



# FOCAL POINT

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April 2015

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: April 1. Scheduled program: Scavenger Hunt voting; bring a small flashlight so you can see your scoresheet, and a pen/pencil and a clipboard. We also may have an open discussion about what the membership likes about the club and what we could offer to make it more appealing to all members.

Next competition meeting: April 15. Scheduled subjects:  
Prints "Landscapes"  
Digital "Open"  
Digital assigned subject "Nature"

Notes from March meetings:  
The Friends of Marlborough Library photo exhibition will not be re-scheduled this year. The membership voted on a by-law change regarding when membership dues must be paid to continue entering club competitions. Passed unanimously.  
If you register for the upcoming NECCC Conference by June 6, you will save \$40 off the standard registration fee.  
The club thanks Liz West for her mini-tutorial on making selections in Photoshop before the program meeting, Robert Moll for his presentation "Flor-Illusions" at the March program meeting, and John Gill for his mini-tutorial on file back-ups before the competition meeting.

If you signed up for the camera sensor cleaning, don't forget to bring your camera with a fully charged battery. If you didn't sign-up but would like to take advantage of this, bring your camera and we'll see if it can be included.  
If there isn't time, we could ask the technician to do a second visit if we have enough interest. Most important, the cost has been dropped to \$35 plus tax.

**Greater Lynn Exhibition club results:**

AVCC had 13 entrants submitting a total of 52 images, 21 of which were accepted. The club score was 326 points, which comes from our top 7 entrants’ scores. (The accepted score is 12 points or higher.)

Honor awards were given to John Gill’s “Water drop in Red, White and Blue” and Paul Weisbach’s “Pileated Woodpecker with Young.”

Please read the paragraphs below for further details from Susan Mosser. Thank you all for entering!

Maureen M.

A collection of the accepted images, set to music, makes a **beautiful showcase of the world’s best images**. The show will be presented at the Greater Lynn headquarters which is located at 564 Boston St, Lynn, Ma. There is a map on the website at [www.greaterlynnphoto.org](http://www.greaterlynnphoto.org)

**Field Trip!!** The show will be Sunday afternoon April 12, 2015 at 2 PM and Monday night April 13 at 7:30 PM. Admission cost is \$8 per person. This show takes a month to put together and is an enormous amount of work do to. It would be very nice for the presenter to have a full audience. Sue Mosser will give out the catalogs and medals at the show to anyone representing the club who is in the audience. This year’s show presenter will be Barbara Rozavsky, HonNEC.

The show will also be seen Friday night at the 2015 NECCC conference in July as the only program at that time, in the Fine Arts Theater, followed by an ice cream social in the Campus Center Auditorium. There will be no presentation of awards at that show.

From Susan Mosser, Chairman:

*My thanks to all of you for your club’s participation in the exhibition, and to you, as chairman, for doing all the work each year. I sincerely appreciate all your help and support through the past exhibition years. Please convey to your members not to be discouraged about the scores. This is a world class competition and very hard to win, as you are up against 4400 images. Our total number of entrants this year was 1103. For 2015 we gave out 45 medals, 100 GLPA Honor Awards, 3 PSA Honor Awards and 6 FIAP Honor Awards. The selection below is just for the top 7 of the 27 clubs that entered.*

Ranking (best 7 scores)	Club	Location	Entrants	Total Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	Merrimack Valley Camera Club	Massachusetts, USA	41	343
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Conn. Assoc. of Photographers CAP	Connecticut, USA	22	342
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gateway Camera Club	Massachusetts, USA	19	333
4 <sup>th</sup> - Tie	Da Yang Image Club	China	75	330
4 <sup>th</sup> - Tie	Photographic Society of RI	Rhode Island, USA	37	330
4 <sup>th</sup> - Tie	Stonybrook Camera Club	Massachusetts, USA	28	330
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cape Cod Viewfinders	Massachusetts, USA	23	329
6 <sup>th</sup>	Assabet Valley Camera Club	Massachusetts, USA	13	326
7 <sup>th</sup>	Portland Camera Club	Maine, USA	29	323

George Glennie Memorial Nature Salon club results:  
 AVCC had 10 entrants, three of which were accepted. The club placed 40<sup>th</sup> overall with a total of 229 points. Club entrants were:

Title	Maker	Category	Score
Great Blue Heron with Fish Great Meadows	Todd M.	Birds--Hérons	23
Robin Portrait	David M.	Birds--Perching Birds (other)	21
Twelve-Spotted Skimmer	Stephanie G.	Invertebrates--Dragonflies, Grasshoppers & Allies	21
Anhinga with Catch	Cathy S.	Birds--Ducks	25--Acceptance
Osprey with Fish	Barbara H.	Birds--Raptors: Eagles & Ospreys	23
Little Lilies	Liz W.	Botany--Flowers	21
Swallowtail Butterfly	Linda S.	Invertebrates--Butterflies & Bees	22
Lunchtime for the Snowy White	Tony M.	Birds--Egrets, Pelicans & Allies	26--Merit Award
Northern Pintail	Doris M.	Birds--Ducks	23
Welcome to My Pad	John G.	Amphibians	24--Acceptance

**March 2015 Print Competition - NATURE**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>			
Great Kiskadee, South Texas	Paul Weisbach	25.5	1st
Let's Do Lunch	Linda Gilberti	23.4	2nd
Wood Stork With Fish	Cathy Simmons	23.3	3rd
Winky	Drew Simmons	22.5	
Half Dome - Yosemite Park	Bob Cooke	22.4	
Oak Leaf Assabet NWR	Todd Mathieson	20.9	
6 Ounces of Cuteness AKA Screech Owl	Ginny Harris	19.5	
<b><u>Make-Up for February 2015 - OPEN</u></b>			
A Good Little Owl	Drew Simmons	23.9	
Sea Biscuit	Cathy Simmons	22.4	
Icicle Heaven	Ginny Harris	21.2	
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>			
Heron Waiting	Linda Shelales	24.6	1st
Pelican in Flight	Barbara Huntley	24.3	2nd
Blu Jay	John Gill	23.1	3rd
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>			
Autumn on Assabet River	William Weiblen	24.2	1st
Grist Mill Pond	Stephanie Gill	23.7	2nd
A Gaggle of Geese	Bob Rose	22.5	3rd
Periscope Up	Michael Doucette	21.5	
Two of a Kind	John Sahagian	21.0	
Proud Parents	Bob Escott	20.4	

**March 2015 Print Competition -- Continued**

**Make-Up for February 2015 - OPEN**

Flamingos & Ibis	William Weiblen	23.4	
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**Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition**

**PRINT SUMMARY 2014-2015**

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	Open	Nature	<b>TOTAL</b>
Paul Weisbach	26.1	30.0	29.3	24.8	24.0	29.0	25.5	188.7
Todd Mathieson	25.4	28.3	23.8	24.5	21.0	29.6	20.9	173.5
Linda Gilberti	24.2	25.0	25.0	22.1	22.0	24.2	23.4	165.9
Cathy Simmons	24.3	24.2	23.7	23.5	23.0	22.4	23.3	164.4
Drew Simmons	23.0	24.0	23.5	23.4	23.0	23.9	22.5	163.3
Ginny Harris	25.5	22.5	22.1	21.0	23.5	21.2	19.5	155.3
Sue Abrahamsen	24.0	21.0	25.5	24.9	21.0	25.1	0.0	141.5
Bob Cooke	23.0	21.5	22.7	25.6	20.0	0.0	22.4	135.2
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	Open	Nature	<b>TOTAL</b>
Linda Shelales	27.0	23.0	24.2	23.7	22.0	27.6	24.6	172.1
John Gill	24.0	26.0	24.4	24.7	24.0	25.1	23.1	171.3
Barbara Huntley	23.3	0.0	22.5	23.4	19.5	25.4	24.3	138.4
Maureen Mathieson	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.9	0.0	27.9
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	Open	Nature	<b>TOTAL</b>
Bob Escott	24.5	23.5	22.0	28.3	22.0	24.9	20.4	165.6
Stephanie Gill	20.7	26.5	24.9	21.0	21.0	20.9	23.7	158.7
Michael Doucette	23.3	0.0	19.8	25.8	18.5	24.3	21.5	133.2
John Sahagian	23.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	29.1	21.0	95.9
Bob Rose	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.8	22.5	48.3
William Weiblen	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.4	24.2	47.6
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	22.9	0.0	19.5	0.0	0.0	42.4
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3
Brad Barker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	0.0	0.0	21.5
Larry Wellington	0.0	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7
Barbara Worrest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.5	0.0	0.0	19.5

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<b>March 2015 Digital Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Lotus Blossom 2014 #2	Todd Mathieson	26.4	1st
Bald and Beautiful	Cathy Simmons	25.4	2nd
Exotic Arrangement	Sue Abrahamsen	25.2	3rd
Tower Hill Abutilon #2	John Gill	23.6	
Kissed By an Angel	Doris Monteiro	23.4	
Star Spangled Banner	Tony Monteiro	23.3	
Sprinkles Reflection	Linda Shelales	22.8	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Silver Spotted Skipper	Stephanie Gill	25.2	1st
Red	Marty Paulausky	24.3	2nd
Pretty in Pink	Dave Reynard	24.2	3rd
Peek A Boo	Dean Golas	24.0	
Colorful Parrot	Barbara Huntley	23.7	
Huey Louie and Dewey	Ginny Harris	22.5	
Face of Cuba	Linda Gilberti	22.1	
Underside of a Seastar	Maureen Mathieson	21.6	
<b>Make-Up for February 2015 - OPEN</b>			
Vintage Cuba	Linda Gilberti	22.5	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
The Blob	Jill Lockwood	26.1	1st
Smudged Leaves	Bob Escott	24.8	2nd
Rockport Kayaks	Theresa Vachowski	23.6	3rd
Sunset at Swakopmund	William Weiblen	23.6	3rd
Cousins	Larry Wellington	23.3	
A Shell of the Sea	Michael Doucette	23.1	
Purple Loosestrife	Liz West	22.8	
No Fish Today	Diana Ledoux	22.5	
The Nursery	Diana Bull	22.4	
Lily of the Valley	Jim Quinn	21.3	
Winter on Fort Hill	Bob Rose	20.7	
Black Kite	Bill Tafuri	20.6	
Lake Fog	Robert Beauchemin	20.3	
<b>Make-Up for February 2015 - OPEN</b>			
Slot Canyon in Arizona	William Weiblen	21.5	

<b>March 2015 Digital Competition - Fur or Feathers</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Roseate Spoonbill	Cathy Simmons	27.3	1st
Lady in Fur	Tony Monteiro	26.1	2nd
Peacock Plumage	Doris Monteiro	25.7	3rd
Odd Crested Pigeon	Todd Mathieson	24.5	
Starling's Winter Plumage	Linda Shelales	24.0	
Snack Time	John Gill	23.7	
Feed Me	Sue Abrahamsen	23.3	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Feathered Family	Marty Paulausky	26.4	1st
I See You	Stephanie Gill	24.5	2nd
Dusty Portrait	Maureen Mathieson	23.7	3rd
Preening Flamingo	Barbara Huntley	23.4	
Pretty in Pink	Dean Giolas	22.4	
Tom Turkey Up Close and Personal	Ginny Harris	21.3	
Black Bunny	Linda Gilberti	21.3	
Feathery Still-Life	Dave Reynard	21.0	
<b>Make-Up for February 2015 - NATURE</b>			
Baby Rhino	Linda Gilberti	22.4	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Murphy	Liz West	24.5	1st
Follow Me	Bob Escott	23.7	2nd
Got Any More	Diana Ledoux	23.6	3rd
Great Blue Heron	Jim Quinn	23.3	
A Feather of a Bird	Michael Doucette	22.8	
Rooster in Tahiti	William Weiblen	22.5	
Resting Eagles	Diana Bull	22.1	
In the Hay Field	Theresa Vachowski	20.6	
African Wild Dog	Jill Lockwood	20.4	
Bison	Bill Tafuri	19.7	
Wood Ducks in Danger	Bob Rose	19.4	

<b>Make-Up for February 2015 - NATURE</b>			
Peacock in Hiding	William Weiblen	9.0	

**DIGITAL SUMMARY 2014-2015**

MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		TOTAL
	Open	Transportation	Open	Nature	Open	Ugly	Open	Nature	Open	Patterns	Open	Nature	Open	Fur or Feathers	
<b>CLASS AA</b>															
Doris Monteiro	27.2	25.2	28.0	29.5	25.9	24.0	27.1	26.4	21.5	24.0	26.1	26.4	23.4	25.7	360.4
Tony Monteiro	26.3	24.2	26.9	28.0	26.1	24.5	26.6	27.0	21.5	19.5	25.7	27.3	23.3	26.1	353.0
Cathy Simmons	23.4	24.6	24.5	24.5	29.2	25.4	25.7	24.6	23.0	23.0	26.1	26.0	25.4	27.3	352.7
Todd Mathieson	22.1	22.8	27.5	27.5	24.3	25.8	26.6	24.6	23.0	19.5	23.4	29.7	26.4	24.5	347.7
Sue Abrahamsen	25.1	24.6	24.5	23.0	27.8	24.7	25.2	26.0	24.5	21.5	26.1	26.1	25.2	23.3	347.6
John Gill	24.9	24.6	21.5	28.0	27.1	22.9	24.4	25.7	23.0	21.5	26.1	23.4	23.6	23.7	340.4
Linda Shelales	24.5	23.7	24.8	23.5	25.8	26.3	24.2	26.9	22.0	21.0	23.4	24.5	22.8	24.0	337.4
Dave Morin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	21.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.5
<b>CLASS A</b>															
Stephanie Gill	23.9	22.8	25.2	26.0	25.6	22.7	23.7	25.8	27.0	22.0	29.7	25.8	25.2	24.5	349.9
Barbara Huntley	23.6	23.7	27.5	20.3	25.6	21.1	25.7	27.2	24.0	23.5	23.9	24.9	23.7	23.4	338.1
Dave Reynard	23.9	24.6	24.9	21.0	20.8	22.8	27.2	26.0	24.0	22.5	24.6	26.1	24.2	21.0	333.6
Marty Paulausky	24.2	24.8	21.5	22.3	21.4	17.5	26.4	25.7	22.5	20.5	23.6	28.1	24.3	26.4	329.2
Ginny Harris	24.9	21.6	25.4	21.3	24.9	21.0	24.9	26.7	20.5	20.5	28.1	24.9	22.5	21.3	328.5
Maureen Mathieson	25.1	23.1	27.4	22.8	21.5	19.8	23.2	26.9	22.0	22.0	24.6	21.9	21.6	23.7	325.6
Dean Giolas	21.5	22.0	21.5	25.5	22.0	20.6	22.4	24.2	20.5	21.0	23.4	26.3	24.0	22.4	317.3
Linda Gilberti	22.7	23.4	21.3	22.3	22.5	21.0	24.0	24.1	22.5	20.0	22.5	22.4	22.1	21.3	312.1
<b>CLASS B</b>															
Liz West	23.1	21.6	21.0	22.5	27.0	24.3	23.7	24.0	22.5	25.0	26.9	23.6	22.8	24.5	332.5
Bob Escott	25.2	24.0	24.5	22.5	23.7	22.2	21.6	25.2	23.5	22.0	24.5	24.0	24.8	23.7	331.4
Jill Lockwood	23.7	21.6	23.8	22.0	27.0	23.5	23.9	24.3	21.5	22.5	26.4	21.5	26.1	20.4	328.2
Jim Quinn	23.0	23.4	22.5	23.0	20.2	24.1	22.5	24.2	22.5	23.5	23.1	23.1	21.3	23.3	319.7
Diana Ledoux	23.6	22.2	20.4	21.9	20.6	21.4	21.8	24.4	22.5	19.5	26.7	24.3	22.5	23.6	315.4
Michael Doucette	22.7	23.0	25.0	21.0	23.5	0.0	23.8	22.0	21.5	25.0	23.6	24.2	23.1	22.8	301.2
Theresa Vachowski	21.0	22.2	21.9	19.5	22.2	21.0	21.8	23.1	19.0	18.5	22.8	22.4	23.6	20.6	299.6
Marie Riley	22.4	26.0	23.6	24.5	23.1	20.4	21.5	24.0	20.5	18.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	224.5
Bob Cooke	26.1	22.1	20.7	25.0	21.4	22.6	21.6	23.8	19.5	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	221.8
Robert Beauchemin	23.0	22.8	22.5	21.4	22.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.7	22.5	20.3	0.0	198.2
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	25.5	23.5	23.8	0.0	24.2	24.8	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.6	19.7	181.1
Larry Wellington	24.2	21.6	21.5	23.5	19.8	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.3	0.0	155.8
Brad Barker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.8	0.0	24.6	0.0	20.5	23.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.9
William Weiblen	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	9.0	23.6	22.5	76.6
Diana Bull	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	0.0	0.0	22.4	22.1	66.0
Radha Raman Gargeya	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.3	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.7
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.1	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.4
Bob Rose	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7	19.4	40.1