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Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 12th, at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 6 Green Way, off Rt. 126/27, one mile south of route 20 in Wayland, MA. Look for the darkened driveway, Green Way, directly across from Saint Ann's Church building.

Program for June 12th meeting: Digital Landscapes

A presentation by Paul Smith

Paul's presentation has been given with great success to other photo groups. Since the presentation will last an hour and a half, we are going to skip the member viewing portion of our evening.

Come at 6:30 P.M. for schmoozing and viewing the club's ongoing exhibit at Traditions. Anyone able to bring prints for hanging, please contact Wayne Hall (978-443-9226) or Betsy Moyer (508-358-2939), or simply bring them to the meeting. This might be a good time to swap out some prints that have been hanging for quite a while.



Totem Pole Sunrise – Paul Smith

Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

June	Paul Smith	Digital Landscapes
July	Mark Hopkins	Wildlife of South Africa
August	Member images evening	Theme TBD
September	Sue Abrahamsen	Southeast Asia
October	Warren Bailey	Nature photography in Bryce and Zion Natl. Parks
November	George and Ruth Brawerman	Florida Colors

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>
May 1-31	Trudy and Murray Drobnis	Foyer, Wayland Library

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Current	Special exhibit on the SVNP website (http://svnp.homestead.com) “Images of Winter”
Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA

Recap of May 8th Meeting:

- Welcome to new member: Barbara Solomon
- Wayne handed out flyers from Hunt's Photo in Melrose which is having a sale now. It was suggested that photographers watch Hunt's web site for their frequent bargains -- www.huntsphotoandvideo.com.
- Wayne announced again the upcoming competition sponsored by Sudbury Valley Trustees. Entries may be submitted through June 6. (See *Items of Interest* for further details)
- Doreen gave a very interesting presentation on the Galapagos Islands and showed intimate photos of a wide variety of birds, lizards, seals, sea lions, etc. She was there April 10-17 and recommends mid April for the best viewing of courting dances of the blue-footed booby and other birds. And, one might catch sight of an early albatross.
- Sue Abrahamsen reminded photographers of the Early Bird Special at Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham -- 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. -- open especially for photographers on Tuesday mornings through May and possibly June 3. (Check their web site at

www.newfs.org.) Admission \$10 members, \$12 non-members. A photo instructor is on site. You may call Garden in the Woods (508-877-7630) for more information or just show up.

- Arthur Ferguson announced there is a pair of nesting owls, with owlets, at Broadmoor in Natick. Good photo op.
- Members showing images included Sue Abrahamsen, and a mini-show, a "Barge Trip with Storks" by Chris Day.
- Refreshments were provided by Doreen O'Connor.
- Refreshments for next meeting: Murray Drobnis, drinks; Kathleen O'Hara, nibbles

Items of Interest

Wanted: Someone to keep SVNPs books. Chris Ridout has done an outstanding job managing our finances for the past ten years or so, and we owe her a great debt of gratitude. Though Chris herself says, "It's a snap. Nothing to it." The treasury now has a balance of \$654.34. Please call Betsy Moyer (508-358-2939) if you can help the smooth running of SVNPs in this way. .

REMINDER – "RIVERFEST 2008" PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget the upcoming photography contest being sponsored by the Sudbury Valley Trustees as a part of Riverfest weekend (June 13-15). Entries may be dropped off at SVT headquarters, 18 Wolbach Road, Sudbury, any weekday between May 12 and June 6. Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges on June 9, and the winning entries will be displayed at the Buttrick Mansion (National Park Service visitor center at Old North Bridge) throughout the weekend.

Photographs must fall into the following three categories:

1. The rivers (Sudbury, Assabet, Concord) and their tributaries
2. Flora and fauna along the rivers and their tributaries
3. People using the rivers (boating, fishing, walking, etc.)

Entry fees for SVT members are \$10 for the first photograph and \$5 for each additional; non-members' fee is \$10 per photo. Each photographer may submit up to three prints, and entry fees support SVT's conservation and land preservation work.

Contact Wayne Hall (wah@waynehallphotography.com) for additional details and submission requirements, or check the SVT website at <http://www.svtweb.org>

Chris Day suggests checking out the following website:
<http://www.abigailsings.com/hummingbirds>

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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, and 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>

Send suggestions and announcements for the newsletter to Chris Rowan – christopherowan@earthlink.net or 978-443-4587.