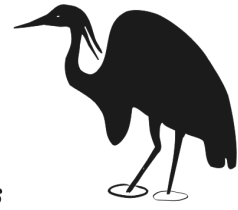


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About SVNP

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

January 12, 2012	Eileen Kurkoski and Sue Abrahamsen – Canadian Rockies
February 9, 2011	Member Images Night – topic - Nature Photography within 100 yards (or so) of your home. Max. number of images: 5.
March 8, 2012	TBD - Volunteers needed!
April 12, 2012	Possible special event with a noted local photographer
May 10, 2012	Henry Weisenberger – topic TBD

December Meeting Notes

Our December meeting was held at First Parish Unitarian Church in Wayland, as our usual meeting space at Traditions was booked that night. The space was lovely, and a great place to see Marilyn Tromer's images of Thailand. Marilyn traveled to Thailand in October and November of 2009 with Overseas Adventure Tours. She took us on quite a journey through Thailand! Highlights were the various Wats (temples) that she visited, the old capital city of Sukhothai, native crafts and paper making, and the elephant park, where elephants go now that it is illegal for them to be used in the logging industry. Marilyn also had great pictures of the Mekong River, and Myanmar (formerly Burma). She used a Canon 570 to take the photographs, and they were lovely! Jean Brockington and Murray and Trudy Drobnis brought drinks. SVNPN supplied the cookies.

During the member images portion of the meeting, Arthur Strafus showed his photos from his trip to Ecuador with the Alliance Exchange program, which helps children go to High School. He was there in 2011, used a Fuji 5200 fine pix camera, and showed photos of the Ecuadorian rain forest.

Carol Walsh (using a Canon powershot SX30) showed her photos of leaves floating in water off the Concord bridge. They were hauntingly beautiful!

Chris Rowan (also using a Canon powershot SX30, but in black/white mode) showed us photos taken in the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge - all very intriguing!

Announcements

A warm welcome to Dave Mangels (fourcrowsphotography.com) who joined SVNPN that night, to Arthur Strafus, and to Beth Greenblat, a friend of Marilyn's.

Our next meeting in January will be back at Traditions, in our usual space.

Wayne Hall suggested the possibility of having Michael Milicia in as a guest photographer. His specialty is photographing birds. You can check out his website: www.michaelmiliciaphotography.com

If you haven't yet paid, dues are \$ 15 per person, \$ 20 per couple. Cash, or a check made out to Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers, can be given to Wayne at the next meeting, or you can send it to him: Wayne Hall, 47 Indian Ridge Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

The info below is a follow-up from what Chris Day mentioned at the meeting:

Faststone image viewer is a very capable, intuitive and easy to use image browser, slide show viewer and editor. It includes the ability to move images around in the viewer, a

rarity, and an excellent batch rename, resize and framing capability. The latest version of the editor includes live histogram, curves, clone and patching tools. Chris makes it his default viewer for .jpg files. It also shows .raw thumbnails. <http://www.faststone.org/>
The price is right, free!

For those of you who use Photoshop Elements you might be frustrated by the lack of curves adjustments. This is a free download for curves.

<http://free.pages.at/easyfilter/curves.html>

It works well and is to be found at the bottom of the filters menu.

Also for those who appreciated content aware in PSE 9 and 10 you might think that Adobe was mean not to include the Content Aware Fill function. There is now a download for this which when installed appears in the effects window. It works well and is also free. It does require simple free registration to download the .zip file. Chris could also forward you the .zip file since the author sent it to him as an attachment.

http://www.photokaboom.com/photography/learn/Photoshop_Elements/retouching/content_aware_fill/1_content_aware_fill.htm

Chris is always available by email or phone to help those who are having difficulties with these items. If he has to help you, you may need this program to let him help over the internet. <http://www.crossloop.com/download.htm?src=hp>

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Individual Member Exhibits

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
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Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA
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Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

Through Jan. 13	Newbury Court, Concord, MA – photography by residents and staff (Betsy Moyer)
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Through Jan. 15	Sudbury Art Association, Franco's Trattoria, Route 20 (Mill Village), Sudbury, MA (Steve Gabeler, Wayne Hall)
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