SVNP NEWSLETTER, JUNE 14, 2018

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2018 MEETING

Wayne gave updated details on the upcoming show at Nancy's Airfield Cafe. A reception will be held from 3:00 - 4:30pm on Sunday, July 15.

Please note that there is no program yet scheduled for August nor after September. The September 13 meeting will host Nicole Mordecai, a Weston-based photographer (<u>createwithphotos.com</u>), who will speak on using reflections and back-lighting.

Any suggestions you may have for programs – especially of a how-to nature – would be appreciated. Please email (<u>wah@waynehallphotography.com</u>) or call (978-443-9226) Wayne if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

The Evening's Presentation

The main item was a video presentation of the 2016 George W. Glennie Memorial Nature Salon, a club-level competition with an international draw run by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club. SVNP member Ed McGuirk served as one of the judges as did the speaker at our last presentation, Shawn Carey. The quality of the submissions was very high. The company was continually fascinated by the breadth of international participation. Wayne remarked that a common thread among the submissions was good, interesting light.

To read more about the salon please follow this link: http://mvcameraclub.org/competitions/interclub/glennie/

Member Images

Terri Ackerman showed images of, variously, hummingbirds, a caterpillar and palms from a trip to St. Lucia as well as several more from New England, mostly wildlife. One image that invited comment was of a water lily in two versions, the second with the background seemingly removed.

Terri writes, "Here is a before and after from tonight's Member images. Except its a weird before and after. People asked me tonight how I did it and I didn't remember. But looking at the Lightroom Develop command sequence jogged my memory.

"First I shot the lily very underexposed, so the whole image was pretty dark. Then I made 2 copies of the image. On 1 copy, I used "auto" in Lightroom to adjust the lighting to approximately normalthat made the green leaves show up in the background. On the other copy, I cloned out the areas where a bit of leaf background was showing , so the whole background was now black. Then on both copies, I did the usual adjustments with curves, clarity, etc. to make the picture pop."



Saint Lucia - Water Lily; Photo, Terri Ackerman

Stephen Gabeler showed a series of photos from a recent trip devoted to a series of day hikes in the American southwest. The route was a loop starting and ending in Las Vegas and included, in Arizona, the southern rim of the Grand Canyon, and the area around Page. In southwest Utah they visited areas around Zion NP and Snow Canyon SP. Finally, before returning to the airport for the trip home, a visit to Valley of Fire SP in Nevada was in order. A few images of Kaaterskill Falls in New York leant a watery balance to the western red rock.

Member News

Terri Ackerman is participating in an exhibit by the Photography Guild of the Lexington Arts and Crafts Association. Here's a link:

http://lacsma.org/Portals/0/2017-2018/photographyshow.pdf

Activities

Our last month's speaker, Shawn Carey, will be co-teaching a 3day (August 3-5) nature photography workshop at the Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. For more information follow the link below:

https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/programcatalog#program:program_code=59056

UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

July 12, 2018	Dave Mangels - Storytelling in Landscape Photography: Learning to Speak a Visual Language
August 9, 2018	TBA

Sept 13, 2018 Nicole Mordecai - Back-lighting and Reflections

Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2nd 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

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 using the garage, Newbury Court would prefer to keep it closed. If, however, SVNP 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.

SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
July	Nancy's Airfield Cafe, Bolton Road, Stow, MA
November 1-30	Wayland Public Library, Raytheon Room

Individual Member Exhibits

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

Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Ongoing	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (http://farnwr.org/ gallery.html)
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA Neighborhood Flowers, 5th floor, south bldg Prints and Canvases, 3rd floor, north bldg

Apr 19-Aug 28	Wayne Hall	Emerson Medical, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA
May 1-Jun 30	Barbara Peskin and Terri Ackerman	Reasons To Be Cheerful, 110 Commonwealth Ave, West Concord, MA
May 23-Jun 30	Mark Hopkins	South and North Galleries, Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA.
August 1-27	Wayne Hall	Foyer, Wayland Public Library, Wayland, MA - The Waters of Wayland

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 <u>henkbroekman@gmail.com</u>. 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 1200 px on the long side. 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



Hey, I'm over here!; Photo, Hendrik Broekman