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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.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, January 14, 7:00 PM, at Traditions of Wayland, 10 Green Way  
Presentation: Susan Majors - images of Eastern Europe. A sampling of her work is below - she'll tell us about them on the 14th!



Come early and enjoy snacks and conversation at 6:30pm.  
We need someone to volunteer to bring snacks to the January meeting - if you can do so, please contact Wayne Hall at: [wah@waynehallphotography.com](mailto:wah@waynehallphotography.com)

### **Schedule of upcoming SVNP programs**

January 14, 2010 - Susan Majors - images of Eastern Europe (see above)

February 11, 2010 - Member images night - (Subject: "Baby, It's Cold Outside!")

March 11, 2010 - Janice Guyer - Oregon (tentative)

April 8, 2010 - Amitava Gangulee - "India Ancient Bharat and Modern India - a personal view"

If you have suggestions for programs, please email Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) We welcome your input!

### **December Meeting Notes**

The subject of our member images night is: " Baby, It's Cold Outside!" - so remember to head outside this season and capture images to share at our February meeting!

Warren Bailey demystified Adobe Lightroom 2 for us at the meeting. One of the benefits of using Lightroom 2 over Photoshop is that all the edits do nothing to the original photo, so that you don't lose your original data. Photos can be organized into catalogs, tagged in order to find them again (useful for us who put images on the web, too - by tagging photos, others can find them by doing a google search), as well as ranked.

Another benefit is Lightroom's ability to synchronize settings across pictures. In addition, by making a copy of a photo (it makes a new virtual copy, which takes up little space) and working on it in Lightroom, a lot of space is saved on the computer. Files are only saved in their large form when they are exported out of Lightroom and put back on the computer itself. Exporting files as a catalog will also export the changes you've made to your photos. A lively question and answer period followed the demonstration.

Thanks, Warren, for a great program!

On the website below, you can watch some free videos on Lightroom.

<https://www.designprovideo.com/tutorials/>

Warren also mentioned these websites as resources for you.

<http://www.breezesys.com/Downloader/> - Automatically downloads, organizes, and renames images and image data.

<http://www.faststone.org/FSViewerDetail.htm> - quickly edits photos.

In the member's section of the program, Carol Walsh showed photos from Russell's Garden Center and Henry Mauer showed photos from Sanibel Island, FL.

Henry also has posted more Florida photos online in 4 different albums (birds, non-birds, banded birds and action shots of a Turkey Vulture trying to steal a fish from an Osprey). Be sure to view them fullscreen and use the pause button and the right arrow to go at your own pace! <http://www.picasaweb.google.com/knifeedge55>.

Gary Slep shared his Fall leaf images, Sue Abrahamsen shared images from Russell's and Wellesley Greenhouse, and Don Sherman shared photos of butterflies.

Tom and Janet Peterson became new members, and Joe Boisvert was visiting from Florida.

### Announcements

Don Sherman will offer a course in "Introductory Digital Photography" at Regis College, beginning in late January. If you are interested to receive more information, contact Don at [dssdmd@comcast.net](mailto:dssdmd@comcast.net).

Carol Walsh, our SVNP trip planner par excellence, still wants your input as to where you'd like to go on field trips in our area. If you can include a description of the area and the best time to visit, that will help with planning. Please contact her at: [carol@african-safari.com](mailto:carol@african-safari.com)

Also, Carol is leading a group to Tanzania in 2010.

Details from Carol:

I have customized a Photography Safari to Tanzania for May 13-23, 2010. This is a safari that will include Arusha National Park, Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and Serengeti. Dome Lever, wildlife photographer, will offer a workshop in his Arusha gallery, then join the group out to Tarangire. Safari cost is less than \$ 3,000 per person, based on 10 traveling.

If this is something you might be interested in, please contact me at Adventure Travel Desk in Wayland: 508-653-4600, or at [carol@african-safari.com](mailto:carol@african-safari.com) for additional details.

### SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Date

Member

Exhibit Location

#### *SVNP Group Exhibits*

Ongoing  
Open now!

Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA  
Special exhibit on the SVNP website - "Reflections and Shadows"

Do you have an upcoming exhibit? Toot your horn and announce it in the newsletter! Send details to Wayne Hall or to Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) Feel free to cc details to Suzie for the newsletter as well: [mackenzie45@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie45@gmail.com).

### **Steering Committee**

Next meeting is January 7, 2010, 7:00pm, at Traditions.

We will be looking at the results of the Survey that were sent out to members.

If you want to join the steering committee or would just like to attend the meeting, contact Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer. (Contact info below)

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