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About SVNP

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers
is an informal group of more than one hundred talented advanced amateur and professional photographers from the western suburbs of Boston, brought together by their passion for capturing the beauty and power of nature through photography.

The group was established in 1995, and regularly exhibits its members' work throughout eastern Massachusetts and on the Internet.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Great Room in the Main House at Traditions Senior Living Facility, 10 Green Way, Wayland, Massachusetts.

Schedule of upcoming SVNP programs

August 12, 2010 Semi-annual member images night - Topic: "A Different Point of View" - Common shots in an uncommon way. Max. 5 images per person.

There are no programs scheduled for September and beyond. If you would like to volunteer or if you have suggestions for programs, please email Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer (Contact info below). We welcome your input!

July Meeting Notes

Chris Ridout brought photos of her trip to Italy and the Mediterranean to share with the group. Chris is smitten with urban scenes, and loves taking architectural features, such as roofs, windows, and doorways - although here and there you could spot vegetation!

(Chris shoots with a Canon 5S-IS.) Chris is particularly fond of taking reflections, angles, color, and people, and her photos beautifully expressed her point of view. Chris also urged members to think about taking a "repositioning" cruise, as they are cheaper than regular cruises (she traveled with Holland-America and loved it). Thanks, Chris!

Member images included those by Russ Kirby, Wayne Hall, Ann DeCristofaro, and Don Sherman. Don also extolled the virtues of FastStone Image Viewer 4.0, and Downloader Pro by Breezesys.com.

Announcements

Don Sherman asked members to bring images on memory sticks instead of on CD's, as he has a new netbook that doesn't have a built in CD player. If you are challenged and can't do that, call or email Don to request that he bring his CD player. (Email: don@donaldsherman.com Phone: 978-443-9450.)

Whale Watch- SVNPF Field Trip (from Carol Walsh, field trip organizer). Sunday August 28. 1:30pm start - 4 hour cruise out of Gloucester on 7 Seas Whale Watch. The cost is \$ 45 per adult, or senior is \$ 39. If you are an AAA member you get a \$ 5 discount.

This is a wonderful whale watch- good boat and always a good naturalist on board. Have a look at their website since they always tell you the latest sightings.

www.7seas-whalewatch.com

Last September I saw close to 30 whales. I found whales challenging to photograph. These huge creatures can breach straight up out of the water and disappear quickly. Sometimes there's lots of bubble feeding. It's hard to know what we'll see. If no whales are seen you get a rain check for free whale watch anytime in the future. FYI- the boat goes out even if it rains but cancels in any risky conditions.

Please let me know if you're interested then so I can get an idea of possible total number. Also, please reconfirm by Monday, August 21, and then call 7 Seas and reserve a seat and give your credit card details. If you have questions, please email Carol Walsh at clesliewalsh@hotmail.com

News flash: The reception date for our September exhibit at the Wayland Library is confirmed for Sept. 12. We will hang the show the morning of Sept. 1. Anyone else interested in exhibiting should let Wayne Hall know by July 23rd. The topic will be the same as our August Members Night - "A Different Point of View."

Here's our September Raytheon Room exhibit schedule, approved by Wayne and the Library:

Wed, Sept 1, 9 - 12: Bring and hang prints at Raytheon Room of the Wayland Public

Library We could use some help with the hanging.

Sun, Sept 12: Reception 2:30 - 4:30. We have the room from 2 - 5 to allow for setup and cleanup. We need volunteers to provide food and help with the cleanup that day.

Thurs, Sept 30, 9 - 12, 2 - 5: Take down.

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Learn the Best Ways to Market Your Nature Photography

Location: Hunts Photo and Video, Melrose, Mass.

When: July 24th, 2010, 10 am - 12 noon

To register for this class please call 781-662-8822

Limited seats are available. Full writeup is at:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=gmail&attid=0.1&thid=129b3465b194c045&mt=application/pdf&url=https://mail.google.com/mail/?ui%3D2%26ik%3Dc909a5f13c%26view%3Datt%26th%3D129b3465b194c045%26attid%3D0.1%26disp%3Dattid%26zw&sig=AHIEtbRTF-pzhRCIVbrD8ysaGYKR9FspkA>

- Please mark your calendar for the next Natick **Oldtown Photo Calendar Competition - October 17, 2010**. Please forward this date to photographer friends. The Competition is made possible in part through advertisements and sponsorship that start as low as \$45. This is a terrific, targeted local marketing opportunity with high visibility (year long!) and low cost. If you know local businesses, organizations or individuals who might support our project, please let me know. I'd be happy to send them all the details about everything from a simple ad in our Exhibit Guide to sponsorship which includes a logo on the calendar itself. Further information on the project is at www.oldtowncalendar.org.

Exhibition space will be available in the Raytheon room of the Wayland library in 2011, in the months of February, March, June, July, August and November. January may possibly also be available. If anyone is interested in the space, contact George Brauerman (brawerman@verizon.net).

PHOTO CONTEST - ACTON CONSERVATION LANDS

Acton's Land Stewardship Committee is holding its first photo contest, and they welcome submissions in the following categories: Landscapes, people on conservation lands, and flora/fauna. A panel of jurors will select a first, second and third place image in each category. In addition, a "Best In Show" will be selected. To be considered, any images must have been taken between April 1, 2010 and October 30, 2010 on any parcel of conservation land in Acton.

Any person may submit up to five images by submitting an optical disc (CD or DVD) to the Conservation or Information Technology departments on the first floor of the Acton Town Hall **not later than Friday, November 5, 2010**. Photo files must be in JPEG (or JPG) format and must be high res JPEG images.

Please write your first and last name on the disc. The disc must be accompanied by an entry form which can be accessed on the Land Stewardship Committee website at <http://actontrails.org/2010PhotoContest>. Discs will not be returned. Winning photographs will be displayed on the Land Stewardship Committee website with the title of the image and the name of the photographer. Contact: Tom Arnold
tba1959@comcast.net

For those who live in Sudbury, Open Studios is planned for sometime in the fall. If you would be interested in participating, call Wayne Hall.

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>
June 5 - September 10	Betsy Moyer	"Wildflowers of North Carolina" Newbury Court, 100 Newbury Court, Concord, MA
October, 2010	Joan Chasan	Panache Coffee House, 680 Worcester Road Framingham, MA

SVNP Group Exhibits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
Ongoing	Traditions, 6 Green Way, Wayland, MA
September, 2010	Raytheon Room, Wayland Library
April through ?	Special SVNP website exhibit – “Baby, It’s Cold Outside!”

Do you have an upcoming exhibit? Toot your horn and announce it in the newsletter! Send details to Wayne Hall or to Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) Feel free to cc details to Suzie for the newsletter as well: mackenzie45@gmail.com.

The National Heritage Museum on Route 2A in Lexington is still featuring a stunning exhibit by Quang-Tuan Luong entitled "Treasured Lands – the 58 U. S. National Parks in Focus" until October 17, 2010

Link: <http://www.monh.org/Default.aspx?tabid=587>

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