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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

August 9, 2012	Semiannual "member images" night – topic is "weather"
Sept. 13, 2012	TBD
Oct. 11, 2012	Gail Hansche Godin – "Attracting Wildlife for the Nature Photographer"

# **June Meeting Notes**

George and Ruth Brawerman presented a program on Pelican Cove, Florida. Pelican Cove is a planned resort community on Florida's west coast, near Sarasota. George and Ruth have been spending time there for several years and give it high marks. Much of the 75-acre property has a "jungle" feel to it, although just about everything is professionally landscaped as opposed to "wild." There are many walking trails, a creek that attracts varied birds, and nearby beaches with brilliant white sand. Sunsets are spectacular, as demonstrated in a number of their photographs. They showed images of a variety of interesting plants, e.g. bottle brush, sea grape leaves, and eucalyptus trees. Particularly noteworthy was their bird photography. All images were created with either a Canon SX10 or a Nikon Coolpix. (Thanks, Wayne, for taking the minutes this month!)

The following members shared their work with us:

- Katherine O'Hara lovely cat portraits created in a shelter for homeless cats (tip from the photographer focus on the whiskers, not the eyes.)
- Joan Chasan some remarkable bird photos from Great Meadows, her deck, and Water Row in Sudbury, including a particularly great shot of a bluebird. She used a 200-500mm zoom lens to capture wonderful details and poses.
- Eileen Kurkoski some images from the recent visit of several tall ships to Boston Harbor
- Don Sherman beautiful flower photographs from the Montreal Botanical Garden, using his new Sony NEX-7 mirrorless interchangeable lens camera.

### Announcements

We need a new newsletter editor! Unfortunately for the club, I (the present editor) am moving to Nashville, TN, soon. The job is made easier by both Wayne and Betsy chipping in, and providing details that you might have missed, and it is always possible to find a substitute if you're not going to be at the meeting. Please consider doing it, and let Wayne or Betsy know you'll do it!

If you haven't yet paid, dues are: \$15 per person, \$20 per couple. Cash, or a check made out to Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers, can be given to Wayne at the next meeting, or you can send it to him: Wayne Hall, 47 Indian Ridge Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

We have the Raytheon Room at the Wayland Library for November. We need to decide whether the show will be themed, or will be a free-for-all.

Carol Walsh mentioned that the Peabody Museum in Salem is having an Ansel Adams exhibit '*At the Water's Edge*' until October 8th.

We note with sadness the passing on April 27 of Dorothy ("Dotsy") Long, a former member of Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers and more recently a resident at Traditions where she attended many of our meetings and was an enthusiastic supporter from the sidelines. An exhibit of Dotsy's prints is on display through the end of this month at Garden in the Woods in Framingham where she was a volunteer for many years. Dotsy was a photographer, world traveler, birder and all-round naturalist. Among her many honors was a four-star award in the Nature Division of the Photographic Society of America. A more extended obituary appeared in the June 14 issue of the *Wayland Town Crier*.

The Danforth Museum in Framingham is showing two juried shows - *Off the Wall* and *Community of Artists* until August 5th. All media are included.

# SVNP Exhibit Calendar

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

Individual Member Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	Exhibit Location	
August 1-14	Joan Chasan	Framingham Public Library – main branch	
August 1 – 31	The late Stan Klein	Lincoln Library, Bedford Rd, Lincoln	
Till August 31	Betsy Moyer	Arts/Wayland exhibit at Tsongas Gallery, Walden Pond Gift Shop, Route 126, Concord	
Sept. 4-30	Joan Chasan	Wayland Public Library	
SVNP Group Exhibits			
<u>Date</u>	Exhibit Location		
Ongoing	Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA		
November, 2012	Annual group exhibit – Wayland Library		
Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating			

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