

SVNP NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY, 2020

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, MEETING

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting in March, 2020. Any suggestions you may have for programs – especially of a how-to nature – would be appreciated. Please email (wah@waynehallphotography.com) or call (978-443-9226) Wayne if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

Building on a suggestion from Terri Ackerman, the theme for our upcoming “member images night” on April 9 will be “Am I Blue?” – images in which the color blue plays an important role. Please, not too many photographs of blue-footed boobies in the Galapagos...(I wonder for whom that might be intended...) As usual, plan on up to five images for discussion (“as shot” and after-post-processing copies of an image count as one).

Please remember, 2020 marks the 25th anniversary of SVNP. There is an invitation open to any and all for suggesting activities that might appropriately help celebrate the occasion.

The Evening’s Presentation



Pretty Painted Bunting; photo, Sue Abrahamsen

In late-April of 2019 **Sue Abrahamsen** took advantage of two animal photography opportunities in the McAllen Texas area, which is very near the Mexican border close by the Gulf Coast.

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Sue started at Laguna Seca Ranch followed by a stint at Santa Clara Ranch (the web addresses are given below). Her visits took place April 21-29, 2019. While there, she saw 32 species of birds, 6 mammals, 2 reptiles. Most of the birds are native to the area. Sue turned the normal order of things on its head by starting the presentation with a quiz on the content of the slideshow to follow. According to Sue, the SVNP crowd did very well with mostly unfamiliar species.



Cardinal; photo, Sue Abrahamsen

Sue's experience shone through. Her images were first class, thanks in part to the attention given by the two facilities to the sight lines, lighting angles and backgrounds. The lively, engaged crowd attending was voluble in its appreciation afterward. Information on the two ranches devoted to photography that Sue visited may be found at the following sites:

<https://www.lagunasecaranch.com>

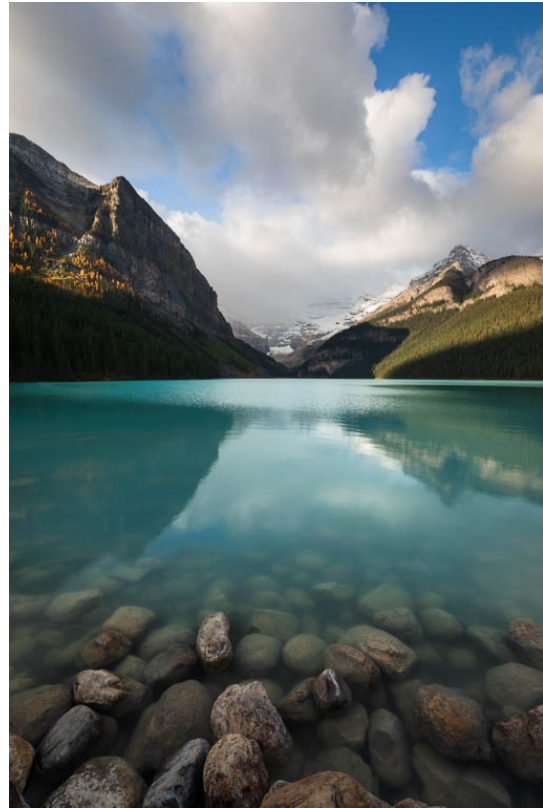
<https://www.santaclararanch.com>

Member Images

Terri Ackerman showed images of both local and foreign fauna. Some shots from from her stay in Malawi as well as pelicans seen on an earlier visit to the Galápagos Islands.

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Ed McGuirk offered several fine landscape images shot on his recent fall trip to the vicinity of Banff National Park of Canada. Many were convenient to the Icefields Road, which parallels the Bow River. There was a good deal of fall color provided not by what we would consider the usual suspects, but by ground-hugging willow as well as by larch, a conifer. Some color was of a grimmer nature - spruce trees fallen prey to the spruce borer. The last photo, which Ed calls Illusion of Wilderness was taken at the water's edge of Lake Louise, just excluding the throng of visitors all around the camera.



*Illusion of Wilderness;
photo, Ed McGuirk*



*Acadian Rivulet;
photo, Stephen Gabeler*

Hendrik Broekman showed some recent critter and landscape images none of which were taken more than a couple of miles from home.

Stephen Gabeler made good on the group of photos that he was thwarted from showing last meeting. They were taken last fall during his annual fall pilgrimage to Acadia NP.

As might be expected, the images were largely devoted to detail views that put great reliance on the viewer to find the resonant lines and shapes that Gabe finds so intriguing.

UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

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| Mar. 12 | 2019 Glennie International Salon Winners |
| Apr. 9 | Member Images Night - <i>Am I Blue?</i> |
| May. 14 | Special guest George Woodland - <i>Mongolia: Eagle Hunters and the Gobi Desert</i> |
| June 11 | Hendrik & Mai Broekman - <i>Westward to the Sea of Cortez</i> |
| July 9 | TBD |
| Aug. 13 | Pam Marshall & David Emerson - <i>Astrophotography at a PhotoPills workshop</i> |

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

Great Room, Newbury Court
100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA

Please Note Further - Updated directions to the Great Room and instructions for underground parking (to be available starting at 6:10pm on meeting evenings) may be found at the link immediately below.

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

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Jul 6~Sep. 14, 2020	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St, Concord, MA; <i>25th Anniversary Exhibition</i>
November, 2020	Wayland Public Library - Raytheon Room, 5 Concord Road, Wayland, 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)
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA <i>Neighborhood Flowers</i> , 5th floor, south bldg
Ongoing	David Emerson	The Gallery at 51 Walden, Concord, MA, <i>Canals of Venice</i>
February, 2020	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA; Main Gallery
February, 2020	Bob Cooke	Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason Street, Maynard, MA

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An Invitation from your Editor

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 or so 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 1200 px on the long side. 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



*Last of the Dragons;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*