

2013 SERA WINTER BUSINESS MEETING

MEETING NOTES, SUMMARY, TO-DO LIST

A full digital recording of the meeting, including grotto reports, is available in the archive file.

Salons

Art Judges = Dave Hughes, Alan Camp, Alan Johnson (22 photos, +6-10 other items)
Map Judges = Not Given (19th Annual, 6 maps, 3 Cartographers)

Welcome from Teddy Jones, General Manager of Cumberland Caverns

Old Business

1. Scan Guidebooks covers 2006-present for website.
2. Supply guidebooks (and T-shirts?) to NSS archive – on hold until new headquarters is ready for them.
3. Get Wilbanks' archive files.

New Business

1. Joel Silverman proposal for SERA film – dies for no motion, no word from Joel as to the project. M. O. Smith to contact about interest.
2. Ron Miller gives SCCi update.
3. Ron Miller and John Hoffelt gives update on opening of caves managed by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
4. Kim Smith gives update on NSS Campground, new construction, renovations, and future plans.
5. Jay Clark gives update on NSS BOG and need for financing new headquarters.
6. Jay Clark gives update on Tumbling Rock Cave, SCCi activities and meetings.
7. Chattanooga motions to donate \$250 to SKTF; passes unanimously.

SERA Awards

Francis McKinney Award – given to Jason Richards

Judges: Ohad Newton, Marion Smith, Anne Elmore

Richard Schreiber Award – given to Marty Abercrombie

Judges: Jason Hardy, Brent Aulenbach, Jason Richards

Alexis Harris Conservation Award – given to Maureen Handler and the Sewanee Mountain Grotto

Judges: Emily Davis, Candice Eagle, Jeannie Trowbridge

Larry S. Adams Landowner Appreciation Award – given to The Neal Family

Judges: Alan England, John Attaway, Diane Cousineau

Meritous Service:

Jay Clark for Service to NSS, SERA, Legal Advisor, Fund Raising, and Administration

Jody Bailey and John Hoffelt for logistics at WBM in the cave.

Evening Activities

Bat Dance performance by Chrystella

Ric Finch, Larry Mathews, Ed Yarbrough “Tank Gorin and Cave Stories from Cumberland Caverns and Beyond” to be (hopefully) released one day on DVD from Jody Bailey and John Hoffelt.

Sunday SKTF clean-up in the cave.

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HOSTED BY THE NASHVILLE GROTTO

**FEBRUARY 16, 2013
CUMBERLAND CAVERNS
WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

- 9:30 Registration and Salon Set-up – Nashville Grotto (Dave Wascher)
- 10:00 Introductions: Officers, Host Grotto – Kelly Smallwood
Nashville Grotto Announcements and Open Announcements – Dave Wascher, Robby Black
- 10:15 Salon Introductions: Map – Brent Aulenbach, Fine Arts and Photo – Don Hunter
- 10:30 Executive Reports
Chairman – Kelly Smallwood
Vice-Chairman – Bambi Dunlap
Secretary and Treasurer – John Hoffelt
SKTF – Marty Abercrombie
- 11:00 SERA Activities Reports
Summer Cave Carnival
2012 Birmingham Grotto
2013 Central Alabama Grotto
2014 Chattanooga Grotto
2015 TBD
Winter Business Meeting
2014 Pigeon Mountain Grotto
2015 Sewanee Mountain Grotto
- 11:15 Old Business
2012 Meeting Notes and Updates – John Hoffelt
White Nose Syndrome Update – Chrys Hulbert
- 11:45 New Business Introduction
Identification of New Issues for Discussion – Kelly Smallwood
SERA Award Introduction and Committee Appointments – Kelly Smallwood
- 12:00 Lunch (Provided In-Cave) – Nashville Grotto (Dave Wascher)
- 1:30 Organization Roll Call and Reports – John Hoffelt (Floor)
- 2:00 New Business
Resolution of New Issues – Kelly Smallwood
Meritorious Service Award Nominations – Kelly Smallwood
Elections – Kelly Smallwood
- 3:00 Award Committee Meetings – Kelly Smallwood and Bambi Dunlap
Salon Judging – Brent Aulenbach and Don Hunter
Cumberland Caverns History Tour – Larry Matthews
- 6:00 Banquet – Nashville Grotto (Dave Wascher)
- 7:00 Special Dance Performance – Chrystella
Award Presentations – Kelly Smallwood
- 7:15 Speakers – Ed Yarbrough, Larry Mathews, Ric Finch – “Tank Gorin and Cave Stories from Cumberland and Beyond”

2013 SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama Cave Survey Dennis Marty
Athens Speleological Society Don Hunter - No longer Active
Augusta Cave Masters Lee Olsen
Birmingham Grotto ~~Lee Olsen~~
Bryson City Grotto
Central Alabama Grotto Jason Stacey
Central Florida Grotto
Chattanooga Grotto MARTY ABERCROMBIE
Clayton County Cavers
Clock Tower Grotto Ron Miller
Crescent City Cavers
Cullman Grotto
Devilstep Grotto
Dogwood City Grotto Dave Hughes
East Tennessee Grotto ALAN ENGLAND
Flint River Grotto
Flittermouse Grotto
Florida Speleological Society
Gadsden Grotto
Georgia Speleological Survey MARTY ABERCROMBIE

2013 SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES – Continued

Huntsville Grotto *Ohad Newton*

Jackson County Grotto

Jackson Underground Society for Terrestrial (JUST) Cavers

Middle Georgia Grotto

Montgomery Grotto

Mountain Empire Grotto

Nashville Grotto *Dave Wascher*

Obey River Grotto

Pigeon Mountain Grotto *DIANE COUSINGAU*

River City Grotto

Sewanee Mountain Grotto *Jason Hardy*

Six Ridges Grotto

Smoky Mountain Grotto *Doug Luther*

South Carolina Interstate Grotto *Robert Harris / Lee Olson*

Southport Chronic Cavers Grotto *Carl Bishop*

Spencer Mountain Grotto *Shawn Jones + Marion O Smith*

Tampa Bay Area Grotto *Dennis Carney*

Tennessee Cave Survey *Gerald Mori*

Triangle Troglodytes *Robert Harris*

Upper Cumberland Grotto *Anne Elmore*

Alan Camp
Alan Johnson
Dave Hughes

Judged on 5 criteria
45 points

2013 SERA WBM Photo Salon Awards
Judged by five photographers in ten categories

- Category 1B (B&W Macro/Extreme CloseUp):
1st: Chris Higgins - "White Shit"
2nd Natalie Pheasant - "Epsomite Tites"
3rd Natalie Pheasant - "Dewy Bat"
- Category 1C (B&W Artistic)
1st Clinton Elmore - "Hanging Garden"
2nd Clinton Elmore - "Cave Fingers"
- Category 1D (B&W Entrance Shots)
1st Chris Higgins - "South Pittsburg Pit"
2nd Natalie Pheasant - "Pit Entrance"
- Category 2A (Color People)
1st Anne Elmore - "Baaaaaaa!"
2nd Anne Elmore - "Emily Sharin WNS"
3rd Chris Higgins - "Goonie Falls, BSC"
HM Clinton Elmore - "FH Passage, BSC"
- Category 2B (Color Macro/Extreme Closeup)
1st Natalie Pheasant - "Cave Frog"
2nd Natalie Pheasant - "Cave Cricket"
3rd Natalie Pheasant - "North Pole"
- Category 2C (Color Artistic)
1st Clinton Elmore - "The Blob, BSC"
2nd Rob Welton - "Wonderland"
3rd Rob Welton - "Reflecting Girl"
HM Anne Elmore - "Root Cellar, BSC"
HM Anne Elmore - "Bacon Butterfly"
- Category 2D (Color Entrance Shots)
1st Clinton Elmore - "Ferris Pit"
2nd Rob Welton - "Vast"
3rd Natalie Pheasant - "Green Silouhette"
HM Natalie Pheasant - "Caver Blur"
- Category 3C (Digitally Enhanced Artistic)
1st Clinton Elmore - "Alix in Wonderland"
- Category 3D (Digitally Enhanced)
1st Rob Welton - "Hazard Cave"
- Best of Show: Clinton Elmore for "The Blob, BSC" 39.5 pts
- Print Salon (25 pts) 3 authors, 3 categories
- Textiles 1st Natalie Pheasant - "Bat Hat"
- Printings/Drawings 1st Candace Eagle - "Helictite Dreaming"
- Photography/Ceramics 1st Chrys Hulbert - "Cave Sallie Dish"
2nd Natalie Pheasant - "Bat Hair Pieces"
- Best of Show - Chrys Hulbert "Cave Sallie Dish" 16 pts



TREASURER REPORT

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NSS

JANUARY 1, 2013

(Covering the Period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012)

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$2,299.54
(Balance Forward from December 31, 2011)		
INCOME (\$739.00)		
2012 SERA Cave Carnival		\$ 639.00
Donation (C. Lundquist)		<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Subtotal	\$3,038.54
EXPENSES (\$1,641.03)		
SKTF 2011 Cave Carnival Donation		\$ 200.00
NSS Buy-A-Block Donation		\$ 500.00
SCCi Donation		\$ 300.00
SCCi Buy-A-Brick Tumbling Rock Cave Donation		\$ 300.00
2012 SERA Awards		\$ 200.00
Plaques, Frames, Mailing		\$ 83.31
2012 WBM		\$ 45.72
2012 Web Space		<u>\$ 12.00</u>
	(Subtotal Expenses)	\$1,641.03
ENDING BALANCE		\$1,397.51