

SVNP NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER, 2021

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, MEETING

The plan to return to in-person meetings at Newbury Court, remained unfeasible this month. December remains a possibility, especially in light of the substantial sentiment for instituting a hybrid process that would allow in-person as well as electronic attendance. Any experience gained in engaging in such a practice elsewhere would be very welcome.

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as December, 2021. As usual, 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 Trio of Presentations

Over the summer, **Anne Umphrey** combined two of her current enthusiasms - iPhone photography and fungi with the free time afforded by walking with her dog. She was rewarded with a large selection of images which she shared under the title, *The Fungus Among Us*. Anne encountered and photographed an admirably wide variety of species, a testament to the attention she paid while out and about. The collection also served as a demonstration of the surprising strengths of the iPhone camera. Collecting fungi for cuisine is not for the uninitiated but photography carries far less risk. I expect some resolutions to pay closer attention to the area near our feet next summer may have been made.

Ed McGuirk's program, *Photographing Late Season Autumn in New England*, ranged from his typically wonderful grand landscapes to closeups of delicate morning frost. The allure of the season is the discreet beauty to be found after peak foliage, part sere, part gaudy. The subjects and locales ranged widely, from still-colorful aspens against the gray of leafless maples in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom to yellowed salt marsh grass found at Thompson Island in Massachusetts. Ed narrated his images with a mix both of technical details and artistic considerations. A joy to experience, as usual.

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Wayne Hall presented a series of images of dahlias he has grown and loved titled *The Infinite Variety of Dahlias*. His subject matter was largely to be found in his back yard, but this in no way restricted the variety of the blooms. What an incredible variety the breeders come up with! Well tended flowers well photographed!

Member Images

Karin McQuillan showed a group of recently taken photos of elk in her neighborhood. The several instances of the dark elk in dappled light present a hefty processing challenge and Karin sought suggestions for approaches to dealing with the problem. The group gladly obliged. One imagines that most attending would have gladly given something valuable in order to have such problems in their own back yard!

Hendrik Broekman displayed some recent images taken on or close to the Sudbury River, including a trio of images showing the variability of river height over the past month..

Member News

Sherry Fendell writes, "Since mid-May of 2020, I have had the pleasure of writing *Finley's Adventures*, a weekly column published in the Sudbury Town Crier. Along with submitting 2 photos of photogenic Finley, a sweet and energetic 2 1/2-year-old yellow lab, I write of our many adventures throughout New England." Sherry accompanied her news with this photo, presumably taken on one of Finley's excellent adventures. Here is yet another example of the growing ubiquity of phone cameras. It's not the hardware, it's the wetware behind the hardware.



*Late afternoon, towards the end of October;
photo, Sherry Fendell*

Bob Cooke writes, "I'd like to notify our many members that I've got a display of 33 LARGE photos hanging in a large meeting room, downstairs, in the Maynard Public Library. It's already been up for about 6 months - with no "come down" date yet. Stop by, take a look -- and comments (sans slurs) will be welcomed by me, Bob Cooke." Ikabodd@comcast.net"

Terri Ackerman will be participating in the Sudbury Art Association Holiday Market. It is being held at 435 Boston Post Road in Sudbury Crossing (the former Paper Store location). It will be open every day through December 24th (except for Thanksgiving day) 10am-6pm (until 8pm on Thursdays.)

UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

December 9 TBD

Please Note - Depending on the developing state of public resistance to the virus, SVNPN hopes to resume in-person meetings at Newbury Court as soon as safely possible. It is expected that the December meeting will again be held on the Zoom platform, at least partially. There may be an in-person component, as well. The membership seems desirous of finding a way to merge the two experiences.

SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Nov. 1-30, 2021	Wayland Public Library - Raytheon Room, 5 Concord Road, Wayland, MA
Postponed	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	Bob Cooke	Maynard Public Library, 77 Nason St., Maynard, 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. It should 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



*Late Harvest;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*