2014 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 = Nancy Aulenbach, Kris Green, Natalie Pheasant (9 entries, Best of Show Jim Loftin)
Map Judges = John Klayer, Allen Padgett, Ken Pasternack (5 maps, Best of Show Marty Abercrombie)

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.
4. Provide meeting notes and reports to website.
5. Contact Jennifer Foote regarding WNS decon insert for Responsible Caving.

New Business
1. Don Hunter agrees to be SERA newsletter editor.
2. $200 donation to SKTF

SERA Awards
Francis Mckinney Award – given to
   Judges: Anne Elmore, Gerald Moni, Natalie Pheasant
Richard Schreiber Award – given to Clinton Elmore
   Judges: Allen Padgett, Diane Cousineau, Paul Spiliotis
Alexis Harris Conservation Award – given to
   Judges: Candice Eagle, Karen Padgett, Chris Kerr
Larry S. Adams Landowner Appreciation Award – given to Ben Long
   Judges: Alan England, John Attaway, Cheryl Pratt
Meritous Service:
   Kelly Smallwood for service and volunteerism to the NSS and SERA
   Brian Roebuck for SERA service as newsletter editor.
2014 SERA WINTER BUSINESS MEETING
HOSTED BY THE PIGEON MOUNTAIN GROTTO
FEBRUARY 22, 2014
BANK OF LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY ROOM
LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA

9:30 Registration and Salon Set-up – Pigeon Mountain Grotto (Damon Keys)

10:00 Introductions: Officers, Host Grotto – Bambi Dunlap
Pigeon Mountain Grotto Announcements and Open Announcements – Damon Keys

10:15 Salon Introductions: Map – Brent Aulenbach, Fine Arts and Photo – Don Hunter

10:30 Executive Reports
Chairman – Bambi Dunlap
Vice-Chairman – Ohad Newton
Secretary and Treasurer – John Hoffelt
SKTF – Cheryl Pratt

11:00 SERA Activities Reports
Summer Cave Carnival
2013 Central Alabama Grotto
2014 Chattanooga Grotto
2015 East Tennessee Grotto
Winter Business Meeting
2015 Sewanee Mountain Grotto
2016 (Six Ridges, Smoky Mtn.)

11:15 Old Business
2013 Meeting Notes and Updates – John Hoffelt
White Nose Syndrome Update, Georgia Conservation Efforts – Allen Padgett

11:45 New Business Introduction
Identification of New Issues for Discussion – Bambi Dunlap
SERA Award Introduction and Committee Appointments – Bambi Dunlap

12:00 Lunch (On your own) – Pigeon Mountain Grotto (Damon Keys)

1:30 Organization Roll Call and Reports – John Hoffelt (Floor)

2:00 New Business
Resolution of New Issues – Bambi Dunlap
Meritorious Service Award Nominations – Bambi Dunlap
Elections – Bambi Dunlap

3:00 Award Committee Meetings – Bambi Dunlap and Ohad Newton
Salon Judging – Brent Aulenbach and Don Hunter
Local tour – On your own

6:00 Banquet – Pigeon Mountain Grotto (Damon Keys)

7:00 Award Presentations – Bambi Dunlap

7:15 Speaker – Bill Putnam – “The Golden Age of Caving”
2014 SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama Cave Survey

Athens Speleological Society  Don Hunter

Augusta Cave Masters  Bill Jackson

Birmingham Grotto

Bryson City Grotto

Central Alabama Grotto  Jason Stacey

Central Florida Grotto

Chattanooga Grotto  Larry Abercrombie  Mike Ross

Clarksville Underground-Grotto

Clayton County Cavers

Clock Tower Grotto

Crescent City Cavers

Cullman Grotto  2015 Devilstep  Bill Stringfellow

Dogwood City Grotto

Druid City Cavers

East Tennesee Grotto  Alan England

Flint River Grotto

Flittermouse Grotto

Florida Speleological Society

Gadsden Grotto  Jim Loftin
2014 SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES – Continued

*Georgia Speleological Survey
  Nancy Allenback

*Huntsville Grotto
  Tricia Spiholtis

*Jackson County Grotto

*Jackson Underground Society for Terrestrial (JUST) Cavers

*Middle Georgia Grotto
  John Klayer

*Montgomery Grotto

*Mountain Empire Grotto

*Nashville Grotto
  Chris Belt

*Pigeon Mountain Grotto
  Damon Keys

*River City Grotto

*Sewanee Mountain Grotto
  Bambi Dunlap

*Six Ridges Grotto

*Smoky Mountain Grotto
  Chris Kerr

*South Carolina Interstate Grotto
  Bill Jackson

*Southport Chronic Cavers Grotto

*Spencer Mountain Grotto
  Anne Elmo

*Tampa Bay Area Grotto

*Team Poseidon
  Mary Abercrombie

*Tennessee Cave Survey
  Gerald Moni

*Triangle Trogloynes

*Upper Cumberland Grotto
  Ken Pasternack
The 20th annual SERA Map Salon was held on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014 at the SERA Winter Business Meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Pigeon Mountain Grotto in LaFayette, Georgia.

The goal of the map salon is to encourage mapping of SERA caves, to provide a venue for cartographers to display their maps, give an opportunity to view other cartographer's maps and techniques, and to provide an incentive for improving cartographic skills and techniques through critique and competition. There were 5 maps entered for competition this year, representing the work of two different cartographers with caves from two different states (Tennessee & Georgia).

Maps were judged in a single category. Two of the five maps received awards.

A Merit award (for achieving a high level of quality) went to Marty Abercrombie for Crudlink Cave, Van Buren Co., TN (TVB 50).

And Best of Show went to Marty Abercrombie for Pryor Cave Spring, Marion Co., TN (TMN 129).

Congratulations to Marty!

Thanks goes to the judges: John Klayer, Allen Padgett, and Ken Pasternack.

Looking forward to everyone's great maps next year!

-Brent

http://www.caves.org/region/sera/MapSalon.htm
2014 SERA Photo Salon Results

Nine entries in six categories

Judges: Nancy Aulenbach
        Kris Green
        Natalie Pheasant

Black and White, Entrances/Exterior Scenes: First Place: Jim Loftin “From Paradise to Paradise”

Color, People: First Place: Cheryl Pratt “Scallops”

Color, Macro/Extreme Closeup: First Place: Cheryl Pratt “The Curl”

Color, Artistic: First Place: Jim Loftin “You Said Don't Walk Where?”
        Second Place: Jim Loftin “Pit Walls Have Rhythm”
        Third Place: Cheryl Pratt “Lech”
        Honorable Mention: Cheryl Pratt “Eye of the Cave”

Color, Entrances/Exterior Scenes: First Place: Jim Loftin “Ben 2 Harbin”

Color, Humor: First Place: Cheryl Pratt “Dinosaur Attach”

Best of Show: Jim Loftin “You Said Don't Walk Where?” BY 0.7 POINTS
# TREASURER REPORT

**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NSS**

**JANUARY 1, 2014**

(Covering the Period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013)

## BEGINNING BALANCE

(Balance Forward from December 31, 2012)

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