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The cover is Melissa Elsey's photo of the July 4th fireworks on Lake Burton. It earned first place in the July Member's Showcase.

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Fellow Club Members,

I believe the value of our lives is not determined by the amount of money or the number of possessions we have but by the quality of the memories we make with friends and loved ones. Photography is a tool to keep those memories alive and vivid. I hope everyone has gotten a chance to capture some great images that help you tell the story of your life.



A few announcements: We would like to welcome Colby Moore back into our fold. He has agreed to serve as Program Chair. Kim Martin has agreed to serve as Mentoring Chair as well. This brings us back to a full slate of officers. Libby Hartbarger has agreed to serve as Co-chair with Laura Jenkins of the Community Service Committee. I also need to announce that we will be discontinuing our Zoom broadcast for future meetings. We feel that it is much more important to interact in person.

Colby Moore has also agreed to provide a short technical spot at every meeting after our speaker finishes their presentation. I am looking forward to hearing him and seeing you at our next meeting.

Daniel W. Short

President, Foothills Photography Group

Member Showcase...

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(This month's theme was "July 4th".)



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First place goes to Melissa Eley for her photo of the July 4th Fireworks on Lake Burton. Nice, balanced composition with the foreground elements playing against the fireworks.

John Martin's photo of the opening ceremony at the Rabun County rodeo got the second-place votes.

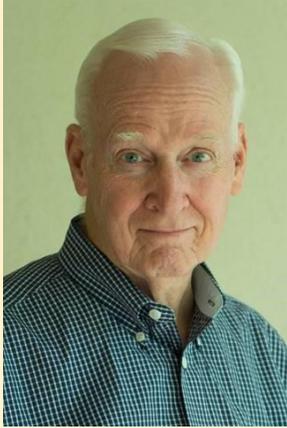


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Third (and by far the cutest) went to Carolyn Gaik for her dog in the golf cart.



From the editor...

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It's a fact that the editor gets to sound off whenever he/she wants. Comes with the job.

And I'm going to sound off about member Colby Moore.

I first met Colby when he was in instructor at North Georgia Tech, and I was an audit student. The next time was on October 21, 2014, when he was one of eleven people who met in my living room to explore the formation of Foothills Photography Group. (Besides Colby and myself, others who were there – and are still members – are Steve Griswold, Melissa Henderson, Barb Johns, and Wendy O'Connor.)

That evening, Colby was elected to be the club's Program Chair.

Colby was active in club affairs in the following years – often doing educational messages at club meetings and on special occasions. Among other things, he took the club logo – which, at the time was just a sketch – and digitized it as the sharp emblem is today.



Colby went away for a while when the State of Georgia recognized his skills and tapped him as their Marketing and Communications Manager at DNR's Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division. He was there for five years. Their gain, our loss.



But then a position as the Clarkesville Main Street Director opened and Colby was chosen to fill that spot.

The Club's first Program Chair was Colby Moore. Now – full circle – Colby is filling that same position.

Welcome home, Colby.

Much of the success that Foothills Photography Group has had can be traced to North Georgia Technical College. From our first meeting in January of 2015, the school has allowed us to meet in the Photography Department's facility. Jim Loring paved the way for this to happen.



Jim at Help Portrait event at nursing home.

Article II of the club's constitution reads: "The Club encourages its members to offer their talents in charitable activities as a service to the community." We can take pride in knowing that the club has lived up to that goal over the years. But we didn't do it alone.

At all the major community service projects NGTS has partnered with the club. Supplies, equipment, student involvement – all these things were made possible by the support of one individual: Jim Loring.

But Jim is leaving NGTS and North Georgia. He's returning to his home in England effective the end of this quarter. The UK will be his home base, but he intends to continue his passion of documenting disaster relief opportunities for NGO's around the globe.



Pictured above is Jim receiving Foothills memorabilia and other remembrances of his time with us in North Georgia. Jim is a real friend of the club and we will miss him.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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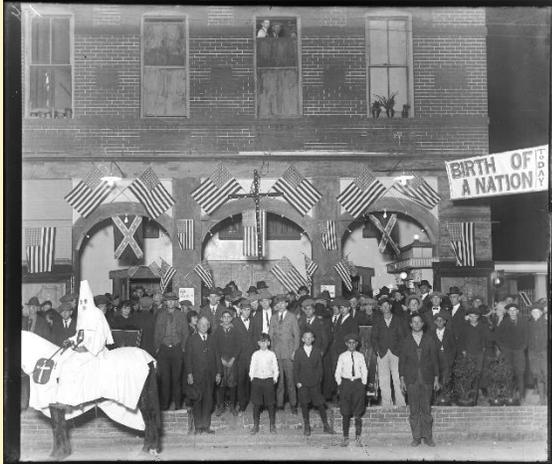
Here are some things the board discussed at its meeting July 26...

- ☑ The status of the bank account (boring).
- ☑ Ideas that the social committee brought forward.
- ☑ Upcoming programs.
- ☑ The club's next public service project.
- ☑ The weaving of educational segments into the meetings.

And, did you know.....?

1. We meet at a local restaurant on the Tuesday following the club meeting.
2. We have a meal (or at least most do).
3. ALL MEMBERS are welcome to attend and observe – and present ideas.
4. It's a good way to see if you might want to join in the club leadership by seeing what the various committees are up to.
5. Daniel announces the time and place at the end of each club meeting. (Next one is on August 23 – 6:30 PM – at Fresco's.)

August 16th Recovering Images, Discovering History

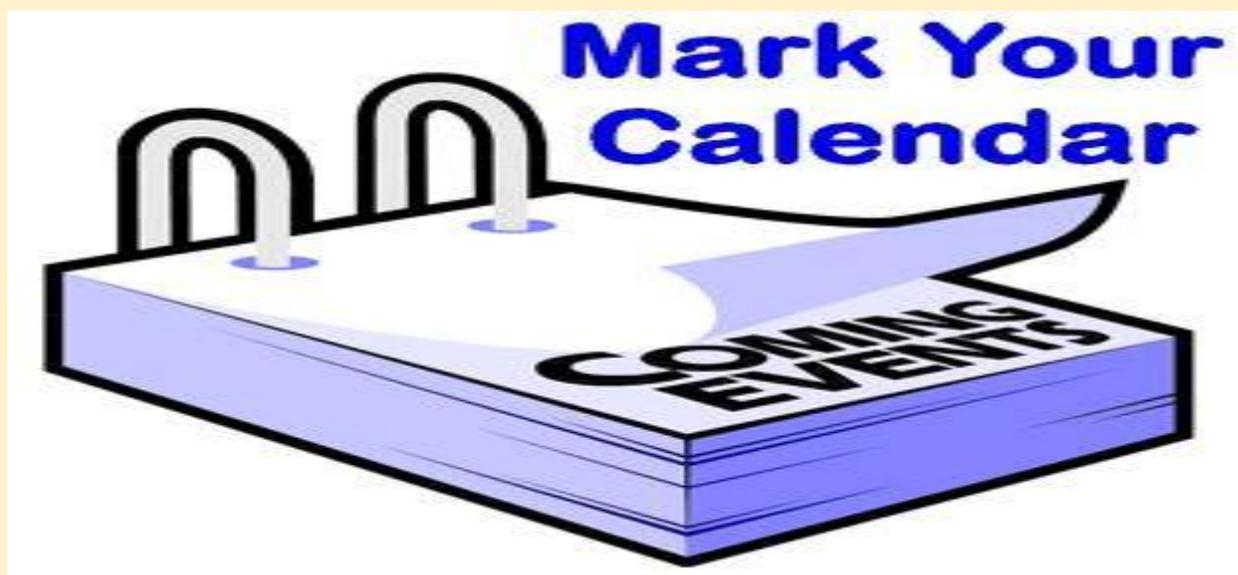


Tom Johnson will bring us the story of digitizing several thousand images from two Photography Studios in Douglas, GA. The focus of the talk is on Rogers Studio, and the first 75 glass plate negatives that were recovered and ultimately donated to the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah. Rogers Studio was started in 1908 by George Washington Lafayette Rogers (people called him "Pops") in Douglas Georgia. He and his son Bernard (Bubba) spent decades photographing the Coffee County area, and many of the families that lived there. Over the years they took tens if not hundreds of thousands of images, but unfortunately only a fraction remain. Tom has recently found 17 more glass plates which he photographed and researched. Embedded in the talk is the story of how he was able to identify some of the people in the images, and even date some with interesting detective work.



This is a rare opportunity to see the innovative, behind-the-scenes research that can be done with photographic evidence.

President Daniel is always looking for photographic opportunities – and he's always willing to share them with the club.



August 5-7 Big "E" Festival, Clayton (Of course, that would be Elvis!)

August 19, 20 Kiwanis Blue Ridge Rodeo, Blue Ridge

August 19-27 Georgia Mountain Fair in Hiawassee. Photo contest (free) deadline August 4. See entrance form here: https://georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/images/site/pageserver/image/otherevents/2022_Photo_Contest.pdf

September 9-17 Chattahoochee Mountain Fair, Clarkesville