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With this issue, the baton passes from Bob Diefenbacher to Susan MacKenzie for producing the newsletter. Thanks, Bob, for doing such a great job of getting the newsletter out to members for over a year!

Please send any newsletter items to Susan at: mackenzie45@gmail.com. This includes meeting information as well as any information about upcoming shows or exhibits that you are participating in. We'd love to help you toot your horn!

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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.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 PM, at Traditions of Wayland, 10 Green Way

Presentation: Warren Bailey - Using Adobe LightRoom.

Come early and enjoy snacks and conversation at 6:30pm.

We actually need someone to volunteer to bring snacks to the December meeting - if

you can do so, please contact Wayne Hall at: wah@waynehallphotography.com

Schedule of upcoming SVNPN programs

December 10th - see above

January 14, 2010 - Susan Majors - images of Eastern Europe

February 11, 2010 - Member images night - (subject to be announced)

March 11, 2010 - Janice Guyer - Oregon (tentative)

April 8, 2010 - Amitava Gangulee - "India - Places, People, Customs and Rituals - a personal view"

If you have suggestions for programs, please email Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer (Contact info below) We welcome your input!

November Meeting Notes

Katherine O'Hara presented a wonderful program - "Ancient Persia, Modern Iran." Her photos, taken over several trips to Iran, captured the majesty of the ancient ruins, as well as depicted the wonderful artwork and decorative mosaic tile work displayed in mosques and on other buildings throughout Iran. Scenic panoramas of the Iranian countryside demonstrated how rocky and sandy most of Iran is, and how creative the Iranians need to be to harness water for their use. Photos of modern-day Tehran, with its colorful bazaars, were also fun to see.

Russ Kirby demonstrated how to make a Ring Flash out of simple inexpensive materials. It's pretty amazing what a little plastic, duct tape, aluminum tape, and determination can do! If anyone is moved to make one for themselves, the end result provides a well-balanced lighting effect on the subject and is well worth your time and effort to stick with the project!

Betsy Moyer, Carol Walsh, and Sue Abrahamsen showed images from their field trip in October, Arthur Ferguson, Maggie Hsu, and Don Sherman also showed some of their images.

Slides as well as digital images can be shown during the "Members Images" part of a program. Feel free to bring your slides if you are a slide shooter, but let Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer know, so that they bring the slide projector!

Announcements

Bob Diefenbacher mentioned that the Arizona Highways photo tours are worthwhile. Check their website at: http://www.friendsofhighways.com/wor_photo.htm.

Carol Walsh, our SVNP trip planner par excellence, is asking for your ideas as to where you'd like to go on field trips in our area. If you can include a description of the area and the best time to visit, that will help with planning. Please contact her at: carol@african-safari.com

Also, Carol is leading a group to Tanzania in 2010.

Details from Carol:

I have customized a Photography Safari to Tanzania for May 13-23, 2010. This is a safari that will include Arusha National Park, Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and Serengeti. Dome Lever, wildlife photographer, will offer a workshop in his Arusha gallery, then join the group out to Tarangire. Safari cost is less than \$ 3,000 per person, based on 10 traveling.

If this is something you might be interested in, please contact me at Adventure Travel Desk in Wayland: 508-653-4600, or at carol@african-safari.com for additional details.

SVNP Exhibit Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Exhibit Location</u>
November 1-30	Murray Drobnis	Wayland Library (foyer)
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November 11-30	Alice Shafer	Wayland Library (Raytheon Room) "Colorful People, Colorful Places" Reception: December 15, 12-4pm
December 4, 1-6pm	Neil Tischler	Emerson Umbrella Winter Market
December 5, 10am-5pm	"	40 Stow St., Concord, MA
December 6, 1-5 pm	"	www.emersonumbrella.org

SVNP Group Exhibits

Ongoing	Traditions, 10 Green Way, Wayland, MA
Open now!	Special exhibit on the SVNP website - "Reflections and Shadows"

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.

Steering Committee Meeting
Saturday, November 14, 2009

George Brawerman, Jon Ehrmann, Wayne Hall, Don Sherman, Linda Crews, Sue Abrahamsen, Carol Walsh, Betsy Moyer, Henry and Elizabeth Weisenburger, and Suzie MacKenzie met at Betsy's to discuss the future of SVNPN - the directions to head in for the group and for the newsletter. Some ideas bandied about were:

- Having a Guestbook at meetings
- Having some sort of "Unsubscribe" feature to the newsletter for those who don't want to be on it.
- The benefits of a membership fee vs. passing the plate
- Goals of the group
- How to get younger people interested in the club
- Survey SVNPN members re ideas
- SVNPN members as mentors for other SVNPN members and/or for high school groups
- Membership list to pass out to members
- Photographer of the month on the SVNPN website
- Ideas for new programs
- Review mission statement
- Exhibits to see as a group
- Field trips

Wayne Hall will get out a survey to the members in December. Please take the time to respond, as we are counting on your input to help guide SVNPN forward!

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on Thursday, January 7. Details will be emailed out later.

If anyone else has input and/or wants to join the steering committee, contact Wayne Hall or Betsy Moyer. (Contact info below)

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