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Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 10th, 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 July 10th meeting: Wildlife of South Africa

A presentation by Mark Hopkins

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.

Please bring five minutes worth of prints, slides, or digital images for member viewing. Here's an opportunity if you wish to have feedback from other members who especially value capturing the world of photography as they see it.

Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

July 10	Mark Hopkins	Wildlife of South Africa
August 14	Member images evening	Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers
September 11	Warren Bailey	Nature photography in Bryce and Zion Natl. Parks
October 16 (please note the date change because of Yom Kippur)	Sue Abrahamsen	Images of Thailand
November 13	George and Ruth Brawerman	Florida Colors

Individual Member Exhibits

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

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
October-November	Raytheon Room, Wayland Library (more details later)

Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

June and July Arts/Wayland members' exhibit Wayland Library (Raytheon Room)

Arts Wayland is having its Summer exhibit in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library, from June 14 till July 25.

Recap of June 12th Meeting:

- Paul Smith's presentation of 'Landscape Photography' began with an image of Monument Park, shown in SVNP's last newsletter, with a quote from George Eastman, "Light makes photography. Embrace Light. Admire it. Love it. But above all, know light and know it for all you are worth, and you will know the key to photography."
- Paul's presentation was full of good practical tips on light as well as other things -- composition, filters, lenses, web sites, formats, equipment, books to read, how to find the best places to go, etc. Tasty tidbits: "If you don't like what you see in front of you, turn around." "Keep your eyes on the sky," and "Keep your eyes on the bottom of the frame for unwanted merges."
Thank you, Paul, for an excellent presentation and for sharing your expertise with us so generously. (BM)
- A version of Paul Smith's presentation can be downloaded from:
http://gatewaycameraclub.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=192&Itemid=31

- Welcome to new member: Marilyn Tromer
- Refreshments for next meeting: Doreen O'Connor and Erin Lamb.

Items of Interest

SVNP is the recipient of a 2008 River Stewardship Award, presented by the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council and the League of Women Voters. Betsy and Wayne accepted the award on behalf of the group at an awards ceremony held Friday evening, June 13, at the Old North Bridge Visitor Center in Concord.

We were selected as an award recipient after having been nominated by Mary Antes and Tom Sciacca from Wayland. The certificate says "...Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers share their passion and skill through exhibitions of their work throughout metrowest Boston. Their photographs call attention to the beauty of the rivers that is often not seen by the casual observer, and inspire others to appreciate the river, care about its health and enjoy their scenic and recreational values."

The award certificate will hang in our gallery space at Traditions.

Our co-founder Budd Titlow's book, "Seashells: Jewels from the Ocean", has recently been published by Voyageur Press; the ISBN number is 0760325936.

Two SVNP members were among the winners announced this week in the Riverfest photo contest sponsored by the Sudbury Valley Trustees. Linda Crews was the winner of second prize in the "rivers and their tributaries" category, and David Parrish was awarded third place in the "flora and fauna" category.

The West Boylston Bicentennial Arts Festival invites artists to donate works for auction or to rent exhibit booth space, proceeds of which go to support the arts education programs in the West Boylston Schools. Registrations are accepted through August 8 for the event that takes place Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20. For more information visit the West Boylston Foundation for the Arts' web site at www.wbaf.org.

The New England Camera Club Council holds its annual conference at U/Mass Amherst on July 11 - 13. Visit their web site for more information, www.neccc.org.

SVNP sends its sympathy to Suthir and others in his Peru Project group. In April, one of the co-founders died in a bus accident in Ecuador while leading a tour group of gap year students (three of the students died also). A note of sympathy was sent on behalf of SCNP to the family of Paul Herson who passed away on June 19.

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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 SVNP group are not confined to nature photography. Programs and activities include a range of subject matter and techniques of interest to all photographers.

SVNP 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 SVNP. 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.

SVNP 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.