish was not so lucky!)



<<< Laura Jenkins was lucky to
find a white squirrel.

Daniel Short's Lucky
Horseshoe earned
him third place.

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Theme for April is
WATER.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

April 16th: The April club meeting. A short meeting followed by a “field trip” to downtown Clarkesville where we’ll shoot the city lights. This is a special opportunity to make some interesting photos and to learn new skills.

April 25th: The Circle of Hope (Domestic Violence Agency) is having their 2024 Bags and Bubbly Designer Purse Raffle. You can enjoy this fun event and help **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** by being a volunteer photographer. If you’re interested, contact Suzanne Dow at 706.499.6906.

Some other stuff...



A photographer’s dream is a portrait with soft skin but is sharp. This sounds like a contradiction, but Ron Leach (in the SHUTTERBUG publication) shows how he does it. See this link: <https://www.shutterbug.com/content/want-portrait-photos-stunning-tones-try-lightroom-technique-video>



In preparation for our April meeting (a hands-on experience making city-lights photography), check out this link to BLIND PHOTOGRAPHY. <https://www.blind-magazine.com/tips/photographing-the-city-at-night/>



As newsletter editor, I have the privilege of writing an occasional editorial. This is one of those times.

I've been program chair for the club for ten years and I think I deserve a break. (Laura has pitched in to help the last four or five months but that was in addition to her duties as president.)

So...we need a volunteer. Of course, you'll want to know the details of the job. Basically, you will email a prospective presenter asking if he/she will bring a program to the club on a particular date. But how do you find that person? Easy. I'll provide you with over a hundred prospects. Once you get an OK from the person, you'll ask him/her for a bio and a photo,

From that point, all you need to do is send that info to me and I'll include a page in the newsletter.

You'll be an officer of the club and, as such, you'll need to attend the board meeting on the Tuesday following the Tuesday of the club meeting. That board meeting lasts a half-hour or so and is usually done via Zoom.

It's an important job but not a hard job. *Won't you consider using this as your avenue to give back to the club?* If you will, email me at johnmartin2842@gmail.com or call me at 706.499.0956. I'll answer any questions you may have, and we can discuss more details.

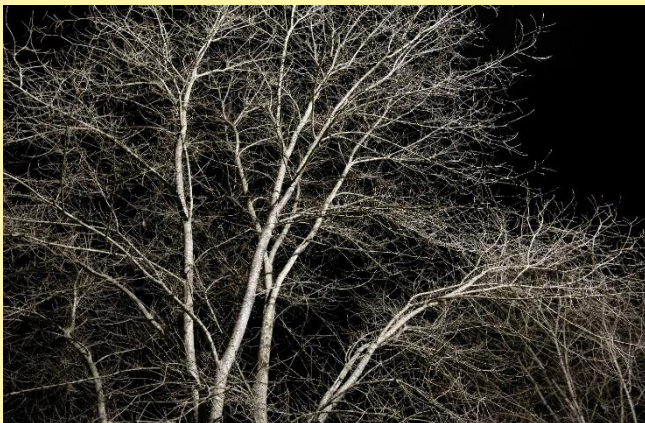
John Martin

The April Meeting...

You're going to love this. The meeting (April 16th) will start in the normal meeting room at NGTC where a short presentation will be made on tips and techniques for capturing the wonderful things that night lights do for photos. Following that, we'll carpool a few miles to downtown Clarkesville.



We will shoot the flower displays around the Mauldin House until dark – around 8:00 p.m. The low angle (warm) sunlight should produce some nice flower photos.



And THEN the fun begins. A whole new world opens when you bring city lights into the image. (“city” might be an exaggeration.)

You will want to bring your tripod if you want some long exposures but there are plenty of opportunities for interesting photos hand held.

The two top photos on this page were made a few years ago with the camera held against a light post or similar stationary object. See you April 16 – and don't forget to bring your camera!

