

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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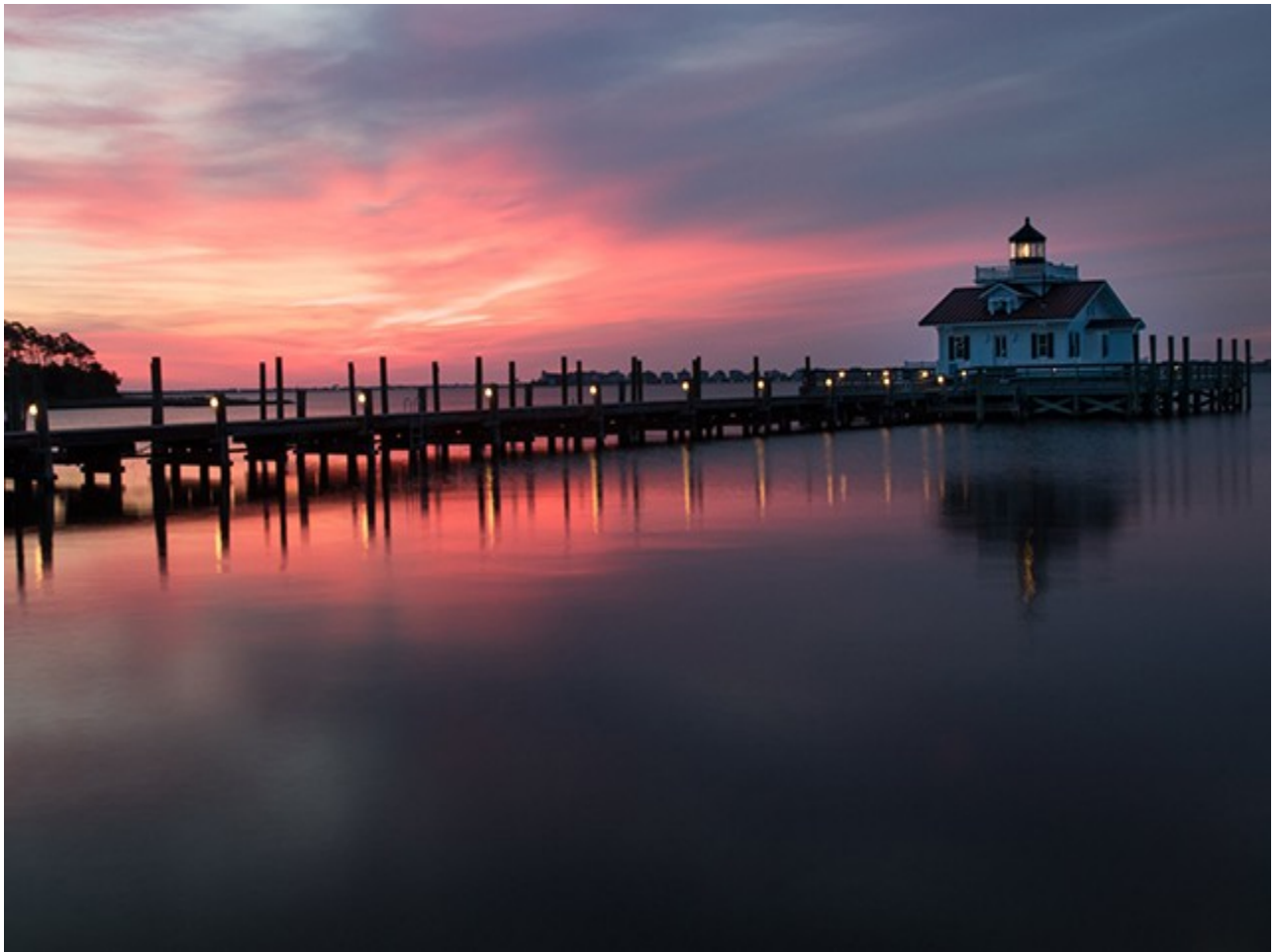


Photo Provided by FPG Member, Laura Jenkins

Local Area Fireworks Displays

July 4th 2019

*Lake Rabun
Dillard, Ga
Demorest, Ga
Dahlonega, Ga
Helen, Ga
Cumming, Ga
Dawsonville, Ga
Hiawassee, Ga
Laurel Park, Gainesville, Ga
Stone Mountain
Mall of Georgia
Braselton, Ga*

July 6th

Lake Burton

More details can be found for most of the list above at the address below.

<https://www.gainesvilletimes.com/get-out/your-ultimate-july-fourth-event-guide-hall-county-north-georgia/>

Quote of the Month:

"There is a hidden message in every waterfall. It says, if you are flexible, falling will not hurt you!"

Mehmet Murat Ildan

Quote provided by FPG member, Daniel Short

47 Popular Places to Photograph in Northeast Georgia

By John Martin

#24 Hemlock Falls on Moccasin Creek



Hemlock Falls

Description: It's an easy hike along the bed of a long-ago abandoned logging railroad to Hemlock Falls. Along the one-mile trail you are never far from cascades and pools. Part way along (opposite a bench on your left) you will see a tiny free-falling feather of a small stream dropping down into Moccasin Creek. Arriving at the main falls site there is ample room for picnicking and, for the brave, a

dip in the ice-cold swimming hole.

For the extra hardy, you can reach what the locals call "the upper falls" or "the unnamed falls". Go around the right side of Hemlock Falls, cross the creek and head uphill until you reach a trail paralleling the creek. (This may even be a continuation of the old logging railroad bed.) Anyhow, it isn't marked and isn't maintained. After approximately one-half mile you will hear the falls down below a steep bank.

Notes for the photographer: Back on the main trail, just upstream from the little footbridge you will reach a place where the stream widens and flows over smooth, time worn boulders. I've been here often to make photographs of rushing mountain water.

Directions: From the square in Clarkesville, drive west on State 197. At 20.7 miles turn left onto Andersonville Lane. It's a single lane gravel roadway. Drive one-half mile to the parking area at the end of the roadway.

From Helen drive north on State 75. At Robertstown (about one mile) turn right on State 356. Drive eleven miles through Unicoi State Park, etc., and make a left onto State 197. At 7.7 miles turn left onto Andersonville Lane. It's a single lane gravel roadway. Drive one-half mile to the parking area at the end of the roadway.



Cascades along the trail



The Upper Fall

GPS of the parking area: 34°50'50.9"N 83°35'48.1"W

Interesting fact: Logging railroads were all over the mountains. They were often built for just a cutting season or two and then pulled up and re-assembled in another location. All seemed to have disappeared by the early twentieth century.

Photos by John Martin

Foothills Photography Group News:

Next Meeting July 16th, 2019

Members Showcase July 2019 -- Jeff Gore

The Members Showcase is a new feature we will be trying in 2019. The current plan is to have members exhibit their work at each meeting throughout the year. We are looking for other members to fill in the open month of November. You can exhibit your work or submit it for critique or both. It is also a great chance to let the group find out a little about you, your interest and your skills.

July Program: John Deas – Waterfalls of the North Georgia Mountains.

Born in Tachikawa, Japan, the son of a career Air Force officer, John Deas has lived in Japan, Germany, Africa, Okinawa, the Philippines, and many states in the United States. After high school, John joined the U.S. Navy and became a Hospital Corpsman stationed with the U.S. Marines. Four and a half years later, he left the military with an Honorable Discharge. In 1977, he returned to the family home in Charleston and graduated from The College of Charleston in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Business.

John began taking photographs at the age of 4 using his grandfather's old Brownie camera. He has taken thousands of images using a variety of cameras. He makes images of the things he truly loves, specializing in landscapes and nature photography. In 2006, John converted to digital photography.

He has undertaken numerous photo shoots to locations such as Everglades National Park, Yosemite National Park, Bodie, Mono Lake, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Acadia National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Congaree National Park, and the Canadian Rockies. Some of his other favorite locations are the many waterfalls in West Virginia and North Carolina as well as the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

John has a deep love of nature and all things in it. It is his love of being in the outdoors that led to his leading workshops to some of the iconic as well as lesser known locations on the East Coast. The Appalachian Trail, the Great Smoky Mountains, the North Georgia Mountains, waterfalls throughout the southeast, or the Outer Banks of North Carolina will provide a wide variety of scenic and nature images.



Representations of his work have recently been on display in various galleries and art centers throughout the Southeast.

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:

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