

Notes on SVNPN meeting
May 9, 2013
Web site: <http://svnp.homestead.com>

Announcements:

We welcomed first timer Peter Engel.

Wayland 375:

Betsy passed out 11x17 maps of Wayland showing conservation areas and a sheet listing conservation locations, giving access and parking information. If anyone would like copies, please contact Betsy ((978-369-1261 or bmga@aol.com) and she will mail them to you, or you may pick up this information at the Wayland Conservation Commission office in the Wayland Town Building. (The driveway to the building is across from the Unitarian Church on Route 27/126, aka Cochituate Road.)

Anyone wishing to contribute images to the SVNPN page on the Wayland375.com web site exhibit, please email them to Betsy (bmga@aol.com) for forwarding to the web master, Nancy Boyle (nancy@millbrookcreative.com). Or, you may send them direct to Nancy. Our page is listed under "Community Groups" on the web site home page.

Field trip:

One of the favorite areas to photograph in Wayland is Heard's Pond, on Pelham Island Road, which runs west from Wayland Center, behind Whole Foods, to Sudbury. Julia Leney and Betsy are proposing two dates to meet at the pond, both at 2:30 p.m., when Julia says the light is very nice and the view quite lovely.

Saturday, June 1, if it's a good day, and **Saturday, June 8**, as a backup date. Directions: Take Pelham Island Road, west from Wayland Center, across the Sudbury River, to the pond on your left. We will meet on the right side of the road at a sign reading "Welcome National Wildlife Refuge." There are a few parking places there. More parking along the road. Join us if you care to. If it's raining hard on June 1, we'll wait till June 8.

Facebook:

Jon has set up a Facebook page for SVNPN members. Send him a note (jehrmann@aol.com) asking to connect, and he will set up your access.

.pdf files:

If you want to view the meeting notes as a .pdf file, please visit our web site at <http://svnp.homestead.com>

Newsletter editor:

We are still looking for a newsletter editor. Please get in touch with Wayne or Betsy if you are willing to make this important monthly contribution to SVNPN.

REMINDER: Dues for 2013 remain at \$15 (\$20 per couple). Please make your check out to "Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers" and mail to Wayne Hall, 47 Indian Ridge Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (or bring it to our next meeting).

Upcoming Programs

Program for June 13:

Sue Abrahamsen will show images of her trip to Argentina, Patagonia, Chile, Cape Horn, and including a visit to the Iguassu Falls in Brazil. (Check it out on YouTube. Really spectacular!)

July 11: Vivienne Shein --- Nature Photography in the St. Augustine area
August 8: Semi-annual member images night (subject tbd)

SVNPN Exhibit Calendar

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

Individual Member Exhibits

<i>Date</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Exhibit Location</i>
May 5 thru June	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court, Concord, South & North Galleries
June 1-30, 2013	Mark Hopkins	Habitat Education Center, Mass. Audubon, Belmont, MA
July 2013	Murray and Trudy Drobnis	Lincoln Public Library

SVNP Group Exhibits

<i>Date</i>	<i>Exhibit Location</i>
Ongoing	Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA
November, 2013	Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library – “Images of Wayland’s Public Lands”, in conjunction with Wayland’s 375 th anniversary celebration

Tonight’s program:

Don Sherman gave a detailed and thoroughly researched presentation entitled, “Mirrorless Cameras: A Primer, with the Sony NEX as an example.”

Some highlights of Don’s presentation:

- Your old lenses can be adapted to fit on the new mirrorless cameras. There is a premium now on secondhand professional quality lenses. It pays in the long run to get the best quality lenses. Sigma is moving into making fine lenses for mirrorless cameras.
- Advantages to mirrorless cameras: Electronic viewfinder. Very sharp images. Camera very light. Don used to carry 45 pounds of camera equipment; the Sony NEX is a relief.
- Disadvantages: Not good for photographing sports or birds, since the focus speed is not good. Fairly expensive, but the price coming down.
- In judging camera quality, the number of megapixels is misleading. The number of pixels is not as important as the quality of the pixels.
- Don talked a lot about sensor size and quality, important factors in the overall quality of a camera. His Sony NEX has a sensor about the size of a half-frame. (By comparison, point and shoot cameras have a much smaller sensor.)
- Adobe is discontinuing sale of Photoshop. In the future one will have to subscribe to it for a monthly fee. Don talked about the advantages of Light Room. Photoshop was not created for photographers, Don said. It is a toolbox for businesses.

Member images: Sue Abrahamson showed images of emerging young leaves. Katharine O’Hara showed images of the Northern Lights taken on a recent trip to the Arctic Circle.