

# SVNP NEWSLETTER, JULY, 2019

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JULY 11 MEETING

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting in January, 2020. Any suggestions you may have for programs – especially of a how-to nature – would be appreciated. Please email ([wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto:wah@waynehallphotography.com)) or call (978-443-9226) Wayne if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

Due to a renovation being done in the Community Room at Newbury Court, July's meeting was held in the Great Room (at the other end of the complex.) Rather than using the projector, the presentation (which was made up of a series of 10-second audio/video clips) was given (via an HDMI connection) on the wall-mounted TV. The attendees were so impressed with the quality of the color display ("It looks as good as the laptop," "It's no different than on my monitor at home") that the decision has been made to change all further meetings to the Great Room, at least until a similar or better display somehow appears in the Community Room.

Referencing the work being done in the community room, Betsy Moyer suggested that not only has it become time to completely refresh the group display but that, in the interim (or until another space becomes available for display), some exhibitors might wish to take prints home.

## **The Evening's Presentation**

New member Susanna Kamon presented a fascinating program titled *Using Trailcams to Discover The Prevalence and Behavior of Wildlife In Our New England Woods*. After attending a presentation on the use of trail cameras, Susanna became intrigued with the possibilities for observing and understanding the local wildlife in Concord, MA. As she got into it, her larger project became to observe wildlife, especially bears, in southern New Hampshire. As she explained, simply setting up a trail camera hardly guarantees success. Issues of finding well-used habitat as well as managing light, sight lines, and any potential conflict with the native animals the presence of the camera may cause must be addressed. For instance, while coyotes

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mostly ignore the cameras, bears do investigate and, if placed too high, have been known to scratch them down.

Having scouted for activity and identified a likely locale, Susanna was rewarded with images of coyotes, both in daylight and after dark. As her sightings increased, she was able to start identifying resident individuals as well as likely transients. As the sightings increased further, Susanna could begin to discern from them an outline of their group dynamics.

The attendees found the presentation both intriguing and stimulating. Many questions about both logistics and animals were asked which Susanna answered in satisfying detail. As a consequence of the room's enthusiasm for Susanna's subject, much was left to be shown. This will take place at the December 12 meeting. Be there!

### **Member Images**

Stephen Gabeler and his wife took advantage of a trip offered by the Boston Museum of Science to go to Chile for the most recent total solar eclipse. Viewing took place in the Elqui Valley which markets itself as the prime astrophotography location in Chile. Steve's eclipse images included two diamond rings - one each for the start and end of totality. After the eclipse the group traveled around the Atacama Desert seeing the sorts of sights not often granted to New Englanders.

Ed McGuirk displayed a series of fine images devoted to the springtime colors of New England. There were some images from Massachusetts but many more from northern New Hampshire.

Hendrik Broekman showed a series of photos of local plants and wildlife, with a concentration on our recent wet spring.

### **August Preview**

In June, my wife and I had the great privilege to take a week's tour in the Galápagos. What with one thing and another, it had taken us a couple of years to be able to go, even if we had qualms about the

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final scheduling of the trip. Never fear, though, we had the time of our lives and it will be a pleasure to share some of that goodness with the group.

*Hendrik Broekman*

### **Upcoming SVNP Programs**

Aug. 8, 2019	Hendrik Broekman - <i>Touring the Galápagos</i>
Sept. 12, 2019	John Slonina (guest speaker) - <i>Unleash Your Landscape Photography</i>
Oct. 10, 2019	Doris and Anthony Monteiro - topic TBD
Nov. 14, 2019	Semi-Annual Member Image Night - topic TBD
Dec 12, 2019	Susanna Kamon - <i>Massachusetts and New Hampshire Wildlife by Trail Camera, Pt. II</i>

Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at the new location:

Great Room, Newbury Court  
100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA

Directions may be found at the link immediately below

[http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions\\_to\\_Newbury\\_Court.pdf](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

## Individual Member Exhibits

SVNP members - please notify Wayne Hall ([wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto: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 ( <a href="http://farnwr.org/gallery.html">http://farnwr.org/gallery.html</a> )
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA Neighborhood Flowers, 5th floor, south bldg
Ongoing	Mark Hopkins, Betsy Moyer, Bruce Langmuir, Charles Lowell, Gene Brockington	Resident and Staff Exhibit, Newbury Court Senior Living, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA (use South entrance)

Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Apr 29-Jul 1	Terri Ackerman	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord, MA - <i>Reception May 5, 3-5pm</i>

June 5-30	Anne Umphrey	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Road, Stow, MA
July 3-28	Wayne Hall	<i>Time for Reflection</i> Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Road, Stow, MA

### An Invitation from your Editor

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](mailto:henkbroekman@gmail.com). Please include SVNPN 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*



*You called?;  
photo, Hendrik Broekman*