

SVNP NEWSLETTER, JULY, 2016

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2016 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order by announcing that the guest speaker at our August 11 meeting will be noted Acton-based photographer Neil Tischler, who will present a program titled, "Look Closely."

October 13 will be our next (approximately) semiannual *member images night*. Suggestions for a theme are always welcome (Email Wayne at wah@waynehallphotography.com).

Our annual group show at the Wayland Library is planned for November. A call for exhibitors will go out about September 1.

Bob Cooke wishes to remind any budding astrophotographers that, on August 21, 2017, there will be a total solar eclipse, visible on a path all the way from the Pacific Northwest to the Southeastern US. See NASA's website (<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2017Aug21Tgoogle.html>) for more information.

Wayne Hall

Call for Programs

We currently have programs scheduled through November, 2016. 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) if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

Show at United Parish of Auburndale

"The Nature of New England", our group exhibit at the United Parish of Auburndale, has been installed and will be open for viewing between 9AM and 3 PM Monday through Friday (or by appointment) through September 17. Our opening reception was

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held Friday evening, July 29, from 6:30 until 8:00. Carol Walsh has done a great job of coordinating the show. Terri Ackerman, Wayne and others have worked hard at publicity. The work of 15 SVNP members is on display.

The Evening's Presentation

Ed began by showing a brief YouTube video about bear viewing at Lake Clark (here are links to it and another related one):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZAibFfwMWU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFHE9I8H414>

Ed's photographs were from three separate trips to Lake Clark, beginning in 2014. In addition to fascinating, up-close photographs of bears being bears, his presentation included some fascinating abstract images shot from a small aircraft (the only way to get to the area). We learned a huge amount about bear behavior, some of which is unique to the grizzlies (brown bears) in the Lake Clark area, such as digging for razor clams on the mud flats.

Following this, Ed presented stunning wildflower images from Mt. Rainier, set to music.

Wayne Hall

Below are some notes about both locations, which Ed kindly provided:

With just under 350,000 visits in its 30-year history, Lake Clark NP is the second least visited National Park. This pales in comparison to the Great Smoky Mountains NP, which has received over 500 million total visits in its over 80-year history.

Bear Facts: Grizzly Bears (*Ursus Arctos Horribilis*) are generally brown in color with silver tips on their fur. Grizzlies have a round, flat, disk shaped face, with a distinctive hump on their shoulders. Black bears can be black or brown in color, but they have a thin, pointy snout and no hump. Alaskan Coastal Brown Bears (*Ursus*

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Arctos Alascensis) range in size from 800 to 1,200 pounds, may stand 8 feet tall on their hind legs, and are about 4 feet high on their shoulders with all 4 legs on the ground. Male (or boar) brown bears run larger at about 1,000 pounds, while female (or sow) bears are closer to 800 pounds. The largest coastal brown bears are the bears on Kodiak Island. They can be as large as 12 feet tall and weigh 1,500 pounds. These Coastal Brown Bears are much larger than the grizzlies in the lower 48 states. The grizzlies in places such as Yellowstone and Glacier National Park run 400 to 800 pounds, so the Alaska bears are about 50% larger in size. The difference in size is due to the abundant food supply along the Alaska Coast, mainly salmon, clams, and nutrient-rich sedge grass.

Bird life around Lake Clark: Horned Puffin – Black and White body. Look similar to the Atlantic Puffin of New England except that the Horned Puffin has a primarily yellow bill, while the Atlantic Puffin has an orange bill. Tufted Puffin – All black body with an orange bill. Murres

Mount Rainier is located about 55 miles southeast of Seattle and, at 14,400 feet, is the tallest mountain in the Cascade Range. Aside from being the most heavily glaciated peak in the lower 48 states, Mount Rainier is an active volcano, which last erupted in 1854. This makes Rainier one of the most dangerous volcanos in the world. Not only is this volcano near large population centers, but an eruption would melt the glaciers and form gigantic *lahars* or boiling mudflows that would reach all the way to Seattle. Ed was at Mount Rainier in the second week of August, a prime time for wildflowers. Species of wildflowers that were seen included: Lupine, Monkey Flower, Alpine Asters, Moss Campion, Rosy Spirea, Sitka Valerian, and Ragwort.

ed. Hendrik Broekman

Member Images

Sue Abrahamsen - "before and after" images - coyote in her back yard, blue heron in the rookery at Lyons-Cutler Reservation in Sudbury, unidentified yellow bird (female Baltimore oriole, maybe?)

Vivienne Shein - wonderful Maine harbor photograph with a foreground of rowboats and/or canoes on the shore; abstract flower image created by shooting at a slow shutter speed and zooming her lens in and out four times while the shutter was open

Terri Ackerman - images from Spain and Portugal

Carol Walsh - nicely lit peonies and lilies in her yard

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

Aug. 11, 2016	Neil Tischler - Look Closely
Sept. 8, 2016	Steven Gabeler - The Best Free Photo Editing Software
Oct. 13, 2016	Semi-annual Member Images Night
Nov. 10, 2016	Hendrik Broekman - Noise and Sharpening in Lightroom and Photoshop

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

With security of the residents of Newbury Court in mind, the Lower Garage will only be open to entry from 6:15 to 7:15pm. Exit is always enabled.

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Newbury Court Display Space

After earlier discussion about allowing SVNP members to hang more than one print in the Community Room of Newbury Court, our "gallery," it had been agreed that members could hang two on a first come first served basis. After a flurry of activity, empty wall space has been depleted. So, for now, new prints will have to wait for vacancies to develop. That's the bad news. The good news is that there has been an almost complete turnover of mounted artwork. It's time for another trip to see the riches.

Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Betsy (978-369-1261 or bmga@aol.com)

SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group exhibits

Ongoing	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
July 18 - Sep. 18	United Parish of Auburndale, Betty Meyer Gallery - "The Nature of New England"
November	Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library

Individual Member Exhibits

SVNP members - please notify Wayne Hall (wah@waynehallphotography.com) 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)
June 1-July 31	Barbara Peskin	Acton Senior Center, Acton, MA
October, 2016	Barbara Peskin	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Rd. Stow, MA Reception Oct. 23, 3:00-4:30pm

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 (photos, personal news, reviews, neat tricks you find worth sharing, etc.) to me at henkbroekman@gmail.com. Please include SVNP in the subject line.



April Showers; Photo: Hendrik Broekman

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