

SVNP NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER, 2019

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, MEETING

The annual exhibit at the Wayland Public Library was taken down and moved to Carol Walsh's church (United Parish) in Auburndale where it resided for the month of December. It has since been taken down. A further exhibition opportunity, two months at Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord, will become available, thanks to Anne Umphrey. This is tentatively set for the period May 4 - July 6, 2020. The issue of a theme has yet to be considered. Any input would, of course, be welcomed.

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting in February, 2020. 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.

Please remember, 2020 will mark the 25th anniversary of SVNP. Wayne has invited any and all to suggest activities that might appropriately help celebrate the occasion.

The Evening's Presentation

Susanna Kamon presented part two of her program titled *Using Trailcams to Discover The Prevalence and Behavior of Wildlife In Our New England Woods*. Susanna divided up the evening by critter, starting with coyotes, which, along with bears, is one of her two main interests. A series of clips of fishers then followed. A family of one mother and three kits provided much of the footage and much opportunity for discussion. Next came some bobcat sightings, after which we were treated to footage of deer. Finally, we were treated to some clips of birds, including bluejay, phoebe, turkey and red-tail hawk.

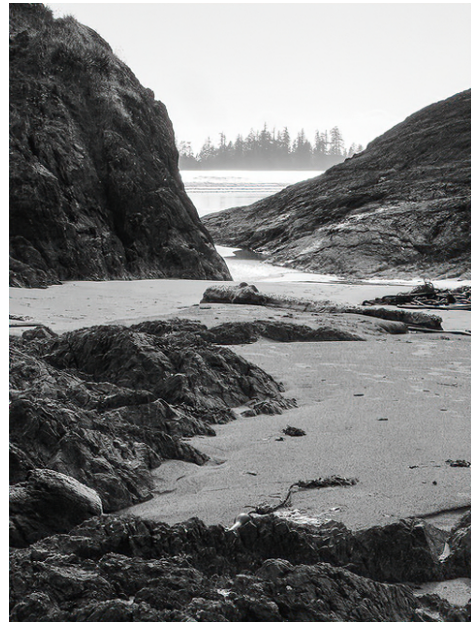
The evening was fascinating not only for observing and discussing the usually hidden behavior of extremely elusive animals but for learning many of the concerns and strategies associated with the deployment of trail cams as well as Susanna's approach to the interpretation of the footage thus captured.

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Member Images

Anne Umphrey displayed several images of divers subject matter. The first, taken on Vancouver Island certainly hewed to the theme, *Nature Leads Us In*. Photos of the Elm Street and Old North Bridges in Concord did, as well. Images from Logan Terminal (before 9/11 - when it was almost a pleasure to fly) and the Waterworks Museum in Newton rounded out the collection.

Hendrik Broekman offered a late summer-early autumn critter report. Birds and bees abounded.



A Way In; photo, Anne Umphrey



*Downy Woodpecker;
photo, Barbara Peskin*

Barbara Peskin opened with a photo of a female cardinal in snow. She continued with one of a Downy Woodpecker to illustrate the power of content-aware fill to remove distracting elements from an image. This provoked a bit of discussion. We were then treated to further images including a mess of cardinals, a nuthatch, a squirrel (“I think he’s cute.”) and a backyard scene from warmer times

Member News

Mark Hopkins writes, "I've got a whole set of Epson 157 Inks that I was left with when my R3000 Epson printer crashed and had to be replaced. These include: Yellow, Light Black, Light Light Black, Light Cyan, Cyan, Vivid Light Magenta, Vivid Magenta, and Matte Black. In other words, it's a complete set in the original boxes except for Photo Black. Original cost was around \$275. I'm willing to unload the whole batch for \$100 if somebody's interested. Could you spread the word?" Mark may be contacted at mopkins99@gmail.com

In response to a communication from Betsy Moyer suggesting a 25th anniversary visit, **Bud Titlow** writes, in part,

"Hi Betsy

"Great to hear from you! I'm glad to hear that things are going well with you and Bill. We are enjoying southern California – especially being close to three of our five grand-kids. Also, the warm weather! We were in Boston for a quick visit last weekend – visiting Mariah and her family in Hamilton.

"I'm getting re-immersed in climate crisis issues: Working on Nancy Casady's Green New Deal Campaign for the 53rd Congressional District, the San Diego Climate Action Campaign's Public Presentation Committee, and giving Climate Emergency Power Points throughout the area.

"It's hard to believe that SVNPN is now 25 years old! Many kudos to you, Wayne, and everyone else involved with keeping the "fires burning" and the "images flickering" – just a great job!

"Thanks so much for staying in touch.

"My best holiday wishes to you, Bill, and everyone at SVNPN. I'll keep you posted on future Boston Travel plans."

He then finishes with a great deal of contact information:

Budd Titlow, Professional Wetlands Scientist (Emeritus), Wildlife

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Biologist, Photographer, & Author

Newest Book: *PROTECTING THE PLANET: Environmental Champions from Conservation to Climate Change*

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Around the Web

Hunt's Photo has announced their winter schedule of courses, many of which look very interesting. They can all be seen at edu.huntsphoto.com

January Preview

Touring the Galápagos - Part Two, Hendrik Broekman In June, my wife and I had the great privilege to take a week's tour in the Galápagos. What with one thing and another, it had taken us a couple of years to be able to go, even if we had qualms about the final scheduling of the trip. Never fear, though, we had the time of our lives and it will be a pleasure to share Part Two of some of that goodness with the group.

Coming New Feature

Please keep in mind a new monthly (or so) feature devoted to one or two images by a single photographer to be displayed in a larger format than I have allowed before now. It would be even more useful if the image(s) were accompanied by text describing some aspect of the image the photographer finds meaningful. It could be anything from a sentence to a paragraph or two, from a discussion of technique to poetry. the field is open. Given that the group is about to embark on its twenty-fifth year, this should present good opportunities to share brief, illustrated personal histories that deal with SVNP. If you wish to join the list of contributors, I may be contacted at henkbroekman@gmail.com.

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UPCOMING SVNP PROGRAMS

Jan. 9, 2020 Hendrik Broekman - *Touring the Galápagos, Pt. II*

Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at our new location:

Great Room, Newbury Court
100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA

Please Note Further - Updated directions to the Great Room and instructions for underground parking (to be available starting at 6:10pm on meeting evenings) may be found at the link immediately below.

http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court_Great_Room.pdf

SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Nov 1-30	Wayland Public Library, 5 Concord Rd., Wayland, MA (Raytheon Room) Reception Sunday, Nov. 3, 2:30-4:30pm
December	Betty Meyer Gallery, United Parish of Auburndale, 64 Hancock St., Auburndale (Newton), MA (Continuation of the show immediately above)
May 4 - Jul 6, 2020	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St, Concord, MA

Individual Member Exhibits

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

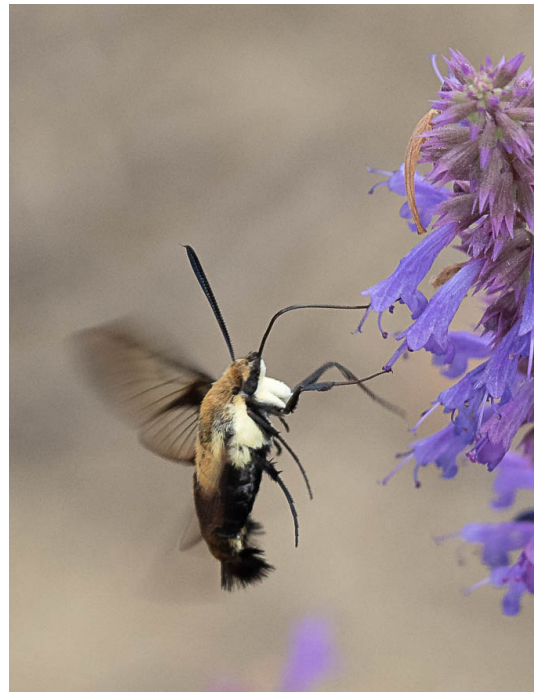
Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Ongoing	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (http://farnwr.org/gallery.html)
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA Neighborhood Flowers, 5th floor, south bldg
February, 2020	Barbara Peskin	Lincoln Public Library, 3 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA; Main Gallery

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



*Hummingbird Hawk Moth;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*