

SVNP NEWSLETTER, APRIL, MAY, 2021

INCLUDING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8 AND MAY 13 MEETINGS

There are currently opportunities to give presentations starting as soon as July, 2021. Any suggestions you may have for programs – especially of a how-to nature – would be appreciated. Please email (wah@waynehallphotography.com) or call (978-443-9226) Wayne if you are willing to give a presentation yourself or if you know someone to recommend.

April 8: The Evening's Presentation: *The Younger Generation*

Terri Ackerman gave a fine presentation devoted to the young of many species, including *Homo*. Images were shown from near and far. Backyard or near-backyard young (bunnies, fauns, bluebird, Pileated, etc.) made cameos. The progress of a group of local cygnets over several months was documented. We had wild inhabitants of the Fresh Pond area as well as domesticated babies at Drumlin Farm.

Internationally, Terri showed images of animal young from her travels to, variously, Brazil, the Galápagos and Africa. Human young from Viet Nam, Cambodia, India, Kenya, Malawi and Ecuador made appearances, as well.

April 8: Member Images

Sue Abrahamsen celebrated that early spring icon, the skunk cabbage, with several lovely images of the plant, and its welcome post-winter colors.

Karin McQuillan echoed Terri's presentation with images of more young from around the American West.

Ed McGuirk showed images in honor of past travels to sites in Utah: Both Arches and Canyonlands National Parks as well as Deadhorse State Park were represented.

Barbara Peskin offered images closer to home shot during evaluation of a new camera. Deer, Horse (Ginger & Xander) and Mallard took the limelight.

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Hendrik Broekman displayed a series depicting Red-tail Hawk mating behavior.

May 13: The Evening's Presentation: Budd Titlow - *Bird Brains*

Budd Titlow presented a program devoted to demonstrating the wide range of bird behaviors. There is no lack of grist for this particular mill. With his own stills and some third-party videos, Budd offered a trans-continental tour starting in his current habitat, California, moving across the American West to New England, and ending in the avian hotspot, Florida. The final video (of crows sledding on a snowy pitched roof with jar caps) is hard to forget!

Budd made good on the promise of the presentation -- the group acquired a much better appreciation of the diversity of birds and their survival strategies. Having shown us some of Nature's most impressive treasures, he left us with an impassioned plea for redoubling our efforts toward climate change mitigation.

May 13: Member Images

Nicole Mordecai started by offering some shots of osprey in Wellfleet Harbor and then some tulips shot from unconventional points of view.

Anne Umphrey has, of late, been concentrating on iPhone photography and she displayed some of her most recent results. The images further proved that it's not the camera but the photographer that is the dominant factor in a photo's quality.

At the other range of the gear spectrum, **Barbara Peskin** has been engaged in a dalliance with a Nikon Z (mirrorless) camera. She shared some fine backyard bird images.

Karin McQuillan asked the group for assistance in improving a scan and Lightroom. Specifically, the image was a very contrasty scan of an old family photo. A few approaches were offered from the group.

Ed McGuirk presented a preview of his June presentation, *Nature Photography in June*. The diverse subject matter ranged from strict landscape, to close-up, to wildlife and beyond.

Hendrik Broekman showed a series of a Great Blue Heron returning to, and landing on, an occupied nest at the Lyons Cutler property.

Around the Web

This recently came over the transom, perhaps you've seen it. From The New York Times: A Cyclist on the English Landscape. Grounded by the pandemic, a travel photographer spent the year pedaling the roads around his home, resulting in a series of poetic self-portraits.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/05/travel/sussex-bicycle-portraits.html?smid=em-share>

UPCOMING SVNPN PROGRAMS

June 10

Ed McGuirk: *Nature Photography in June*

Please Note – We expect meetings to be held electronically, via the web, until such time as the membership feels safe in engaging in face-to-face gatherings. Betsy cautions that Newbury Court will be likely to condition an individual's attendance on vaccination status, as well.

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SVNP EXHIBIT CALENDAR

Group Exhibits

Ongoing/ On Hiatus	Newbury Court - Community Room, 80 Deaconess Road, Concord, MA rotating exhibit
Postponed	Wayland Public Library - Raytheon Room, 5 Concord Road, Wayland, MA
Postponed	Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm St, Concord, MA; <i>25th Anniversary Exhibition</i>

Individual Member Exhibits

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

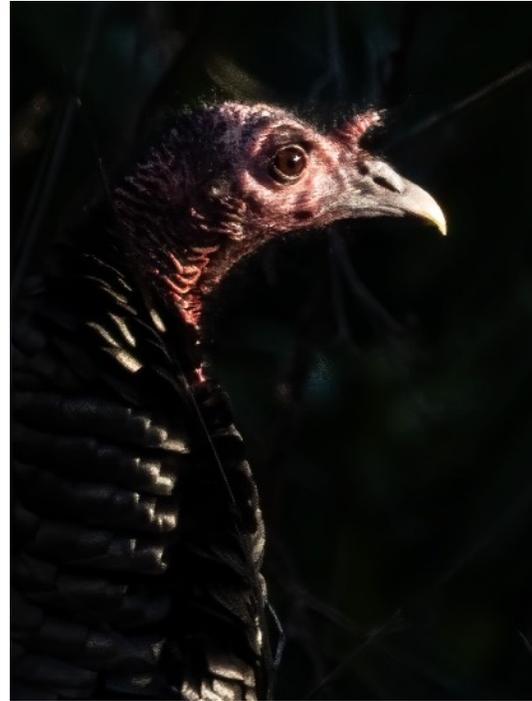
Date	Member	Exhibit Location
Ongoing	Marijke Holtrop	Online Exhibit on the website of the Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (http://farnwr.org/gallery.html)
Ongoing	Betsy Moyer	Newbury Court Senior Living, Concord MA <i>Neighborhood Flowers</i> , 5th floor, south bldg

An Invitation from your Editor

If having a meatier monthly read is of interest to you then, please, I invite you to send anything you may wish to contribute to future newsletters (a précis of an upcoming presentation, photos, personal news, reviews, neat tricks you find worth sharing, etc.) to me at henkbroekman@gmail.com. Please include SVNP in the subject line.

I especially invite presenters and members sharing images to select and submit files for illustrative purposes. It should be possible to accommodate two images or so for main presenters and one each for after-presentation sharing. Generally, expect to see half-column layout along the lines of this example. If you have photos you may wish to share, please submit jpg files sized no smaller than 1200 px on the long side. Submission deadline will be 11:59 pm on the Monday following the meeting. Inclusion in any particular newsletter will be at my discretion based on newsletter length, distribution file weight, current workload, etc.

Hendrik Broekman



*Turkey Lurky;
photo, Hendrik Broekman*