

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.
3. Get Wilbanks' archive files.
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.

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HOSTED BY THE PIGEON MOUNTAIN GROTTTO

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 Secretary and Treasurer – John Hoffelt
Vice-Chairman – Ohad Newton SKTF – Cheryl Pratt
- 11:00 SERA Activities Reports
Summer Cave Carnival Winter Business Meeting
2013 Central Alabama Grotto 2015 Sewanee Mountain Grotto
2014 Chattanooga Grotto 2016 (Six Ridges, Smoky Mtn.)
2015 East Tennessee Grotto
- 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~~ ~~Marty Abercrombie~~ Mike Ross

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~~*Clarksville Underground Grotto~~

*Clayton County Cavers

*Clock Tower Grotto

*Crescent City Cavers

*Cullman Grotto

^{2015 Devilstep}

*Dogwood City Grotto

Bill STRINGFELLOW

*Druid City Cavers

~~*East Tennessee 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

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Nancy Aulenbach

*Huntsville Grotto

Tricia Spiliotis

*Jackson County Grotto

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~~*Jackson Underground Society for Terrestrial (JUST) Cavers~~

*Middle Georgia Grotto

John Klayer

*Montgomery Grotto

^{2015 out}
~~*Mountain Empire Grotto~~

*Nashville Grotto

Chap Halbert

*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 Elmer

*Tampa Bay Area Grotto

^{2015 out}
~~*Team Poseidon~~ Marty Abercrombie

*Tennessee Cave Survey

Gerald Moni

*Triangle Troglodytes

*Upper Cumberland Grotto

Ken Pasternack

John Hoffelt

From: mossyguy@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 7:34 AM
To: John Hoffelt
Subject: Fwd: 20th Annual SERA Map Salon Results

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From: "Nancy Aulenbach" <flittermice@bellsouth.net>
To: "HiddenWorld.Net" <Tag-Net@hiddenworld.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:30:41 PM
Subject: 20th Annual SERA Map Salon Results

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		\$1,397.51
(Balance Forward from December 31, 2012)		
INCOME (\$0.00)		
(Expect SERA SCC payment \$589.50)		
	Subtotal	\$ <u>0.00</u>
		\$1,397.51
EXPENSES (\$476.56)		
(Expect SKTF SCC donation \$196.50)		\$ 0.00
NSS Donation "A Guide to Responsible Caving"		\$ 200.00
2013 SERA Awards		\$ 200.00
Plaques, Frames		\$ 64.56
2013 Web Space		\$ <u>12.00</u>
	(Subtotal Expenses)	\$ <u>476.56</u>
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 920.95