



FOCAL POINT

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December 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: Dec. 3. Scheduled program:
"Images before & after": image study by Charlie Burke

Next competition meeting: Dec. 17. Scheduled subjects:
Prints "Maritime"
Digital "Open"
Digital assigned subject "Nature"

The club thanks Leslie Boudreau for her talk about specific Photoshop tools at our October program meeting and Jim DeLuco for his talk about inexpensive studio lighting at our November program meeting. The club also thanks John Gill and Liz West for their recent pre-meeting mini-tutorials.

Notes from November meetings:

Todd M. has sent in club members' submissions for upcoming PSA Open and Travel Photo competitions. Results are not yet known.

Bob C. is looking for field-trip ideas. One he floated to the club was a day trip to view Christmas light displays in Attleboro.

Greater Lynn is holding its last Salon next year, and is offering cash prizes. Details to follow as they become known.

Our annual Holiday Banquet begins at 6 PM on competition night, Dec. 17. A Chinese buffet will be featured. Cost is \$11 per person, due at the program meeting, Dec. 3.

Upcoming events:

Jan. 24: Annual Photo Ops (formerly Hijinx) at Hudson senior center, 10 AM to 3 PM

2014 Ocean State International Exhibition—club results
 AVCC placed 14th out of 24 clubs, with a total of 261 points

PEGGY'S COVE LIGHT	Bob Cooke
WELCOME TO MY PAD	John Gill
PERFECT ENDING	John Gill
THREE LOTUS IN THE POND	Maureen Mathieson
SNOWY OWL	Maureen mathieson
GREAT BLUE HERON WITH FISH	Todd Mathieson
PORTRAIT OF A UNION SOLDIER	Todd Mathieson
JAUNTY POSE	Linda Shelales
EASTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL	Linda Shelales—Medal: Judge's Choice
WHAT S INSIDE	Linda Shelales

12 points = acceptance level

November 2014 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Pileated Woodpecker With Young	Paul Weisbach	29.3	1st
Osprey With Nest Material	Sue Abrahamsen	25.5	2nd
Expectant Parents	Linda Gilberti	25.0	3rd
Autumn Reflection, Assabet NWR	Todd Mathieson	23.8	
White Pelicans	Cathy Simmons	23.7	
Immature White Ibis	Drew Simmons	23.5	
Thanks, Mom	Bob Cooke	22.7	
I Know I'm Cute	Ginny Harris	22.1	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Sunset in Aruba	John Gill	24.4	1st
Frog	Linda Shelales	24.2	2nd
Snowy Owl	Barbara Huntley	22.5	3rd
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Sitting Pretty	Stephanie Gill	24.9	1st
Coral Dogwood	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.9	2nd
Duck in Muck	Bob Escott	22.0	3rd
Preening Mallards	Michael Doucette	19.8	
Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition			

PRINT SUMMARY 2014-2015				
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	
<u>GOLD</u>				
	Open	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	26.1	30.0	29.3	85.4
Todd Mathieson	25.4	28.3	23.8	77.5
Linda Gilberti	24.2	25.0	25.0	74.2
Cathy Simmons	24.3	24.2	23.7	72.2
Drew Simmons	23.0	24.0	23.5	70.5
Sue Abrahamsen	24.0	21.0	25.5	70.5
Ginny Harris	25.5	22.5	22.1	70.1
Bob Cooke	23.0	21.5	22.7	67.2
<u>SILVER</u>				
	Open	Open	Nature	TOTAL
John Gill	24.0	26.0	24.4	74.4
Linda Shelales	27.0	23.0	24.2	74.2
Barbara Huntley	23.3	0.0	22.5	45.8
<u>BRONZE</u>				
	Open	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Stephanie Gill	20.7	26.5	24.9	72.1
Bob Escott	24.5	23.5	22.0	70.0
Michael Doucette	23.3	0.0	19.8	43.1
John Sahagian	23.3	0.0	0.0	23.3
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	22.9	22.9
Larry Wellington	0.0	20.7	0.0	20.7

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November 2014 Digital Competition - OPEN

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
CLASS AA			
Turkey Portrait 1	Cathy Simmons	29.2	1st
Fading Lotus	Sue Abrahamsen	27.8	2nd
Katy Dit Not Have an Umbrella	John Gill	27.1	3rd
October on the Essex Line	Tony Monterio	26.1	
Hats Off to Rachael	Doris Monterio	25.9	
Blubird	Linda Shelales	25.8	
San Diego Zoo African Olive Pigeon	Todd Mathieson	24.3	
CLASS A			
Anhinga in Breeding Plumage	Barbara Huntley	25.6	1st
End of Summer Feast	Stephanie Gill	25.6	1st
You Expect Me to Swallow That?	Ginny Harris	24.9	2nd
Vintage	Linda Gilberti	22.5	3rd
How About Those Patriots	Dean Giolas	22.0	
Cute Fat Chipmunk	Maureen Mathieson	21.5	
Rockport Reflection	Marty Paulausky	21.4	
Four Heads Are Better Than One	Dave Reynard	20.8	
CLASS B			
Frosty Fallen Leaves	Liz West	27.0	1st
Hurricane Arthur Over Hudson River 7-3-14	Radha Raman Gargeya	25.3	2nd
Clevelandledge	Bill Tafuri	23.8	3rd
I See You	Bob Escott	23.7	
1920 Mack on Flatbed	Michael Doucette	23.5	
Vietnam Memorial	Marie Riley	23.1	
Watching Over	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.1	
Patriotic Harbor	Theresa Vachowski	22.2	
Sunrise in Topsail	Robert Beauchemin	22.0	
Precious Moment	Bob Cooke	21.4	
Swimmer	Diana Ledoux	20.6	
Nails	Jim Quinn	20.2	
Labyrinth	Larry Wellington	19.8	
Make-Up for Sep. '14 - OPEN			
Sky Above Ocean Park	Dean Giolas	21.5	

November 2014 Digital Competition - UGLY			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Spider Kills a Dragonfly	Linda Shelales	26.3	1st
Like Ugly on an Ape	Todd Mathieson	25.8	2nd
The Mask	Cathy Simmons	25.4	3rd
Ugly Critter	Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	
Satans Disciple	Tony Monteiro	24.5	
Queen of the Zombies	Doris Monteiro	24.0	
Butt Ugly From Either End	John Gill	22.9	
CLASS A			
My Buddy Diego	Dave Reynard	22.8	1st
Kiss Me I'll Turn Into a Prince	Stephanie Gill	22.7	2nd
Halloween Greeting	Barbara Huntley	21.1	3rd
Beauty is Overrated	Linda Gilberti	21.0	
Wicked Witch of the West	Ginny Harris	21.0	
Talk About Butt Ugly	Dean Giolas	20.6	
Ball Python	Maureen Mathieson	19.8	
Mirror Mirror on the Wall	Marty Paulausky	17.5	
CLASS B			
Infestation	Liz West	24.3	1st
The Ugly Side of the City	Jim Quinn	24.1	2nd
Ugly and Evil	Bob Cooke	22.6	3rd
Phone Home	Bob Escott	22.2	
The Gift	Larry Wellington	21.9	
Poor Deer	Diana Ledoux	21.4	
Once a Home	Linda DeStefano Brown	21.3	
All Used Up	Theresa Vachowski	21.0	
Boston Common Under Renovation 3-22-14	Radha Raman Gargeya	20.4	
Ugly Mask	Marie Riley	20.4	
Ugly Bench	Robert Beauchemin	20.0	

Make-Up for Sep. '14 - Transportation			
Cruising the Strip	Dean Giolas	22.0	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2014-2015							
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		TOTAL
CLASS AA	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	
Doris Monteiro	27.2	25.2	28.0	29.5	25.9	24.0	159.8
Tony Monteiro	26.3	24.2	26.9	28.0	26.1	24.5	156.0
Cathy Simmons	23.4	24.6	24.5	24.5	29.2	25.4	151.6
Todd Mathieson	22.1	22.8	27.5	27.5	24.3	25.8	150.0
Sue Abrahamsen	25.1	24.6	24.5	23.0	27.8	24.7	149.7
John Gill	24.9	24.6	21.5	28.0	27.1	22.9	149.0
Linda Shelales	24.5	23.7	24.8	23.5	25.8	26.3	148.6
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
Stephanie Gill	23.9	22.8	25.2	26.0	25.6	22.7	146.2
Barbara Huntley	23.6	23.7	27.5	20.3	25.6	21.1	141.8
Maureen Mathieson	25.1	23.1	27.4	22.8	21.5	19.8	139.7
Ginny Harris	24.9	21.6	25.4	21.3	24.9	21.0	139.1
Dave Reynard	23.9	24.6	24.9	21.0	20.8	22.8	138.0
Linda Gilberti	22.7	23.4	21.3	22.3	22.5	21.0	133.2
Dean Giolas	21.5	22.0	21.5	25.5	22.0	20.6	133.1
Marty Paulausky	24.2	24.8	21.5	22.3	21.4	17.5	131.7
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
Bob Escott	25.2	24.0	24.5	22.5	23.7	22.2	142.1
Marie Riley	22.4	26.0	23.6	24.5	23.1	20.4	140.0
Liz West	23.1	21.6	21.0	22.5	27.0	24.3	139.5
Bob Cooke	26.1	22.1	20.7	25.0	21.4	22.6	137.9
Jim Quinn	23.0	23.4	22.5	23.0	20.2	24.1	136.2
Larry Wellington	24.2	21.6	21.5	23.5	19.8	21.9	132.5
Robert Beauchemin	23.0	22.8	22.5	21.4	22.0	20.0	131.7
Diana Ledoux	23.6	22.2	20.4	21.9	20.6	21.4	130.1
Theresa Vachowski	21.0	22.2	21.9	19.5	22.2	21.0	127.8
Michael Doucette	22.7	23.0	25.0	21.0	23.5	0.0	115.2
Jill Lockwood	23.7	21.6	23.8	22.0	0.0	0.0	91.1
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	25.5	23.5	23.8	0.0	72.8
Radha Raman Gargeya	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.3	20.4	45.7
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.1	21.3	44.4