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Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 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.

Member Images Evening: At our August 14 meeting, instead of having a formal program, we'll devote the evening to another of our periodic "member images" nights. We received a lot of positive feedback on our "winter images" night at the February meeting, and hope to build on that success.

The subject this time will be "The Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers," in keeping with the River Stewardship Award that we received last month. Everyone attending is invited to bring up to five digital images, slides, or prints that represent their best (and preferably fairly recent) images created along the three rivers or their tributaries.

We hope to spend some quality time discussing the images, and Wayne will be creating a new special exhibit on the SVNP website after the meeting, using some of the photographs presented.

Don Sherman requests that members bringing digital images that evening arrive early, preferably around 6:30, so that he has ample time to load them into his computer for projection.

Come at 6:30 P.M. for schmoozing 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. This might be a good time to swap out some prints that have been hanging for quite a while.

Schedule of Upcoming SVNP Programs

August 14	Member images evening	Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers
September 11	Warren Bailey	Nature photography in Bryce and Zion Natl. Parks
October 16	Sue Abrahamsen	Images of Thailand

Please note: Because of Yom Kippur our meeting will be held in October on the 16th.

November

George and Ruth Brawerman

Florida Colors

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.

SVNP Group Exhibits

Date

Exhibit Location

Ongoing

Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA

October-November 15

Raytheon Room, Wayland Library (more details later)

Other Exhibits in which SVNP Members are Participating

June and July

Arts/Wayland members' exhibit Wayland Library (Raytheon Room)

Recap of July 10th Meeting:

- Mark Hopkins presented images from a recent trip as an Earthwatch volunteer on a project to do a census of large herbivores in a wildlife refuge in South Africa. Earthwatch is always in need of volunteers for their work around the globe. Information on current opportunities can be found at www.earthwatch.org.
- Member images were presented by Susan Majors, Russ Kirby, and Joan Chasan.
- Susan Majors announced that her photography is included in the latest releases of the local Wayland and Sudbury phone directories.

Items of Interest

We have the Raytheon Room booked for a group exhibit from October 1 through the morning of November 15. We need to decide whether it should be a "themed" or "open" exhibit.

Wayne will be sending out a Call for Exhibitors by the end of July with a response deadline of August 31.

In the meantime, could you give some thought to Wayne's proposal that we nominally make it an "open" exhibit, since we haven't had a live, non-website group event since last fall. However, he further proposes that we "encourage" exhibitors to hang images created along the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord rivers or their tributaries, in appreciation of the River Stewardship Award we received last month for which we were nominated by several Wayland residents.

Do you have any thoughts on this? Please let Wayne (978-443-9226, wah@waynehallphotography.com) or Betsy (508-358-2939, bmga@aol.com) know.

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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.