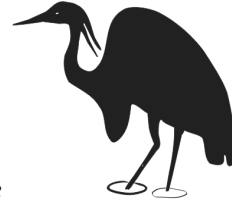


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About SVNP

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers
is an informal group of more than one hundred talented advanced amateur and professional photographers from the western suburbs of Boston, brought together by their passion for capturing the beauty and power of nature through photography.

The group was established in 1995, and regularly exhibits its members' work throughout eastern Massachusetts and on the Internet.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Great Room in the Main House at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 10 Green Way, Wayland, Massachusetts.

Schedule of upcoming SVNP programs

Nov. 8, 2012 Dave Mangels – Images of Canyonlands National Park

We are especially in need of a program for our December meeting. Please contact Wayne if you have a program to present or know someone who does!

Notes from October Meeting

Our featured presentation was entitled “Attracting Wildlife for the Nature Photographer”, by special guest Gail Hansche Godin. Gail was accompanied by husband Dave, her invaluable sherpa, IT assistant, and installer of the equipment she used for her excellent presentation.

Gail began by emphasizing the value of having an environment at home where one can practice wildlife photography, get comfortable with new equipment, etc., before spending a lot of money on photographic expeditions to exotic places where one has only one chance to get it right.

Gail gave a detailed and fascinating recipe for attracting and photographing birds, butterflies and frogs in your own back yard or porch or patio. Though she lives on two-acres of varied vegetation, one needs only a porch balcony to have a feeder and suet to attract a large variety of birds. Birds need three things: food, water, and shelter. Keep these needs in mind while setting up your backyard. She has planted a dead tree in her yard – birds like to perch on it and its open structure provides the photographer with a clear view of the subject. Locate it far from any distracting background to allow for easy selective focus and depth of field control.

Gail favors black oil sunflower seeds, peanuts and suet as favorites of the widest variety of birds. Installing a natural perch for birds to rest on before going to the feeder can allow the photographer to have a little anticipation time before the bird goes to the feeder. Most individual birds have a favorite perching spot that they'll return to time after time. Gail shared with us many ideas about what and where to plant (native plants are most likely to attract birds) techniques of photography, and how to increase that key ingredient -- patience! She commented that “propagated” flowers in a photograph can disqualify the photograph in the “nature” category of some photo competitions and exhibits.

For those who missed this splendid presentation, it is well worth checking Gail's web site, www.featherfotos.com, or contacting her to find out when she will next be in the area.

Announcements

WE URGENTLY NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR! Unfortunately our previous editor, Suzie MacKenzie, has now moved to Nashville, TN. The job is made easier by both Wayne and Betsy chipping in, and providing details that you might have missed, and it is always possible to find a substitute if you're not going to be at the meeting. Please consider doing it, and let Wayne or Betsy know you'll be the new editor! Contact information below.

Exhibits of interest:

The Davis Museum, Wellesley College, 130 photographs from their collection, until December 16. Check the Wellesley College web site or call 781-283-2051 for museum hours. Free and open to the public.

SVNP's annual fall members' exhibition will take place in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Library November 1-30. We have seventeen participants: Betsy Moyer, Wayne Hall, Linda Crews, Jackie Greene, Erin Lamb, Sue Abrahamsen, Bob Diefenbacher, Joan Chasan, Mark Hopkins, Susan Majors, Arlene and Henry Winkleman, Trudy and Murray Drobnis, Carol Walsh, Vivienne Shein, and Dave Mangels.

We will be hosting a “meet the artists” reception on Saturday, November 10, from 2:30 to 4:30, with brief gallery talks by several of our members.

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

SVNP members - please notify Wayne Hall (wah@waynehallphotography.com) of your upcoming individual exhibits for posting on the SVNP website.

Individual Member Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Nov. 1-30	Trudy and Murray Drobnis	Wayland Public Library (foyer)

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Ongoing	Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA
November, 2012	Annual group exhibit – Wayland Library Reception Saturday, Nov. 10, 2:30-4:30

Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

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