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Next Meeting

Thursday, November 8th, 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 November 8th meeting: "Images of Iceland,"

A presentation by Amitava and Suzanne Lorant Gangulee

In addition to the presentation, George Brawerman will give a brief technical presentation.

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.

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.

Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

November 8, 2007	Amitava and Suzanne Lorant Gangulee	"Images of Iceland"
December 13, 2007	Karin McQuillan	"Wildlife in Wyoming"
Jan. 10, 2008	Tom Arnold	"New Orleans after Katrina: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

Recap of October 11th Meeting

- Linda Crews gave a presentation entitled "Photoshop Fun with Travel Images," which focused on how she prepares albums and slide presentations for targeted audiences. She showed many "before and after" examples of how she improves (or "fixes") selected images to better match what she wanted to capture. Most of her techniques could be accomplished with any good image editing program.

- Bill Kantor showed several of his 8x10 transparencies and demonstrated how he had worked with them in Photoshop to make improvements, primarily in lighting and contrast. Most of his images were early morning photographs made in Nantucket. One of these was published in the Sunday New York Post magazine a few weeks ago - congratulations to Bill!
- Don Sherman, Sue Abrahamsen, Warren Bailey and Amitava Gangulee shared some of their latest (digital) images
- Welcome to new member: Janice Rudolph
- Jackie Greene updated details for the upcoming benefit event for Steve Maka. See 'Items of Interest' below for more info.

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>
October	Sue Abrahamsen	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St., Concord, MA (call the church before visiting)
October	George Brawerman	Wayland Library (foyer)
November	Murray and Trudy Drobnis	Wayland Library (foyer)
November	Murray and Trudy Drobnis	Framingham Public Library

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA

Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

Through Nov. 15 Janice Rudolph Cambridge Art Association, 25 Lowell St.,
Cambridge, MA

Items of Interest

Please come to our November 1 Fundraiser.

We still need refreshments. Drinks are well covered, but we could use

- a fruit platter
- veggie dip platter
- most any finger food, like brownies, cookies, etc.
- nothing requiring forks.

It will be helpful if you contact Jackie Greene at greenecom@comcast.net or 508-358-9544 to let her know what you can bring. We don't want to end up with five fruit platters!

Checks are trickling in. This should be a wonderful event. Please spread the word. Word of mouth is our best promotion tool. But, here's a blurb you can pass on.

If you are an amateur or professional nature photographer, or simply enjoy looking at photographic art, don't miss the Steve Maka Fire Fund Raiser on November 1.

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers has planned an exciting and informative evening to support internationally known nature photographer Steve Maka. Steve recently lost 30 years of images taken in locations around the world when his studio at the Uxbridge Bernat Mill was destroyed in a massive fire. Inside Steve's studio, workshop and gallery were more than 175,000 images, cameras, computers, photographic supplies and equipment. Those who admire Steve and his work are stepping forward to raise money to help him get back to producing the artistic work we so admire.

Steve will be the featured speaker at the fundraising event. He will talk about "Image Impact," using photos that you bring to illustrate techniques that create a memorable image.

The event will take place at the Wayland Town Building, located at 41 Cochituate Road in Wayland. **You are invited to bring up to two images on one CD or two slide images to help Steve illustrate his talk.** The event begins at 7 pm, but please come early if you have images to share.

Refreshments will be served, and there are door prizes, too many to list here.

There is no admission fee, but a donation of \$20 is requested. If you are unable to attend, but wish to make a contribution, make checks out to Steve Maka, and mail them to Betsy Moyer, c/o SVNP, 36 Hampshire Rd., Wayland, MA 01778.

For information contact Jackie Greene at greenecom@comcast.net or 508-358-9544 or Betsy Moyer at bmga@aol.com or 508-358-2939.

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Peru Project: Closing the Gap

SVNP member Suthir Shan continues working on the “Peru Project: Closing the Gap.” SVNP has collected two large bags of cameras and film to donate to the cause. Suthir can use more. Please bring any film you have lying around, now that you’ve “gone digital” and any cameras to donate to the children involved in this project.

Suthir reports: Closing the Gap was started by “Alexandra Vinograd. she currently resides in the Boston. Here's a brief blurb about the overall program:

“Puentes: Closing the Gap is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide Lima’s street children with the opportunity to have a safe and happy childhood. The program was designed to assist already existing rehabilitation programs for street children, and seeks to fund projects that contribute to the well-being of these children – be it through extracurricular activities, birthday celebrations, or making the homes a nicer place to live.

“A first batch of cameras have already made their way down to Peru, and I'm shipping out the ‘first’ box of film this week. It's being helped along by a University located in Maryland.” These shipments include the two bags of cameras and film donated by SVNP members. Suthir has expressed his and the project’s thanks for our donations.

If you have film or cameras to donate, please bring them to the November 8 meeting. Or call Betsy Moyer to arrange a pickup place and date.

PHOTOSHOPPERS:

Because of increased work and home commitments, Tom Arnold has stepped down as chair of our Photoshoppers group. Is there anyone who would like to take over -- organize meetings, topics, and speakers? If so, please get in touch with Betsy Moyer 508-358-2939 or bmga@aol.com or Tom Arnold at 978-443-2344 or tba1959@comcast.net.

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.