

FOCAL POINT

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September 2014

The club meets at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson MA on the first and third Wednesdays of each month except July and Aug. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM

Next program meeting: Sept. 3. Scheduled programs:

Member presentations: what did you do this summer? 5-minutes max per member

Maureen M. presents: the Alphabet Soup of the AVCC: What do all those abbreviations and monograms mean?

Next competition meeting: Sept. 17. Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Open"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Transportation"

(Digital submissions must be sent by midnight Sunday, Sept. 14)

Field trip notice:

A one-day trip to the old-timey railroad facility in Essex, Connecticut, on Saturday, Sept. 13.

More details will be announced at the Sept. 3 program meeting.

Club officers for the 2014-15 year: President Stephanie Gill, Vice President Paul Weisbach, Treasurer Tony Monteiro, Secretary Linda Shelales

New Item This Year:

Club Goals:

The Executive board agreed to set some club goals for 2014-2015. They are:

- Increase membership by 25% (encourage members to bring a visitor/potential member to a September meeting)
- Re-establish monthly, one day field trips
- Increase club participation in local and international photo contests
- Ensure a learning opportunity for all club members

New Item This Year:

New club position:

The Executive board voted to establish a new club position called Greeter. This will give more club members a chance to help out at meetings with only a one-meeting commitment.

Duties:

- Two people who will welcome others, especially visitors and/or new members, to the meeting
- Explain what is happening at the meeting that evening, program planned or competition
- Invite them to enjoy some refreshments. Explain meeting will start at 7:30 PM and to sit anywhere

Linda Gilberti will pass around a signup sheet for this position.

From the June program meeting:

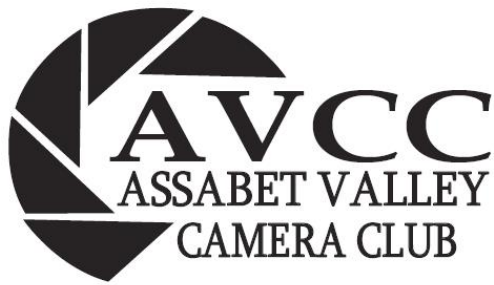
Thank you to Charlie Burke for his presentation: Massachusetts Camera Naturalists Best-of-the-Best of 2013.

Charlie is looking to start an online digital critique roundtable. He needs at least four people and 2-3 images per month.

Dave Reynard presented ribbons to 2013-14 club competition award winners.

We hope all of you had a photographically productive summer.

On the following two pages is a preliminary calendar for the 2014-15 season.



2014-2015 Preliminary Calendar

September 2014

- 9/3 Program: "Highlights of member trips or images they would like to share plus
- "The Alphabet Soup of the AVCC" by Maureen Mathieson, explaining the abbreviations we use at AVCC
- 9/3 Scavenger Hunt: Guidelines & topics given out
- 9/14 Deadline to submit digital images for 9/17 competition
- 9/17 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Transportation", and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"

October 2014

- 10/1 Deadline for payment of 2014-2015 AVCC membership dues
- 10/1 Mini-tutorial by John Gill, 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 10/1 Program: Leslie Boudreau: "How to use specific tools in Photoshop and Elements"
- 10/?? Deadline to submit registration for River's Edge Arts Alliance Visual Arts Exhibit in November
- 10/12 Deadline to submit digital images for 10/15 competition
- 10/15 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Nature" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"

November 2014

- 11/1 Deadline to submit images to Charlie Burke for December program.
- 11/1 Drop off and hanging of River's Edge Arts Alliance Visual Arts Exhibit

- 11/5 Program: TBD
- 11/16 Deadline to submit digital images for 11/19 competition
- 11/19 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Ugly" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Nature"

December 2014

- 12/3 Program: "Images Before & After" by Charlie Burke
- 12/14 Deadline to submit digital images for 12/17 competition
- 12/17 Christmas Banquet and Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Nature" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Maritime"

January 2015

- 1/7 Program: "Exploring the Smokies" by Ron Wybranowski
- 1/18 Deadline to submit digital images for 1/21 competition
- 1/21 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Pattern(s)" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"
- 1/24 Photo Opportunities, Senior Center, 10am-3pm

February 2015

- 2/4 Program: TBD
- 2/4 Deadline to select Courtesy Enrollment Candidate for NECCC Conference.
- 2/? Marlboro Library Photo Exhibit (Sponsored by AVCC and Library Friends)
 - dropoff 2/? noon-8pm, 2/? noon-5pm
 - judging 2/? 9am-noon, hanging noon-5pm
 - reception 2/? 6pm-8pm
 - pickup 2/? noon-8pm
- 2/15 Deadline to submit digital images for 2/18 competition
- 2/18 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Nature and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"

March 2015

- 3/1 Submission deadline for NECC Courtesy Enrollment Candidate
- 3/4 Program: TBD
- 3/15 Deadline to submit digital images for 3/18 competition
- 3/18 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Fur or Feathers" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Nature"
- 3/18 Scavenger Hunt: Images submission deadline

April 2015

- 4/1 Program: Scavenger Hunt viewing and vote.
- 4/12 Deadline to submit digital images for 4/15 competition

- 4/15 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Nature and "Open"
 - Print Competition Subject "Landscape"
- 4/29 Quad Club selection meeting for both prints and digital 7pm at the Senior Center.

May 2015

- 5/6 Program: TBD
- 5/6 Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced
- 5/17 Deadline to submit digital images for 5/20 competition.
- 5/20 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Soft" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"
- 5/19 Quad Club Competition hosted by Camera Club of Central New England, Lancaster, MA.

June 2015

- 6/3 Program: TBD
- 6/17 Banquet
 - Award Presentations
 - CAMNATS 2014 presented by Charlie Burke
 - Images of the Year: Open, Nature, Assigned, Overall Winner

July 2015

- 7/17-7/19 NECCC 70th Conference at UMass Amherst

Note: This Calendar is preliminary and subject to change. Field trips to be added throughout the year.

