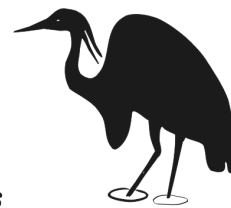


# SVNP NEWS



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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

- 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.

## April Meeting Notes

SVNP members Sue Abrahamson, Linda Crews, Marilyn Tromer, Betsy Moyer, and Suzie MacKenzie gave a joint 45-minute presentation using the images from their recent field trip to Tower Hill in Boylston as the focal point. Carol Walsh, also on the field trip, will hopefully show her images at the next meeting. All of the images were spectacular and very creative - it was interesting to see how different photographers dealt with some of the same subjects, too!

During the member images part of the program, Steve Gabler showed images of petroglyphs, lichens, and rocks in the Mojave desert. Chris Day showed us images from Mount Auburn Cemetery, including images of bald cypress knees. Marilyn Tromer showed pictures from Peru. All were really wonderful to see!

## Announcements

**Upcoming Lecture, Sponsored by Boston Camera Club and Canon (from Arlene Winkleman)** The Boston Camera Club, Newton Camera Club, and Canon are presenting a lecture by Canon "Explorer of Light" nature photographer Adam Jones on May 10 at the Brookline Public Library, 361 Washington Street, Brookline. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available at 6:00, with the lecture beginning at 6:30. For more information, see the Boston Camera Club website at [http://www.bostoncameraclub.org/site/component/option,com\\_events/task,view\\_detail/ag\\_id,201/year,2011/month,05/day,10/Itemid,49/](http://www.bostoncameraclub.org/site/component/option,com_events/task,view_detail/ag_id,201/year,2011/month,05/day,10/Itemid,49/).

### **Discovering your Vision - A Workshop for Outdoor Photographers.**

From its ponds, streams and meadows to its churches, malls and historic buildings, Acton provides a rich and varied landscape to excite and challenge the outdoor photographer. Participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to explore these natural and man made subjects while working with Acton resident and professional photographer, Tom Arnold. The emphasis of this course is on developing each photographer's unique vision and producing strong personal statements.

Students will attend four weekend field trips to different sites in Acton and four Friday evening sessions to review and critique their work.

This workshop is for advanced beginner to intermediate photographers who are familiar with how their cameras work and with basic concepts of composition and lighting.

Digital cameras only. Please, no smart phones.

Fee: \$186 Minimum/Maximum Number in Class: 6/10

Register for this workshop (#232) by mailing a check (payable to Town of Acton) to the Acton Recreation Department, 472 Main St., Acton MA 01720 or by registering online

at: [www.acton-ma.gov/register](http://www.acton-ma.gov/register).

Friday, May 6 - Organizational meeting - location will be emailed to registrants

Saturday May 7 - Outdoor Photo Shoot

Friday, May 13 - Critique

Saturday May 14 - Outdoor Photo Shoot

Friday, May 20 - Critique

Saturday May 21 -Outdoor Photo Shoot

Friday, June 3 - Critique

Saturday June 4 -Outdoor Photo Shoot

Friday, June 10 -Critique

**The town of Wayland** is celebrating its 375th anniversary in 2013, and we've been invited to participate. It was decided to orient our Fall exhibit that year around a Wayland theme - perhaps Conservation lands and other nature-oriented areas or items. Suggestions welcome.

Linda Crews reminded folks about the Acton Annual Competition. Here is a link to a map of the area, if you are interested in taking photos for this year's competition:

<http://www.actontrails.org/CasM.htm>

Photos taken from April to October 2011 are allowed, and the deadline for submissions is some time in November.

### **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 SVNPN newsletter (which is also available on the SVNPN 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!

## SVNPN Exhibit Calendar

### *Individual Member Exhibits*

SVNPN members - please notify Wayne Hall ([wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto:wah@waynehallphotography.com)) of your upcoming individual exhibits for posting on the SVNPN website.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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### *SVNPN Group Exhibits*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA
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### *Other Exhibits in which SVNPN Members are Participating*

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