

Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers

SVNP NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2014

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2014 MEETING

Wayne called the well-attended meeting to order by first acknowledging the food contributions of Betsy Moyer, Bob Cooke, Carol Walsh and Katharine O'Hara. Wayne also reminded the group assembled of the upcoming presentation by Katharine O'Hara concerning Yellowknife and the Aurora.

River Stewardship Council

Discussion immediately turned to the project (being led by Raj Das) with the River Stewardship Council. SVNP submitted 89 images to RSC in a timely fashion (Thanks, Raj!) and, not long after, RSC had made their twenty choices, one for each of their specified sites. Wayne expects to have the RSC-selected images on display on the SVNP website shortly. Raj has put together a slideshow of the SVNP submissions that will be shown at the July meeting.

Preparations are now entirely in RSC hands. We are told that the first mounting will take place in July at the Billerica Public Library and that five or six other venues are already signed up. It is expected that the show will be on public display well into 2015. Wayne reports that RSC have been generous in their expressions of gratitude for the SVNP involvement.

Art in Nature

Carol Walsh has submitted a proposal to the United Parish of Auburndale in Newton on behalf of SVNP for a group show to be entitled Art in Nature. The parish has been gifted with an attractive new display space (The Betty Meyer Art Gallery), which is quickly becoming known as a desirable venue. In their limited experience as presenters the gallery staff have not yet hosted a group show and it is to be hoped that the proposed subject will help ease the decision for them to do so. Should the proposal be accepted the time to crank up

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the creative juices and start photographing Art in Nature will have arrived. Even if the proposal is not accepted why not get going on it, anyway?

Possible Photo Trip to Zion NP

Carol Walsh again expressed her willingness to put together a group package for a photo junket *if* there is sufficient interest. To date Carol has received only three expressions of interest and this seems well below the threshold to proceed. The destination under discussion is Zion National Park in Utah and the time frame originally envisioned was early fall of this year but, in view of the poor showing of interest and to allow for better planning by prospective participants, Carol has proposed deferring any trip until spring 2015. Zion is a site well known for its profusion of striking scenery. Your writer, among many, definitely regards it as a bucket list item. Please contact Carol by email (clesliewalsh@hotmail.com) for preliminary details as well as to express interest.

Newbury Court Display Space

Betsy reminded the group that there are several more spaces available on the walls of the Community Room, our new 'gallery'. For those who have not yet visited Newbury Court, Wayne plans to have an image of a portion of the space up on the SVNP website shortly. Members can drop off prints at either the North or the South reception desks at Newbury Court, and Betsy will hang them. Please supply the following information: Your name as you'd like it to appear on the ID card, title of print, dimensions, type of print, price, contact information. Any questions, please get in touch with Betsy (978-369-1261 or bmga@aol.com)

Riverfest Photo Walk, June 21, 2014

Just a reminder taken directly from the RSC Riverfest listing:

Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers will host a Photo Walk around the Cow Common. Join SVNP member Hendrik Broekman in a stroll around the 65-acre plot, looking for interesting photos in a

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mixture of forest and field with some views across the Sudbury River marshes (leaves permitting). This is normally a 40-minute walk over flat, easy terrain, but we'll be stopping to photograph, teach, and discuss, ending shortly before sunset. Meet at the Cow Common parking lot on Old Sudbury Road (Route 27) across from the North Cemetery. Rain date: Sunday 8/22. **6:15 pm - sunset**

Defenders of Wildlife Photo Contest 2014

Wayne called the group's attention to the recent success of SVNP member Raj Das in the Defenders of Wildlife 2014 photo contest where Raj gathered first place in the Wildlife category for his image of Piping Plover Chicks and came very close to claiming the Grand Prize. The results page can be accessed at <http://www.defenders.org/defenders-photo-contest-2014-winners>

Emma's Restaurant, Stow, MA

Bob Cooke mentioned that he had mounted some 20 photos at Emma's Restaurant on Rt. 117 in Stow with some success - a sale within the first week. It is unlikely that Bob's suggestion that the restaurant management might be looking for artists for future exhibits fell on deaf ears.

The Evening's Presentation, June 12, 2014

The evening was graced by a presentation by Joe Warfel (www.eightheyephotography.com) entitled, "The Small Things in Life: Close-up and Macro Photography in Nature". From the very first slides the attendees sat enthralled with a dazzling array of images that showed no tendency to repetition either in subject or treatment. Joe is an accomplished communicator who, unlike the Great Oz, willingly parts the curtains on his magic, at least the technical stuff. The sheer creativity on display must go unexplained.

The presentation followed a logical path from images any good photographer might pull off, if of such a mind, to a much broader understanding of how the possible techniques might come to the service of variety, telling a story and, dare we say it, art. The

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presentation was paced crisply but with admirable variety and very nicely organized. Just a few of the sectional titles should give an idea: How to Get Close, Lighting, Background, Depth of Field, Telling a Story. His short section on the use of a wide-angle lens for close-up photography was thought provoking to your editor. In short, throughout the evening, small things kept getting larger and larger on the screen.

There were plenty of illustrations of gear ranging from simple setups appropriate for capturing images of butterflies to rather exotic affairs capable of capturing images of individual scales on butterfly wings. The well-reasoned explanations of various choices of lens or exposure setting seemed especially appreciated and led to some lively discussions.

Joe's modest, "Aw, shucks" demeanor, conversational style, ability to get ideas across without repetition and raw enthusiasm for his subject were a winning combination for a winning presentation. The room was equally enthusiastic in thanking Joe when Wayne finally rang down the curtain on a lively, full evening that left no one wanting.

Hendrik Broekman

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

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| July 10, 2014 | Katherine O'Hara - Yellowknife and the Aurora |
| August 14, 2014 | Semi-annual "member images night" - subject TBA |
| September 11, 2014 | Any suggestions for programs or presenters would be welcome. Anyone going somewhere beautiful and interesting this summer? |

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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

Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Current	Bob Cooke	Emma's Café, Great Road Shopping Center, Route 117, Stow, MA
Current	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (http://farnwr.org/gallery.html)
Current	Betsy Moyer	Lincoln Physicians, Route 126, Lincoln, MA
Current	Bob Cooke	Sudbury United Methodist Church, Route 27, Sudbury, MA
6/27 - 8/1, 2014	Betsy Moyer	Concord Council on Aging, the Wheeler Building, West Concord On July 8 from 5-7pm there will be a reception at the COA. Refreshments will be served.
July, 2014	Joan Chasan	Broadmoor Sanctuary (Mass. Audubon), Natick, MA
Aug.-Sept., 2014	Bob Cooke	Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA

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SVNP Group Exhibits

Date	Exhibit Location
Being installed now	Community Room at Newbury Court, Concord, MA
November, 2014	Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library - annual fall exhibit
July, 2014	Billerica Public Library, Billerica, MA - the first location for SVNP's exhibit sponsored by the River Stewardship Council - other locations through mid-2015 will be announced soon