

Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers

Meeting Notes – July 11, 2013

Announcements:

1. We welcomed new photographer, Hendrik Broekman, of Wayland. (Email: hubharp@aol.com)
2. Wayne reported that the Lane Collection of photographs will be on view at the Museum of Fine Arts through March, 2014. This collection is renowned for its deep holdings of the work of major American modernist photographers, including Charles Sheeler, Edward Weston, and Ansel Adams—and given to the MFA by Sandra Lane in 2012. Visit the museum's web site for more information: www.mfa.org.
3. All photographers, young and old, professional and amateur, are invited to enter their favorite photos in **OARS' 2013 Photo Contest**. The deadline is September 27 for photographs taken in the three rivers watershed – Concord, Assabet, and Sudbury Rivers.

About OARS: OARS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance the natural and recreational features of the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers, their tributaries and watersheds, and to increase public awareness of the rivers' values as important natural resources. Established in 1986 as the Organization for the Assabet River by a group of concerned citizens, OAR added the Sudbury and Concord Rivers to its mission in 2011, becoming OARS.

For more information visit their web site at
<http://www.oars3rivers.org/event/photocontest>

4. We need a presentation for September. This may be an opportunity to show and discuss one of the educational videos owned by Linda Crews and previewed by the group at our April meeting. Contact Wayne Hall if you have a program you would like to present to the group.
5. Carol Walsh's son Colin has been seriously ill. He went into New London Hospital last month with an infection on a valve to the heart, then was flown by helicopter to the Yale University Hospital and late last week was taken by ambulance to Mass General Hospital.

Anyone wishing to send Carol or Colin a note can mail it to her home address: 18 Camden Road, Auburndale, MA 02466. We wish Colin a speedy recovery!

6. Keep in mind our group exhibit coming up at the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library during the month of November – images from Wayland public areas. Get in touch with Betsy (bmga@aol.com) if you would like her to send maps of conservation properties in Wayland and access information to those areas. They will be available at the next SVNP meeting.
7. Our next meeting, on August 8, will take place in a different location – **the Community Room of Newbury Court, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA, off ORNAC Road (Old Road to Nine Acre Corners), just south of Emerson Hospital.** (See below for more detailed directions.)

This is our semi-annual member image night. Bring up to 5 images (double that if you are showing before and after computer enhancement) on a CD or thumb drive. Images should be jpegs. No larger than 2 MB.

Quoting from Wayne's note of July 9: "We've decided that the theme for our upcoming semi-annual 'member images night' on August 8 will be "shapes" (suggested by Katherine O'Hara). The idea will be to choose a geometric shape (circle, triangle, S-curve, spiral, etc.) and base all of your (up to five) images on that one shape. . . .Let the creative juices flow."

Featured presentation notes:

Vivienne Shein gave a beautiful presentation on "Photographic Opportunities in the St. Augustine area," the result of her trip to Florida in February with husband Norm – to beat the winter of New England. She particularly likes that part of Florida because there is a such a great variety of subjects to photograph, and she showed us a large sampling of all of them – architecture, historical buildings, forts, lighthouses, shops, people, birds (a particularly gorgeous and proud white peacock), animals.

Vivienne used a Canon Rebel XSI with a 70-300 and a wide angle lens. Yes, she used a tripod for many of her shots.

She recommends this area highly. It has more character and, is easier to get to, and is not so expensive as other areas of Florida.

Member images:

Katherine O'Hara showed images of Florida birds, Ibis, little blue heron, Great Horned owl.

Sue Abrahamsen showed before and after shots of images taken at a pond near the MetroWest Medical Center -- lotus blossoms, frogs, dragonflies.

Marilyn Tromer showed photographs of owls taken during a presentation at the Sudbury Library, dragonflies and damsel flies and other insects from a recent walk at Carlisle Conservation areas.

Directions to Newbury Court, 80 Deaconess Road:

Newbury Court is located next to Emerson Hospital, in Concord. To reach us from I-95 or route 126, go west on Route 2, turn left or south at the stoplight just after the hospital onto Old Road to Nine Acre Corner (ORNAC).

*Turn left onto, *Deaconess Road. There is parking in a lot to the right as well as designated areas along Deaconess Road. Park anywhere that is not designated as a no-parking area and walk to the portico into the north entrance of Newbury Court. The Community Room is right off the lobby.*

*Another route to Newbury Court from the south is via Concord Road and Sudbury Center. Stay north on Concord Road past the Lincoln-Sudbury High School. Turn right on Sudbury Road. Continue past Nashawtuc Country Club, through the light at Dunkin Donuts, to ORNAC Road, the second left after Verrill Farms. Go north on ORNAC past Newbury Court Road to Deaconess Road. Turn right and follow directions from the *.*

Note: There are two entrances to Newbury Court: one at the end of Newbury Court Road and one at the end of Deaconess Road. The entrance at Deaconess Road takes you closest to the Community Room.

If there are problems, please call Betsy's cellphone, 978-621-9200 or Newbury Court front desk at 978-369-5151.

Schedule of Upcoming SVNPN Programs

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

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>
July 1-31, 2013	Murray and Trudy Drobnis	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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 375 th anniversary celebration

About SVNPN

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>