

SVNP NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER, 2019

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, MEETING

Wayne called the well-attended meeting to order by acknowledging the presence of members from the Assabet Valley Camera Club, who were attending the evening's presentation at the invitation of SVNP. Betsy read an email from her daughter (please see Member News, below, for details.)

A call for exhibitors has been sent out for the annual November show at the Wayland Public Library. The theme chosen for this year is "Nature Leads Us In". Photographers are encouraged to interpret this broadly, perhaps including any sort of leading lines which draw the viewer's eyes into the beauty of nature. Examples might include a flowing stream, a path in the woods, patterns in the sand, ripples or a trail of pine needles on a pond, lines on a flower leading to its center, ducks in a row, etc. All should feel free to use their imagination!

Our next more-or-less-semiannual member images night will be held at our Nov. 14 meeting. Wayne thanked all who offered theme suggestions. Two themes have been selected - choose one or both: either "Nature Leads Us In" (see above) or "Surprises" - images that turned out to be much more/better than you expected. Or, as our *Great Paraphraser*, Bob Cooke, puts it - "Ain't you glad you went, when you expected nothin'?" As usual, please bring up to five images (either as stand-alone photos or before and after post-processing pairs) for discussion.

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) or call (978-443-9226) Wayne if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

Members Please Note - The display in the Great Room has the Full HD resolution of 1920 (w) x 1280 (h). If you have been in the habit of sizing your images to the lower resolution of the group's projector, please be aware that continuing to do so (or reusing older versions) may result in poor presentation.

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The Evening's Presentation

John Slonina last spoke to the group in March, 2014. John is a professional photographer specializing in nature photography who leads instructional photo workshops and tours, both locally and much further afield. He gave a highly enjoyable and informative presentation, "Unleash Your Landscape Photography", replete with teaching slides and wonderful examples. Although he spoke directly to the subject of landscape photography, still, very handsome, well-photographed critters of all sorts kept making appearances in many of the sample shots.

Aided with extensive bullet lists, John discussed a large range of matters of concern to landscape photographers. Among other things, he touched on composition, accessories, filters (especially polarizers), using live view (mirror up), shooting strategy, useful apps, night photography, tips for shooting the aurora and tips for shooting in less than ideal light. But for the issue of prose style, I could have made the list much longer - much was left out. John's discussion of scouting apps (e.g., PhotoPills) and the photographic uses for GPS technology brought a classic talk into the present moment.

John Slonina's work and other offerings may be accessed and he may be contacted through his website, www.sphotography.com

October Preview

Tony and Doris Monteiro write, "In this presentation, we will explain the equipment and techniques we use when taking pictures of birds and will show you the locations of our favorite birding hotspots. We wish to take you on a journey that highlights a number of bird species from local nature preserves to wildlife areas across the country."

Member News

Betsy Moyer's daughter, Ellen, writes, "I have a Canon FTB camera (for old-fashioned film, not digital) that I really like. I haven't used it in years but it always worked well and I have no reason to think it is not still in good working order. There is just the standard

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lens it came with, no others. The case is in bad shape, but that's a tiny detail. I wonder if there is anyone who might like to have it? Something this good should be in use, not sitting in my closet, even though it shoots film." If any of you have ideas regarding a new home for this camera, please let Betsy know (bmga@aol.com).

Over the course of the next several weeks **Terri Ackerman** is participating in four "fun and free" events given in, variously, Carlisle, Wayland, Bolton and Lexington. Information may be found at <https://eyesoftheworld.zenfolio.com/blog/2019/9/free-fun-events>

Possible New Feature

Given the number of enjoyable images that are shared at meetings, I have wondered for a while why so few members take the opportunity to ask to have their efforts appear in the newsletter. I don't see much difference between sharing several images in the course of a meeting and having one or two appear in the newsletter. I have found it striking that image-rich editions have reliably elicited appreciative comments.

In this spirit I would like to propose a new monthly (or so) feature devoted to one or two images (recently shared or not) by a single photographer to be displayed in a larger format than we have allowed before now. It would be even more useful if the image(s) were accompanied by text describing some aspect of the image the photographer finds meaningful. It could be anything from a sentence to a paragraph or two. My ground rule would be that my task would be limited to page layout and the photographer would be responsible for providing titles and comments.

I invite any opinions about the scheme, its advisability, how it might be organized or how likely you might be to participate in it. I may be contacted at henkbroekman@gmail.com.

Upcoming SVNP Programs

- Oct. 10, 2019 Doris and Anthony Monteiro - *Bird Photography - How? and Where?*
- Nov. 14, 2019 Semi-Annual Member Image Night - *Nature Leads Us In*
- 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 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at our new location:

Great Room, Newbury Court
100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA

Important - Please Read

Updated directions to the **Great Room** and instructions for **underground parking** (which will become available starting at 6:10pm on meeting evenings) may be found at the link immediately below.

http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court_Great_Room.pdf

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/
On Hiatus

Newbury Court - Community Room,
80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA
rotating exhibit

Nov 1-30

Wayland Public Library, 5 Concord Rd.,
Wayland, MA (Raytheon Room) – Reception
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2:30-4:30pm

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 |
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| 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 Neighborhood Flowers, 5th floor, south bldg |
| 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. 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 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.

Hendrik Broekman



*Hummingbird Hawk Moth;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*