

# SVNP NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2015

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2015 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order by announcing upcoming programs: Paul Smith in June concerning favorite Florida birding locations and, in July, Bob Cooke and Sue Abrahamsen in separate presentations dealing with the Southern Hemisphere. A joint program stemming from the just-completed sis-member Zion trip is tentatively set for September. There were announcements of exhibit activity. Please see the exhibit section of the newsletter. Carol Walsh announced that ten members have signed up for exhibit in Auburndale and that information will go out shortly. In further news, Betsy has turned over the task of maintaining the email list to Joan Chasan

The May program will be given by Katherine O'Hara on the subject, Norway in Winter: Landscapes and Northern Lights. An updated program schedule (through September) appears later in this newsletter. Katherine writes, "I went to Norway seeking the aurora borealis, but surprised myself by falling in love with the bleak coastline and extraordinary light during the long magic hours of the Norwegian winter, all of which I hope to share during my presentation."

## **Important to Note: Repeated from last issue**

Betsy Moyer has decided to officially step down from her long-time leadership role with SVNP, but will continue as our liaison with Newbury Court. So, we need to look for someone new to send out meeting reminders, take care of certain correspondence, help with newspaper and electronic publicity (e.g. write articles for the Concord and Lincoln Journals, post event announcements on the Internet), occasionally run the monthly meeting in Wayne's absence, etc. Please contact Wayne if you're willing to help out.

## **Newbury Court Display Space**

There is yet more space available on the walls of the Community Room, our present gallery space. For those who have not yet visited Newbury Court, Wayne has placed two images of a portion of the space up on the SVNP website (click on Upcoming Programs). The project to produce a self-guiding tour of the display to be available in a wall pocket outside the Community Room goes on. Should you have any suggestions or questions, please get in touch with Betsy (978-369-1261 or [bmga@aol.com](mailto:bmga@aol.com)).

### **The Evening's Presentation, March 12, 2015**

#### **Terri Ackerman: Southeast Asia**

The evening's presentation was given by Terri Ackerman and featured images taken on a recent trip in Southeast Asia. Thanks to our recent mild winter, Terri was obliged to join her tour a bit later than planned and started her photography in Angkor Wat, a World Heritage site and the largest religious complex in the world. Despite the fact that the site is justly popular and heavily visited, Terri was able to show many fine details without intrusion. The banyan trees girdling the temples provoked some discussion. After a ride in a buffalo cart, there was a visit to a floating village, which featured some particularly fine candid people shots.

The trip continued to Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh City (aka Saigon). The opening image of commuters on motorbikes lined up many abreast and many more ranks deep was arresting. After a few images devoted to memorabilia of the French colonial past and the Vietnam War, the focus moved to current activities in the country.

Moving north to the area around Da Nang, Terri visited Hoi On, a relatively small community that is experimenting with organic farming. From there, Terri's group moved on to Hue, an old residence of the Emperor. Many of the ensuing images of interiors bore witness of the sort of visual excess common to Royals of the region. The exteriors looked just a bit shopworn, perhaps

understandably so. Terri chose to finish the presentation with Hue, leaving images from the Hanoi area and India for a date TBD. It struck this writer as a very interesting evening with many fine images, especially of candid shots of people.

### **Member Images**

Sue Abrahamsen showed before and after pairs for five wildlife shots taken recently in Florida. The last two pair (the first a group of Whistling Ducks in flight and the second an American Alligator swimming directly for the camera with its mouth full) caused much comment.

Hendrik Broekman showed five before and after pairs shot on walks in March. Just about as much snow, ice and weather from this year as any reasonable New Englander might wish to forget, all in five images.

Gabe Gabeler offered three images taken around the state after leaf-off: a detail from Shelburne Falls, a shot from Mt. Greylock in homage to the Hudson River School and one from Gabe's very own front porch.

Anne Umphrey showed photos taken in Gowing's Swamp in Concord, the choice of which was suggested by the loose affiliation of SVNP and SVT.

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

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| May 14, 2015   | Katherine O'Hara - "Norway in Winter: Landscapes and Northern Lights"  |
| June 11, 2015  | Paul Smith - "Florida Bird Photography Hot Spots"  |
| July 9, 2015   | Bob Cooke, former Boston Globe science reporter - "The South Pole and Antarctica - 1983" and Sue Abrahamsen - "Images of the Amazon" |
| Aug. 13, 2015  | Semi-annual "member images" night (tent.)  |
| Sept. 10, 2015 | Utah - joint presentation by participants in the recent SVNPN trip (tent.)   |

## SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

### **Group exhibits**

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| Ongoing         | Newbury Court - Community Room, 80<br>Deaconess Road, Concord, MA<br>rotating exhibit  |
| May 3 – July 25 | Art in Nature - Betty Meyer Gallery, United<br>Parish of Auburndale, 64 Hancock St.,<br>Auburndale (Newton), MA<br>Opening reception Sunday May 3, 2:00-3:00 |
| November 1-30   | Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library,<br>Wayland, MA - a collaborative effort with the<br>Sudbury Valley Trustees   |

### **Traveling Exhibit sponsored by the River Stewardship Council**

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| Aug. 2015        | Sudbury, Goodnow Library  |
| Oct. - Dec. 2015 | Carlisle, Gleason Library |

### Individual Member Exhibits

SVNP members - please notify Wayne Hall ([wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto: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 ( <a href="http://farnwr.org/gallery.html">http://farnwr.org/gallery.html</a> )
Current	Terri Ackerman	New England Olive Oil Company, 191 Sudbury Rd., Concord, MA
Until Apr. 30	Joan Chasan	Morse Institute Library, Natick, MA (Gateway Camera Club)
Current	George Brawerman	Online exhibit in the Archives of the Pelican Cove, FL Photo Club website <a href="http://pelicancovephotographyclub.zenfolio.com/p912264185">http://pelicancovephotographyclub.zenfolio.com/p912264185</a>
April	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA
Apr. 6 – May 11	Terri Ackerman, others	“The Nature of Imagination”, First Parish Church, Concord, MA
Apr. 8 – May 3	Wayne Hall	“Local Waters” - Nancy’s Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Rd., Stow, MA
Apr. 17 – June 5	Terri Ackerman	Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street, West Concord, MA

July 17- Aug. 28 Joan Chasan

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Concord, MA

### **An Invitation from your Editor**

As you may have noticed, these newsletters have displayed a tendency to get longer. 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 (photos, personal news, reviews, neat tricks you find worth sharing, etc.) to me at [henkbroekman@gmail.com](mailto: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 we could accommodate 2 images 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 to no more than 300 px long side, 180 px resolution. Inclusion in any particular newsletter will be at my discretion based on newsletter length, distribution file weight, current workload, etc.



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