

# SVNP NEWSLETTER, JUNE, 2017

## INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2017 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order. Most of the discussion is contained in the two items immediately below. The annual show at the Wayland Public Library is currently being planned. No theme has yet been determined. A call for exhibitors should go out at the beginning of September.

### **Group Spring Show at Nancy's Airfield Cafe**

The spring show was mounted on Monday, May 1. Due to problems scheduling a June show at Nancy's, the SVNP show has been invited to remain up through June.

### **Call for Programs**

We currently have programs scheduled for July and September 2017. Any suggestions you may have for programs - especially of a how-to nature - would be appreciated. Please call (978-443-9226) or email Wayne ([wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto:wah@waynehallphotography.com)) if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

### **The Evening's Presentation**

**Mark Hopkins** - Walking the Thornveld at Hluhluwe-uMfolozi

In 2004, as an [Earthwatch](#) volunteer, Mark Hopkins participated in the biennial herbivore census at the [Hluhluwe-uMfolozi](#) game reserve in South Africa, established at the end of the nineteenth century and now designated a park. The reserve is noted for its contributions to the conservation of the [southern white rhinoceros](#). The growth of this population from around 100 animals worldwide at one point early in the twentieth century to around 20,000 in the wild in 2015 speaks to the success of the project. The park aims to maintain a population of about 1000 white rhinos (this works out to an average of about 3 animals per square mile) and it is to this purpose, as well as the general management of resources for all animals in the park, that censuses are performed.

Mark's well-prepared, well-organized presentation explained some of the history and concerns relating to the park and its general area as well as its resident species. The list is long and fairly representative of sub-equatorial African fauna. The populations of each species are managed for density and relative abundance by a system of auctions, a system that involves trading among and between parks and preserves. Some of the smaller, more abundant species might end up as bush meat but the large herbivores are conserved.

The census was accomplished by a process known as [distance sampling](#). This translated into a series of early morning walks (average length just under 5 miles) over several weeks, each walk accompanied by an armed park ranger, counting animals. Each encounter was coded for observer's position, distance and direction to the animals, species and number of individuals. Afterwards, each volunteer was then responsible for entering the data he or she had gathered into a general database that the scientific investigators could then synthesize into a close estimate of the population.

On their time off, the volunteers were able to see and photograph sights in the park and its surrounds. This opportunity allowed Mark to photograph a wide variety of the local wildlife. Over the weeks, the volunteers had many opportunities to learn from and about the

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*Southern White Rhinoceros aka Square-Lipped;  
photo, Mark Hopkins*

Zulu park staff. Mark's appreciation of this and the experience as a whole shone throughout the whole presentation.



*Giraffes; photo, Mark Hopkins*

### **Possible Macro Workshop**

Members are reminded that Ed McGuirk has generously offered to run a workshop for SVNP, time and date to be determined, concerned with photographing minerals at macro scale with cross-polarized lighting. If you would be interested in participating in such an event, please contact Terri Ackerman ([tackerman5@hotmail.com](mailto:tackerman5@hotmail.com)).

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## Member Images

Continuing with the wildlife theme, **Hendrik Broekman** showed a sequence of [photographs](#) from some encounters with coyotes in Wayland.

Yet more animals... **Sue Abrahamsen** offered several images taken at [Southwick's Zoo](#) in Mendon, MA.



*Half Dome and the Merced;  
photo Anne Umphrey*

**Anne Umphrey** showed photos from a recent trip to California, chiefly taken in Yosemite NP. As happened to Anne, having a traveling partner allergic to early rising (when the crowds have not yet swelled to un-photogenic proportions) need not be all bad. California's good luck with precipitation over the winter was on display in the waterfalls and full rivers. It was refreshing to see that Yosemite does not need odd or golden light to be astonishingly beautiful in its own right.

## Member News

**Hendrik Broekman** will once again lead a photo walk around the Cow Common in Wayland as part of the Riverfest activities promoted by the [River Stewardship Council](#). Start time on Saturday, June 17 is slated for 6:30pm. In the event of storm, the walk will take place on Sunday, June 18.

## July Preview

### Group Presentation - a January Weekend on Deer Isle

This past January SVNP members Sue Abrahamsen, Hendrik Broekman, Bob Cooke, Sherry Fendell, Stephen Gabeler and Marilyn Tromer took up Carol Walsh's invitation to gather for a weekend photographing on and around Deer Isle, ME. This will be a group report on the state of things then. One hint, don't expect to see much snow - there was none.

## UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

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| July 13, 2017      | Group presentation from a January weekend on Deer Isle, Maine |
| September 14, 2017 | Michael Milicia; Bird Photography: Insights and Inspiration   |

**Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the following location:**

Community Room  
Newbury Court  
80 Deaconess Road  
Concord, MA

Directions may be found at the link immediately below

[http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions\\_to\\_Newbury\\_Court.pdf](http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court.pdf)

### Lower Garage Parking

Although Newbury Court wants to extend hospitality to Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers to the greatest extent possible, there is concern that the Lower Garage is being opened unnecessarily for SVNP members on our meeting nights. Because Newbury Court is always concerned about security, if no one is

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using the garage, Newbury Court would prefer to keep it closed. If, however, SVNPN members use it regularly or when the weather is bad – snow, rain, etc. – the garage can be opened at those times. Please let Betsy Moyer know (bmga@aol.com) your wishes. Newbury Court will be guided by the members' responses.

## SVNPN EXHIBIT CALENDAR

### Group exhibits

Ongoing	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
May-June	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Rd, Stow, MA

### Individual Member Exhibits

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

Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Ongoing	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge ( <a href="http://farnwr.org/gallery.html">http://farnwr.org/gallery.html</a> )
June	Bob Cooke	Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Rd., Sudbury, MA
Jul 10-Sept 10	Anne Umphrey	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St, Concord, MA (with Deborah Scarff, photographer)

July-August	Terri Ackerman	Pierce Gallery, Cary Memorial Library, 1874 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA
Sep 1-Oct 31	Terri Ackerman	Emerson Hospital Rehabilitation Gallery for Photography, 310 Baker Ave., Concord, MA
Oct 4-Oct 29	Barbara Peskin	Nancy's Airfield Cafe, Boxborough, MA
Dec 1-Dec 31	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA

### An Invitation from your Editor

As you may have noticed, these newsletters have displayed a tendency to get longer. If having a meatier monthly read is of interest to you then, please, I invite you to send anything you may wish to contribute to future newsletters (a précis of an upcoming presentation, photos, personal news, reviews, neat tricks you find worth sharing, etc.) to me at [henkbroekman@gmail.com](mailto:henkbroekman@gmail.com). Please include SVNP in the subject line.

I especially invite presenters and members sharing images to select and submit files for illustrative purposes. I expect it would be possible to accommodate two images for main presenters and one each for after-presentation sharing. Generally, expect to see half-column layout along the lines of this example. If you have photos you may wish to share, please submit jpg files sized no smaller than 320 px wide. Submission deadline will be 11:59 pm on the Monday following the meeting. Inclusion in any particular newsletter will be at my discretion based on newsletter length, distribution file weight, current workload, etc.

*Hendrik Broekman*



*Singin' in the Rain; Photo, Hendrik Broekman*