

SVNP NEWSLETTER, JULY, 2017

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2017 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order. 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.

Call for Programs

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

The Evening's Presentation

January on Deer Isle

This past January a group of SVNP members took up Carol Walsh's invitation to gather for a weekend photographing on and around Deer Isle, ME. Of course, it being January, all expected to see some snow but any such hopes had to go unfulfilled. As with snow, so, largely, with the sun. This was exciting, at least to photographers, and resulted in a lot of successful images full of close-up detail. But the sun did make a few appearances, none so welcome as the sunsets on Friday and Saturday. In fact, the group got at least three bites at the apple on Saturday at three different locations one of which was a welcome surprise to Carol who had otherwise done a fine job of scouting locations.

Imagine the scene: A group of four cars racing around the island looking for photographic opportunities. At each stop nine people would emerge, all toting cameras of some ilk. Actually, make that nine people with cameras, looking and searching and a dog whose philosophy seems to be that wherever you go, there you are, so read and answer the p-mail and simply enjoy the moment. Intense activity ensues with all lenses pointed in one direction at some times and in all directions at others. And then, after a short period, the cars would fill up again, drive away and things would return to normal.

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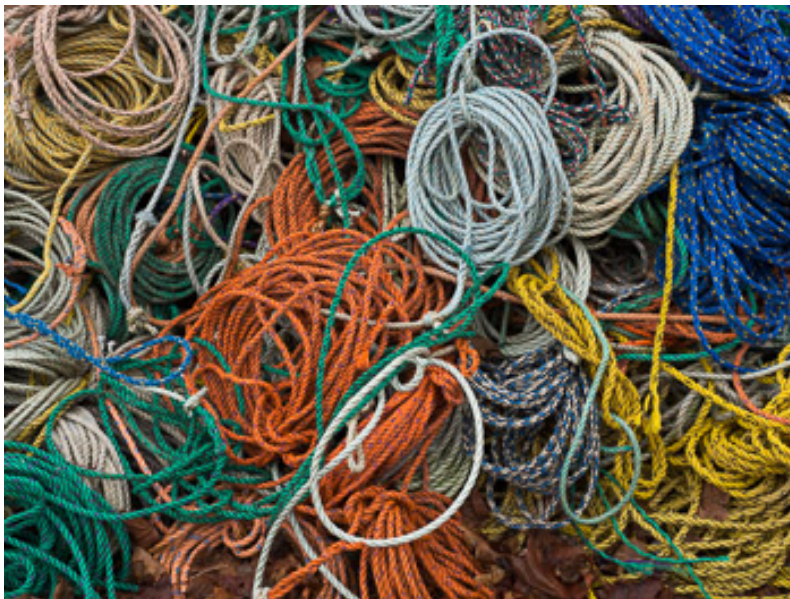
Marilyn Tromer caught the image of two ponies walking on the beach at Sylvester Cove.



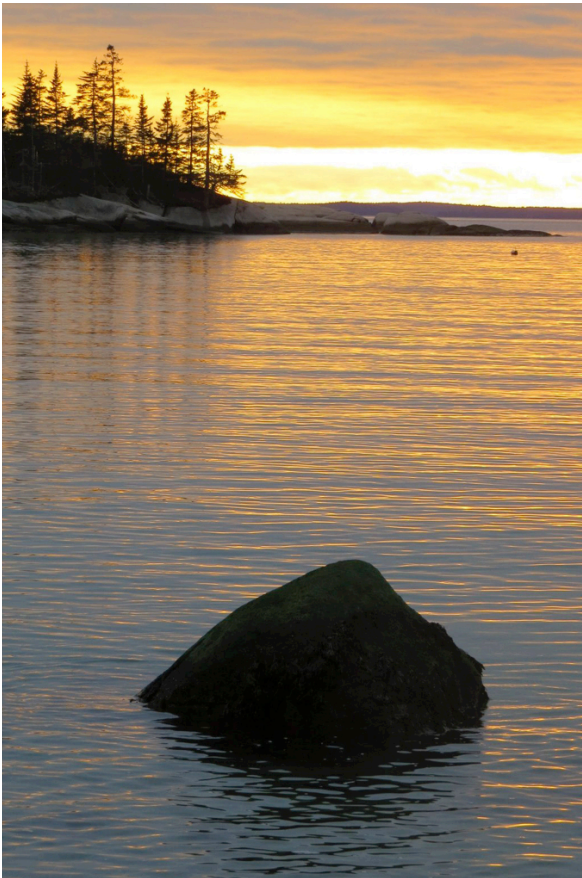
Bob Cooke found this quartz inclusion and titled the photo "Nature's Treasure"



Stephen Gabeler
photographed this tidal pool
at Sand Beach, emphasizing
its starburst nature.



Walking around Stonington Harbor, Sue Abrahamsen came upon a collection of line that the group agreed made an interesting study in line, form and color.



On Friday evening Carol Walsh captured a simple sunset composition from Sand Beach.



Hendrik Broekman had ample opportunity to see sights on his own while walking his dog, Willow. So it was with this image of dried and fallen fern fronds and dormant grass in Stonington.

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Macro Workshop

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Ed McGuirk has offered to lead a workshop for interested members on photographing minerals at macro scale with cross-polarized lighting. We are tentatively planning to do this as an addition to our monthly meeting schedule, probably on a Thursday evening in early fall – location to be determined. Here is a link to some examples of Ed's work in this specialized genre: <http://www.edmcguirkphoto.com/p588820475>.

Any SVNP member who is interested and has not already notified Terri Ackerman (tackerman5@hotmail.com), should do so by August 1.

Member Images

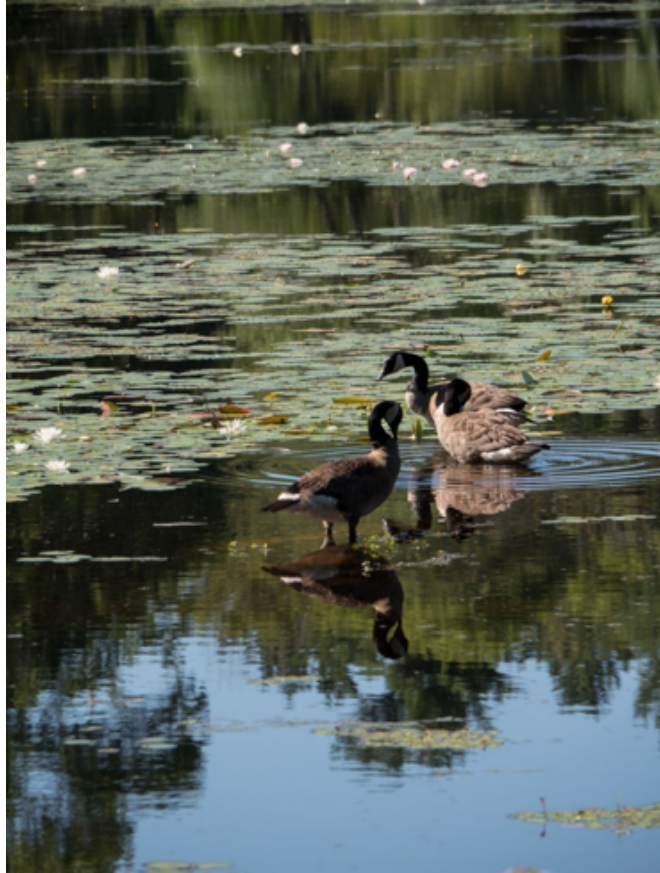
Ed McGuirk shared photographs from a recent trip to Redwoods National Park in California at the peak of rhododendron season. The park is foggy much of the time, making for spectacular compositions involving rhodo blossoms, giant trees, and beautiful foggy forest backgrounds. Ed included two wonderful sunburst ("godbeam") images and talked a bit about his technique. One image featured a low-growing plant called oxalis, which is related to the shamrock family and has lovely light purple flowers.

Sue Abrahamsen showed closeup images of a couple of bees and a "robber" fly, taken at Garden In the Woods using the macro setting on her Olympus 12-40mm (24-80 35mm equivalent) Pro lens. She also shared a photo of a lotus (water lily) taken in the man-made pond in the parking lot of Southborough Medical Center on Route 9 westbound, just west of Trader Joe's. This is a well-known and easily accessible spot for lotus photography, it seems.

Wayne Arthur Hall

Following up on Sue's water lily image, Wayne mentioned that Hamlen Woods on Rice Road in Wayland (a Sudbury Valley Trustees property) is a great spot for them right now.

Photo: Wayne Arthur Hall



August Preview

Barbara Peskin writes, "This June, I had the opportunity to participate in a photography workshop near Baxter State Park and the Maine Woods and Waters National Monument. We went out on morning and late day hikes and also went kayaking. We saw loons, moose and more. I will share some photos and highlights from the workshop as well as other Maine photos. Perhaps a puffin or two..."

UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

- August 10, 2017 Barbara Peskin; Images and Learnings from
Maine Photo Workshop
- September 14, 2017 Michael Milicia; Bird Photography: Insights
and Inspiration
- October 12, 2017 Semi-annual Member Images Night – theme
TBA

**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.

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
November	Wayland Public Library (Raytheon Room)

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)
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA Neighborhood Flowers, 5th floor, south bldg Prints and Canvases, 3rd floor, north bldg
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. 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