

SVNP NEWSLETTER, AUGUST, 2021

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12 MEETING

Wayne reported success in rescheduling our (seriously belated) 25th anniversary exhibit at the Wayland Library for November of this year! More information and a call for exhibitors will be forthcoming around September 1.

We were reminded that the current plan is to return to in-person meetings at Newbury Court, beginning in October. There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as October, 2021. As usual, any suggestions you may have for programs – especially of a how-to nature – would be appreciated. Please email (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.

The Evening's Presentation: *Liberia*

Marsha Wilcox returned, along with Jon Rossman, to give a presentation detailing her recent activities in Liberia surrounding the establishment of a mission school in a rural area well distant from the country's capital, Monrovia. The school is in Deanville, an area of Gbarnga. Thanks to its recent civil war, Liberia has drawn a short straw. The demographics are telling: about 50% of the population are children and, of those, only one-third are enrolled in school. Money is short. Illiteracy is common. Schools are critical. So is well-judged aid. The school, the Gbarnga Lutheran Training Center, appears to be a successful result of sensitive first-world support of the local administration and staff. Sustainability remains a worry.

The co-presenters, Marsha and Jon, gracefully and lucidly explained the problems found and solutions sought in the founding, building and maintenance of the school. Marsha's photos were informative throughout and wonderfully evocative when appropriate, most especially her portraits of students and staff. The evening was a wonderful expression of the concept of the Human family.

Member Images

Nicole Mordecai had the good fortune of a visit from a (photographically) cooperative juvenile Barred Owl to her garden. She also offered some photos of House Finch chicks. Nicole then showed several of her results from a Workshop recently given by the photographer Charles Needle on Cape Cod. The group was enthusiastic about the breadth of techniques on display, some of which are mentioned at the link following.

<https://edu.huntsphoto.com/store/Special-Guest-Series-Impressionistic-Photography-with-Charles-Needle-p221161854>

Anne Umphrey has recently been pursuing photography using her iPhone. She first offered an evocative image of a yellow shell fungus. Anne then showed several images from earlier this year when she spent some time around Santa Fe, NM.

Member News

Former member **Art Phipps** passed away on July 22, at age 89. Art was a retired business executive, Sudbury resident, talented ice dancer, and an avid sailor, in addition to being a talented photographer.

Around the Web

Further information about Charles Needle (see above). When I visited the site, it was under construction but it should bear watching.

<https://charlesneedlephoto.com>

A valuable watch, courtesy of B&H Photo Video, is this critique session given by Frans Lanting. It approaches the series of wildlife images both from the artistic and the practical viewpoints.

<https://youtu.be/Iynqs28XvKc>

<http://svnp.homestead.com>

Robert Doisneau (1912-1994) was a prolific and talented photographer of the mid-20th century. A [gallery](#) of selected portfolios dealing with many subjects has given me a great deal both of enjoyment and instruction.

Not about photography, per se, but I find this New York Times [article](#) to be a wonderful example of the explicative possibilities we might expect from the internet. That, and I'm a sucker for art history done well.

UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

September 9 Member Images Night: A choice of theme:
Emerging From Our COVID Caves or
Water, Water Everywhere

October 14 TBA

Please Note - The first meeting listed above may be the last to be held electronically. Depending on continued improvement in the state of public resistance to the virus, SVNPN expects to resume in-person meetings at Newbury Court in October.

SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Nov. 1-30, 2021	Wayland Public Library - Raytheon Room, 5 Concord Road, Wayland, MA
Postponed	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St, Concord, MA; <i>25th Anniversary Exhibition</i>

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 <i>Neighborhood Flowers</i> , 5th floor, south bldg

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. Please include SVNP in the subject line.

I especially invite presenters and members sharing images to select and submit files for illustrative purposes. It should be possible to accommodate two images or so 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.

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