

SVNP NEWSLETTER, JUNE, 2024

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13 MEETING

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as September, 2024. As usual, 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 of someone to recommend.

This meeting was held via Zoom.

Important zoom announcement for future meetings:

Since early in the pandemic, we've been fortunate to have free use of a Zoom account for our meetings, thanks to the generosity of a member's employer. This opportunity will disappear shortly, so we have purchased our own account, which we will begin using for our July 11 meeting. Consequently, our Zoom information will change, and may possibly be different every month. Information for each upcoming meeting will be included in the meeting reminder which we send out roughly a week before each meeting. So, please save the reminder message until after the meeting!

The Evening's Presentation - Barbara Peskin

Our featured presentation was by member Barbara Peskin. In it, Barbara focused on observing wildlife (mostly birds) behavior, being patient, and highlighting the wide variety of species that can be found close to home. The images were created with her Sony A7, and exhibited wonderful clarity and rich colors, along with a fascinating peek into their natural behavior.

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Here (in table form) are some of the species she presented, along with where the images were created:

Species	Location
Killdeer	Codman Community Gardens, Lincoln
Magnolia warbler	Parker River NWR
Robins on nest	Parker River NWR
Baby titmouse	Barbara's back yard
Peregrine falcon and owls	Willard Woods, Lexington
Long-eared owl	Willard Woods
Red-bellied woodpecker	Horn Pond, Woburn
Pileated woodpecker	Willard Woods
Tree swallows in nesting box	?
Cedar waxwing adult feeding fledgling	?
Blackburnian warbler	?
Northern parula	Somewhere in Maine
Common yellowthroat	?
Baltimore oriole	Lincoln

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Black-throated green warbler	Newbury
Indigo bunting	?

All in all, a fascinating presentation, and a demonstration that good equipment does make a difference for this type of photography, especially when accompanied by patience and the ability to wait for just the right moment.

NOTE: You can see more of Barbara's work in her upcoming exhibit during July at the Weston Library. There will be a "meet the artist" reception on Saturday, July 14, from 2:00 until 4:00.



Blackburnian Warbler



Indigo Bunting



Kildeer and Chick

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After Barbara's presentation, Wayne shared some recent images from the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge in Sudbury, including the following three:

Q: "Why did the heron cross the road?"

A: Being a law-abiding bird, when I pointed out the "no fishing" sign just out of camera range in the first image, it climbed out and walked over to the adjacent pond on the other side of the trail (just kidding...).



Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers
(Photographs by Wayne Hall)

Member News

A reminder that Hendrik Broekman will be leading a photo walk at Heard Farm in Wayland on Friday, July 12 at 6 PM. Pre-registration is required. Here's the link: <https://www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org/riverfest-2024.php?d=2024-07-08&e=2024-07-14>

Upcoming SVNPN Programs

July 11 (Z) Phyllis Neufeld *Images of Patagonia*

August 8 (Z) *Semi-annual Member Images Night (theme TBA)*

*N=Live at Newbury Court Only; Z=Zoom Only; H=Hybrid

Please Note - All meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm, either via Zoom or at our location (or both):

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

The decision to hold in-person meetings will be made on a month-to-month basis and communicated no less than a week before the meeting.

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

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

December, 2024	Goodnow Library, 21 Concord Rd., Sudbury MA
January, 2025	Betty Meyer Gallery, United Parish of Auburndale, 64 Hancock St., Auburndale (Newton), MA (Continuation of the show immediately above)

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
July ?-Aug. 30	Wayne Hall	Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road M-F 9:00-4:00

NOTE: opening date will be delayed pending the arrival of some missing hanging apparatus at the Senior Center.

July, 2024	Barbara Peskin	Weston Public Library
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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



*Monarch of the Field;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*