

SVNP NEWSLETTER, AUGUST, 2016

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2016 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order by reminding the group that the September 8 program, dealing with currently available free photo software, will be presented by Gabe Gabeler.

October 13 will be our next (approximately) semiannual *member images night*. The theme has been announced as "Feast or Famine - extremes of weather or climate". We're looking for images of drought or extremely wet conditions, heavy fog, desert or rain forest images, etc. Weather is always with us and extreme moments are not too hard to come by. Many possibilities suggest themselves, for instance, desert wildflowers, wildlife in extreme conditions, etc., whether presented as strict reportage, abstracts or pattern shots. Plan for up to five different images for discussion, as well as variants of some or all that show important intermediate post-processing steps.

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

Betsy Moyer outlined a proposal for recording the meetings on video (largely from the projected image) to be broadcast on Concord community TV and also streamed online. This provoked a five-minute discussion that dealt with uncertainty about copyright, the possibility of image theft as well as the likely quality of the image. On asking for hands, at least a plurality of the group voted to encourage Betsy to explore this possibility; there were no votes opposed. Please contact Betsy (bmga@aol.com) if you have questions, comments, or would like to become involved in any way.

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.

Group Show at United Parish of Auburndale

"The Nature of New England", our group exhibit at the United Parish of Auburndale, is up and running and will be open for viewing between 9AM and 3 PM Monday through Friday (or by appointment) through September 17. The work of 15 SVNP members is on display.

The Evening's Presentation

The evening's guest speaker, **Neil Tischler** – a photographer living in Acton, presented a program entitled *Look Closely* meant as a celebration of photography of everyday nature found close to home. Neil developed an interest in nature during his childhood growing up on 60 acres in upstate New York, near Cairo. Later, his father taught him how to process black and white film and make prints in a crude home darkroom. So nature photography has really been a lifelong obsession. This fascination even expressed itself when, while laid up from shoulder surgery, Neil contrived to actively continue photography, almost – but not quite (and therein hangs a tale) – as usual. Birds, small mammals, insects, window frost, droplets and more were among the subjects pictured. Although most images were presented individually, he also offered several series. One was of Redwings harassing a Red Tail, another of Cedar Waxwings and yet another of Hummingbirds – there were more still. The only subjects

not native to our immediate vicinity were a couple of fine sailboats heeled in a fresh breeze off Gloucester. During a discussion of printing after the presentation, it became clear that producing images with naturalistic colors rather than eye candy is a concern of Neil's, which concern drives his choice of camera (Nikon D7200) and printer (Epson 2200). He produces and sells both display prints and greeting cards. He shoots exclusively in jpeg and seems to get away with it. Neil was given a well-deserved and hearty round of applause at the conclusion. His web address is given below. He also invites visits to his studio. Neil will be active in the Acton Open Studios on the weekend of October 15 and 16.

<http://www.neiltischler.com/>

Member Images

Andy Novick showed a selection of images from a recent trip to Rocky Mountain National Park

Bob Cooke had several prints on display in the corridor outside the Community Room.

Member News

Congratulations go to **Ed McGuirk**, who has had the honor of having one of his photographs of Acadia NP chosen as photograph of the day for the Outdoor Photographer's website/blog.

<http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/ravens-nest-sunset/>

<http://svnp.homestead.com>

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

Sept. 8, 2016	Steven Gabeler - The Best Free Photo 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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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)
October, 2016	Barbara Peskin	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Rd. Stow, MA Reception Oct. 23, 3:00-4:30pm
October, 2016	Terri Ackerman	Lincoln Library, Lincoln MA
October, 2016	Terri Ackerman	Boxborough Library, Boxborough, MA - included in group show

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