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Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13, at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 6 Green Way, off Rt. 126/27 one mile south of route 20 in Wayland, MA. Look for the street, Green Way, directly across from Saint Ann's Church.

Come at 6:30 P.M. for refreshments 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.

The program starts at 7 P.M.

- Refreshment contributions: for munchies; Sue Abrahamsen; for drinks; Janice Guyer.
- October program: "Antarctica" will be given by Amitava Gangulee.
- Stay tuned; our new Digital Projector may also be provided.
- Please bring up to 5 slide, digital, or print images to share with the membership. [It has been suggested that we have more in depth discussion of images. How does the group feel about that?]

Recap of September 8 General Meeting

- Wayne Hall opened the meeting and made an announcement of the impending visit from our co-founder, Budd Titlow. Budd has been published widely in the field of Nature Photography, and has received many accolades by the photographic community. He is a gifted teacher and experienced speaker and will be here to celebrate the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers' 10th Anniversary event with his presentation of "Breaking Away" from the traditional aspects of photographing. This event is the second speaker series event for this year and is being held Saturday October 22, 10-12 at the Goodnow Library, Sudbury. (See below.) All members are encouraged to bring munchies or drinks for our refreshments table.
- Speaker Series: Please bring up to 5 slides, prints, or digital images for a valuable critique from Budd. Don't miss this unusual opportunity. Be prepared to pass these images in to Eileen Kurkoski for collection. You'll be sent a reminder by e-mail.
- Thanks for this month's meeting refreshments go to Jackie Green.
- Thanks to all members whose digital images and slides were shared.

- A digital projector has been identified for our group purchase. If anyone has not pledged a contribution and would like to, please contact George Brawerman. Goal almost reached. Contact by e-mail geo-ruth@juno.com or phone 508-358-4400. Many thanks.

Technical Presentation:

Jon Ehrmann presented “Digital Storage Devices.” To save the images from your digital camera; you can continue to stock up on memory cards, but Jon has found a better solution. If you are shopping for digital storage devices, consider cost, capacity, size, weight, download speed, battery life, and availability. You may decide to keep your photo files on a digital device more economically. Jon purchased online and can download 6 gigs at a time in a few minutes.

Photography Presentation:

Susan Majors treated us to a bright new experience in Chile and Argentinean Patagonia. My notes read as follows:

Six-week vacation to Chile and Argentinean Patagonia October and November 2004. Trip arrangements were mostly made from home in the United States on the computer. When on vacation, Susan and husband enjoy flying into an area, then renting a car to venture out on day trips into the countryside. They tour, investigate, discover, then leave this home base, and fly to another location and do the same.

Chile is a very long (1,000 miles), thin country (in some places as narrow as 200 miles across its width). In Argentina their favorite place was Ushuaia. Once in the Andes Mountains there is one main paved road the length of the whole country. Adacama Desert is within 100 miles at sea level from the mountains.

Mountain range 1,600-ft. altitude. Most roads are gravel. It is the driest desert in the world. Indigenous people farm llamas and harvest the wool. In a public park; Eltatio geysers fields, are shown as steamy pictures of small geysers in a cold, higher altitude. To photograph best, get there early in the morning. Susan left her lodging at 4 A.M. to arrive at geysers at sunup when the ground is still cold. Herds of Vincunia, new world llama, that are members of the camel family, are commonly seen on the trip.

Caspana Valley is a true oasis, with museums and local sightseeing areas. There is a church from 1611, which is the oldest church in the Chile. This is the driest place on earth, with no rain clouds in the sky. The biggest open copper mine in the world is in Chuguicamata. Families and their homes are being relocated, as more spots of copper are discovered in the town. Ancient petroglyphs can be seen.

Iquique native boaters paint their watercraft with one particular color scheme. The purpose of this custom is to distinguish the local boats from those of other harbor towns, which have their own color schemes, making it possible for fishermen to recognize each other when at sea.

The town of Humberstone is the nitrate-mining town (guano) and has an old mine of natural nitrate. The town of Arica is the town farthest north before you get into Peru. Gustoff Eiffel (Eiffel tower) designed this church and sent the plans and materials from Europe. Alacana desert is up in Northern Chile.

In the town of Putre is a hotel with a grass roof. Cows and sheep are walking in the street. It was clean, nice, but an economically poor desert town.

Nights are cold. Town of Vina del Mar among the fancy, wealthy towns. Chile owns Easter Island.

Town of Horcon has small restaurants and caters to local tourism. Town of Valpariso is not desert, but is green with plants and flowers and is famous for its hills. In central Chile you can see purple passionflowers and volcanoes.

Town of Valdivia is a larger, wealthier modern city with big mansions. On the Island of Caloher (sp.) are somewhat-unique, historic little stilt homes. Chile once had many stilt houses, but most of these were ruined by natural disasters.

In Chilean Patagonia there is lots of flat windy space. Visited Torres del Paine, a world-class National Park in Chilean Patagonia.

We saw exotic flowers, New World camels, and in Patagonia, shipwrecks, which the area is known for. Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego is the most southern tip of America. The next continent is Antarctica. Susan used the Lonely Planet Guides for Travel for her trip info.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OCTOBER 22

Please mark your calendars, post a notice on your refrigerator, put a string around your finger. **Budd Titlow**, co-founder of Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers, will give the second of our slide presentation/ critiquing sessions on Saturday, October 22, 10 - 12, Goodnow Library, Sudbury (Just north of Rt 20 on Concord Road).

Anyone wishing to bring up to 5 slides, prints, or digital images for Budd's critiquing (always gentle, always helpful) please contact **Eileen Kurkoski**, 617-928-0958 or eileenfoto@earthlink.net.

[Did everyone see Budd's excellent article in the October issue of OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHER?]

Photoshoppers Meetings

Photoshoppers will meet in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library 7 – 8:45 on the following evenings.

October 26
November 16
December 22
January 19, 2005
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15

All are welcome. Some familiarity with computer manipulation of photographic images is recommended.

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

Individual Member Exhibits

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Oct./Nov.	Charles Lowell	Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA: joint rotating exhibit with Arts/Wayland. For information about hanging a print, call Wayne Hall (978-443-9226) or Betsy Moyer (508-358-2939).
2006	Wayland Town Building (February-March) Raytheon Room, Wayland Library (September-October) Gallery at the Wayside Inn (November-December)

Item of Interest

Buy or Sell

Wanted to buy: Manual Nikon 75–300 lens. Call Don Waliszek at 207-363-3415 or e-mail him at donjow@verizon.net

Announcement

Greater Lynn Photographic Association is holding its yearly auction on Nov. 7 and, as usual, all are invited. Visit www.greaterlynnphoto.org for more info.

Announcement

Photography, Writing Courses

Sudbury's Park & Rec department will also be offering this fall an array of courses on writing and photography, open to residents from all towns, some for youth, others for adults. One even combines photography and writing. All are being taught by SVNP member Stanley Klein whose professional work spans both fields.

For details, see Klein's web site at www.stanklein.com or call Peter Coleman at Park & Rec (978-443-1092) to request a catalog.

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 Doreen O'Connor (apronphoto@yahoo.com)

Thanks to Betsy Moyer and Betty Ann Tyson for their assistance and skill.