

SVNP NEWSLETTER, MAY, 2023

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE MAY 11 MEETING

The June meeting (Hendrik Broekman) will be presented solely on the Zoom platform.

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as August, 2023. As usual, 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.

May Presentation: Greenland

Last summer (2022), **Sherry Fendell** joined a 12-day voyage aboard a small expedition ship operated by Quark Expeditions. Sherry had promised, “an unspoiled wonderland of sea ice and icebergs that glow electric blue and turquoise, frozen peaks uncovered by drifting fog and imposing glaciers...” and that it would be breathtaking. In these assertions she told no lie! Looking at the many moody images on display that Sherry said “practically took themselves,” one quickly became a connoisseur of fantastic ice shapes and romantic mountain vistas *à la* Ferdinand David or the Hudson River School. But Sherry did not neglect the inhabitants and had some wonderfully accomplished portraits to share. Later on in the trip, folks were able to helicopter (!) to the Greenland Ice Sheet and to the [Ilulissat ice fjord](#), the source of the berg that doomed the *Titanic*. Sherry accompanied this set of photographs with a reading from *Sinkable* by Daniel Stone, an account of *Titanic*’s post-iceberg history as a cultural touchstone.

The deft and concise narrative that Sherry had prepared was meant to be spelled by a music track, one that unfortunately refused to play nice with Zoom. It was regrettable that the technology did not cooperate and made it not possible to experience the presentation as Sherry envisioned it. At least for me, the periods of silence ended up enhancing the stark beauty of the images, all well taken. One suspects that images so consistently engrossing have at least as much to do with the photographer behind the camera as with any

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consistently photogenic environment. A highly enjoyable presentation!

Member Images

Wayne Hall showed several recent (end-march, 2023) images of a nuthatch nesting in a tree in his yard. The last pair was a before-and-after demonstration of removing distracting material from the image.

And, in the room at Newbury Court, **Bob Cooke** had prints on display. Those of us on Zoom were left to wonder.

June Preview: Hendrik Broekman

In January of this year, my wife and I were finally privileged to join a cruise on M/V Westward along the southern portion of the east coast of the Baja Peninsula facing the Sea of Cortez. This trip had been originally scheduled for March of 2020 but world events intervened. This lightly populated area enjoys a largely un-degraded biodiversity and we were able to experience a wide variety of the flora and fauna on offer. Sightings include Blue and Gray Whales, porpoises, sea lions, Brown Boobies, Magnificent Frigate Birds, osprey, and more cactus, gulls and pelicans than you can shake a stick at. The landscape isn't half bad, either.

July Preview: Member Images Night

Wayne Hall writes: "Our next more-or-less-semiannual Member Images Night is scheduled for July 13. The theme will be *Trees*, which was suggested by a couple of our members. If you can put together a series of images that tell a story about one particular tree, group of trees, treed location, etc., so much the better!

"Our usual rules will apply: up to five images per participant, with before-and-after-post-processing views of an image counting as one. Be prepared to share with us a description of the location, why you created the image, any special challenges you encountered, any particular techniques employed, and anything else you'd like to

share. NOTE: this meeting will probably be Zoom-only – so much easier to manage that way.

“Oh, and no plastic (Christmas) trees, please...”

Member News

Barbara Peskin writes, “My exhibit at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord is May 2 through June 26.

“I will have an exhibit in October at the Lincoln Library.”

This year, the River Stewardship Council is experimenting with spreading its *Riverfest* activities throughout the summer rather than concentrating them in the weekend closest to the Solstice. **Hendrik Broekman** is scheduled to lead a photo walk around Heard Farm in Wayland on Wednesday, July 26, meeting time 6:00pm.

Around the Web

Here’s a YouTube video with an interesting take on removing emphasis on the sky in landscape photography. Worthy ideas to ponder...

<https://youtu.be/CpKofdye1eg>



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Upcoming SVNP Programs

June 8	Hendrik Broekman	<i>Westward to Baja</i>
July 13	Member Images	Subject: <i>Trees</i>
August 10	TBA	

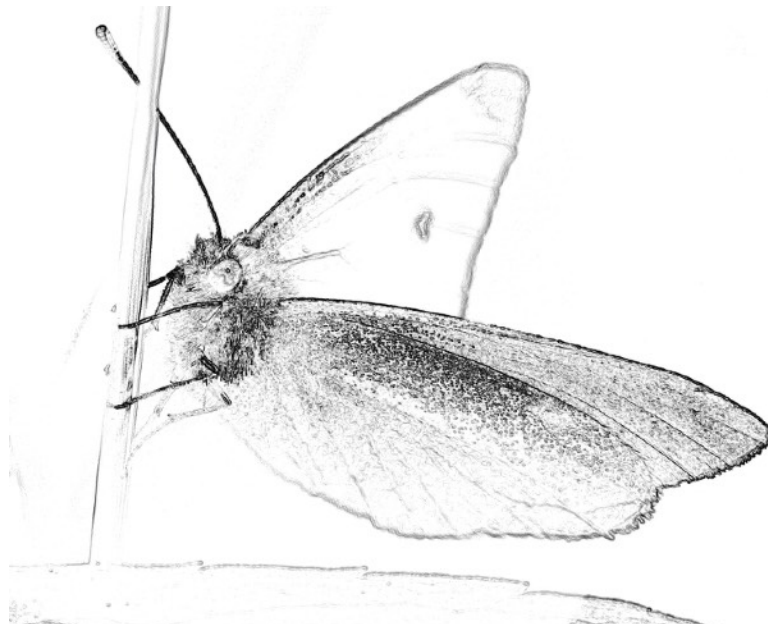
Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, either via Zoom or at our location (or both):

Great Room, Newbury Court
100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA

The decision to hold in-person meetings will be made on a month-to-month basis and communicated approximately a week before the meeting.

Updated directions to the Great Room and instructions for underground parking (to be available starting at 6:10pm on meeting evenings) may be found at the link immediately below.

<http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions to Newbury Court Great Room.pdf>



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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

November, 2023 Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Road, Sudbury,
MA

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)
May&June	Barbara Peskin	Trinity Episcopal Church, Concord, 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 SVNPN 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 or so 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



*New Growth;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*