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Next Meeting

Thursday, December 14th, 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 December 14th meeting:

# **Guatemala and Costa Rica Odyssey**

A presentation by George and Ruth Brawerman

George and Ruth will present an account of their trip, run by **Overseas Adventure Travels**. The Guatemala part will cover the remarkable Mayan ruins at Tikal, the charming city of Antigua, the Lake Atitlan area, and an interesting daily Peace Ceremony at the beautiful National Palace. The Costa Rica portion will cover, among other things, fascinating rain forests as well as a "dry forest", river cruises, a nature walk, as well as an enticing resort. Some social aspects of the countries will be discussed.

George has been a member of SVNP since its inception. He is an enthusiastic nature photographer and has been an early proponent of the digital approach to photography. He has presented his work in many exhibits in the area. Ruth has become a very good photographer in her own right. Many of their pictures are the result of a collaborative effort, and have benefited from mutual critical input.





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.

# Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

December, 2006	George and Ruth Brawerman	Costa Rica and Guatemala
January, 2007	Betty Ann Tyson Sue Abrahamsen	Switzerland and Burgundy Macro Photography Techniques
February, 2007	Amitava Gangulee	Wildlife of India
March, 2007	Betsy Moyer	Flowers of Cornwall

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# Recap of November 9th Meeting

- Sue Abrahamsen gave a presentation on her trip to New Zealand
- Thanks to photographers whose images and prints were shown.
- For those wanting to present digital images at SVNP meetings, please e-mail Don Sherman (dssdmd@comcast.net) for instructions on how to prepare images for a slide show. Apparently, if you have more than 9 images, you will have problems without

Don's cheap and easy fixit program. Thanks, Don, for your willingness to share this with us

• Welcome to new members: Doug Seale and Suzanne Lorant

• Question from Betsy: There have been a couple of requests for a complete list of Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers. Will anyone object if I make our address list available to SVNP members?

# **Photoshoppers Meetings**

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

In 2007: January 18 February 15 March 15 April 19 May 17

#### SVNP Exhibit Calendar

# **Individual Member Exhibits**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	Exhibit Location
Sept. 15-Dec. 13.	Wayne Hall	Hudson Town Hall, Hudson, MA "Blackstone"
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	Murray Drobnis	Wayland Public Library Foyer
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	Stan Klein	Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA "A Photographic Potpourri"
Dec. 30 – March 1	Sherry Fendell	The Center for the Arts in Natick, 14 Summer Street – "Nature Impressions"
Jan. 2 – 31	Betsy Moyer	Raytheon Room, Wayland Public Library

#### **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)

Nov. 14 – Jan. 15 Gallery at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA - "The Drama of Light"

Reception with special guest Lou Jones: Dec. 3, 3:30-5:30

Mar. and Apr., 2007 West Newton Cinema, Newton, MA

# Items of Interest

Exhibit at Goodnow Library through November 29

Some 40 photographs by SVNP member, Stanley Klein, are now on display at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury. The exhibition, entitled "A Photographic Potpourri," runs through Wednesday, November 29.

Besides single photographs of landscapes, flowers, architecture, and animals, the display includes collages that attempt to tell a story without words: birds in flight, an American Alligator, and three sisters (ages 1 to 3).

Hours of the Goodnow Library are Monday thru Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday thru Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 21 Concord Road in Sudbury (immediately North of Route 20). Phone 978-443-1035.

Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury announces the SVNP-sponsored photographic exhibition titled "The Drama of Light."

Coordinated by Stanley Klein, the exhibit captures the many moods of natural light and features the works of 16 SVNP members; the show runs through January 15, 2007. A reception -- to be held on Sunday, December 3, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. -- will feature as a special guest the noted photographer, Lou Jones. His newest book, "Travel + Photography", has just been published by Focal Press.

# A Special Dinner Will Also Be Held

Jones will also join the exhibitors in a special function afterwards: a group dinner at the Inn. A few slots (about 5) are still available for non-exhibiting, SVNP members.

<sup>\*</sup> Current SVNP exhibitors at Traditions are: Sue Abrahamsen, George Brawerman, Linda Crews, Murray Drobnis, Jackie Greene, Wayne Hall, Martha Kilcoyne, RussellKirby, Stanley Klein, Walter Krawczyk, Erin Lamb, Dotsy Long, Susan Majors, Betsy Moyer, John Seiler, and Henry Weisenburger.

To participate in this Dutch Treat dinner, please contact Stan Klein at 978-443-5405 or via e mail at <a href="mailto:stanklein@alum.mit.edu">stanklein@alum.mit.edu</a>. Stan will fill the available slots on a first comefirst serve basis.

Participants pay for their own food and beverage, including tip. In addition, all will share in the cost of Lou Jones' dinner and drinks (if any). This is expected to add roughly \$5 to each person's tab.

#### Back to the Exhibition

The exhibition itself is housed in the Inn's Gallery Room which can be visited any time the Inn is open and the Gallery room unoccupied. So, check before visiting by calling the Inn at 978-443-1776.

And, if you visit, please sign the guest book and tell us what you think.

The SVNP members exhibiting are: Sue Abrahamsen, Tom Arnold, George Brawerman, Linda Crews, Jon Ehrmann, Jackie Greene, Wayne Hall, Marijke Holtrop, Martha Kilcoyne, Stan Klein, Walter Krawczyk, Erin Lamb, Julia Leney, Nancy McNitt, Betsy Moyer, and David Parish.

A portion of the proceeds from all print sales will go to the Wayside Inn for support of their historical programs.

Good news: The Wayland Cultural Council has awarded the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers a grant to support the April 5, 7 p.m. photography lecture in the Public Hearing Room of the Wayland Town Buiding. (Amount of grant unknown at this time.) Please mark your calendars, if you haven't already. Lou Jones will speak on "Travel+PHOTOGRAPHY: Off the Charts." His recently published book by that title will be available for purchase and his signature. Visit Lou's web site at www.fotojones.com for more images and info.

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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 <a href="http://svnp.homestead.com">http://svnp.homestead.com</a>

Send suggestions and announcements for the newsletter to Chris Rowan – <u>christopherowan@earthlink.net</u> or 978-443-4587.