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December 2016

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: December 7th. Scheduled program presented by Art Vaughn:

The Best of the NECCC Prints

On Wednesday, December 7, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) is pleased to host Art Vaughan, Vice-President and Master Member of the NECCC and its current Print Competition Director. Vaughan will present "The Best of the NECCC Prints," a program showing all the color and the black-and-white prints that received awards at last summer's annual New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) Conference. Approximately 35 prints covering a huge variety of subjects will be shown and critiqued. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear what the judges had to say about the winners. This program is a wonderful opportunity for photographers to develop a keen competitive and analytical eye.

Art Vaughan has worked in photomicrography (digital images taken through microscopes) for decades at different high tech companies. His interests include many other types of imaging, including 3-D and ultraviolet photography. He enjoys digital restoration of antique images and is an active lens "hacker." In this role, he looks for new uses for broken lenses and other optical components.

This program is free and open to the general public. AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members—anyone interested in photography or in enhancing photographic skills. We meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from now through June at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St., Hudson. For more information, call Liz West (978) 263-2853 or visit our website at <http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>.

Next competition meeting: November 16. Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Americana"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Nature"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Banquet

Just a little more than 2 weeks to go before our holiday banquet, hope everyone can make it.

I am once again trolling for donations for our raffle/silent auction the night of the banquet. If you have any items that you would like to donate please bring them to our next meeting Dec 7th.

In the past we have done both raffle and silent auction items. We are in need of both to make the fund raiser successful. The proceeds help pay for our programs nights and competition judges.

Items pertaining to photography are preferred, but any items are welcome also. If you have a "service" that you would like to auction off, that would be great. In the past we have auctioned off slide scanning, tutoring in Photoshop, framing, card making, etc. If you have a talent that you would like to be part of the silent auction, please let me know.

Creative Images

As Todd mentioned at the last meeting, we are now registered to submit images into The PSA "Creative digital image" category. Because we do not have a regular creative image competition, we need images to submit.

If you have an image you would like considered, please send it to me Please size it as you would for regular club competition.

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Equipment Deals

If you have been waiting for the right time to purchase either a Nikon D500 or Nikon D810, this is it! These specials are for a limited time only and won't be offered again any time soon! As always, UPS Ground shipping is FREE in the Lower 48 and there is no sales tax except for orders shipped to MA, RI or ME. If anyone would like to place an order for either of these cameras, or any other items not listed here, please call me, Alan Samiljan, at [\(781\) 462-2383](tel:7814622383) or send me an email including your phone number to asamiljan@huntsphoto.com and I'll call you. My hours are usually 8:30-5:30pm, Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday.

Nikon D500 Body, \$1,799.95 includes a FREE MB-D17 Battery Grip (\$399.99 value), FREE Sandisk 64gb SD card and FREE Promaster EN-EL15 spare battery. This special is available with the D500 lens kit as well!

Nikon D810 Body, \$2,499.95 includes a FREE MB-D12 Battery Grip (\$449.99 value), FREE Sandisk 64gb SD card and FREE Promaster EN-EL15 spare battery. This special is available with the D810 lens kit as well!

Looking forward to hearing from you and wishing you Happy Holidays!

Also,

Here are specials on two Canon printers. They are great for yourself, but also make a super gift!. As always, UPS Ground shipping is FREE in the Lower 48 and there is no sales tax except for orders shipped to MA, RI or ME. If anyone would like to place an order for either of these printers, or any other items not listed here, please call me, Alan Samiljan, at [\(781\) 462-2383](tel:7814622383) or send me an email including your phone number to asamiljan@huntsphoto.com and I'll call you. My hours are usually 8:30-5:30pm, Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday.

Now through December 31, 2016 or until supplies run out, we are offering the [Canon Pixma PRO 10 printer](#) at \$379.99 before rebate (Canon sells it on their website for \$699.99). If you purchase the printer plus a package of 13x19x50 sheets of Canon Semi-Gloss or Luster paper, \$50, Canon will send you a \$250 mail in rebate! This is a pigment based printer and is always reviewed very well. Your final cost is **\$129.99** plus the paper! You can't buy a decent document printer for this price, let alone an exhibition quality photo printer! If you purchase a qualifying Canon camera at the same time, Canon will increase the rebate to \$350, your final cost **\$29.99** plus the paper!

If you'd rather have a printer that will handle up to 17x22" you should consider the NEW [Canon imagePROGRAF PRO-1000 17" Professional Photographic Inkjet Printer](#). The PRO-1000 uses twelve 80ml ink cartridges which really lower your cost per ml of ink. The PRO-1000 is **\$1,299.99**. If you purchase a package of any of the following papers: Canon Photo Paper Plus Semi-Gloss (SG-201) 17"x22" 25 Sheets, Canon Photo Paper Pro Luster (LU-101) 17"x22" 25 Sheets, Canon Photo Paper Pro Premium Matte (PM-101) 17"x22" 20 Sheets, Canon will send you a **\$300** mail in rebate. The paper is normally \$99 per package, but I would like to offer it to your members for **\$49** per package! By purchasing the printer and paper, the printer comes down to **\$999.99** after rebate plus \$49 for the paper!

Please call me for details and to place your order!

Photographically yours,

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Art
in the Hall

**ASSABET VALLEY
CAMERA CLUB**
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT



Exhibit on display from November 10 through January 12
at Hudson Town Hall

Register by 11/8/16 | Drop-off 11/10/16, 6 - 7 pm | Pickup 1/12/17, 6 - 7 pm



Register online at upwitharts.org. Must be an AVCC Member.
Limited space available for this particular event.



RIVER'S EDGE ARTS ALLIANCE
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Nov. '16 Print Competition - NATURE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Hungry Cub	Sue Abrahamsen	26.6	1st
Three Egrets, Orlando, FL	Todd Mathieson	26.4	2nd
Cooper's Hawk	John Gill	26.3	3rd
Lure of the Lotus	Linda Shelales	26.1	
Hey Mom! - Wait!	Bob Cooke	23.5	
Giraffe Pair	Linda Gilberti	22.9	
<u>Make-Up for Oct. '16 - OPEN</u>			
Nubble Light 2016 #1	Todd Mathieson	25	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Seagull in Flight	Dave Morin	25.2	1st
Flashing Lizard	Diana Bull	24.1	2nd
Pink Lady's Slipper	Stephanie Gill	23.9	3rd
Seen From the Street	Ann DeCristofaro	23.6	
Sculpted Rocks	Bob Escott	23.5	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Hunting	Leon Ferrante	26.5	1st
Dawn Mammoth Springs	Darlene Holman	25.6	2nd
Iliamna Volcano	Mary Strachan	24.5	3rd
Water Pattern	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.9	
Hawaiian Sunset	Larry Alley	23.8	
Family Affair	Art Walker	23	
Leaves	John Sahagian	21.9	

Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition

PRINT SUMMARY 2016-2017										
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	27.8	25	26.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	79.2
Linda Shelales	24.8	24.7	26.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.6
John Gill	22.4	26.5	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.2
Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	23.6	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Bob Cooke	23.1	24.6	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	71.2
Linda Gilberti	23.3	22	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	68.2
Cathy Simmons	22.5	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.2
Drew Simmons	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Dave Morin	28.5	23.2	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	76.9
Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	27.1	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	76.8
Diana Bull	24	24.8	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.9
Bob Escott	24.8	24	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.3
Stephanie Gill	23.3	23.6	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	70.8
Barbara Huntley	23.5	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.7
Fred Parsons	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5
Maureen Mathieson	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.8
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Art Walker	24.6	25.8	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	73.4
Leon Ferrante	22.4	24.5	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	73.4
Mary Strachan	24	24.5	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
Darlene Holman	21.8	25	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.4
Linda DeStefano Brown	22.5	23.1	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	69.5
John Sahagian	21.8	23.8	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	67.5
Larry Alley	0	23.5	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.3
Bill Weiblen	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23

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Nov. '16 Digital Competition - OPEN			
TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
CLASS AA			
Reflection on the Assabet	Tony Monteiro	25.3	1st
Make Way For Gourdlings	John Gill	25.3	1st
Black Butterfly White Flowers	Cathy Simmons	25.3	1st
Pairing Butterflies	Doris Monteiro	24.7	2nd
Immature Yellow Crowned Night Heron	Linda Shelales	24.2	3rd
Hendrick's Head Lighthouse Southport Maine	Todd Mathieson	24.1	
Iguana	John Houldsworth	24.1	
Bee on Flower	Dave Morin	23.8	
Seagull With Chips	Drew Simmons	23.5	
Colors of Autumn	Stephanie Gill	22.9	
Beach Sunset	Liz West	22.8	
Ashuelot Covered Bridge 2016	Sue Abrahamsen	22.7	
Make-Up for Oct. '16 - OPEN			
European Spires	John Houldsworth	23.7	
CLASS A			
Great Horned Owl	Ginny Harris	25.8	1st
Hanging On	Barbara Huntley	24.9	2nd
Reflecting at Pemaquid	Dave Reynard	23.8	3rd
European Spires	John Houldsworth	23.7	
Sunrise Bar Harbor	Marty Paulausky	23.7	
Tip Your Hat to the Ladies	Maureen Mathieson	23.6	
Issac Turns 16	Jill Lockwood	23.3	
Ruby Throated Hummingbird	Dean Giolas	23.3	
Plum Island Sunset	Bob Escott	23.1	
Waiting For a Friend	Diana Ledoux	23	
Coleus Leaf Spectacle	Linda Gilberti	22.2	
CLASS B			
Twilight at Inlet in Wyoming	Darlene Holman	25.4	1st
Feeding Time	Diana Bull	24.7	2nd
Snug Harbor in Maine	Bob Cooke	24.6	3rd
Doorways	Theresa Vachowski	24.6	3rd
Gateway to the North	Mary Strachan	24.1	
Grasshopper	Jim Quinn	23.9	
Chinese Fisherman	Sheryl Roberts	23.8	
A Giant Surfaces	Ann DeCristofaro	23.7	
Self Contemplation	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.7	
Tin Man Family	Marie Riley	23.7	
Calm Assabet	Jane Parker	23.5	
Reflections With Leaves	Art Walker	23.5	
Autumn on the Assabet 2016	Bill Weiblen	23.3	
Dew Flower	Jennifer Wang	23.1	
Campobello Island	Leon Ferrante	22.7	
Pondering	Natalie Schiavone	22.7	
Autumn Rose	Catherine Robotis	22	

Nov. '16 Digital Competition - TEXTURE(S)			
TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
CLASS AA			
Wool	John Houldsworth	26.1	1st
Opposites Rough And Feathry Textures	Tony Monteiro	26	2nd
The Textures of a Dahlia	John Gill	25.7	3rd
Lizard	Cathy Simmons	25.7	3rd
Ornamental Kale	Doris Monteiro	25.4	
Cobblestones	Sue Abrahamsen	24.9	
Maple Leaf on Cape George Lighthouse NS	Todd Mathieson	24.8	
Harvest Beauties	Linda Shelales	24.7	
Rapids Texture	Dave Morin	24.5	
Baby Alligator	Drew Simmons	24	
Weathered Over Time	Stephanie Gill	23.7	
Peeling Rust	Liz West	23.6	
<u>Make-Up for Oct. '16 - Nature</u>			
Red Flower	John Houldsworth	23.7	
CLASS A			
Tide's In	Bob Escott	24.7	1st
Waves	Dean Giolas	24.5	2nd
Sea Side	Marty Paulausky	24.5	2nd
Birch Texture in the Fall	Maureen Mathieson	24	3rd
Lichens on a Rock	Barbara Huntley	23	
Butterfly on a Beach	Jill Lockwood	22.9	
Do You Love My Hair	Linda Gilberti	22.2	
Sheep in a Blizzard	Ginny Harris	22	
Layers	Diana Ledoux	21.8	
Don't Let the Sun Go Down In Maine	Dave Reynard	21.6	
CLASS B			
Emerald Pool Yellowstone	Leon Ferrante	25.4	1st
Fences Make Good Neighbors	Jane Parker	25.4	1st
Sun Through Morning Dew	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.4	1st
Sunflower Seeds	Darlene Holman	25	2nd
Textures	Diana Bull	24.7	3rd
Green Algae	Art Walker	24.4	
Swirly Seaweed - Newport Rhode Island	Theresa Vachowski	24.4	
Rough Barn	Ann DeCristofaro	24.3	
Iguana	Bill Weiblen	24.3	
The Texture of Sand	Jim Quinn	23.7	
Aialik Glacier	Mary Strachan	23.4	
Cathedral Ledge	Natalie Schaivone	23.3	
Through the Windows of Italy	Sheryl Roberts	23.1	
Pitcher Plants	Marie Riley	22.7	
Textured Rocks Reflected	Bob Cooke	22.4	
Paving Stones	Catherine Robotis		
<u>Make-Up for Oct. '16 - Nature</u>			
California Coast	Catherine Robotis	23.6	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2016-2017																			
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		TOTAL
CLASS AA	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
John Gill	28.5	27.8	26.5	26.9	25.3	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160.7
Doris Monteiro	29.3	27.3	26.4	26.3	24.7	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159.4
Cathy Simmons	28.5	28.2	24.5	26.3	25.3	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158.5
Tony Monteiro	28.5	25.1	26.8	24.7	25.3	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156.4
Todd Mathieson	30	24	27.3	25.8	24.1	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156
Sue Abrahamsen	26.3	26.9	24.2	25.9	22.7	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150.9
Dave Morin	28.5	23.3	24.4	23.7	23.8	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148.2
Linda Shelales	26.3	21.8	24.9	26.2	24.2	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148.1
Stephanie Gill	28.5	24	22.8	23.3	22.9	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145.2
Drew Simmons	24.8	26.9	23.8	22.1	23.5	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145.1
Liz West	24	24.8	23.9	24.7	22.8	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143.8
John Houldsworth	0	0	23.7	23.7	24.1	26.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.6
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
Ginny Harris	30	24.8	24.1	25.1	25.8	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151.8
Barbara Huntley	30	24	25.5	24.2	24.9	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151.6
Maureen Mathieson	25.5	22.5	26.4	26.2	23.6	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148.2
Marty Paulausky	25.5	24	24.9	24	23.7	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146.6
Bob Escott	27.8	24.8	22	24.2	23.1	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146.6
Dean Giolas	22.5	27.6	22.8	23.6	23.3	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144.3
Linda Gilberti	25.5	25.4	22.2	23.5	22.2	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141
Diana Ledoux	22.5	24.6	23	24	23	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138.9
Dave Reynard	24	21.8	23.6	24	23.8	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138.8
Jill Lockwood	24	21.8	22	22.9	23.3	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136.9
Fred Parsons	25.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.8
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	26.3	24.1	25.9	24.4	22.7	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148.8
Jim Quinn	24	25.5	25.9	23.7	23.9	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146.7
Bill Weiblen	25.5	24	24.2	24.3	23.3	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145.6
Diana Bull	23.3	25.4	24.2	22.8	24.7	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145.1
Ann DeCristofaro	22.5	26.3	23.6	23.8	23.7	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144.2
Bob Cooke	22.5	28.1	23.1	23	24.6	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143.7
Art Walker	24	24.8	23.7	23.2	23.5	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143.6
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.7	22.9	23.3	23.8	23.7	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142.8
Natalie Schiavone	23.8	24.5	24.8	23	22.7	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142.1
Theresa Vachowski	21	23.1	22.7	22.3	24.6	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138.1
Marie Riley	21.8	22.5	22.3	21.5	23.7	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134.5
Mary Strachan	0	21.8	23.2	23.9	24.1	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116.4
Catherine Robotis	21	0	24.9	23.6	22	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113.6
Darlene Holman	0	0	26.1	25.2	25.4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101.7
Jane Parker	0	0	23.7	23.7	23.5	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.3
Sheryl Roberts	21.8	0	0	0	23.8	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68.7
John McKinney	21	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.8
Jennifer Wang	0	0	0	0	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.1
Morgan McSweeney	0	0	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.1