



# 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**

July 8, 2010      Chris Ridout - Images from South America

August 12, 2010      Semi-annual "member images night" - topic TBD

If you have suggestions for programs, please email Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) We welcome your input!

## **May Meeting Notes**

Mark Hopkins gave a wonderful Power Point talk about Honduras and the influence that ACTS (Americans Caring, Teaching, Sharing) is doing for some rural villages there. Along the way, he shared how he used his camera (A Canon S5, with an articulating screen) to tell the story. ACTS, in alliance with Engineers without Borders and

Sustainable Harvest International, has brought better health, hygiene, and education, and commerce to people in that area. The photos were fun to see, but the message behind the photos - that it is possible to make a difference with a little help - was very powerful and inspiring. Thanks, Mark!

### **Announcements**

Linda Crews sent on a link to a framing seminar in Boston on June 26-27. The associated website, [www.Framing4Yourself.com](http://www.Framing4Yourself.com), has many free framing tutorials as well. Here is the link for the framing seminar:

<http://www.framing4yourself.com/seminar/new-england-2010-boston-19/>

Henry Mauer went on a birding trip to South Florida in April and has posted a selection of pictures on his Picasa site. The link below will take you to the homepage of his Picasa website. There are 5 albums from the Florida trip, choose an album and click on it. Then click on slideshow. Click on the pause/go button and then use the right and left symbols to go through the pics at your own pace. Henry hopes you enjoy the pictures!

<http://www.picasaweb.google.com/knifeedge55> If the first link doesn't work, try the second without the www: <http://picasaweb.google.com/knifeedge55>

Exhibition space will be available in the Raytheon room of the Wayland library in 2011, in the months of February, March, June, July, August and November. January may possibly also be available. If anyone is interested in the space, contact George Brauerman ([brawerman@verizon.net](mailto:brawerman@verizon.net)).

## ***PHOTO CONTEST - ACTON CONSERVATION LANDS***

### **Attention, shutterbugs!**

Grab your digital camera and hit the trails on Acton's conservation lands! Acton's Land Stewardship Committee is holding its first photo contest, and they welcome submissions in the following categories: landscapes, people on conservation lands, and flora/fauna. A panel of jurors will select a first, second and third place image in each category. In addition, a "Best In Show" will be selected.

To be considered, any images must have been taken between April 1, 2010 and October 30, 2010 on any parcel of conservation land in Acton.

Any person may submit up to five images by submitting an optical disc (CD or DVD) to the Conservation or Information Technology departments on the first

floor of the Acton Town Hall ***not later than Friday, November 5, 2010***. Photo files must be in JPEG (or JPG) format and must be high res .JPEG images.

Please write your first and last name on the disc. The disc must be accompanied by an entry form which can be accessed on the Land Stewardship Committee website at <http://actontrails.org/2010PhotoContest>. Discs will not be returned.

Winning photographs will be displayed on the Land Stewardship Committee website with the title of the image and the name of the photographer.

Contact: Tom Arnold tba1959@comcast.net

For those who live in Sudbury, Open Studios is planned for sometime in the fall. If you would be interested in participating, call Wayne Hall.

## SVNP Exhibit Calendar

### *Individual Member Exhibits*

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
June 5 - September 10	Betsy Moyer	"Wildflowers of North Carolina" Newbury Court, 100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA
October, 2010	Joan Chasan	Panache Coffee House, 680 Worcester Road Framingham, MA

### *SVNP Group Exhibits*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA
September, 2010	Raytheon Room, Wayland Library
April through ?	Special SVNP website exhibit – “Baby, It’s Cold Outside!”

Do you have an upcoming exhibit? Toot your horn and announce it in the newsletter! Send details to Wayne Hall or to Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) Feel free to cc details to Suzie for the newsletter as well: [mackenzie45@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie45@gmail.com).

Wayne Hall highly recommends visiting this exhibit:

The National Heritage Museum on Route 2A in Lexington is currently featuring a stunning exhibit by Quang-Tuan Luong entitled “Treasured Lands – the 58 U. S. National Parks in Focus” until October 17, 2010. Luong is a modern-day Ansel Adams – mountain-climbing, wilderness trekking, kayaking, etc. schlepping a view camera and shooting often under rather extreme conditions. Unlike Adams, all of his work is in color. He has an advanced degree in artificial intelligence, but decided that he wanted to dedicate himself to photographing in every one of the National Parks, which apparently nobody has ever done before. The 58 prints in the exhibit are large (I’d estimate 20x30” or larger) and for the most part awe-inspiring. The captions tell the story of how he captured each image and are often nearly as impressive as the photographs themselves.

Link: <http://www.monh.org/Default.aspx?tabid=587>

The museum itself is worth a visit at any time – currently they’re also showing a collection of photographs of historic art-deco movie theaters and a fascinating collection of intricate and quirky mechanical clocks (think cuckoo clocks on steroids...) built by a gentleman from the North Shore.

Photo Opportunities, courtesy of Ray Guillette. (He lectured on The Creative Process at Gateway CC recently.) The Lupine Walk in Sugar Hill, NH (mid to late June). Map available at Chamber of Commerce Booth in town. Sunflowers, at Buttonwood Farm in Voluntown, CT on Rt. 165 (mid-July). [www.sunflowersforwishes.com](http://www.sunflowersforwishes.com). Also: Kites at Brenton Point on Ocean Drive in Newport, RI. Three books that he recommended are: *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland, *The Creative Habit* by Twyla Tharpe, and *Photographs*, by Pete Turner (out of print) [www.peteturner.com](http://www.peteturner.com).

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