

# SVNP NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2014

## INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2014 MEETING

Wayne called the meeting to order by first reminding the group assembled of the upcoming program, Two Takes on Turkey (November 13, 2014). Members Terri Ackerman and Hendrik Broekman have each traveled in Turkey within the past year and the evening should be enlightening, both for the encounter with a modern (but different) culture with its own unique history and landscape as well as how two different eyes found views to bring back.

### **River Stewardship Council**

At this point, the RSC show has appeared in Billerica and Framingham and just finished its time at the Raytheon Room at the Wayland Public Library. Subsequent RSC mountings are not expected to occur until early 2015. (Below, a portion of the show in Wayland)



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### **Annual Show at Wayland Public Library**

The annual SVNPN display at the Wayland Public Library, also in the Raytheon Room, is in the last stages of planning. It will be up from November 1 through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers for hanging and taking down are sought. The "Meet the Photographers" reception for the show is slated for Sunday, November 9, 2:30-4:30 pm, gallery talk at 3:30.

### **Art in Nature**

Carol Walsh has submitted a proposal to the United Parish of Auburndale in Newton on behalf of SVNPN for a group show to be entitled Art in Nature. The parish has been gifted with an attractive new display space (The Betty Meyer Art Gallery), which is quickly becoming known as a desirable venue. In their limited experience as presenters the gallery staff have not yet hosted a group show and it is to be hoped that the proposed subject will help ease the decision for them to do so. Should the proposal be accepted then the time to crank up the creative juices and start photographing Art in Nature will have arrived. Even if the proposal is not accepted why not get going on it, anyway?

### **Photo Trip to Zion NP**

Sufficient interest having been found, Carol Walsh has made good her willingness to put together a group package for a photo junket. The main destination is Zion National Park in Utah with a shorter stop at Bryce Canyon. The trip will take place in mid-April. I am informed the trip is officially closed but that interested parties may still contact Carol by email ([clesliewalsh@hotmail.com](mailto:clesliewalsh@hotmail.com)) for details as well as to express desperate interest in joining the group.

### **Newbury Court Display Space**

Betsy also reminded the group that there are several more spaces yet available on the walls of the Community Room, our new 'gallery'. For those who have not yet visited Newbury Court, Wayne has placed two images of a portion of the space up on the SVNPN

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website (click on Upcoming Programs). Members can drop off prints at either the North or the South reception desks at Newbury Court, and Betsy will hang them. Please supply the following information: Your name as you'd like it to appear on the ID card, title of print, dimensions, type of print, price, contact information. Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Betsy (978-369-1261 or [bmga@aol.com](mailto:bmga@aol.com))

### **The Evening's Presentation, October 9, 2014**

The main presentation, by Wayne Hall, was titled "A Nature Photographer's Guide to Composition" and was assembled from an earlier presentation given to the Sudbury Arts Organization that was specifically targeted at the lay public. Although some of that DNA remained in evidence, Wayne's presentation touched on most considerations of composition in a breezy but thoroughgoing manner. His list of compositional items missed few, if any, that should be under consideration as (or even before) the eye is brought to the viewfinder. The list exceeded simple placement of a subject within the scene and included concepts as varied and wide-ranging as color, texture, negative space, mood and story – to name just a few. Wayne's implicit suggestion that the background is of equal importance to the success of the image was well documented. Each of the concepts covered was illustrated with an apt image or two. The reading list that Wayne offered is given here, as well:

Wolfe, Art	The New Art of Photographing Nature
Freeman, Michael	The Photographer's Eye – A Graphic Guide
Dykinga, Jack	Capture the Magic
Briot, Alain	Mastering Photographic Composition, Creativity and Personal Style
Tharp, Brenda	Creative Nature and Outdoor Photography
Norton, Boyd	The Art of Outdoor Photography

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Just because one sings in the choir, it does not follow that periodic calls to righteousness are not salutary. Wayne's presentation was well organized, thorough, enjoyable and helpful. It was the right sermon for the right choir.

### Member Images

At the conclusion of the presentation, six members (Sue Abrahamson, Joan Chasan, Terri Ackerman, Katherine O'Hara, Hendrik Broekman and Raj Das) showed recent images. On the table outside the Community Room were displayed some large prints by Bob Cooke as well as some bags and other occasional merchandise by Terri Ackerman.

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

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| November 13, 2014 | Two Takes on Turkey, Terri Ackerman & Hendrik Broekman                       |
| December 11, 2014 | A New England Nature Photographers Year - Four Seasons of Images, Ed McGuirk |

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## SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

### Group exhibits

- Ongoing Newbury Court - Community Room, 80  
Deaconess Road, Concord, MA  
rotating exhibit
- November 1-30, 2014 Wayland Public Library, Concord Road,  
Wayland, MA  
"Meet the Artists" reception Sunday, Nov. 9,  
2:30-4:30

*more exhibits*

### 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> )
Current	Terri Ackerman	Farfalle Italian Market, 26 Concord Crossing, Concord, MA New England Olive Oil Company, 191 Sudbury Rd., Concord

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Oct. 17 - Dec. 2	Barbara Peskin	Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street, West Concord, MA
Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	Mark Hopkins	Bemis Hall, Lincoln, MA - "Shot in Lincoln"
Nov. 1-30	Terri Ackerman, Steve Gabeler	Artscape at the Bradford Mill complex, West Concord, MA "Trees - Branching Out" juried show
Nov. 30 - Jan. 5	Terri Ackerman	Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA - First Parish Photo Club
May 2015	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA

*Hendrik Broekman*