

SVNP NEWSLETTER, MARCH/APRIL, 2023

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9 & APRIL 13 MEETINGS

Both the March and April meetings were given live at Newbury Court along with a Zoom component. The May presentation (Sherry Fendell) will also be presented live with remote attendance available.

It was mentioned last month that the Wayland Public Library is experiencing an unfortunate storage crunch which has turned the Raytheon Room into a mixed use role. Consequently, Wayne Hall announced a change in venue of the SVNP annual show, to take place in November of this year, to the Goodnow Library in Sudbury.

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as July, 2023. As usual, 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.

March Presentation: Anne Umphrey

Anne Umphrey traveled to Iceland in 2022 for three weeks, just before the autumn equinox. Three weeks is not enough to do the whole island comfortably, even with a private guide. Consequently, Anne was unable to reach the eastern provinces of the island nation. Her stay in Iceland seems to have been graced with more sunny weather than is typical. This afforded many photographic opportunities that inclined more to the cheerily, if sometimes bleakly, attractive than to Iceland's stock in trade - the moody . Anne attempted to show several videos as much for their aural as their visual impact. Unfortunately, the Zoom link did not cooperate and this had to be accomplished by other means in the subsequent meeting.

After offering primers on the fascinating language and history of the island, she moved on to the still-dynamic geology of the island. From this point on, Anne divided up her presentation by areas visited.

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Along with the magnificent landscape, Anne took care to record much of the flora and fauna she encountered. The flora tend small and hardy. Most of these are species that must be comfortable with high-latitude life on an island that does not possess reserves of ancient, rich soil. The two major land animals were both introduced: the Icelandic horse and sheep. The Arctic Fox is the only native land mammal. Sea mammals and sea birds offer much greater diversity. And, though the general population had left for the year, Anne lucked out, encountering a late-departing puffin.

Anne's presentation communicated her enthusiasm for the experience. Her ardor is also exemplified by her intention to return this coming summer to experience some of those areas for which there was not enough time to visit.

April Presentation

The scheduled program by Sherry Fendell could not be presented due to technical difficulties surrounding the inclusion of recorded audio. Sherry's program was rescheduled for May 9. We believe the difficulties are now overcome. The group filled in with member images.

Member Images - March 9

Barbara Peskin showed images of red-bellied woodpecker, nuthatch and bluejay

Steven Gabeler offered six image mash-ups. On a self-dare, Gabe decided to see if his sense of composition would not only survive combining two images, one as an overlay, but manifest some synergy, as well. Except for one, the images were chosen to contrast a natural form or texture with some example from the built environment.

Nicole Mordecai showed several images grouped in a theme of wild animals appearing before severely restricted backgrounds.

Karin McQuillan attempted to share remotely from Carmel, CA but an inopportune power failure managed to interfere with what beforehand must have seemed to be a foolproof scheme.

Member Images - April 13

Nicole Mordecai displayed images of a peacock (why not?), a heron rookery in Weston, ducks & swans, Osprey in Wellfleet

Barbara Peskin had a series of images of chickadees building a nest to offer

Phyllis Neufeld showed photographs of a heron swallowing an immense catfish as well as a Muscovy Duck spotted locally.

In her March presentation **Anne Umphrey** had included four videos that were intended to relay, through sound, her sensations of incessant strong wind that she encountered in Iceland. On that occasion the audio failed and this transmission, from a computer attending via Zoom, successfully completed the thought. Windy, indeed!

Jean Fain offered images of several birds of different species captured around the Sudbury Valley. Herons nesting seen from Feeley Field in Sudbury. Sandhill Crane seen at Meriam's Corner in Concord. Glossy Ibis at French Meadow of Nashawtuck

And, in the room at Newbury Court, **Bob Cooke** had prints on display.

May Preview

Sherry Fendell writes, "Greenland is an unspoiled wonderland of sea ice and icebergs that glow electric blue and turquoise, frozen peaks uncovered by drifting fog and imposing glaciers, all of which took my breath away.

"I look forward to sharing what I saw on the 12-day voyage aboard a small expedition ship..."

Member News

Barbara Peskin writes, "My exhibit at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord is May 2 through June 26. There will be an Open House on May 21 from 3pm - 5pm.

"I will have an exhibit in October at the Lincoln Library."

Around the Web

Upcoming SVNP Programs

May 11	Sherry Fendell	<i>Exploring Greenland</i>
June 8	Hendrik Broekman	<i>Westward to Baja</i>
July 13	Member Images	<i>Subject TBA</i>

Please Note – All meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, either via Zoom or at our location (or both):

Great Room, Newbury Court
100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA

The decision to hold in-person meetings will be made on a month-to-month basis and communicated approximately a week before the meeting.

Updated directions to the Great Room and instructions for underground parking (to be available starting at 6:10pm on meeting evenings) may be found at the link immediately below.

http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court_Great_Room.pdf



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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

November, 2023 Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Road, Sudbury,
MA

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)
May&June	Barbara Peskin	Trinity Episcopal Church, Concord, MA



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 SVNPNP 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



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