

SVNP NEWSLETTER, JANUARY, 2017

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2017 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order and introduced a guest, Mary Barrett, to the group. Wayne also announced the theme for the March Member Images Night - "The Nature of Islands".

In other business, Betsy Moyer recommended to the group's attention an exhibition of 59 prints now lining the halls at Newbury Court of work by residents (19) and staff (9) of the institution. SVNP members Gene Brockington, Betsy Moyer and Mark Hopkins are among the contributors to the show.

Terri Ackermann reported a possible scam attempt (please see Member News, below) associated with prints offered for sale through her website.

Though not discussed at the meeting, another item of note is a group show being planned for most of May at Nancy's Airfield Cafe in Stow, MA. Details are still being worked out, but Wayne expects to send a call for exhibitors to members around March 1. The dates may be found under the section, Group Exhibit, below.

Call for Programs

We currently have programs scheduled through May, 2017. Any suggestions you may have for programs - especially of a how-to nature - would be appreciated. Please call (978-443-9226) or email Wayne (wah@waynehallphotography.com) if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

Happy 21st Birthday, SVNP!

Last month we offered the second installment in Betsy Moyer's memoir of the group. This month we have the conclusion.

Things got a bit dicey at Traditions, and we moved in 2013 to Newbury Court, a retirement community in Concord, which, as part of its outreach commitment, welcomed the opportunity to host SVNP meetings. They provided us with the Community Room for our use

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on a regular basis, wall space for a permanent gallery, and reliable room setup service, and on bad-weather evenings the privilege to use their underground parking facilities. Of course this was a major physical relocation. We lost some members who found the drive too long. At the same time we gained many wonderful new members.

Through the years SVNP has maintained a relationship with the Sudbury Valley Trustees and with Riverfest, a yearly celebration organized by SuAsCo, a group dedicated to the preservation of the Sudbury, Concord, and Assabet Rivers. In 2008 we were awarded a River Steward Award for an exhibit we had presented at Traditions and for our continued support. And in 2015, under the leadership of Raj Das, we organized a traveling exhibit which went to the public libraries of many of the towns along the three rivers.

In 1999 Wayne set up and still maintains a web site that contains much information about SVNP, about future meetings, exhibits, newsletters, and shows several member images along with links to member web sites. The link to that site may be found at the bottom of each page of the newsletter. Wayne has taken over as chair of SVNP. We've had a newsletter ever since the beginning, with Hendrik Broekman now our current editor.

SVNP meetings now are held on the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Community Room of Newbury Court in Concord. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Betsy Moyer

The Evening's Presentation

Sue Abrahamsen started the evening with a brief presentation showing how to assemble books with the facilities provided by My Publisher (free download, available for PC or Mac). The software, which generally seems straightforward and simple to use, demonstrated a few quirks but it seems nothing a half-hour of dedicated use would not surmount. The overall task will seem familiar to anyone who has ever undertaken the task of putting together an album. The software makes placement on pages with or

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without accompanying text quite easy. This approach will come in super handy whenever more than one copy is desired. Sue had several books she has produced on hand to demonstrate the quality of the ensuing product.

Barbara Peskin followed with a presentation on the method she has developed for using Photoshop to produce a calendar package consisting of twelve monthly cards and an index. The inspiration for this process was Barbara's desire to produce small calendar pages that contained both an image and a thumbnail calendar that could be distributed as yearly packages. The approach is based on Photoshop's Layers abilities and, she admits, laborious to set up at first. However, once this effort is expended, subsequent years are much more easily dealt with. This presentation was accompanied by a handout, available [here](#).

Member Images

Stephen Gabeler showed images from a mid-December photo excursion on the Nobscot Scout Reservation in Sudbury. One, of lichen, is shown, right.

Hendrik Broekman showed several images of snow and ice taken in the New Year as well as one from the Nobscot excursion he shared with Gabe.

Sue Abrahamsen showed images of a covered bridge in Georgia, a backlit fruit casing and two of small birds, one of which showed a junco at a feeder - a developing behavior for the species.



Lichen; Stephen Gabeler, 2016

As usual, Bob Cooke had better than half a dozen prints on display in the hall outside the room.

Member News

On January 14, **Arlene Winkleman** took a nasty fall while touring a lighthouse in Rhode Island and has been hospitalized. You may send greetings to her at:

Rhode Island Hospital
2 Dudley Street
Providence, RI 02905

Joan Chasan will be presenting 2 images in a Gateway Camera Club group show at Morse Library in Natick. The show is to run January thru March.

Terri Ackermann writes, "A Michael Cox, aka Mikel Cox, emailed me from *mikelcoxinc@gmail.com* to order 5 large prints. He wanted them shipped to him in Budapest, using his preferred shipping company, Pavet Express Delivery Service.

"Pavet Express looks like a very legit shipping company, judging from their web site. And Mr. Cox sent me his credit card info, which was approved! On the other hand, his original inquiry came marked as spam and his grammar was not correct. But then again, he was very specific about the prints he wanted, how he learned about my web site from the Concord Journal, etc. He definitely had done his homework! So he was quite credible.

"A red flag was that he wanted to pay \$972 for shipping goods that only cost him \$750. (He paid me a total of over \$1700). I was especially suspicious that if I paid the shipping company, he would immediately cancel his order and I would be out \$972. The clincher came when the shipping company told me they could only accept cash or wire transfer. At that point, I immediately cancelled the order and refunded his credit card. (Was it actually his? or stolen?)"

February Preview

Raj writes, "My presentation will include nature (landscapes and wildlife) photographs from some of my favorite locations in and around the Boston, New England and surrounding regions. I will also show some nature-focused images from my course-work at the New England School of Photography."

Raj Das

A Call for Photographs from the Wayland Council on Aging

Favorite Spaces/Memorable Places

Celebrating Wayland Photographers Past & Present

Sunday, February 12, 2017

2:00 – 2:30 pm: Photo gallery opens for viewing

2:30 – 3:30: Noted Wayland Photographers with Jane Sciacca

3:30 – 4:00 pm: gallery viewing & refreshments

Large Hearing Room at the Wayland Town Building

Presented by the Wayland Historical Society and the Wayland Council on Aging (COA)

Is there a special place in town that you have a picture of or would like to photograph? Are you interested in finding out what it looked like 10, 20, 50 or 100 years ago? We are looking for residents to share their photos with us to be included in a special exhibit and presentation highlighting Wayland photographers past and present. Please join us on February 12 as we explore favorite spaces and memorable places in Wayland. We will be exhibiting residents' photos and sharing a selection of photos from the Wayland Historical Society's Collection. Jane Sciacca will present a special program on noted Wayland Photographers. Refreshments will be provided by Minette Harrington.

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If you have a photo that you would like to share, please email it to waylandphotos@gmail.com. You may also bring your original photo or a scanned copy to the COA. Original photos will be scanned and the original returned to you. All photos must be submitted by January 20, 2017.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

Feb 9, 2017	Raj Das - Favorite Area Locations for nature photography
March 9, 2017	Member Images night - The Nature of Islands
April 13, 2017	Ed McGuirk - Light, Simplification and Post Processing
May 11, 2017	Mark Hopkins - Walking the Thornveld

Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the following location:

Community Room
Newbury Court
80 Deaconess Road
Concord, MA

Directions may be found at the link immediately below

http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court.pdf

Lower Garage Parking

Although Newbury Court wants to extend hospitality to Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers to the greatest extent possible, there is concern that the Lower Garage is being opened unnecessarily for SVNPN members on our meeting nights. Because Newbury Court is always concerned about security, if no one is using the garage, Newbury Court would prefer to keep it closed. If, however, SVNPN members use it regularly or when the weather is bad — snow, rain, etc. — the garage can be opened at those times. Please let Betsy Moyer know (bmga@aol.com) your wishes. Newbury Court will be guided by the members' responses.

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group exhibits

Ongoing	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
May 3-28, 2017	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Rd, Stow, MA

Individual Member Exhibits

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

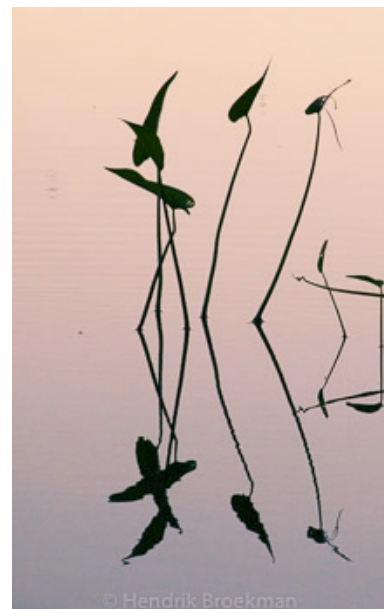
Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Ongoing	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (http://farnwr.org/gallery.html)
Jan 1-Mar 31	Terri Ackermann	Haute Coffee, 12 Walden St., Concord, MA
Jan 1-Mar 31	Joan Chasan	Morse Library, Natick, MA (Gateway Camera Club Show)

An Invitation from your Editor

As you may have noticed, these newsletters have displayed a tendency to get longer. If having a meatier monthly read is of interest to you then, please, I invite you to send anything you may wish to contribute to future newsletters (a précis of an upcoming presentation, photos, personal news, reviews, neat tricks you find worth sharing, etc.) to me at henkbroekman@gmail.com. Please include SVNP in the subject line.

I especially invite presenters and members sharing images to select and submit files for illustrative purposes. I expect it would be possible to accommodate two images for main presenters and one each for after-presentation sharing. Generally, expect to see half-column layout along the lines of this example. If you have photos you may wish to share, please submit jpg files sized no smaller than 320 px wide. Submission deadline will be 11:59 pm on the Monday following the meeting. Inclusion in any particular newsletter will be at my discretion based on newsletter length, distribution file weight, current workload, etc.

Hendrik Broekman



Im Abendrot; Hendrik Broekman, 2005