

From: Chris Rowan, our new SVNP News editor!

If you have items of interest or any news for the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers, please call Chris at 978-443-4587 or e-mail him at christopherowan@earthlink.net.

An Appeal: Eileen Kurkoski is stepping down as Program Chair. She has done a fabulous job; our programs have been regular and interesting. But we need a replacement. Programs are set through May. A special thank you also to Eileen.

Please contact Betsy Moyer if you can help with setting programs: 508-358-2939, bmga@aol.com.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 11th, 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 May 11th meeting: George Brawerman — "Photo Impressions".

George Brawerman will offer a presentation describing his approaches to nature photography and his use of digital processing to emphasize particular aspects of a scene. The presentation will be based primarily on his recent exhibit at the Wayland Library. George took on photography in earnest after he retired from Tufts Medical School. He has always been interested in Nature and in expressing the natural beauty present all around us. He has been a member of the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers since its inception. He has had numerous solo exhibitions in the local area. George recognized early on the potential of digital manipulation in the creation of an artistic photographic image. He has taught several minicourses on digital processing techniques.

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.

Thank you to volunteers bringing refreshments: Doreen O'Connor

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Upcoming programs:

May 11 - George Brawerman — “Photo Impressions,” based on Ruth’s and George’s recent exhibit at the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Library.

June 8 - Michael Goodman

July 13 – David Kessler

Recap of March 9th Meeting

- Wayne Hall presented a cross-section of work from his ongoing project to photograph the architecture, industrial history and natural beauty of the Blackstone Corridor.
- Thanks to photographers whose slides and prints were shown, including Linda Crews and Chris Rowan.

Now available on the SVN website – “Out of the Box”

Wayne Hall – SVN Webmaster

Our special group exhibit, entitled “Out of the Box,” is active on our website through the end of May. Please bring your friends to <http://svn.homestead.com>. Fourteen SVN members are participating:

Stan Klein

Tom Arnold

Marijke Holtrop

Paul Smith

Linda Crews

Charlie Lowell

Betsy Moyer

Amitava Gangulee

Sue Abrahamsen

Susan Majors

Wayne Hall

Betty Ann Tyson

Michael Goodman

Chris Rowan

Photoshoppers

Photoshoppers will meet on May and June 15, 7 – 8:45 p.m., at the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library.

All are welcome. Some familiarity with computer manipulation of photographic images is recommended. Please bring a disc with images you would like to have help with. (For info contact Tom Arnold 978-443-2344; tba1959@comcast.net .)

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>
Mar. 1 - May 7	Wayne Hall	“H ₂ O – Photographs with a Water Theme”, Emerson Hospital, main corridor, Concord,MA
Through April 30	Elaine Wood	Middlesex Savings Bank, Main Street Rte 27, downtown Natick, MA
April 3 – May 1	Walter Krawczyk	“Images from Here and Elsewhere” Wellesley Free Library, Washington St., Wellesley, MA
May 3-31	Betsy Moyer	Bakery on the Common, downtown Natick, MA
May 20, 21	Linda Crews, Walter Krawczyk	Newton Open Studios; for details see www.newtonopenstudios.com
May 27-???	Linda Crews (with David Kahn)	Amazing Things Art Center, Saxonville (Framingham), MA
Ongoing	Marijke Holtrop	Whistle Stop Café, Lincoln Station Mall, Lincoln, 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)
Through May 31	“Out of the Box” – on the SVNP website at http://svnp.homestead.com
Sept. – Oct. 2006	Raytheon Room, Wayland Library
Nov. – Dec. 2006	Gallery at the Wayside Inn

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.

Second call to all SVNPers for Don Sherman's hands-on digital training course.

Don Sherman is generously offering his Digital Course, Part II, to be given 7 - 8:45 p.m., Thursday, May 4, at the Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public Library, 5 Concord Road, Wayland (Just north of Wayland Center on Route 126). The following is a description of the course, course requirements, and information on how to sign up.

For those of you in other camera clubs, can you please pass this invitation on.

Don says he cannot give the course unless at least five sign up for it.

GET GOING WITH SIMPLE PHOTO IMAGING SOFTWARE, with Don Sherman

If you have a notebook computer with Windows XP, and would like to learn how to use a simple photo imaging program, then this course is for you. I will be giving a free hands-on course for those interested in learning how to use very easy photo imaging software. You will be shown how to do simple basic editing, cropping, e-mailing, backing-up, and printing to a printer or to a web printing service. You can also use the software for sophisticated organizing of digital images on your hard drive.

I will be using a program called Picasa, available free for downloading on the internet from WWW.Picasa.com. I will also show you how to use Picasa to download images from a memory card into your computer.

For those of you with a digital camera that uses a Compact Flash memory card, bring in images on your CF card. If you do not have a digital camera, or one that uses CF cards, I will supply a CF card with images, and a CF card reader for you to plug into your computer during the course. All you have to do is download and install Picasa on your notebook computer at home before the course begins.

If you are not computer literate, but have access to a notebook computer, bring along someone with you to act as your computer helper--they do not have to know Picasa--they are just to help you with basic computer operation, something I cannot do during the course.

If your notebook computer has a CD or DVD burner, bring 2 blanks with you for use when I show you how to make a gift CD or DVD, or to back up your images

The course is open to all SVN members, and anyone else who wants to learn from any photo club. You are not required to have taken my intro course given March 30. It will be fun for all, and a good way to get going with photo imaging. I have enough card readers for up to 30 people, so you must register for the course by e-mailing me at dssdmd@comcast.net. **No phone calls please.**

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Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham, offers some special events for photographers, "Spring Mornings in the Garden," four Tuesday mornings in May, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) when photographers have the Garden to themselves. Photographer Joan Weber is on hand to help us. "Bring your camera and tripod and plan to stay for croissants and coffee at the end of each session. Beginners and experienced photographers are welcome. Fee: \$10 for members, \$12 non-members per session."

"Plant and Wildflower Photography," another course led by Joan, consists of a photographing session on Sunday, May 21, 2 - 6 p.m., with a wrap-up session on Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Limit 15 participants. Fee \$65 members, \$78 non members.

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.

"Member Image Night", a proposal for the August program, will feature photographs members have taken at Garden in the Woods. We will have one tray of slides for up to three images from Garden in the Woods and a second slide tray for up to three images of anything else. CD's with digital images should be apportioned the same way, with GIW identifying the three photographs taken at Garden in the Woods.

SVNP member Bill Peters will be presenting a program at Eastern Mountain Sports, adjacent to the Solomon Pond Mall in Northborough, on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 PM. Contact Bill at wgpphoto@aol.com or 508-393-3736 for more information.

Noteworthy Photography Exhibit

“Air Lines”, an exhibit of aerial photographs by local architect, pilot and photographer Alex MacLean, is currently on display at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem through April 23. Alex flies his single-engine Cessna all over the country and creates stunning and powerful images of geometric patterns from 1000 to 2000 feet in the air. His subject matter ranges from farm fields and snow-covered baseball stadiums to railroad yards and parking lots. I toured the exhibit last week, and found it incredibly impressive as well as thought-provoking. It’s definitely worth a trip (about an hour from Sudbury). The museum itself is huge, recently renovated and expanded, and houses a fascinating variety of art, artifacts, seafaring history, etc., much of it from or related to Asia and the South Pacific. For more information, see the museum’s website at <http://www.pem.org>.
Wayne

Staples stores nationwide are running an April special on large reprints. The discount price is \$4.20 per square foot for printing, \$3 per square foot for mounting. Laminating is available. The Staples store on Route 9, Framingham, has all three paper stocks available -- matte, semi-gloss, and glossy. Price is the same for all.

The Photographic Historical Society of New England is sponsoring ‘Photographica ’06 Sale and Show, Saturday, 4/29, 9 to 5, and Sunday, 4/30, 10 to 4 and will be held at the Armenian Center, 47 Nichols Ave., Watertown, MA. Call the PHSNE at 617-965-0807 for more info.

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The Sudbury Valley Trustees

cordially invite you to participate in

The Third Annual Photography Contest of the Sudbury Assabet and Concord Rivers

In Conjunction with The RIVERFEST Celebration

June 10-11, 2006

Eligible Subjects: Color or black and white photographs of only the following three subjects will be accepted for the contest:

- 1) the rivers, and their tributaries
- 2) flora, wildlife and birds on the rivers and their tributaries
- 3) people using the rivers and their tributaries; walking, boating, fishing etc. etc.

Framing requirements: Each photographic print must be framed and matted and equipped with a wire suitable for hanging. Maximum frame size is 16" x 20". Each photo must have a business card loosely taped to the frame with the following information: the title of the image, the location and date it was taken, the name of the photographer, price if for sale, and the subject category it is entered in. Each photo also must have a self-addressed stamped postcard taped to the back with the title of the image.

Entry Fee: Each photographer may submit up to three photographs. Entry fees are as follows: \$10.00 for the first photograph; \$5.00 for each additional photograph for SVT members; \$10.00 for each additional photograph for non-members. All fees are payable at the time of delivery to SVT and are non-refundable. *All fees will be used to support the land protection programs of SVT.*

Drop-Off: All photographs may be dropped off at the offices of SVT at the Wolbach Farm, Rt. 27, Sudbury, any weekday from May 15 to May 26 during normal business hours. SVT will notify each photographer by mail whether or not each image has been given an award. Photographs which have not been given an award must be picked up on Thursday, June 1 or Friday, June 2 during normal business hours.

Awards: A panel of judges will give awards for first, second, and third place in each category. In addition, the judges will give an award for the Best of Show photo.

Exhibitions: The award winning photographs will be presented at a reception at the Wolbach Farm on Sunday, June 11 for all photographers, friends and families of photographers who submitted images for the contest. The reception will be held from 4-6pm.

For further information, email Tom Arnold at tba1959@comcast.net, or Ellen Sturgis at esturgis@sudburyvalleytrustees.org 978-443-5588 during business hours.

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. Thank you to Betty Ann Tyson for skillful assistance in editing of this Newsletter.