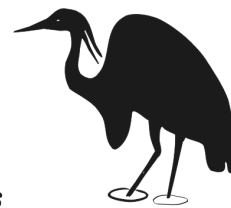


# SVNP NEWS



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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**

September 8, 2011    Member Images Night – theme: “The New England Coast”  
October 13, 2011    Carol Walsh and Suzie MacKenzie – African Safari Images  
November 10, 2011    Russ Kirby – high dynamic range (HDR) software tools  
Sue Abrahamsen – Morocco photographs  
December 8, 2011    Marilyn Tromer – Images of Thailand

## August Meeting Notes

### "BEARS," PRESENTATION BY JOHN SLONINA

John Slonina, professional nature photographer, gave a presentation on three kinds of bears - black bears (in Canada), polar bears (in Canada), and grizzly bears (in Alaska). For those who missed his excellent presentation, or for those who attended and would like to see more, you may visit his website at [www.sloninaphotography.com](http://www.sloninaphotography.com). This also is a place to sign up for his photography tours and workshops.

John shoots raw digital images, often travels with three cameras, two with fast release mounts to affix to a tripod and a third carried around his neck. Thus he has three lenses at his instant disposal, for example 100 - 400, 20 - 100 wide angle, 500 mm with 1.4 or 2.0 adapter.

He finds the histogram, a feature of most digital cameras, an invaluable aid in getting just the right exposure for his shots. The highlights on bears' fur, for example, can be problematic, but the histogram helps him to make adjustments that give him the perfect shot. He avoids using flash since that can frighten his subject away, even if he is at some distance from it.

A few tips for photographing wildlife and in taking daylong field trips were also mentioned. Take plenty of batteries, keep them charged, change them frequently, as batteries often go dead, especially in colder temperatures. Also, previsualize your shots and set your f-stops and focus even before the bear (or whatever) steps into the shot.

Besides showing us beautiful images of bears, John also imparted a great deal of information about bear habitat, behavior, and populations. The polar bear population, for instance, is dwindling dramatically. We also learned the best places and times of year to photograph bears. Thanks, John, for a great program! (Notes taken by Betsy Moyer.)

## Announcements

### *Annual Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers Exhibit, October 2 – 30, Raytheon Room of the Wayland Library*

**October 2, 2:30 – 4:30, reception for SVNPN exhibit at the Wayland Library**

Please invite your friends!

#### Call for Refreshments

If you can bring finger foods or non-alcoholic drinks, to the Wayland Library reception 2:30 - 4:30, Sunday October 2, please get in touch with Betsy Moyer ([978-369-1261](tel:978-369-1261), [bmga@aol.com](mailto:bmga@aol.com)). She will take care of paper and plastic, tablecloth, floral centerpiece, etc. We have the room from 2 - 5 on October 2 to allow for setup and cleanup

Wayne announced that about 18 members have signed up for the exhibit. There is room for others. Please get in touch with him if you would like to exhibit. If you are able to help with the installation (Saturday, October 1, 12 - 1) or if you would be willing to speak about your photograph, please get in touch with Wayne.

**The Oldtown Photo Calendar** Competition is on again in Natick - details are on their website, [www.oldtowncalendar.com](http://www.oldtowncalendar.com), and they can be contacted at: [oldtowncalendar@verizon.net](mailto:oldtowncalendar@verizon.net) The competition is held on October 16, 2011.

Linda Crews reminded folks about the **Acton Annual Competition**. Here is a link to a map of the area, if you are interested in taking photos for this year's competition:

<http://www.actontrails.org/CasM.htm>

Photos taken from April to October 2011 are allowed, and the deadline for submissions is some time in November.

## SVNP Exhibit Calendar

### *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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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### *SVNP Group Exhibits*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA
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Oct. 1-31, 2011	Annual Fall exhibit - Wayland Library (Raytheon Room) <b><i>“Meet the artists” reception Sunday, Oct. 2, 2:30-4:30</i></b>
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### *Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating*

Sept. 1-30	Sudbury Art Association All-member Art Show – Sudbury Plaza, Route 20 (in the former Thunder Sports location)
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Oct. 15-16	Sudbury Open Studios Weekend (various locations throughout Sudbury)
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