

SVNP NEWSLETTER, MAY, 2019

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE MAY 9 MEETING

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting in July of this year. 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.

The Evening's Presentation

Mark Hopkins presented *Where the Amazon Begins*, an illustrated visit to the forests of Peru's Amazonia. This area, though degraded, remains one of the most pristine, wildlife-rich places left on the planet. The number of species that call the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve home is astounding. Between fish and birds alone, over five hundred species exist in this New Jersey-sized area. Yet, this 8,000 sq. mi. plot of land hosts nearly a third of the species to be found in Amazonia, which covers over 2 million sq. mi. Mark showed a generous number of the better-known mammals to be encountered there, but still well less than half. One source (go2peru.com) gives this species count: 449 bird species, 102 mammals, 69 reptiles, 58 amphibians, 256 fish and 1,204 plants.

As paying volunteers on a 2006 Earthwatch trip, Mark's group assisted biologists working in the area to assess the health of the forest and rivers, and to work to help the indigenous people devise ways to sustain an equilibrium that will keep the forests healthy for generations to come. Mark showed images of many of the region's monkeys and other terrestrial mammals, caiman, macaws, manatees and fish, as well as its fascinating and unique pink fresh-water dolphins. The ecosystem still has not entirely recovered from the rubber boom of a century ago, but there is hope. Mark showed some of the significant success that teamwork between scientists and local people has achieved in helping bring this unique region and its many rare species back to health."

Some further information can be found at:

<http://svnp.homestead.com>

https://www.go2peru.com/peru_guide/iqitos/pacaya_samiria.htm

<https://www.theonlyperuguide.com/peru-guide/amazon-jungle-peru/iqitos-pacaya-samiria-national-reserve/>

Member Images

Anne Umphrey caught up with some images from winter. After a Carolina Wren, Anne displayed pictures of some astounding ice formations in Concord.

Ed McGuirk showed several wonderful photos of spring colors including some taken at Crystal Cascade in Pinkham Notch, NH

Hendrik Broekman presented a first installment of his 2019 Critter Report.

Member News

Mark Hopkins writes, "Here's an item that might interest some SVNP member. My Epson R3000 photo printer (prints 13 x 19) just failed and I've replaced it with a newer model. It looks as though it needs a new print head, which will probably cost a couple of hundred bucks, I'd guess. However as luck would have it, I had just bought a set of replacement inks that are still in the boxes. That's in addition to the ink that's already in the printer. I paid \$32 apiece for the new inks, which adds up to about \$275 including tax. (The inks are Epson 157.) So if somebody's willing to make me a fair offer for the inks, they've got 'em. Say, maybe, \$150? And if they want, I'll throw in the printer for free. If somebody's willing to invest a couple of hundred to fix it, they've got an \$850 printer. Anybody interested?"

We received a link from Nicole Mordecai to a gallery of images from her recent "Reflections" exhibit at the Weston Public Library. It's absolutely fascinating and brilliant work.

[Images from Nicole's show](#)

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Around the Web

From the electronic edition of The Atlantic Magazine comes this: *Winners of the 2019 BigPicture Natural World Photography Competition*. This is worth a peek and, if you like what you see, you can follow links directly to the competition and see more. <https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2019/05/winners-2019-bigpicture-natural-world-photography-competition/588796/>

June Preview

Susanna Kamon will present a program titled *Using Trailcams to Discover The Prevalence and Behavior of Wildlife In Our New England Woods*. She writes this about her presentation, “We all have a rough idea of what kind of wildlife we might find in the woods of New England. But how prevalent is each of those species? What kinds of things do they do? What noises do they make? How do they react to each others' presence?

“If you can figure out where to hang them, trailcams can be an exciting way to begin to answer some of those questions. While image quality and composition may not rival what you could achieve in person with a dslr camera (disclaimer!), being able to observe animals while they are (mostly) alone in their environment offers a new kind of lens to understanding them.”

Upcoming SVNPN Programs

- June 13, 2019 Susanna Kamon - *Using Trailcams to Discover The Prevalence and Behavior of Wildlife In Our New England Woods*
- July, August, 2019 TBD
- Sept. 12, 2019 John Slonina (guest speaker) - *Unleash Your Landscape Photography*
- Oct. 10, 2019 Doris and Anthony Monteiro - topic TBD

Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the following location:

Community Room, Newbury Court
80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA

Directions may be found at the link immediately below

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

Lower Garage Parking

Although Newbury Court wants to extend hospitality to Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers to the greatest extent possible, there is concern that the Lower Garage is being opened unnecessarily for SVNPN members on our meeting nights. Because Newbury Court is always concerned about security, if no one is using the garage, Newbury Court would prefer to keep it closed. If, however, SVNPN members use it regularly or when the weather is bad — snow, rain, etc. — the garage can be opened at those times. Please let Betsy Moyer know (bmga@aol.com) your wishes. Newbury Court will be guided by the members' responses.

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing Newbury Court - Community Room,
80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA
rotating exhibit

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)
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA Neighborhood Flowers, 5th floor, south bldg
Ongoing	Mark Hopkins, Betsy Moyer, Bruce Langmuir, Charles Lowell, Gene Brockington	Resident and Staff Exhibit, Newbury Court Senior Living, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA (use South entrance)

Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Apr 29-Jul 1	Terri Ackerman	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord, MA - <i>Reception May 5, 3-5pm</i>
May 18-Jun 2	Nicole Mordecai Terri Ackerman	<i>Object and Image</i> Photographers and Metalworkers Guild Show, LexArts, 130 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA - <i>Reception May 19, 2-4pm</i>
June 5-30	Anne Umphrey	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Road, Stow, MA
July 3-28	Wayne Hall	<i>Time for Reflection</i> Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Road, Stow, 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 SVNP 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 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



*Barred Owl;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*