

Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers

Meeting Notes – June 13, 2013

Announcements:

1. Wayland 375: Saturday, June 15, was the kickoff day for the Wayland 375 celebration, which “begins an entire year of commemorating and celebrating the rich history of Wayland as a town and a community.” Among the celebrations will be our SVNP exhibit in November, in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library – photographs taken on the many public lands in Wayland. Conservation land information and maps are available online, or contact Betsy at bmga@aol.com if you still need a hardcopy map of Wayland’s conservation areas to find shooting locations. There may be some opportunities to link our exhibit with other 375th anniversary events as well.
2. Member dues: to date, only 31 of our 47 2012 members have paid membership dues for 2013. Dues remain at \$15/year (\$20/couple). Send a check, made out to “Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers”, to Wayne Hall, 47 Indian Ridge Road, Sudbury, MA 01776, or bring it to the July meeting.
3. SVNP Facebook page – a reminder that Jon Ehrmann has set up a Facebook page and “membership-only” group for us. It’s a great place to easily post photographs, tips on shooting locations and opportunities, etc. We need more member participation in order to make it really useful. If you are interested in participating, contact the moderator (Jon – jehrmann@aol.com) to be added as a group member.
4. Due to some ongoing concerns surrounding our meeting location at Traditions, we are exploring the possibility of moving our meetings to another venue. More on this later – no changes will be made without member approval.

Program notes:

Featured presentation:

Sue Abrahamsen, “Patagonia, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Cape Horn”

Sue passed around a book she had prepared, a collection of photos of her 3-week trip with her husband Tom last December. For more about preparing such a photo album, go to www.mypublisher.com. She photographed and selected the 200 or so images and prepared the graphics; Tom put together the 25-minute presentation, complete with music, using Pro Show Gold. Sue also showed a panoramic print, now hanging at Traditions, composed of 6 photos stitched together.

Sue and Tom were very happy with Overseas Adventure Travel. There were about 180 travelers in the total group; 20 in her smaller group. They went as far south as within 700 miles of Antarctica.

Her photographs included butterflies, birds (toucan), wildflowers, Iguassu Falls, (the second largest in world by volume of water), animals including a guanaco (like a llama) taking a dirt bath, penguins, monitor lizard, and many others.

Cameras: Canon Rebel T2I with Tamron 18-270 lens, which is a good, lightweight all-purpose lens. She traveled with a tripod, but used it only at Iguassu Falls. She also used her Canon G-9 for certain close-ups.

Member images:

Sue showed a wonderfully creative sequence called “Flowerworks”, in which she used many of her flower images with some of the standard transitions available in ProShow Gold to produce a fireworks show using flowers instead of pyrotechnics, accompanied by the appropriate music.

Arthur Ferguson – at Garden in the Woods, close-ups of white and red trillium and yellow lady slippers.

Wayne Hall – images of a family of Northern cardinals in a nest just outside of his kitchen windows. Mother, father, three chicks from hatching to fledging. Also, a family of Canada geese, taken at Assabet National Wildlife Refuge. All images were shot handheld with a Panasonic Lumix FZ35 in “raw” mode, at a zoom range of between 350 and 486mm (35mm equivalent).

Don Sherman (Sony NEX-7, mostly handheld) – New Zealand, November/December, as one of eight passengers in a mail delivery vehicle. (You can sign up for these small group tours – a little known tourists’ gem.) Mostly around Akaroa, since Christ Church, the announced destination, was devastated by earthquakes.

Katherine O’Hara – around Heard’s Pond in Wayland and Hop Brook in Sudbury.

NOTE: Don requests that images for future meetings should be jpegs, and no more than 2 MB in size.

Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

July 11, 2013 Vivienne Shein – “Photographic Opportunities In and Around St. Augustine, Florida”

August 8, 2013 Semi-annual member images night (subject TBD – suggestions welcome!)

September, 2013 Possible special event featuring SVNP co-founder Budd Titlow

NOTE: We need volunteers for programs for October (possibly September) and beyond!

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

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

Individual Member Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
May 5 – July 15, 2013	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court, Concord, MA (South and North galleries)
June 1-30, 2013	Mark Hopkins	Habitat Education Center (Mass. Audubon, Belmont, MA)
July 1-31, 2013	Murray and Trudy Drobnis	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA

SVNP Group Exhibits

Date

Exhibit Location

Ongoing

Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA

November 2013

Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library – “Images of Wayland’s Public Lands,” in conjunction with Wayland’s 375th anniversary celebration

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.

Visit our web site at <http://svnp.homestead.com>