



## Sunny Southeast Region Newsletter - August 2018

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Dear [REDACTED],

Welcome to *Southern Exposure*, the newsletter of the National Association for Interpretation's Sunny Southeast Region.

Photo: Taking the program outside during the recent RIW on the Outer Banks. Photo by Rhana Paris.

### NOTES FROM MARISOL

Welcome to summer, Sunny Southeasterners! We're in the thick of it now, with heat waves crashing on our shores daily and the hardy souls who run outdoor programs practicing their endurance training while keeping an eye out for warning signs of heat exhaustion. I've worked in jungles and deserts over the course of the years, but even I'm finding myself hiding from the punishing sun if I can manage it. It gets a little frustrating, when life and interpretive opportunities are finally bursting around us again, we also have to contend with brutal temperatures, opportunistic mosquitos, and the crack of



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### Save the Date

NAI National Conference  
November 27-December 1, 2018  
New Orleans, LA

Sunny Southeast Regional Workshop  
April 2-5, 2019  
Montgomery Bell State Park  
Dickson, TN

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thunderstorms threatening to send our visitors scattering for cover just as we're ready to start a program.

It's also during these days that I rediscover how beautiful the night can be. (Hopefully) cooler breezes accompany the owls behind my house, and a friend texts me to look up at the Southern sky to find a particularly bright Mars making an appearance. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, July is otherwise known as the Full Buck Moon, as buck antlers grow to full size during this time. Other names include Kuyegwona (Ripe Corn Moon) for the Cherokee, Hiyucee (Little Harvest) for the Creek, Hash Watallak (Moon of the Crane) and Hash Luak Mosholi (Green Corn Festival) for the Choctaw, and - my personal favorite - Dayamcho Yachunne (Moon When Limbs of Trees Are Broken by Fruit) by the Zuni, who are definitely not of the Southeast but, come on, that's a great name.

Just as we're embracing the sun after winter, we quickly get to the point where the next step for many visitors is often to flee its brutal strength. Night hikes and star-gazer programs take their rightful place as the "cool kids on the block", but all of you dedicated outdoor interpreters know that-even faced with mud, bugs, sweat, and more bugs-bringing people into this vibrant world is worth the struggle. Most of the time. For the rest of us working indoors, let's toast the perennial need of controlled environments for some of our beloved heritage resources and pour one for the interpreter stuck in the mud right now. Also, maybe send them a cold drink and some bug spray.

--submitted by Marisol Asselta, regional director

### DO GOOD FOR YOUR REGION! RUN FOR OFFICE!

This is your chance to run for office and join the leadership team of the Sunny Southeast. This year, we will vote for the offices of Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, notify elections chair, Chris Smith, by August 15 via email, [christopher.smith@naturalsciences.org](mailto:christopher.smith@naturalsciences.org)!

Prerequisites: Candidates must be members of NAI in good standing. Candidates must maintain active membership throughout the election process and during their term of office, if elected. Candidates must state a willingness to sign the NAI Code of Ethics for Elected Officers.

--submitted by Chris Smith, Elections Chair

### SUNNY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL WORKSHOP SET FOR TN

Conference Dates: April 2-5, 2019  
Possible pre-conference workshops Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd  
Location: Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN

#### SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 2:  
Pre-conference sessions--day long and/or 2 day sessions possible

Tuesday Evening, April 2:  
Welcome to Tennessee and Montgomery Bell State Park

Wednesday, April 3: Concurrent sessions, silent auction, lunch with keynote, dinner with live auction

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Thursday, April 4:  
Field trips

Friday, April 5: Morning of concurrent sessions, final door prizes and send-off

#### TRAVEL

Lodging: On-site lodging with Inn rooms, cabins, and camping  
Nearest Airport: Nashville International Airport (BNA) is approximately an hour away

#### GOT SKILLS TO SHARE?

Concurrent Sessions: Got an idea or program you want to present?  
Plan to submit your proposal in September & stay tuned for more information!

Scholarships: Need help getting here? Stay tuned for that information, too!

#### GET INVOLVED

Help us add awesome ideas to the conference planning team.

If you would like to volunteer to help plan or present this annual event, contact [Laura.Franklin@tn.gov](mailto:Laura.Franklin@tn.gov)

### STATE BY COMMONWEALTH BY TERRITORY

#### GEORGIA

**Mitchell Young Anderson Museum** on 319 Oak Street in Thomasville, Georgia, is the historical product of what Reconstruction was intended to be throughout the south. People born as slaves, freed after the Civil War, learned new skills because of money brought to Thomasville by wealthy northerners and who, over time, became the first generation of the African American Middle Class. This money also rebuilt the town, making white citizens financially secure, thus lowering racial tensions that raged throughout the south.

In keeping with the interests of Jule Anderson, the last family member to own the house, the museum has established a movie theatre to show movies produced by African Americans which date to the early 20th century as well as films produced throughout the African Diaspora.

#### AUGUST FILMS

- Friday, August 10, and Saturday, August 11: What Happened, Miss Simone? Documentary on the life and career of Nina Simone
- Friday, August 17, and Saturday, August 18: I Am Not Your Negro Documentary on the career of James Baldwin
- Friday, August 24, and Saturday, August 25: The Last King of Scotland The rise and fall of the Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, starring Forest Whitaker

#### NORTH CAROLINA

##### **Southeastern Forests and Climate Change**

Monday, September 17, 9a-3:30p  
10 contact hours toward NCEE certification with online

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### **Baja Island Ecology Educator Program**

July 29- August 7, 2019

Connect with the nature of Baja California, Mexico, to energize your learning for the school year ahead and delve into resources to connect your students with the ocean. Both formal and informal educators are welcome.

Explore Bahia de los Angeles in the San Felipe Desert from both the water and land. Snorkel the turquoise waters, rich with sea life. Swim with whale sharks and sea lions in the Sea of Cortez. Discover the UNESCO designated World Heritage Site as a priority conservation area and its extraordinary diversity of marine life. Conservation is a key component of this trip and participants will be engaged with a conservation project in the field. Cost: \$1,995 + airfare to San Diego (Travel to San Diego not included). Required travel insurance not included. \$250 non-refundable deposit to hold a spot.

Contact Gail Lemiec at 910-772-0546 or [gail.lemiec@ncaquariums.com](mailto:gail.lemiec@ncaquariums.com) for questions.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Southern Piedmont Wildlife Coloring Book**

Each page of this new, FREE coloring book features an organism common in the Piedmont of the Carolinas and Georgia. A natural history profile is provided for each species. My students and I at USC Upstate created the coloring book as a fun way for young and old alike to learn about nature. There is also an associated Teacher's Guide available at the website. The Southern Piedmont Wildlife Coloring Book is available for FREE download from <https://www.uscupstate.edu/fieldguide> Submitted by Jonathan J. Storm, Ph.D. For more information, contact at 864-503-5753 or [jstorm@uscupstate.edu](mailto:jstorm@uscupstate.edu).

## **TRAININGS IN OUR REGION**

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### **Certified Interpretive Guide**

August 21-September 11

Charlotte, NC

Mahlon Adams Pavilion, Freedom Park

September 17-20

Birmingham, AL

Birmingham Zoo

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