

# SVNP NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2014

## INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2014 MEETING

Wayne called the very well attended meeting to order by acknowledging the food contributions of Katharine O'Hara and others. Special mention was made of Ed McGuirk's wife Saranel who was in attendance along with her justly famous lemon cookies.

Wayne announced an interesting program for January 8: a presentation by Michael Sanders of the Sudbury Valley Trustees concerning the SVT book, "40 Walks West of Boston" as well as a discussion of proposals for a joint SVNP-SVT project. Wayne also announced that the semi-annual Member Images night, has been provisionally designated to be February's program, subject TBA. The rest of 2015 is currently open and proposals for programs are requested.

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

The annual SVNP display at the Wayland Public Library, in the Raytheon Room, was up from November 1 through the 30<sup>th</sup>. The guest book was more active than in some previous years, which probably reflects the strength of the show. SVNP is once again slated to display in this space in November 2015.

### **Newbury Court Display Space**

Betsy again 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 SVNP 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:

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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))

### Member News

Carol Walsh had elective knee surgery in mid-November, has been recuperating well and, as of the date of the meeting, is beginning to return to work.

Wayne also acknowledged Barbara Peskin's achievement in her first and second place showing in one division of the Parker River NWR photo contest.

Mark Hopkins makes the following offer: "Epson Premium Semi Matte Photo Paper, 17" x 22", (SO41827), box of 24 sheets, (I used one). Easily cut to smaller sizes for most printers. Retail \$45. Asking \$20. [mopkins@verizon.net](mailto:mopkins@verizon.net) "

### The Evening's Presentation, December 11, 2014

The main presentation, by former member Ed McGuirk, was entitled "A New England Nature Photographers Year - Four Seasons of Images". This was broken into two parts, the first of which was a well-illustrated consideration of the various technical and artistic factors that go into good landscape, wildlife or macro image making. He started with a welcome discussion of how New England differs from other, perhaps more photographed regions and how these differences of scale and view present both challenges and opportunities. The technical concerns Ed went on to mention were not limited to gear alone but included tailoring research, preparation and logistics to each location. The artistic concerns ranged from quality and direction of light, the desirability of having a story to tell, to how subject placement within the frame might enhance that story. One tip worthy of keeping in mind was his suggestion that a strong

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leading line all dressed up with no particularly interesting place to go might rank as a demerit rather than a virtue.

The second part was a short slide show that followed the progression of the year from spring to winter. The variety of genre, subject and presentation was impressive. One image that particularly impressed your writer for its solution of a particularly New England problem (i.e., too much extraneous detail in the scene aka rack and ruin) concerned some snowy tree branches shot from within the margin of the tree, the background very nicely controlled. The audience paid rapt attention to the succession of first-class images and was enthusiastic in its praise at its conclusion. In response to enthusiastic questions afterward, Ed gave some tips for encountering some of the wildlife imaged.

### **Member Images**

At the conclusion of the presentation, four members (Katherine O'Hara, Hendrik Broekman, Mark Hopkins and Don Sherman) showed recent images. Katharine showed four images taken in the reptile house of the London Zoo as well as one of sea stars. Hendrik showed images taken within the past month on the Cow Common in Wayland. Mark brought five environmental portraits of different animals. Don showed shots of the reconstructed Hears House, located behind the Sudbury Town Building from different viewpoints.

(<http://www.sudbury01776.org/tour1/HistoricSudburyTour.pdf>)

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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

- January 8, 2015      A presentation by, and discussion with Michael Sanders of the Sudbury Valley Trustees concerning the book "40 Walks West of Boston".
- February 12, 2015      Semi-Annual Member Images meeting, subject TBD. (Tentative)

## SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

### **Group exhibits**

- Ongoing      Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA  
rotating exhibit
- November, 2015      Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library,  
Wayland, MA

### **Traveling Exhibit sponsored by the River Stewardship Council**

- Jan. 2015      Bedford Public Library  
Feb. 2015      Sudbury, Goodnow Library  
Aug. 2015      Lincoln Public Library  
Oct. - Dec. 2015      Carlisle, Gleason Library

*more exhibits*

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### 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	New England Olive Oil Company, 191 Sudbury Rd., Concord
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Sue Abrahamsen	Nancy's Air Field Cafe, Boxborough Rd., Stow, MA
Nov. 30 - Jan. 25	Terri Ackerman	Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA - First Parish Photo Club

### Future Exhibits (2015)

May	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, MA
Apr. 17 - June 5	Terri Ackerman	Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street, West Concord, MA

*Hendrik Broekman*