

SVNP NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER, 2020

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12 MEETING

The meeting started with discussion of the pandemic, especially in relation to the resumption of in-person meetings. It seems that the consensus of caution on this matter continues unabated.

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as February, 2021. 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: SVNP 25th Anniversary Presentation

The highlight of the meeting was the unveiling of a presentation of work by current and former members of Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers in honor of the 25th Anniversary of its founding. The website may be found at the following link: svnp25.smugmug.com The 25-minute presentation is there as well as an online gallery of the presentation images, a history of SVNP (written by Betsy Moyer), many useful links, and some informal photographs taken of past SVNP events.

There will also be a link to this site posted on SVNP's regular website (svnp.homestead.com).

A good deal of time was spent making introductions and cordial discussion of various topics.

Wild Bird Photography: Gear and Tips from Budd Titlow

During the meeting, Budd mentioned a few things about bird photography that members asked to have in writing. Budd responded with these two lists:

GEAR

(With approximate prices at Hunt's Camera)

Birding Lens #1: CANON EF 400mm f4 DO IS-II USM ~ \$8,000

<http://svnp.homestead.com>

Birding Lens #2: CANON EF 100-400 L II IS USM ~ \$2,000

Birding Camera: EOS 7D Mark II ~ \$1,400

Birding Accessory: EF 1.4X III Extender ~ \$420

TIPS

- Either lens above (#1 or #2) will produce excellent results – with or without the 1.4X extender attached
- The camera above – or equivalent SLR model (produced within past three years) – will allow high ISO shooting (i.e., >1600) with minimal noise/distortion
- For excellent hand-held results:
Shoot only at ISO 1600 and above
Shoot only at 1/2500 and above
Shoot only using high-speed drive (i.e., 5-10 fps)

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Member Images

Ed McGuirk displayed a lovely set of images taken after this year's late-October snowfall. The combination of copious amounts of fresh snow along with fall colors is beautiful and not often seen.

Barbara Peskin offered the 12 images she is including in a self-published calendar for 2021. Lucky the recipients!

Stephen Gabeler showed images taken in Maine during the pandemic which demonstrated two things: Gabe hasn't lost his touch and Maine's still there.

Hendrik Broekman had a set of late summer images left over from the September meeting (which had been troubled by connectivity problems.)

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Member News

Marijke Holtrop, one of our longtime members, was unable to contribute to the anniversary project, but you can view 24 of her iconic photographs of the early days of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge at <http://farnwr.org/gallery.html>.

December Preview

Wayne Hall will present a program titled *Down on the Farm – Images from Stearns Farm*. Wayne writes: “Stearns Farm is a community-supported agriculture (CSA) farm in North Framingham. Judy and I have been share owners for many years. For several years I’ve been doing photography there for their newsletter and website as well as for my own enjoyment, and recently to illustrate a farm cookbook which is planned to be published next spring. In addition to a wide variety of vegetables and herbs, the farm also features a large flower garden – I’ll be asking for help in identifying some of the flowers.”

In Memoriam

In our anniversary year, we think it’s appropriate to pause and remember our deceased former members and friends (this list is quite possibly incomplete)

Sahag Dakesian
Herb Schulkind
Ed Arees
Luther Davis
Amitava Gangulee
Stan Klein
Julia Leney
Betsy Long
Gary Ziffer
Sally Wadman

UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

- Dec. 10 Wayne Hall – *Down on the Farm – Images from Stearns Farm, Framingham*
- Jan 14, 2021 Karin McQuillan – *20 Years in Jackson Hole Wyoming*

Please Note – We expect meetings to be held electronically, via the web, until such time as the membership feels safe in engaging in face-to-face gatherings.

SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Postponed	Wayland Public Library - Raytheon Room, 5 Concord Road, Wayland, MA
May-June 2021	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
Ongoing	David Emerson	The Gallery at 51 Walden, Concord, MA, <i>Canals of Venice</i>
Nov-Dec	Terri Ackerman	Nashoba Brook Bakery, 152 Commonwealth, W. Concord, 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



*Comet NEOWISE;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*