

# SVNP NEWSLETTER, AUGUST, 2019

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8 MEETING

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting in February, 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.

Referencing the work that has yet to be done in the community room, Betsy Moyer reminded the group 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. If you intend to remove your prints, please call Betsy so that she might alert staff to your arrival.

This year, the second semi-annual Member Images Night will share the month of November with the annual exhibit at the Wayland Public Library. Wayne expects that a call for work for the exhibit will be sent out in September. Any suggestions for themes for one or both of these events would be most welcome. Please call (978-443-9226) or email ([wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto:wah@waynehallphotography.com)) Wayne with any thoughts you may have.

## The Evening's Presentation

This past June, **Hendrik and Mai Broekman** traveled to the Galápagos. Their tour operator was Natural Habitat Tours. The excursion took place on the motor catamaran Ocean Spray, which carries sixteen passengers and eleven crew (<https://www.nathab.com/galapagos/galapagos-islands-adventure/itinerary/ocean-spray-2019-itinerary/>).

On this evening Hendrik and Mai presented Part I of a mixed media narrative of their trip. Hendrik's still images (shot with his Olympus OM-D E-M1) were punctuated by eight videos assembled from footage captured either by Mai with her iPhone 10 (which she

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put in a waterproof housing while snorkeling) or by Hendrik using either his iPhone 8 or, in the water, an Olympus TG-5 “Tough”. The first three videos involved the trip from Boston via Quito to the Galápagos. Three others were shot by both on snorkeling activities as well as a further pair shot primarily by Mai during small boat (panga) rides.

Appropriate to the location, the photos Hendrik shot in the Galápagos were primarily devoted to depicting wildlife. There were images of frigatebirds galore as well as as marine and land iguanas, sea lions, penguins – and a lot more. Hendrik’s interest in the efforts of red mangrove and other plants to colonize bare lava was much in evidence as was his fascination with blue-footed boobies plunge diving. The first part came to an end while rounding the southwest end of Isabela with photos showing the volcanic landscape with its many small cinder cones and a final whale spout.



*Color Me Unimpressed;  
photo, Hendrik Broekman*

It was fascinating to compare the fishing/diving styles of cormorants, pelicans and boobies, and to see how fast sea lions can move under water. Also, if you like huge piles of marine iguanas, the Galápagos is your kind of place. Part II will be our featured presentation on January 9, 2020.

*Wayne Arthur Hall*

## Member Images

Spurred by a link sent him by Wayne Hall (<https://luminous-landscape.com/the-art-of-yellowstone-algae/>), **Stephen Gabeler** brought several of his own photos of similar scenes gathered over many years, both from Yellowstone and further abroad.



*Yellowstone, et al.;*  
*photo, Stephen Gabeler*

**Hendrik Broekman** showed a series of photos of local plants and wildlife, all taken since his return from the Galápagos. It was heavy with dragonflies.

## September Preview

John Slonina will present a program entitled, *Unleash your Landscape Photography*. John writes, "This program will provide several techniques that can help take your landscape photography to the next level. Some examples will be demonstrated with before and after photos as well as video. We will also discuss how to get great depth-of-field and compositions to make your photos stand out. It is my aim to help you understand the light and use it to your advantage. I also deal with special weather conditions like fog, rainbows and storms. I will also discuss strategies for photographing water (lakes, rivers, and the ocean) as well as different ways to deal with contrast and bad light."

### Upcoming SVNPN Programs

- Sept. 12, 2019      John Slonina (guest speaker) - *Unleash Your Landscape Photography*
- Oct. 10, 2019      Doris and Anthony Monteiro - *Bird Photography - How? and Where?*
- Nov. 14, 2019      Semi-Annual Member Image Night - topic TBD
- Dec 12, 2019      Susanna Kamon - *Massachusetts and New Hampshire Wildlife by Trail Camera, Pt. II*
- Jan. 9, 2020      Hendrik Broekman - *Touring the Galápagos, Pt. II*

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\\_Great\\_Room.pdf](http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court_Great_Room.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 SVNPN 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, SVNPN 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/  
On Hiatus                      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
July 3-Sept. 1	Wayne Hall	<i>Time for Reflection</i> Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Road, Stow, MA
October	Barbara Peskin	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 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 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*



*Dragonfly; photo, Hendrik Broekman*