

Notes on SVNP meeting March 14, 2013

Larry Warfield of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club was our guest speaker, on the subject of the Concord portion of the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. A large audience of SVNP members, fellow photographers, and Traditions residents enjoyed his presentation.

Larry is a project-oriented photographer, and a year in the life of Great Meadows, from January 1 to December 29, 2011, was one of his pet projects. He told us a great deal about its history and the efforts to preserve and conserve wildlife there. He started his presentation with images, many of them birds, taken at other locations, “just to get things going” and to give us a sample of his work.

Larry then showed a time-lapse video he had created at Great Meadows during which his camera was set, on a tripod, of course, to shoot an image every 30 seconds. This involved a day-long vigil and changing the memory card and the battery in his camera a number of times, hence the occasional camera shake. The result was a fascinating video showing the view from the observation tower at Great Meadows beginning just at the break of dawn till the sun was sinking in the west. He picked a day when the clouds would be interesting, but otherwise the sky was clear.

Larry is very familiar with the many nooks and crannies of Great Meadows, and shoots there in all kinds of weather. He presented a twenty-minute slide show, with music, of images taken of a variety of flora and fauna at Great Meadows in all seasons and a variety of weather conditions during 2011.

Larry uses the Nikon camera platform. His favorite lens is a professional quality 70 – 300 mm with vibration reduction. He uses other lenses as well: Tokina 12-24, Sigma 105, 500 mm/f4 lens, with some use of warming filters. Quite a lot of equipment to carry on the two-mile hike around the periphery of the ponds at Great Meadows.

Larry’s blog and numerous examples of his work from this project can be found at <http://www.greatmeadowsconcord.com/>.

Mark Hopkins and Vivienne Shein shared images with us after Larry's excellent presentation.

Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

April 11, 2013	Carol Walsh – wildlife images from Botswana
May 9, 2013	Don Sherman –mirrorless cameras: a primer, with the Sony NEX as an example
June 13, 2013	Sue Abrahamsen – Patagonia
July 11, 2013	Vivienne Shein – nature photography in the St. Augustine area
August 8, 2013	Semi-annual member images night (subject TBD)

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

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

Individual Member Exhibits

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Member</i></u>	<u><i>Exhibit Location</i></u>
March, 2013	Betsy Moyer	First Parish Church, Wayland Center
June 1-30, 2013	Mark Hopkins	Habitat Education Center, Mass. Audubon, Belmont, MA

SVNP Group Exhibits

Date

Exhibit Location

Ongoing Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA

November, 2013 Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library – “Images of Wayland’s Public Lands”, in conjunction with Wayland’s 375th anniversary celebration

Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

March, 2013 Assabet Valley Camera Club Nancy’s Air Field Café,
Boxborough Road, Stow, MA

REMINDER: Dues for 2013 remain at \$15 (\$20 per couple). Please make your check out to “Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers” and mail to Wayne Hall, 47 Indian Ridge Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (or bring it to our April meeting).

About SVNP

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers

is an informal group of more than fifty 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 meets every second Thursday evening at Traditions of Wayland at 7 p.m. SVNP regularly exhibits its members' work throughout eastern Massachusetts and on the Internet.

Please visit our web site at <http://svnp.homestead.com>

Contact information:

Wayne Hall, 978-443-9226, wah@waynehallphotography.com;
Betsy Moyer, 978-369-1261; bmga@aol.com.

