

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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Photo Provided by FPG Member, Katherine Bryant-Warwick

From our President.....

Spring has finally arrived, Maybe. With this unusual spring that we've had it has extended some of our late winter colors and caused our early spring colors to slowly bud making for a very interesting spring for photographers I encourage you all to get out there and enjoy the early spring that we're having. The month of April is truly a month of new adventures from the start of the Milky Way season to spring flowers and baby animals venturing out for the first time. Now is a great time to get those photography juices flowing again from the cold winter that we've had, and get out of your comfort zone and try something new. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.



Thank everyone,

Matt King President,
Foothills photography Group

Quote of the Month:

**“It’s one thing to make a picture of what a person looks like, it’s another thing to make a portrait of who they are.”
—Paul Caponigro**

47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia

By John Martin

#12 Toccoa Falls



Possibly the most beautiful waterfall in Georgia, this site has a troubled past. On a morning in November, 1977, a dam above the waterfall failed and forty acres of water came thundering over the falls and down through the valley and campus of Toccoa Falls College. Thirty-nine people - all

connected to the college - lost their lives that morning.

Today Toccoa Falls is peaceful and serene. Chances are you will see young families and children enjoying the shallow pools at the bottom. On my last visit I had the place to myself. You access the short (flat) path to the waterfall through the college gift shop.

Hint for photographers: Although the overall view of the falls (this page) is dramatic, I like the contrast of the rugged tree roots gripping the rocks in front of the smooth, silky cascade.

Directions: From Toccoa, Georgia, drive westward on 17-A. The college campus is next to Stephens County Hospital. They share the same drive for a few feet. Stay right through the guard shack (I've never seen anyone there.) and follow the signs. Park in the lot just beyond "Gate Cottage" and enter through the gift store. There is a \$2 fee.

GPS Coordinates at the Gate Cottage parking lot: 34°35'38.6" N 83°21'40.9" W°

Interesting fact: Toccoa is the Cherokee word for "beautiful". And it is.

Foothills Photography Group News:

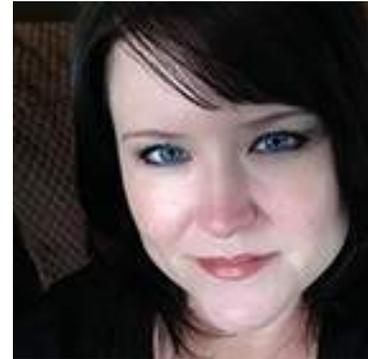
Monthly Meeting Tuesday April 17th 2018 Social 6:30/ Meeting 7:00

Speaker **Local Photographer and Artist Richard Smith.**

Richard Smith has been a professional photographer and digital artist for over 40 years. He was a photographic instructor at North Georgia Technical College in Clarkesville Georgia for 25 years. He retired from NGTC in 2007. He is a life member of the Southeastern and Georgia Professional Photographers Associations. Richard was given the National Award in 1990 by the Professional Photographers of America for his dedication and service to education in the photographic industry. During his photographic career, he has achieved the Master of Photography and Photographic Craftsman degrees from the Professional Photographers of America. His images have won both local and national awards. Richard creates his art using a combination of photography and computer software. His specialties are landscapes, portraits, and photographic restorations. Richard and his wife Joy have lived in Clarkesville Georgia since 1983.

April Meeting Critique theme “Cute and Fuzzy”

Next Scheduled Meet-Up : Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 - Cades Cove- We are planning a Cades Cove Trip. We'll talk more about it at the April meeting but if you would like to go we are booking rooms at the Best Western in Townsend, TN. Contact Laura Jenkins.



Katherine Bryant-Warwick

I was born and raised in Habersham County Ga. After High School I received a 2 year Commercial Photography diploma from NGTC. After college I opened Moments of Clarity Images Photography Studio in 1997 then in 2009 also went to work with Strawbridge Studios shooting schools. I currently live with my husband in Alto with our three dogs and five cats.

When I turned 13 my Mom gave me a 110 camera and as shy as I was I quickly realized this was a way to interact while hiding and everyone smiled in your direction. When I also realized how good I was at it and that not only was it a way to contribute but I could also freeze times that I could easily revisit I was hooked. I knew this would be my career for life.

I still have my website up for my studio and don't plan on shutting it down but while working for Strawbridge in 2014 I had equipment fall across my back and have had two surgeries from that accident that has left me with very painful nerve and tissue damage.

Though since I am at home with thousands of images saved up over the years I have started trying to sell some to stock agencies and that may be starting to look good.

I absolutely am most proud of my composite art images that I have created in Photoshop, mostly of fairies and tree spirits and will always work toward learning more about composite arts. I am thankful to have this group who also want to learn to grow with as well as hopefully learn from and alongside.

Historical Photos from Our Area

The Big Red Apple Cornelia, GA



1925



1939



1976



2014