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April 2004

Minutes of the SVNP Meeting held on April 8, 2004

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 13th at 6:30pm. Program starts at 7pm.

1. Ben Kaplan - will present a cross -section of photography on Alaska.
2. Refreshments Please –Beverages/ Sally Wadman, Snacks/Betsy Moyer and Wayne Hall.

A Hearty Welcome to guests at tonight's meeting.

Presentation by Brian Donahue

Our guest began with his thoughts on the meadowlands of the Concord River and its tributaries (an interesting local history lesson). Brian is an environmental historian, professor at Bentley College, and author of several books. Brian's most recent work is *The Great Meadow*, a book about the 1620 farming era in the area of the Concord River when the cultivation of hay was the primary farm industry, and used by the Colonists mainly to feed farm animals.

Photography Presentation

Mike Hester ...Photography on the Spectacular Southwest.

Instructional Presentation

Charlie Lowell...shared with us the making of digital and panoramic prints.

Member images were shared

Bring up to 10 slides to share at our next meeting. Important note: the next meeting in which Don Sherman can bring his **Digital Projector** is not until August.

SVNP Group Exhibit

- Ongoing venue at Traditions Gallery, Wayland. Get in touch with Betsy (bmga@aol.com) or Wayne Hall (wah@waynehallphotography.com) for an opportunity to display your prints for all to enjoy.
- Raytheon Room, Wayland Library, Concord Road, September through October 2004.
- Riverfest 2004, – a Special Exhibition with Arts/Wayland for the month of June at Traditions. See participants below.

Exhibits by SVNP Individual Member

Members notify Wayne Hall <http://svnp.homestead.com> of their individual exhibit so it can be posted on the SVNP Web site and in the Newsletter.

Date

April 9-June 15

April 1- April 30

May 1-May 31

Ongoing

Member

Tom Arnold

Bob Goodearl

Joe Schatz

Karen Langthorne

Exhibit Place

Emerson Hospital, Concord

Wayland Library Foyer

Goodnow Library, Concord Road, Sudbury
"American Landscapes"

Liberty Pizza, 116 Main St. Wayland

Activity

RIVERFEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here are possible subjects for slides Brian Donahue mentioned that might accompany his slide LECTURE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13:

- Tributary brooks to the Sudbury or Concord Rivers -- Pantry Brook in Sudbury, e. g. there are many.
- Bridges (e. g., North Bridge in Concord, Sherman Bridge in Wayland, Lee Bridge in Lincoln, etc.)
- Migratory waterfowl (Perhaps you'd include marsh wrens and other marsh-loving birds.)
- Marsh plants, like buttonbush? Are you tired to death of loosestrife? I bet every one of our photographers has multiple shots of that gorgeous pest.
- River animals -- beaver, muskrat, etc., and their homes
- Meadows -- vestiges of the old meadow systems exist in Concord, near the Center, and in Wayland through and beyond the ball field on Alpine Road, where palmetto and blue point grass still grows. In the latter case you suggested we call Great Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary in Sudbury first for permission because the meadows are on their land.
- Rock walls
- Red maple swamps and the ditches that were built along them during colonial times.
- Billerica Dam
- Mills Interactions of people with the river
- Rivers in flood (That should be an easy one right now!)
- Brian was particularly interested in the river section from Saxonville Dam in Sudbury to the Billerica Dam in Billerica.

We will get our slides to Brian by June 1, and he will make a selection.

Slides should be clearly marked with a thumb print in the lower left corner for correct orientation, your name, and the title of the slide.

We are planning Several Field Trips to take photographs of some of these subjects, including May 15 (rain date 16th) to meet somewhere in the Great Meadows National Wildlife Reservation early AM, specific spot and time tba.

Activity

June RIVERFEST EXHIBIT AT TRADITIONS:

So far the SVNPer who have signed up for prints to be hung during June are; Harry Taplin, Charles Lowell, Gene Rork, Murray and Trudy Drobnis, Sue Abrahamsen, Maggie Hsu, Marijke Holtrop, Robyn Saur, Tom Arnold, Jon Ehrmann, Wayne Hall, George Brawerman, Karen Langthorne, Julia Leney, Susan Majors, Betsy Moyer, Doreen O'Connor, and Gary Slep.

There is room for ten more prints from SVNPer members. Anyone interested in participating in the June RiverFest exhibit at Traditions should get in touch with Betsy Moyer asap (508-358-2939; e-mail bmga@aol.com). Arts/Wayland has already filled their space on the ramp and the upper hall. We can give any left over SVNPer spots to Arts/Wayland.

Activity

HELP WITH PROMOTION

Advertise and promote your Riverfest photographs. Sally Wadman again will handle the promotion and publicity for the RiverFest events, which have been described here and in previous newsletters. She would like to have 4 x 6 photos of the Sudbury, Concord, or Assabet Rivers for inclusion with her newspaper articles. She will need those by May 1. Send them (or deliver them) to Sally at 26 Eddy Street, Sudbury, MA 01776, phone 978-443-9320. (Sally does not have e-mail.)

Activity

Reminder: Coming in June on the SVNPs Website – Special "RiverFest" Online Exhibit

Please don't forget about the next special exhibit coming on the SVNPs website. In conjunction with "RiverFest" weekend (June 12-13) and our special exhibit at Traditions, the Exhibitions Committee invites SVNPs members to submit one image per member for inclusion in a "virtual" RiverFest exhibit that will run on the site during June and July.

All submissions must be images created on or along the Assabet, Concord, or Sudbury Rivers or their tributaries. Images should be sent as Email attachments (JPEG files, with a resolution of 100dpi, and a maximum dimension on the longer side of 640 pixels) to Wayne Hall, SVNPs webmaster, at wah@waynehallphotography.com. The deadline for submissions will be May 15; sooner if possible. Each image must be accompanied by the following information:

1. Photographer's name
2. Title
3. Where the image was created
4. Your phone number and/or Email address
5. Technical information if available (camera, lens, film type for non-digital cameras)

Contact Wayne if you have questions or if you want to submit an image but cannot do so electronically.

Activity

Photography Contest

*In Conjunction with RiverFest June 12-13,
The Sudbury Valley Trustees, Anderson Photo of Concord and The National Park Service are
Sponsoring a Photography Contest of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers.*

Tom Arnold is the organizer for the RiverFest Photo Contest.

Eligible subjects are Color or Black and White photographs of only the following three subjects:

- The rivers and their tributaries
 - The flora, wildlife and birds of these waters.
 - People using these waterways
1. Submit Wednesday May 5th through May 7th at SVT Offices at Wolback Farm, Rt. 27, Sudbury
 2. Entry Fee \$10 per photograph
 3. Winning Photographs will be exhibited & many prizes and awards will be handed out.
 4. Further information and details; email Tom Arnold at tba1959@comcast.net by April 24th or Ellen Sturgis afterwards at esturgis@sudburyvalleytrustees.org 978-443-5588 during business hours.

Items of Interest to SVNPs

Alma Forrester, a dear member of Traditions, has passed on. We signed a note of condolence to Alma's son, who has quite a few of our prints hanging in his office near Baltimore. Anyone wishing to write a

personal note should write to Dr. Alfred W. Forrester, 9515 Deereco Road, Suite 1001, Timonium, MD 21093. There will be a memorial service for Alma on Tuesday, May 25, at 11 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 16 Great North Road (Rt 117), in North Sudbury. A reception will immediately follow in the church hall.

Photographica '04

Sixty-first Sale and Show, will take place at Waltham High School, 617 Lexington Street on Saturday, April 24, 10 AM to 5 PM, and on Sunday, April 25, 10 AM to 4 PM.- Sponsored by Photographic Historical Society of New England, Inc., the sale features lots of second hand and new gear for purchase as well as free camera check ups. Admission \$5, students and seniors \$4. The Center for Digital Imaging Arts will present two special digital clinics to take place in a second floor classroom: Sat 1 PM "Intro to Digital Photography" and Sun 1 PM "Intro to Adobe Photoshop." For further info contact Ed Shaw, Show Manager, at 617-965-0807 or ebshaw@bu.edu.

Family Photo Activity

Stan Klein has announced Sudbury Family and Adult Photographic Programs. See www.sudbury.ma.us and go to Park and Recreation Department courses or call Park and Rec Dept. 978-443-8049 or 978-443-1092. Or contact Stan, I'm sure he can help you with any questions; stanwriter@aol.com.

YANKEE Photographic Society

will host its spring Seminar this Saturday (April 17th) at the Danvers High School. Many festivities. Go online for more info, visit website: www.yankeephotosociety.homestead.com. You may buy your tickets at the door.

Announcements

1. Miss Steaks, (or is it mistakes?) Doreen needs help to proofread the newsletter. Please consider doing this, our communication is valuable and a newsletter is an efficient method in getting info to our group.
2. Betsy has inquired and shopped for a replacement (automatic focus) projector. She has found the best price at Hunt's. If there are no objections to direct to her, she will purchase it in time for our next meeting.
3. For sale: for the following items, contact Karin@mcquillan.com - Nikkor lens 35-80mm, 1.4-5.6 \$40
Olympus digital camera: 2500L slr. With a 32mb smart memory card, telephoto attachable lens, superb macro capability – this is the camera I've been using for all my garden photography. For web page on current prices see: http://www.dealtime.com/xPC-Olympus_Camedia_C_2500L~SRID-b3e35144a4e86c244cf8f261. Sells new for about \$1200, used for \$400-\$500. I will accept a reasonable offer. You can read reviews of camera at <http://www.imaging-resource.com/PRODS/C2500/C25A.HTM>, <http://www.dpreview.com/reviews/olympusc2500l/page3.asp> etc.

Web Talk

- Tim McMahon is a SVNP enthusiast. He recently visited Africa and subsequently did some entrepreneurial web photography. I received an enthusiastic promotional letter from him describing his web site work. It was just too long to include here in our Newsletter, but you may get a glimpse of his work. Here is a tiny bit of his letter to direct you to see more.

Tim states "...I hope you will visit my two Africa photo galleries (Into Maasai Mara and Safari!) at www.timmcmahon.photosite.com Also please visit the following: Kenya.Com Screensaver: www.alightfantastic.com/kenyacomm.html NH.Com Screensaver: www.alightfantastic.com/nhcomm.html
Best regards, Tim McMahon

Web Talk

- Visit our website to find out more about SVNP. <http://svnp.homestead.com>
- List your exhibits

- Have a page of your own set up on the site, and/or a link from the site to your own personal website if you have one.
- Past issues of the SVNPN Newsletter can be viewed using the link available on the SVNPN Website.

Suggestions regarding this Newsletter may be directed to: Doreen O'Connor (apronphoto@yahoo.com).