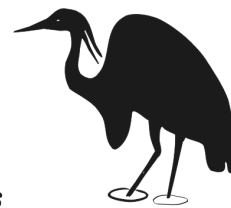


SVNP NEWS



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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 14, 2011 - Ed McGuirk – “Photographing New England’s Fall Foliage”

August 11, 2011 - Dorothy Long (a Traditions resident) – Bears in Alaska

September 8, 2011 - Member Images Night – subject TBD

October 13, 2011 – Carol Walsh – African Safari Images (tent.)

If you have ideas for future programs, please contact Wayne Hall.

June Meeting Notes

Refreshments were provided by Joan Chasan and Doreen O'Connor.

General business items:

1. Member Directory: all members should have received the new SVNP Member Directory via Email earlier this week. Anyone who would like to update their information should send Email to Jon Ehrmann (jehrmann@aol.com) no later than June 30.
2. Traditions Gallery – Please consider swapping older prints for new material to keep the exhibit “fresh”.
3. Group exhibit at the Wayland Library in September – a call for exhibitors will be sent out in a few weeks. An informal poll of those present at the meeting indicated a strong preference for an “open” (i.e. no specific theme) exhibit this year.
4. Field trips – Carol suggested an Essex River boat tour (marshland, birds, etc.) as a possibility. More information to follow soon.

Main presentation:

Mark Hopkins presented images from a recent ten-day, small ship (50 passengers) cruise of the Balkans, run by Overseas Adventure Travel. As usual, he did a great job of combining terrific photography with history and current events. It was quite interesting to compare his work with Susan Majors' presentation a few months ago – some similarities, but many differences as well. Mark's photographs included images from Greece, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia and Slovenia. Mark particularly enjoyed Zagreb, but was disappointed in Dubrovnik (overrun with mega-cruise ship passengers).

It's worth noting that both Mark and Susan did their work with earlier-generation “superzoom” cameras, handheld, as opposed to digital SLR equipment.

Member images:

1. Henry Weissenburger – images from Florida, including a fascinating and unusual sequence showing a limpkin (water bird) devouring a stubborn snail.
2. Sue Abrahamsen – photographs from a recent visit to Morocco
3. Carol Walsh – flower photos from Tower Hill, the Lyman Estate, Boston Wholesale Flower Market, and Wellesley College Greenhouse
4. Don Sherman – some images from his recent China trip
5. Arthur Ferguson – spring flowers and shrubs

Reminder: our July 14 meeting will feature special guest Ed McGuirk, who will share with us his techniques for photographing New England fall foliage. Ed's work has been published in Outdoor Photographer magazine and elsewhere.

Announcements

The town of Wayland is celebrating its 375th anniversary in 2013, and we've been invited to participate. It was decided to orient our Fall exhibit that year around a Wayland theme - perhaps Conservation lands and other nature-oriented areas or items. Suggestions welcome.

Linda Crews reminded folks about the Acton Annual Competition. Here is a link to a map of the area, if you are interested in taking photos for this year's competition:

<http://www.actontrails.org/CasM.htm>

Photos taken from April to October 2011 are allowed, and the deadline for submissions is some time in November.

Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers – Benefits of Membership

Now that we have migrated from our “paper plate” financing technique to a system of annual membership dues, your Steering Committee has agreed on the following list of benefits reserved for SVNP members:

SVNP members are entitled to the following:

- Exhibiting their work on SVNP's group website and/or having a link from the group website to their own personal photographic website
- Participating in SVNP group exhibits at no additional cost
- Having their personal photography exhibits publicized on SVNP's website and in our newsletter
- Having their other photography-related activities or accomplishments (e.g., teaching classes, leading workshops, receiving awards) listed in the newsletter
- Being listed in, and receiving a copy of, SVNP's official membership directory
- Participating in SVNP field trips (charges may apply, depending on the details of the trip)
- Presenting images for discussion at semi-annual SVNP “member images nights”
- Taking advantage of any “members only” discounts, if available

Payment of annual member dues is NOT a requirement for being included in our Email distribution list and receiving the monthly SVNP newsletter (which is also available on the SVNP website).

Membership dues are used for a variety of expenses, including website hosting, guest speakers or special events, occasional equipment purchases (projection equipment, bulbs, etc.) and basic supplies such as name tag holders, copying, and other small items. Have you paid your dues? Come join the party!

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Individual Member Exhibits

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA
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Sept., 2011	Wayland Library (Raytheon Room), Wayland, MA
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Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

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