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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 14, 2011	"Tower Hill Field Trip" - SVNP members Sue Abrahamson, Linda Crews, Carol Walsh, Marilyn Tromer, Betsy Moyer, and Suzie MacKenzie will give a joint 45-minute presentation using the images from their recent field trip to Tower Hill in Boylston as the focal point. Other members are encouraged to bring floral or spring photos for the member images part of the program.
May 12, 2011	Don Sherman – Working with Downloader Pro - members are encouraged to bring a few images on a memory card (NOT on a thumb drive!) so they can learn first-hand about how Downloader Pro can work for them.
June 9, 2011	Mark Hopkins – Images of Ecuador and the Galapagos

July 14, 2011 Ed McGuirk – "Photographing New England's Fall Foliage"

August 11, 2011 Dorothy Long (a Traditions resident) – Bears in Alaska

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

### March Meeting Notes

Warren Bailey and his son, Kempton (a budding photographer!) gave us a wonderful show on Yellowstone National Park. They went from May 29th to June 6th last year, and mentioned that this time frame was excellent to see bison with new calves as well as other wildlife, as the park isn't too crowded then. We were treated to thermal uprisings, beautiful landscapes, birds, pronghorn sheep, bison with calves, fumaroles, bears, and wolves - what a wonderful program! Thanks, Warren and Kempton!

In the member images part of the program, Carol Walsh showed photos of foliage and raptors, Joan Chasan treated us with Florida photos, Don Sherman showed us Galapagos photos, Russ Kirby gave us images of the deer in his yard, Marilyn Tromer showed her powder puff photos, and Suzie MacKenzie showed flower photos.

# Announcements

Arlene Winkleman mentioned that The Boston Camera Club is having a reception at the Brookline Art Center on March 31st from 6:30 to 8:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# **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? Come join the party!

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>	Exhibit Location	
April, 2011	Betsy Moyer	Wayland Library Foyer - "Prints on Canvas"	
April, 2011	Wayne Hall	Wayland Library – Raytheon Room – "Nature Underfoot"	
SVNP Group Exhibits			
<u>Date</u>	Exhibit Location		
Ongoing	ngoing Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA		
Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating			
March, 2011	Gateway Camera Club	Wayland Library (Raytheon Room)	

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