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**January 2005**

### *Next Meeting*

Thursday, February 10, at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 6 Green Way, off Rts 126/27 one mile south of Route 20 in Wayland, MA.

Come at 6:30 P.M. for refreshments and viewing the club's ongoing exhibit at Traditions.

The program starts at 7 P.M.

- Refreshments: Wayne Hall will bring drinks; Betsy Moyer will bring nibbles.
- Programs: Dick Beaudette will give the postponed presentation "How the West Was Won," a visual presentation incorporating a witty play on words.
- Jon Ehrmann will give a brief technical presentation, title tba.
- Because the digital projector will be available for the February meeting, both slides and digital images are welcome for member sharing. And, since Wayne Hall has mastered the print display assembly created by Henry Weisenburger, prints also are welcome. Please bring up to five images in whatever form. Many thanks to Henry for the platform that holds both the digital projector and the print display.

### *Recap of January 13 General Meeting*

Because of the very foggy weather, there was a small turnout and no new members. Thanks to the twenty stalwarts who came.

#### ***Presentation: The Everglades, Janice Guyer***

Janice was a last-minute substitute for Dick Beaudette, who was unable to give his presentation. Janice and her husband spent two full days last May on a canoe/camping trip in the Everglades. During their Florida stay they visited, and Janice took photographs of, Big Cypress National Reserve and Shark Valley. She showed us many images of water reflections, birds, bromeliads, orchids, and many, many slides of alligators. She used mostly Provia film with her Canon Elan II camera with a 300mm zoom. When asked what she would do differently next time, she said she would take a macro lens because she missed many opportunities for close-ups of vegetation.

#### ***Presentation: Cedar Key, Eileen Kurkoski***

Eileen gave a presentation of slides taken around Cedar Key Campground, just west of Gainesville. Cedar Key is the largest of a group of about ten small islands with two

national parks nearby and a lot of wildlife. The town of Cedar Key itself is very small, about 800 residents, but has a very interesting museum, good restaurants, and other attractions. Eileen showed slides of many birds, notably white pelicans, ospreys, and other unidentified robin-like birds. She was able to get some good close-ups of an armadillo. Of particular interest were the shell mounds, which at high tide became small islands, relics of the Timucuan Indians who made these their dumping grounds. This was Eileen's second visit to this area, but not her last she said. She recommends it highly.

***Announcement: Wayland Arts Council Grant***

The grant proposal made recently by SVNP to the Wayland Arts Council was accepted. The grant, in the amount of \$350, will be used "To fund the costs for two slide/lecturers to be guest speakers at two SVNP meetings in 2005, one in the spring and one in the fall." Each guest lecturer will give a presentation of his or her own work and then will critique slides presented by our own members. The program will be modeled after Steve Maka's presentation last year, which members found both entertaining and instructional. SVNP founder Budd Titlow has expressed interest in being one of the slide/critique/lecturers. The Exhibitions Committee and Program Chair Eileen Kurkoski will meet to discuss details.

***Announcement: Nature and Digital Photography Workshop with John Shaw***

Wayne Hall found this workshop, led by one of the most renowned and respected nature photographers working today, to be very instructive. Time and place: March 5 and 6, 2005, Sheraton Colonial Hotel, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880. Cost: \$139 for one day only; \$199 for full weekend. Space is limited. Register by calling 206-463-5383. Hosted by Joseph Van Os Photo Safaris. For more information, visit their website at [www.photosafaris.com](http://www.photosafaris.com).

***Items of Interest***

***Upcoming SVNP Events at Traditions***

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Our rotating exhibit is up again. We are sharing space with Arts/Wayland. There is room for about 25 more prints. You may take up to three to Traditions at your leisure – between 9 and 5 any day -- and hang them on any available hook on the south walls. There is a step stool in the hallway to the right of the elevator to assist anyone hanging a print. Please be sure to return it to its spot when you finish.

**General Meetings:**

- February 10 -- digital images welcome
  - March 10
  - April 14 -- digital images welcome
  - May 12
  - June 9 -- digital images welcome
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### *Upcoming Subgroup Meetings*

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#### **Exhibits Committee**

TBA: to discuss slide lecture/critiquing series and upcoming exhibits.

#### **Photoshoppers**

Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library,  
Starting promptly at 7:00 and ending promptly at  
8:45. Open to anyone interested.

Wednesday, January 19

Thursday, February 17

Thursday, March 17

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### *Group Exhibits*

Ongoing Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA: Joint rotating exhibit with Arts/Wayland (For information, call Wayne Hall at 978-443-9226 or Betsy Moyer at 508-358-2939.)

April 2005 Wellesley Free Public Library, Wellesley, MA – “The Colors of Spring”

June 2005 The Center for the Arts in Natick (TCAN), Summer St, Natick, MA

July-August 2005 Gallery at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

### *Member Shows*

Bill Peters Through 1/28/05 ARTS Worcester Gallery at Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, MA – “Tapestries of Tranquility”

Susan Majors January 2005 Wayland Library Foyer, Wayland, MA

Betsy Moyer 2/8 – 3/31/05 Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA

Betsy Moyer April 2005 Goodnow Library, Concord Road, Sudbury, MA

Karen Langthorne Ongoing Liberty Pizza, 116 Main St., Wayland, MA

## *About the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers*

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photography group was formed in October 1995 by enthusiasts from the local area wishing to share informally their interest in and knowledge of photography. An encouraging rather than competitive environment prevails within the group, which includes over one hundred professional, amateur, and beginning photographers.

Although our major interest lies in nature photography, activities of the SVNPN group are not confined to nature photography. Programs and activities include a range of subject matter and techniques of interest to all photographers.

SVNPN has no formal structure: there are no officers, no competitions, no dues. Activities are financed through voluntary contributions to the "Paper Plate Fund."

A monthly newsletter disseminates information via e-mail to members and anyone interested in SVNPN. Those who prefer to receive newsletters by U.S. mail should send 12 self-addressed, stamped envelopes to Chris Ridout, 10 Sherman Bridge Road, Wayland, MA 01778.

SVNPN meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at Traditions, on Route 27, one mile south of Wayland Center, beginning at 6:30 P.M. with refreshments, and include instructional talks, slide presentations, and discussions of slides, digital images, and prints shown by members. The meetings end around 9:30 P.M. Anyone with an interest in photography is invited to attend.

Occasional field trips are arranged to locations as close as Concord's Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge and as far-flung as Utah's Arches National Park and Great Smokies National Park in Tennessee.



Please visit our website at <http://svnp.homestead.com> . Let our Web Master Wayne Hall know of your exhibits so they can be posted on the SVNPN website and mentioned in the Newsletter.

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Send suggestions and announcements for the Newsletter to Doreen O'Connor ([apronphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:apronphoto@yahoo.com)).