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### Next Meeting

Thursday, July 13th, at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 6 Green Way, off Rt. 126/27 one mile south of route 20 in Wayland, MA. Look for the darkened driveway, Green Way, directly across from Saint Ann's Church building.

Program for July 13th meeting: David Kessler

David Kessler has been taking pictures at least since 1962 when he photographed John Glenn's homecoming parade in Washington, DC after Glenn's orbital flight. He started using his father's rangefinder camera with a separate light meter. After that, he took a lot of pictures of his dog—which was really how he learned to handle a camera. During that time, David also learned how to develop and enlarge pictures. In 1965, David went to an arts high school at Interlochen, MI and worked in the darkroom to pay for his scholarship. That year, he photographed a number of events including both dance and musical theater performances.

On two trips to the west coast in the first half of the 1970s, David had the opportunity to build a substantial slide collection by photographing more than 10 national parks including the Rockies, Yellowstone, Tetons, Olympic, Chaco Canyon and others. Later in the 70s, David traveled to Israel and then lived there for a time—and, of course, took more pictures.

Except for the years when his children were growing up, David has tended to photograph scenery and flowers rather than people and architecture.

In 2002, David switched from his vintage 1974 Olympus OM-1, to a digital camera—a Nikon Coolpix 4500. He used that camera on a trip to England, Wales and Ireland. In 2004, he switched to a camera he was more comfortable with, a Konica-Minolta A-2. That is the camera he used for the pictures you'll see. Some of the pictures also used an Olympus 1.7x teleconverter.

Recently, Photoshop Elements has given David the opportunity to indulge his sense of whimsy (for example, including his daughter in a picture of his wife and her bridesmaids), and making interesting simulated paintings from otherwise ordinary pictures.

In February, 2005, David, his wife and son went to visit his daughter who was an exchange student at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He took more than 1400 pictures on that trip—most of them during their 5-day safari. Some of those are the pictures you'll see July 13.

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Please bring up to 5 prints, slides, or digital images for member viewing. Here's an opportunity if you wish to have feedback from other members who especially value capturing the world of photography as they see it.

Come at 6:30 P.M. for refreshments and viewing the club's ongoing exhibit at Traditions. Anyone able to bring prints for hanging, please contact Wayne Hall (978-443-9226) or Betsy Moyer (508-358-2939), or simply bring them to the meeting.

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### Upcoming programs:

July 13 – David Kessler

August 10 - Member Image Night

### *Recap of June 8th Meeting*

- Thanks to photographers whose slides and prints were shown.
- A suggestion has been made that a second slide tray be made available for additional viewing of member slides if and when time permits.
- Thank you to volunteers for bringing refreshments.
- Michael Goodman presented an outstanding program entitled 'Special Moments – Special Places', with appropriate accompanying music. His world travels have taken him to locations such as China, Indonesia and Italy.
- Welcome to new members: Linda Wade of Sudbury  
Greg Wade of Sudbury  
Chris Day of Newton  
Brian O'Connor of Wayland  
Martha Morrison

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### Photoshoppers Meetings

We will take a break for the summer and resume Photoshop meetings in September.

### *SVNP Exhibit Calendar*

For the latest Exhibit Calendar, please go to  
[http://svnp.homestead.com/Upcoming\\_Exhibits.html](http://svnp.homestead.com/Upcoming_Exhibits.html)

## **Group Exhibits:**

Ongoing -- Traditions, Green Way, Wayland, MA - joint rotating exhibit with Arts/Wayland

Sept - Oct., 2006 -- Raytheon Room, Wayland Library, Wayland, MA

Nov – Dec, 2006 -- Gallery at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## **Members' Shows:**

May 27- June 28 -- Linda Crews (with David Kahn) -- "The Four Seasons" –  
Amazing Things Art Center, 55 Nicholas Road, Saxonville (Framingham), MA

Through June 28 -- Betsy Moyer -- Bakery on the Common, downtown Natick, MA

Through September -- Marijke Holtrop -- Peace Lutheran Church, Route 126, Wayland, MA

## ***Items of Interest***

### **Fall Program**

On Thursday, October 26, 2006, Budd Titlow will give a digital presentation on the subject, "Artistry in a Digital Age." Mark your calendars. The event will take place in the large Public Hearing Room of the Wayland Town Building beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6 and Budd's presentation at 7. More about that later.

**NECCC** is a non-profit camera club council with 80 member camera clubs in New England (Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine). NECCC sponsors one of the largest photography conferences in the U.S. each July at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass. Around 1,300 photographers from the U.S. and other countries attend our conference. Attendees range from beginner to professional photographer. Check out the 46 programs, events, and activities that will be held on Friday through Sunday, July 14, 15, 16, 2006.

For more information visit their web site at [www.neccc.org](http://www.neccc.org).

**Garden in the Woods**, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham, offers some special events for photographers.

Visit their web site [www.newfs.org](http://www.newfs.org) or call 508-877-7630 for more information or to obtain a catalog. The Garden is open daily 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

"Member Image Night", a proposal for the August program, will feature photographs members have taken at Garden in the Woods. We will have one tray of slides for up to three images from Garden in the Woods and a second slide tray for up to three images of anything else. CD's with digital images should be apportioned the same way, with GIW identifying the three photographs taken at Garden in the Woods.

### *A Word from Zeff Photo Supply*

We are offering a special discount on Zeff U classes, seminars and workshops just for Camera Club members! Don't miss this opportunity to take 20% off any of our Spring/Summer offerings. You can learn more about the world of digital with our Digital 201 classes or sign up for one of our great lighting and portraiture workshops. Visit our website, [www.zeffphoto.com](http://www.zeffphoto.com) for more information and register today because class sizes are limited. Please tell your friends about Zeff U Imaging Education classes! Thanks and I hope to see you at Zeff U soon.

Best,

Casey

Education Coordinator at Zeff Photo Supply

### *"Update on Elizabeth Weisenburger from Betsy, June 17":*

I talked with Henry Weisenburger in Gainesville where Elizabeth underwent hip replacement surgery on June 1. She has been in a rehab center but was expected to be at home now. Henry said Elizabeth would love to hear from friends at SVNPN.

Please send notes to their home 2036 NW 35th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605

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### *About the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers*

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photography group was formed in October 1995 by enthusiasts from the local area wishing to share informally their interest in and knowledge of photography. An encouraging rather than competitive environment prevails within the group, which includes over one hundred professional, amateur, and beginning photographers.

Although our major interest lies in nature photography, activities of the SVNP group are not confined to nature photography. Programs and activities include a range of subject matter and techniques of interest to all photographers.

SVNP has no formal structure: there are no officers, no competitions, and no dues. Activities are financed through voluntary contributions to the "Paper Plate Fund."

A monthly newsletter disseminates information via e-mail to members and anyone interested in SVNP. Those who prefer to receive newsletters by U.S. mail should send 12 self-addressed, stamped envelopes to Chris Ridout, 10 Sherman Bridge Road, Wayland, MA 01778.

SVNP meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at Traditions, on Route 27, one mile south of Wayland Center, beginning at 6:30 P.M. with refreshments, and include instructional talks, slide presentations, and discussions of slides, digital images, and prints shown by members. The meetings end around 9:30 P.M. Anyone with an interest in photography is invited to attend.

Occasional field trips are arranged to locations as close as Concord's Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge and as far-flung as Utah's Arches National Park and Great Smokies National Park in Tennessee.

Please visit our website at <http://svnp.homestead.com>

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Send suggestions and announcements for the newsletter to Chris Rowan – [christopherowan@earthlink.net](mailto:christopherowan@earthlink.net) or 978-443-4587.

