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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

April 8, 2010 - Amitava Gangulee - "Ancient Bharat to Modern India - a personal view"



5000BC-10000BC painting in
Bhimpetka caves near
Bhopal, India



500 AD cave carving
in the Elephanta caves near
Mumbai, India

As you can see from these photos, Amitava's presentation will be most interesting! Come early and enjoy snacks and conversation at 6:30 pm.

April 29, 7-9 p.m. Paul Smith - "Digital Darkroom Techniques" **special presentation.** Contact Wayne, at 978-443-9226 (wah@waynehallphotography.com) to let him know if you can attend and how many guests you'll bring. Paul will cover **Basic Digital Workflow** for beginners and **New Adjustment Layers and Layer masks** for the intermediate level members. Traditions is also providing wine and cheese.

May 13, 2010 Bob Diefenbacher - High Dynamic Range (HDR) techniques

June 10, 2010 Mark Hopkins – “Making a Difference (with a camera) in Rural Honduras”

July 8, 2010 Chris Ridout - Images from South America

August 12, 2010 Semi-annual "member images night" - topic TBD

If you have suggestions for programs, please email Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) We welcome your input!

March Meeting Notes

Sue Abrahamsen hosted a forty-minute CD show of images compiled in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists (CAMNATS), featuring stunning nature photography by some of the area's top photographers, including Sue herself. The images, which were neatly divided into taxonomic groupings and carefully labeled with both Latin and common names, included something for everyone. There were birds, mammals, insects, landscapes, underwater creatures, and others presented at a fast-pace and accompanied by beautiful music. It was an interesting, informative, and inspirational program! (Thanks to Linda Crews for taking notes!)

Sue Abrahamsen originally said that copies of the CAMNATS 50th anniversary CD were available for purchase from the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC), but after reading the fine print concluded that this was not the case. If anyone really wants to see it, contact Sue and ask if you can borrow her copy briefly.

Announcements

If you haven't filled out the membership questionnaire, please do so soon and send it in. To date, we have had 35 replies. Thanks to all who have sent it in already!

Carol Walsh is considering coordinating a field trip in early April to Tower Hill botanical garden and greenhouse. <http://www.towerhillbg.org/thweborang.html> Date and details to be determined. If you are interested in going, please let Carol know by email - clesliewalsh@hotmail.com

Wayne reminded everyone that he is still looking for "Baby It's Cold Outside" images from our February meeting for our latest special website exhibit. His goal is to have the exhibit online by the end of the month. He also announced that member pages are now online for Susan MacKenzie and Mark Hopkins.

SVNP Exhibit Calendar		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
<i>SVNP Group Exhibits</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>	
Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA	
September, 2010	Raytheon Room, Wayland Library	
<i>Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating</i>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
March 2010	Linda Crews	Exhibit by New England Light Painters Wellesley College Visitor Center
April 1 on	Linda Crews	Juried exhibit at The Center for the Arts in Natick (TCAN), 14 Summer St (and several satellite locations), Natick, MA
March	Sue Abrahamsen	Assabet Valley Camera Club exhibit at Nancy's Air Field Café, Stow, MA
Through April 8	Sue Abrahamsen	Arts Alliance Annual Photography Exhibit Citizens Bank, 17 Pope St, Hudson, MA

Do you have an upcoming exhibit? Toot your horn and announce it in the newsletter! Send details to Wayne Hall or to Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) Feel free to cc details to Suzie for the newsletter as well: mackenzie45@gmail.com.

Wayne Hall highly recommended visiting this exhibit:

The National Heritage Museum on Route 2A in Lexington is currently featuring a stunning exhibit by Quang-Tuan Luong entitled "Treasured Lands – the 58 U. S. National Parks in Focus" until October 17, 2010. Luong is a modern-day Ansel Adams – mountain-climbing, wilderness trekking, kayaking, etc. schlepping a view camera and shooting often under rather extreme conditions. Unlike Adams, all of his work is in color. He has an advanced degree in artificial intelligence, but decided that he wanted to dedicate himself to photographing in every one of the National Parks, which apparently nobody has ever done before. The 58 prints in the exhibit are large (I'd estimate 20x30" or larger) and for the most part awe-inspiring. The captions tell the story of how he captured each image and are often nearly as impressive as the photographs themselves.

Link: <http://www.monh.org/Default.aspx?tabid=587>

The museum itself is worth a visit at any time – currently they're also showing a collection of photographs of historic art-deco movie theaters and a fascinating collection of intricate and quirky mechanical clocks (think cuckoo clocks on steroids...) built by a gentleman from the North Shore.

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