

SVNP NEWSLETTER, MARCH, 2021

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11 MEETING

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as May, 2021. 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.

Member Images Night: Plan B

Realizing that many of us may have felt challenged by the constraints of the pandemic, members were invited to share and discuss images taken at alternative sites.

Stephen Gabeler showed images from as far afield as the Escalante National monument and Acadia National Park, along with some from nearby Mass. Audubon sanctuaries as well as some photos of backyard gardening activity.

Carol Walsh's pandemic photography project has been to practice using the camera built into her cellphone. She displayed photos taken around Deer Isle, Maine -- first several images of a sunset with striking lenticular clouds taken from various points on the island and then a few others involving the ever-present sea.

Wayne Hall opened with a photograph of an outhouse-shaped object in the Memorial Forest of Sudbury wrecked by a recent tree fall. Some images of turkeys followed with a video of turkeys engaging in dust bathing for the wrap-up.



Turkey; photo, Wayne Hall

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During the pandemic **Ed McGuirk** limited his photographic travels to within a day's drive from home. He had examples from Woodlawn Cemetery in Wellesley as well as Lynwood Cemetery in Weston. Several were from the shoulders of winter showing snow on old or new growth.

Sherry Fendell offered several snowscapes, most rendered in monochrome, some with stylized effects.

Sue Abrahamsen went shopping at Indian Head Farm in Berlin, Ma. and brought back a photo of a Prairie Warbler. She also showed several images taken at Assabet NWR. Like Ed, Sue had some pics taken at the time of the Oct 30, 2020 snow fall.

Anne Umphrey opened her set with a squirrel hanging off a feeder and segued to photos taken in Concord along the Assabet River as well as some blue hour photos from Mattison Field (also in Concord).

Barbara Peskin offered photos of birds from no further away than her back yard. She had the good fortune to have a Scarlet Tanager visit and was not only able to get it alone, but with a Northern Cardinal as well as with a Catbird.

For the photos shown this evening, **Hendrik Broekman** didn't leave home at all, but set up a mini studio consisting of a wingback chair and a bar stool, both draped with various pieces of cloth and utilizing foam core boards as light modifiers. He showed several still lifes of various natural life forms in imitation of 17th c. painting.

Member News

Word has arrived of the unexpected death of SVNP member Henry Weisenburger. Wayne has found a nice piece about Henry, including an interview from a few years ago, on the Boston Camera Club's website:

<https://www.bostoncameraclub.org/>

Notes of remembrance or condolence may be sent to:
Weisenburger Family
C/o Lisa Birkner
2036 NW 35th St.
Gainesville, FL 32605

Around the Web

An item that caught my eye in the Washington Post concerns some virtual art one can experience nearly anywhere using one's smartphone or tablet.

<https://tinyurl.com/3zb6kjkd>

Another from the Washington Post: some stunning nature photography from Michigan by Susan Tusa.

<https://tinyurl.com/dhbvnhhv>

April Preview

Terri Ackerman will present our April program. She writes, "My program, *The Younger Generation*, will be in 4 brief parts, with each part about 10 minutes long. The first will be devoted to young animals of New England in the wild. Next, I will show photos of baby animals at Drumlin Farm, then followed by young animals from the Southern Hemisphere. I will end with images of children and young people from around the world."

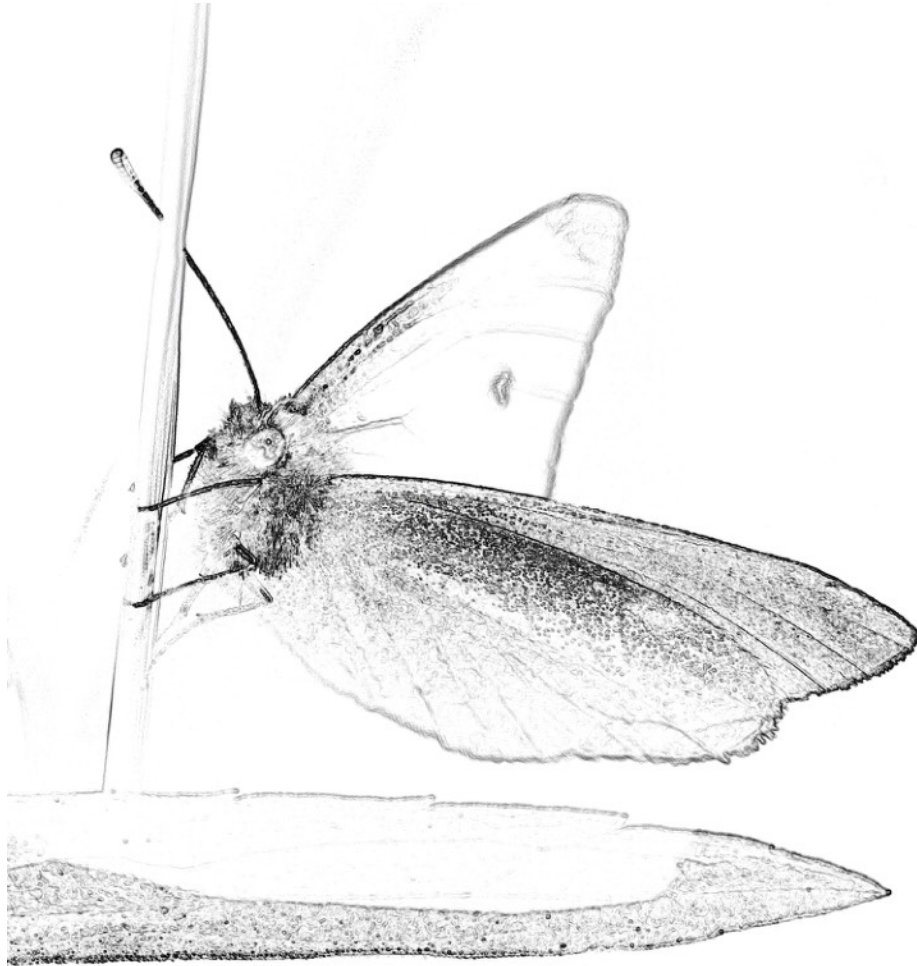
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UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

Apr 8

Terri Ackerman - *The Younger Generation*

Please Note - We expect meetings to be held electronically, via the web, until such time as the membership feels safe in engaging in face-to-face gatherings. Betsy cautions that Newbury Court will be likely to condition an individual's attendance on vaccination status, as well.



SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Postponed	Wayland Public Library - Raytheon Room, 5 Concord Road, Wayland, MA
Postponed	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St, Concord, MA; <i>25th Anniversary Exhibition</i>

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

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



*Seventh Inning Stretch;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*