

Exploring the Smokies

By Ron Wybranowski

Ron's goal for this program is to provide enough information about the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (fondly known as the "Smokies") so that your first visit to the park will be productive and you will see all of the park's hidden glories. He will present an overview of the park, listing available resources such as maps, guides, and places to see and stay. He will show many of his images taken during his several visits to the park, including where and how many of the images were made.

Here's an overview of Ron's program:

Introduction - 20 min.

- About the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

- When to Go

- Getting there - Places along the way

- Major Sections of the Park

- Places to Stay

 - Gatlinburg

 - Townsend

 - Cherokee-Magee Valley

 - Campgrounds

Photo Opportunities in Different Sections of the Park - 35 min.

- Vistas with long views

- Flowers

- Rivers and streams

- Waterfalls

- Mountains

- Wildlife... Bear, elk and almost tame deer

4 minute audio/visual slide show of the Smokies

"Everything is Beautiful in it's Own Way"

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About the Photographer:

As a photographer, Ron wants to encourage people to slow down and appreciate the beauty and magic of the world around us. And it is all around us, not just in the iconic scenes of national parks, seashores and mountains. It is in the brooks and swamps in our neighborhoods and parks, there for the seeing. We just have to slow down, look around us and let the beauty envelope us. A goal of his photography is to help others do that.

Acceptance in Juried Shows:

- Plymouth Center for the Arts - The Fine Art of Photography - March, 2013
- New Hampshire Art Association - Prescott Arts Festival - Summer, 2013
- New Hampshire Art Association - Annual Omer T. Lassonde Exhibition, 2013

Solo Exhibitions:

- Kimball Library, Atkinson, NH
Exploring the Smokies, June, 2015
Photographs of our National Parks, June, 2014
Impressionism in Photography, January, 2013
Flowers, Pretty Flowers, September, 2011
- Andover Memorial Hall Library, Andover, MA
Photographs of our National Parks, May, 2015
- Sol Bean Cafe, Middleton, MA
Springtime Flowers, May, 2010

Group Exhibits:

- Essex Art Center, Lawrence, MA
Annual New Paint Auction, 2012, 2013 & 2014
- Essex Art Center, Lawrence, MA
Merrimack Valley Camera Club Exhibit "Through Our Eyes"- January, 2012
- Lawrence Heritage State Park, Lawrence, MA
"Capturing the Beauty"... Photography Art Show by the Merrimac Valley Group
....an exhibit by 12 Merrimac Valley photographers, February, 2014
- Dartmouth College Class of 1961 - 50th Reunion Art Show
An on-line art exhibit with 28 Classmates - www.dartmouth61artshow.org/
Developed and managed the website and show

Photograph Awards:

- New England Camera Club Council - Annual Conference and Photo Competition, 2002
Best in Show - B&W Prints
Best in Show - B&W Landscape
- New England Camera Club Council - Annual Conference and Photo Competition, 2012
Best in Show - Landscape
- New England Camera Club Council - Annual Conference and Photo Competition, 2014
Best in Show - B&W Prints
Best in Show – Nature

Ron is a member of the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists, a by-invitation-only organization dedicated to the appreciation of nature and the natural environment. He is a juried member of the New Hampshire Art Association. He is also a member of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club (MVCC) in North Andover, MA, and has won over 300 medals and ribbons at MVCC and in competitions sponsored by the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) and the Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Ron has been a guest presenter at the NECCC, local camera clubs and libraries. His shows include:

- "Exploring the Smokies"
- "Dream It! Plan It! Do It! Photographing the National Parks"
- "The Great Smoky Mountains, the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Sunrise Highway"
- "Flowers, Pretty Flowers"
- "Making Memorable Images" with Roy Haddock and Glenn Guaraldi
- "Everything's Beautiful" and "Reflections," two short multi-media presentations

Ron has traveled extensively to the National Parks, particularly those in the West. His favorites are the Grand Tetons in the fall, Arches and Canyonlands in the spring, and Zion and Grand Staircase-Escalante anytime he can get there.