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Next Meeting

Thursday, October 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.

Programs for October 12th meeting: Janice Guyer, Pacific Northwest

and

Don Sherman, Free and Easy Digital Imaging Software

While Photoshop is clearly the best-- and most complicated software -- for digital photographers, there is a great alternative for those who want something much simpler. Picasa can be used to edit 50-75% of your digital images, and can organize your images better than Photoshop. It can also be used to back up images and keep track of the backup CD/DVD's. You can also present family members with a self-running gift CD of family events. Picasa can also be used to e-mail images, and to e-mail and resize them for printing by 12 different on-line processors, including Kodak, Walmart, and Snapfish. It also makes printing at home very easy with automatic resizing and formatting for multiple prints on a single or multiple sheets of photo paper. It also has a great slideshow feature, so you can view your images (even if RAW) full screen as you decide which to edit in Picasa and which in Photoshop, or your favorite imaging software. I will be demonstrating these features, and many other things you can do with Picasa. Free & Easy-- it can't get better than that.

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Please bring up to 5 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.

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.

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Upcoming Meetings:

October - Janice Guyer- Pacific Northwest

Don Sherman - Picasa Software

November - George and Ruth Brawerman - Costa Rica and Guatemala

December - Betsy Moyer - Flowers of Cornwall

January - Sue Abrahamsen – Macro Photography

February - Amitava Gangulee - Wildlife of India

Recap of August 10th Meeting

- Sherry Fendell presented a program about her trip to Amsterdam, South Holland and Belgium via the canal system
- Thanks to photographers whose images and prints were shown, including Janice Guyer, Sue Abrahamsen, Russ Kirby, Susan Majors, Betsy Moyer, John Seiler, Chris Rowan and Joan Chasan
Joan Chasan has supplied the internet link for those who want more information about the Alligator Farm in St. Augustine, Florida (www.alligatorfarm.us.com)
- There was a discussion about the possibility of going on some field trips. Suggestions included Nantucket, Chappaquidick, Parker Reservation, Plum Island, Mohawk Trail, Sugar Hill, and even Alligator Farm in St. Augustine! What we need is someone to step forward and organize field trips. Any volunteers?
- Welcome to new members: Paula Footer

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Photoshoppers Meetings

Photoshoppers will meet in the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library on the following Thursdays, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

October 19

November 30

In 2007:

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17
June 21

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>
Through Sept.	Marijke Holtrop	Peace Lutheran Church, Route 126, Wayland, MA
Through Sept. 30	John Seiler	First Parish Church, Wayland, MA
Sept. 15-mid. Dec.	Wayne Hall	Hudson Town Hall, Hudson, MA – “Blackstone”; reception Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30-8:00 PM
Sept. 1 – Oct. 31	Marijke Holtrop	Durham Public Library, Durham, NH “Four Seasons in New England”
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	George Brawerman	Wayland Public Library Foyer - “Impressions”

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)
Sept. – Oct. 2006	Raytheon Room, Wayland (MA) Library – “Nature Reflections”
Nov. – Dec. 2006	Gallery at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA - “Let There Be Light”

* *Current SVNP exhibitors at Traditions are: Sue Abrahamsen, George Brawerman, Linda Crews, Murray Drobnis, Jackie Greene, Wayne Hall, Martha Kilcoyne,*

*Russell Kirby, Stanley Klein, Walter Krawczyk, Erin Lamb, Dotsy Long, Susan Majors,
Betsy Moyer, John Seiler, and Henry Weisenburger.*

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Items of Interest

Fall Program

On Thursday, October 26, 2006, Budd Titlow will give a digital presentation on the subject, "Artistry in a Digital Age." Mark your calendars. The event will take place in the large Public Hearing Room of the Wayland Town Building beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6 and Budd's presentation at 7. More about that later.

Subject: Photographers Needed for The Oldtown Photography Competition!

Hi all: I'm helping to organize a photography exhibition and contest that will take place in South Natick in October. It's on the theme of "Oldtown" (as in *Oldtown Folks*, the Harriet Beecher Stowe book that made this area famous a century ago). "Oldtown" is centered on South Natick and includes pieces of Dover, Sherborn, and Wellesley. Images from anywhere in this area can be submitted and can cover anything from wildlife to people, from historic buildings to landscapes. **If you are a photographer, or know photographers with enthusiasm for the region, please get in touch.** I will be happy to send across more information and an entry form. We would love to have strong representation from members of our community.

The judging will take place on Saturday, October 21, from 10AM to 2PM as a part of the Eliot Church Fall Fair, held at Memorial Hall on Rt. 16 in South Natick (In front of the Montessori School). If you're not a photographer, you're also invited to vote for your favorites (Not kidding, "votes" are taken into account in the judging!). The winning photographs will become candidates for a new *Oldtown Calendar*, designed to be a fundraiser for local nonprofit groups. Please feel free to forward this, and contact me with any questions. Competition information can also be requested via oldtownphoto@comcast.net. A Boston Globe article on the show is at http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/09/21/photo_contest_blends_history_fund_raising/

Tom Dimmick

Exhibit Opportunity for SVNPs Members

I was contacted last week by Judge Christina Harms of the Norfolk Probate and Family Court, located in a new courthouse in Canton. She would like to hang the work of area artists in her courtroom on a rotating basis (several months at a time). The court serves Canton, Dedham, Braintree, Westwood, Needham, Wellesley, etc. She originally asked if we would be interested in doing a group exhibit there (she knows that we did a show at the Moakley Federal Courthouse in Boston a few years ago). Since she is talking about a courtroom, not a place readily accessible to the general public, I declined. However, I told her I would see if any individual SVNPs members might be interested in exhibiting a few

prints there on their own. She does not want to do single-person exhibits, in order not to appear to be promoting any individual artist.

I think it's great to find someone like Judge Harms who wants to showcase the work of local artists, and I have also given her contact information for local art associations in some of the towns she serves.

If anyone is interested, please contact Judge Harms' secretary, Ann Gallagher, at 781-830-1241, Monday through Friday, 9-4.

Wayne Hall
Exhibitions Committee Chair

Stan Klein's Adult Ed Photo Courses Come to the Sudbury Valley
The following evening photography courses are being offered by long time SVNP member, Stanley Klein, through the Adult Education Division of Lincoln-Sudbury High School. Stan has taught photography to adults over the past seven years, and, more recently, to children ages 10 through 14.

Abbreviated course descriptions follow:

Taking Photos That Wow with Digital or Film Cameras

This course covers the essentials in composition, lighting, and camera technology and technique. It does so via "slide" lectures, picture taking assignments between classes, critiques of these and other photos taken by students, and even by reviewing the limitations of film, digital media, and the camera. (Yes, pros do walk away from images they know they can't capture.) And it covers essential issues related to film vs. digital in the quest to make compelling pictures.

The context for all of this? Photographing people, pets, and other animals; scenic, outdoor, travel and nature settings; and close-ups and artistic abstractions (pattern, shape, texture, color, etc.), plus other subjects of interest to students who **are encouraged to bring photos to be critiqued.**

Evenings: 7:00- 9:00 p.m.
4 Mondays: October 30 - November 20
Course Fee: \$85 (25% discount for Seniors over 65)

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What Next After Taking All Those Digital Photos?

This practical course covers the myriad and simple, low-cost options available for accessing, selecting, storing, retrieving, editing and sharing your treasure trove of digital images. Digital photography, if nothing else, gives you the flexibility to do many different things with images that were either too cumbersome or costly to do with film.

Among the topics covered in the course:

- Moving digital images from camera into computer for editing and archiving,
- Improving pictures via basic and simple image editing (using Photoshop for demo

- purposes),
- Transmitting images to friends and family over the web via e-mail and attached files,
 - Making prints, especially via on-line services and local retail kiosks and also printers.
 - Creating permanent records by burning photo collections to CDs and DVDs.

A nice attribute of the course is that students learn from one another as well as the instructor, since there are many ways to execute the above functions, depending on one's choice of equipment, software programs, third party services and workflow practices. .

Evenings: 7:00- 9:00 p.m.
3 Tuesdays: November 14 - 28
Course Fee: \$65 (25% discount for Seniors over 65)

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Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham, offers some special events for photographers. Visit their web site www.newfs.org or call 508-877-7630 for more information or to obtain a catalog. The Garden is open daily 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

A Word from Zeff Photo Supply

We are offering a special discount on Zeff U classes, seminars and workshops just for Camera Club members! Don't miss this opportunity to take 20% off any of our Spring/Summer offerings. You can learn more about the world of digital with our Digital 201 classes or sign up for one of our great lighting and portraiture workshops. Visit our website, www.zeffphoto.com for more information and register today because class sizes are limited. Please tell your friends about Zeff U Imaging Education classes! Thanks and I hope to see you at Zeff U soon.

Best,
Casey
Education Coordinator at Zeff Photo Supply

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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.