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Happy New Year!

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About SVNP

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers is an informal group of more than one hundred talented advanced amateur and professional photographers from the western suburbs of Boston, brought together by their passion for capturing the beauty and power of nature through photography.

The group was established in 1995, and regularly exhibits its members' work throughout eastern Massachusetts and on the Internet.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Great Room in the Main House at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 10 Green Way, Wayland, Massachusetts.

Schedule of upcoming SVNP programs

February 10, 2011 Susan Majors – Recent Work from Macedonia and Albania Also, Tom Arnold will append a few minutes getting our feedback on his current project "Reflections of Acton."

March 10, 2011 Warren Bailey – Images of Yellowstone (rescheduled from Dec. 2010)

April and May – TBD

June 9, 2011 Mark Hopkins – Images of Ecuador and the Galapagos

If you have ideas for future programs, please contact Wayne Hall.

January Meeting Notes

We started 2011 with our Semi-annual "member images" night - "Patterns and Textures" and/or "Nature Indoors." Many members showed their images, and we had fun talking about them and oohing and aahing! Members who showed images were: Chris Rowan, Jon Ehrmann, Betsy Moyer, Tom Peterson, Sue Abrahamsen, Carol Walsh, Suzie MacKenzie, Don Sherman, and Marilyn Tromer - thanks one and all!

Announcements

Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers – Benefits of Membership

Now that we have migrated from our "paper plate" financing technique to a system of annual membership dues, your Steering Committee has agreed on the following list of benefits reserved for SVNP members:

SVNP members are entitled to the following:

- Exhibiting their work on SVNP's group website and/or having a link from the group website to their own personal photographic website
- Participating in SVNP group exhibits at no additional cost
- Having their personal photography exhibits publicized on SVNP's website and in our newsletter
- Having their other photography-related activities or accomplishments (e.g. teaching classes leading workshops, receiving awards) listed in the newsletter
- Being listed in, and receiving a copy of, SVNP's official membership directory
- Participating in SVNP field trips (charges may apply, depending on the details of the trip)
- Presenting images for discussion at semi-annual SVNP "member images nights"
- Taking advantage of any "members only" discounts, if available

Payment of annual member dues is NOT a requirement for being included in our Email distribution list and receiving the monthly SVNP newsletter (which is also available on the SVNP website).

Membership dues are used for a variety of expenses, including website hosting, guest speakers or special events, occasional equipment purchases (projection equipment, bulbs, etc.) and basic supplies such as name tag holders, copying, and other small items.

Have you paid your dues? Join the party!

Can you volunteer some time to help put together a recommendation for increasing our internet presence? If so, please contact Wayne Hall. 2-3 people would be ideal!

SVNP member Charles Lowell is conducting a series of classes at Concord-Carlisle High School, 500 Walden Street, Concord, sponsored by Adult and Community Education. "Photoshop for Beginners," 7 Tuesdays, March 1 - April 12, 7:00 to 9:00 PM CCHS PC Lab, \$119 Class #3096 For more information or to register for the class visit their web site at www.ace.colonial.net or call 978-318-1432.

A Few Notes from Hunt's:

Hello Everyone, I hope you all had a great new year! Please check out some of our upcoming workshops, classes and webinars. If you could pass this on to your camera club friends, meet-up groups and PPA members that would be great. Thanks, Gary

Webinars: Hunt's is now offering a unique online learning experience. Our webinars will be educational as well as inspiring. Each session will be taught by a very talented photographer and Hunt's employee Don Toothaker. Hunt's will be offering a fresh topic each month, followed by a newsletter recapping the webinar. A 12 month subscription is only \$99. Sign up online at www.huntsphotoandvideo.com or by phone 781.662.8822. For more information Call Don Toothaker at 781.662.8822 or email Don at dtoothaker@wbhunt.com.

Educational classes: Hunt's Photo & Video offers many educational opportunities at our Melrose location. Please check out our website www.huntsphotoandvideo.com for class schedules and dates. Speak to one of our sales associates to sign up or to get more information. Call 781.662.8822 to reserve a seat.

Macro Boot Camp: Hunt's Photo & Video will be sponsoring a Macro Boot Camp March 25-27, 2011 at the Courtyard Marriot in Woburn, MA. This is a very in depth workshop, for beginners to intermediate. The costs is \$149 for more information contact Mike Moats at 586.770.3992 or email him at mgmoats@yahoo.com or visit his website www.tinylandscapes.com to register for this seminar online.

Field trips

Carol Walsh is continuing to pursue the possibility of photographing raptors in late spring in the Western part of Ma. We've discovered another possible raptor venue so more details and date will follow. A winter trip to either Tower Hill or to Waltham (Lyman Estates) is forthcoming.

Exhibition space

Please feel free to change out the displays on the walls at Traditions at any meeting!

Exhibition space will be available in the Raytheon room of the Wayland library in 2011, in the months of February, March, July, August and November. January may possibly also be available. If anyone is interested in the space, contact George Brawerman (brawerman@verizon.net).

The foyer of the Wayland library will also be available for exhibits next year. There are openings for the months of June through September, plus November and December. If you are interested, contact George Brawerman (brawerman@verizon.net).

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Individual Member Exhibits

SVNP members - please notify Wayne Hall (<u>wah@waynehallphotography.com</u>) of your upcoming individual exhibits for posting on the SVNP website.

<u>Date</u> <u>Member</u> <u>Exhibit Location</u>

April, 2011 Betsy Moyer Wayland Library Foyer

April, 2011 Wayne Hall Wayland Library – Raytheon Room –

"Nature Underfoot"

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u> <u>Exhibit Location</u>

Ongoing Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA

Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

January, 2011 Framingham Public Library

Gateway Camera Club - Susan MacKenzie, Sue Abrahamsen, and

Joan Chasan

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