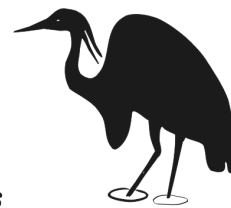


SVNP NEWS



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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

- June 9, 2011 Mark Hopkins – Images of Ecuador and the Galapagos
(Doreen O'Connor will provide drinks, Betsy and Joan cookies)
- 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.

May Meeting Notes

Don Sherman presented an excellent program on the workings of Downloader Pro. After giving an overview of how the program can help download, name, and organize files, he then showed us step-by-step how to make it work. Downloading to more than one drive at a time and batch renaming are two of the benefits of using the program. Downloader Pro costs \$30, and it can be used as a free trial for 30 days. In addition, if you email Don (dssdmd@aol.com), he will email you the .pdf instructions. Joan Chasan and Arthur Ferguson brought memory cards so that Don could demonstrate how easily files could be dealt with. Don showed some exquisite views of Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in Hunan Province of China which he visited recently. (Note: Lots of information and many photos can be found on the web. Don may show us more of his photos at a later meeting.)

Don also spent some time sharing with us some do's and don'ts about memory cards, which are summarized here. When the light on your camera is blinking, that means the camera and the memory card are busy. DO NOT do anything until the light stops blinking! Once it has stopped, you can:

- Download images to your computer
- Remove the memory card
- Rename an image
- Shut off the camera.

Be sure to replace batteries often, since the camera can run out of battery power and shut down automatically just while you are in the middle of a procedure. This can destroy what is on the memory card. Be particularly careful in processes that may take some time, such as downloading images to a computer.

1. Never switch memory cards with the camera on.
2. Never use your computer to reformat a memory card or delete images in the camera, even though it's quicker and about 98% of the time is safe. It's the 2% that might get you.
3. Don't let the memory card get too full, since that may make it impossible to download the images.
4. Be sure to format the memory card in the SAME camera in which you will shoot images. If you use a memory card in a different camera, delete the images you've transferred to your computer by using the old camera, then reformat the card in the new camera.

Thanks, Don, for a very instructive evening! Joan Chasan provided the refreshments.

During the member images part of the program, Joan Chasan shared photos of red tail hawks feeding their young. For those who want to see them, they are on Alewife Brook Parkway across from Whole Foods, on top of the tall building to the right of Trader Joe's.

(Yours truly tried to see them on Saturday, but the adults were off foraging, and the babies were out of view - darn!)

Announcements

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 SVNPN members:

SVNPN members are entitled to the following:

- Exhibiting their work on SVNPN's group website and/or having a link from the group website to their own personal photographic website
- Participating in SVNPN group exhibits at no additional cost
- Having their personal photography exhibits publicized on SVNPN'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, SVNPN's official membership directory
- Participating in SVNPN field trips (charges may apply, depending on the details of the trip)
- Presenting images for discussion at semi-annual SVNPN “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!

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Individual Member Exhibits

SVNP members - please notify Wayne Hall (wah@waynehallphotography.com) of your upcoming individual exhibits for posting on the SVNP website.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Exhibit Location</u> |
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SVNP Group Exhibits

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Exhibit Location</u> |
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| Ongoing | Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA |
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| Sept., 2011 | Wayland Library (Raytheon Room), Wayland, MA |
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Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

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