

SUDBURY VALLEY NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2014 MEETING

The time preceding the meeting was devoted to receiving and hanging prints in the Newbury Court Community Room. The Newbury Court administration and maintenance staff are to be commended for their effort to ease access to the walls. To the writer it seems that the walls provide a gracious surrounding for the prints. For those who may have yet to provide a print, Wayne added a caution that the nearly neutral dark gray of the wall color is something that must be accounted for in the framing.

Wayne Hall called the meeting to order and made announcements concerning the recently developed involvement with the River Stewardship Council. The first item of concern is the SVNP project to populate a traveling show with images of sites to be proposed by the RSC. Raj Das has graciously consented to serve as the SVNP project leader. We expect Raj to make an announcement of his intended process and schedule shortly.

The other RSC project that was discussed is a photo walk in conjunction with River Fest for which your humble editor is to be responsible. It has been set for the Wayland Cow Common (Rt. 27, north of Wayland Center) and is expected to take place Saturday June 21, starting at 6:15pm to end at sunset. Sunday June 22, same time & place is reserved as a rain date.

A short discussion of Wayne's list of member exhibitions ensued. Please find the updated SVNP exhibit calendar below these minutes. This closed the housekeeping portion.

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The main event of the meeting of March 13 was a presentation by John Slonina. John is a professional photographer specializing in nature photography who also leads hikes and expeditions, both local and much further afield. As this is being written he is in Alaska co-leading a group seeking to see and photograph the northern lights. His enjoyable program was full of tips for dealing with light, landscapes, wildlife and, the ultimate challenge, other photographers. His work may be accessed and he may be contacted through his website www.sphotography.com

The sole presenter of member images for the evening was Steven Gabeler, who presented a series of very interesting images, each blended from two captures. Steve mentioned specifically that the search for mutually complementary images was more extensive than the product would suggest. The hope that each image contributing to the final result would inform and be informed by the other seems to have been achieved. Most intriguing!

As a reminder, the next meeting will occur Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m., in the Community Room of Newbury Court, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord. For the evening's presentation, "An Interactive Play Date with Adobe Lightroom™", SVNP member Hendrik Broekman (yr. humble ed.) will help those attending collaboratively to edit contributed photographs using the many strengths of Lightroom software.

Hendrik Broekman

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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

Date	Member	Exhibit Location
April, 2014	Joan Chasan	Edwards Church, 39 Edwards St., Framingham, MA
July, 2014	Joan Chasan	Broadmoor Sanctuary (Mass. Audubon), Natick, MA
Current	Bob Cooke	Nancy's Air Field Café, Stow, MA
Current	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA
Current	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (http://farnwr.org/gallery.html)

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SVNP GROUP EXHIBITS

Date	Exhibit Location
Being installed now	Community Room at Newbury Court, Concord, MA
November, 2014	Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library - annual fall exhibit

Other Exhibits in which Current or Former SVNP Members are Participating

Through April 6 Steve Gabeler	Concord Art Association Members' Juried Show
Through May 16 Dave Mangels	Reasons to be Cheerful, West Concord, MA