

SVNP Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m.
Traditions of Wayland

Notes on the meeting

SVNP Future Meeting Location -- Pros and Cons of Newbury Court in Concord vs. Traditions of Wayland:

Eleven SVNPs attended the meeting. We discussed many factors to consider in making the best choice for the most members:

Drive distance: Either location is advantageous for some, not good for others

Traffic: That is a problem in either location. We decided to start our meetings later, 7:30, which should alleviate the traffic problem in either location. We will start with chat and nibbles at 7:00

Parking: Sometimes it's difficult at Traditions. The underground garage at Newbury Court should solve parking problems in that location. [Note: I spoke today with Chris Sintros, CEO of Newbury Court. He assured us the use of the Lower Garage – directions to follow. The entry door will be open from 6:30 – 8:00 every second Thursday of the month.]

The room: Possibly better at Newbury Court.

Room setup: Will be more reliable at Newbury Court.

Facility: Rest rooms and water fountain closer at Newbury Court.

Comfort: Chairs are more comfortable at Newbury Court.

Darkening: Not a problem in either location.

Projector and screen: The height of the screen is better at Traditions. We would use our projector at either location. [Note: I spoke with Chris about the Newbury Court projector. He is willing to get in touch with the manufacturer to find out if the focus can be sharpened. NC would pay for any recommended adjustments. I will look into that. The screen cannot be changed, however.]

Exhibit area: More linear feet at Traditions. Lighting and traffic are better at Newbury Court.

Because only one member so far has said she/he would stop attending if we move to Newbury Court, we decided to move to Newbury Court, for the time being, at any rate.

If you have not already done so, please weigh in on this discussion. We want to hear from everyone! Communicate your comments to Wayne (978-443-9226, wah@waynehallphotography.com) or to Betsy (978-369-1261, bmga@aol.com.)

This decision is not set in stone. Chris Sintros has said we are welcome to stay as long as we wish. Newbury Court will help publicize SVNP by adding our link to their web site, including news of our presence in their Annual Report and other publications as opportunities arise. However, he will not install the picture molding in our exhibit area until we're sure we want to stay on a long-term basis, since that would be a considerable expense for Newbury Court.

Evening's Presentation:

Linda Crews introduced a DVD made by Joel Sartore, a regular contributor to *National Geographic* and other notable journals, part of his "Fundamentals of Photography," which is one of the courses in the Great Courses series. There are 36 half hour lectures in the series, and Linda has all of them. We watched two lectures on the subject of Composition: "Seeing Well," and "Background and Perspective."

The presentations were excellent, and we learned a lot, even though we thought we knew some of this already.

Joel Sartore gave us two assignments, which we might try our hand at:

1. Three different photos of the same subject, taken from three different perspectives: from far distant, from a closer position, something in between, isolating the subject or including it with other objects, etc.
2. Three different photos of the same subject from three different angles: from very high up (bird's-eye view, from a ladder or table), from very low (worms-eye view, lying on the floor), and from some place in between. Walk around the subject. Be inventive.

Member images:

Hendrik Broekman showed before and after images of scenes from Sedgemoor conservation area in Wayland. Shooting raw allowed him to make color adjustments not possible if you shoot in jpeg. Marilyn Tromer showed images from her recent trip to Tanzania.

Wayland Library, Raytheon Room Exhibit, month of November:

November is coming up and our annual SVNP Raytheon Exhibit. This year's theme is "Wayland Conservation Areas," in conjunction with the Wayland 375 celebration.

The exhibit schedule is:

- November 1, morning – Hang the show
- November 2, 2 – 4 – Opening reception
- November 30, afternoon – Take down

We have room for more participants! Please contact Wayne (info above) if you are interested. He has extended the call for exhibitors to September 30.

Next meeting:

October 10, 2013, in the Community Room of Newbury Court, 80 Deaconess Road. Nibbles and chat at 7:00, meeting at 7:30. Presentation: Photography by Barbara Peskin, "Yellowstone and Machias Seal Island"

If you have prints hanging at Traditions, please leave them there until further notice.

Upcoming Programs:

We need programs for December and beyond.

Directions to Newbury Court, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA

Newbury Court is located next to Emerson Hospital, in Concord. To reach it from I-95 or route 126, go west on Route 2, turn left or south at the stoplight just after the hospital onto Old Road to Nine Acre Corner (ORNAC).

Turn left onto, *Deaconess Road. There is parking in designated areas along Deaconess Road. Park anywhere that is not designated as a no-parking area and walk to the portico into the north entrance of Newbury Court. The Community Room is right off the lobby.

Another route to Newbury Court from the south is via Concord Road and Sudbury Center. Continue north on Concord Road past the Lincoln-Sudbury High School. Turn sharp right on Concord Road (which, incidentally, changes its name to Sudbury Road when it gets to Concord.) Continue past Nashawtuc Country Club, through the light at Dunkin Donuts, to ORNAC Road, the second left after Verrill Farms. Go north on ORNAC past Newbury Court Road to Deaconess Road. Turn right and follow directions from the *.

Note: There are two entrances into Newbury Court: one at the end of Newbury Court Road and one at the end of Deaconess Road. The entrance at Deaconess Road takes you closest to the Community Room.

Directions to Lower Garage, underground parking:

Enter Newbury Court campus via Newbury Court Road instead of Deaconess Road. Turn left off Newbury Court Road onto Chamberlin Drive, make a right just beyond the dumpsters and go down a ramp to the open door into the Lower Garage where there are about 30 parking places. That's the staff parking lot, but staff will not be present when we meet.

Park anywhere. Follow the signs to the elevator at the far end of the garage. Go to *1. Exit the elevator and turn left down a long hall. At the end turn right and you will be in our exhibit gallery hall. Go to the end

of that hall, past the reception desk (you may sign in if you wish), to the Community Room.

If there are problems, please call Betsy's cellphone, 978-621-9200 or Newbury Court north front desk at 978-369-5151.