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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

February 2020

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 meeting: February 5th

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Competitions:

The next competition will be February 19th.

Digital subjects are "Nature" & "Open". The print category is "Still Life".

The deadline to submit digital images is February 16th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 infrared photography. Art 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.

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Scavenger Hunt

The closing date for the Scavenger Hunt entries is approaching. In short, images must be uploaded no later than Mar 18, 2020. We're hoping for a large participation this year.

Images can be submitted on the Assabetvalleycc.com website: <http://www.assabetvalleycc.com/sh/index.php>

Scavenger Hunt 2019-2020

Rules and Procedures:

1. Images must be taken between April 1, 2019 and March 18, 2020.
2. Images may be adjusted (manipulated).
3. Image files shall be in the same format as for club digital competitions (maximum of 1400 pixels wide by maximum of 1050 pixels tall).
4. Image files shall be of type jpg.
5. Image file names are automatically created by the submission procedure "Submitting Images" below.
6. For judging, all images will be displayed in the orientation provided.
7. All Scavenger Hunt subjects (see below) are also subjects of the Multi-Screen Competition and therefore all Scavenger Hunt images will be considered for entry into the Multi-Screen Competition.

Items to Find:

Subject Number	Subject	Notes
01	Agriculture	
02	High Key	
03	Liquid Drip(s) or Drops(s)	A
04	Pattern(s)	A
05	People at Work	A
06	Reflection(s)	A
07	Shadow(s)	Ap
08	Simplicity	A
09	Spark(s)/Smoke/Fire	
10	Still Life	Ap

Notes:

A - subject is also an AVCC club competition subject

Ap - subject is also an AVCC club print competition subject

Competitions

OSI 2020 INVITATION

I take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the Ocean State International Open Digital Competition (OSI 2020)

This is a PSA sanctioned exhibition (PSA 2020-137), which means that participants are entitled to those precious PSA star rating points!

This year we will have only the Open Digital category – which means that almost anything qualifies!

Access to information and entry forms can be had through the OSI 2020 website (www.osiexhibition.us) . The steps to enter the exhibition are to register, pay the entry fee of \$10, and then submit your images (as many as four). You may return to the website at any time and login to your account to change one or more of your images until the closing date of 14 March 2020.

Calendar:

Exhibition Closing date	March 14 th , 2020
Exhibition Judging date	March 28 st , 2020
Report Cards e-mailed by	April 11th, 2020
Catalog PDF file e-mailed by	May 21 th , 2020
Awards US Mail by	June 7th, 2020

Accepted Image Shows:

Greater Lynn Photographic Association, 564 Boston Street, Lynn, MA –2pm, June 14th, 2020

Photographic Society of RI, Lakewood Baptist Church, 255, Atlantic Avenue, Warwick, RI – 7pm, June 16th, 2020

Gallery of Accepted Images will also be available for viewing at www.osiexhibition.us

Judges:

1 Richard Cloran, HonPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC, PSA Lifetime Achievement Award, exhibitor, presenter & judge

2 Sarah Musumeci, MNEC, exhibitor, presenter, instructor, & judge

3 Deb Page, exhibitor, presenter & judge

There are 27 awards to be won and a 33% acceptance rate target!

AVCC: Exhibit at Town Hall

AVCC will be the featured exhibitor at the Hudson Town Hall from May 7-to July 16.

This is a great chance for you to exhibit your images.

Here is the link to the registration form for the members to use regarding the Club's Exhibit at the Town Hall.

<https://riversedgeartsalliance.z2systems.com/np/clients/riversedgeartsalliance/eventRegistration.jsp?event=129&>

The deadline to register is May 7. The exhibit is May 14 to July 16. Drop off and Pick up is 6-7 PM on those dates unless otherwise notified.

The form is for 1, 2, or 3 pieces per person. There is also a checkbox for age-related discounts: Student/Senior category is for people 22 and younger and 65 and older.

Help Setting Up

We really need some help setting up the meeting room.

We typically start around 2:15 to 2:30.

It takes an hour or less, depending on how fast we move, or how chatty we get. For all of these past years, there has just been a few of us who do it each time. We need more members so we can spread out the work load.

If you haven't done it before, come this Wednesday and learn about what we have been doing to make the room ready. We start by taking down all the round tables that senior center uses during the day. We arrange all the chairs as you see them, set up projector etc. If we have enough people, we maybe can then schedule "teams".

It's not difficult, so please consider coming and learning what needs to be done.

Jan. '20 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Female Calliope Hummingbird	Paul Weisbach	26	1st
Plazza Santa Croce Florence	Bob Escott	25.3	2nd
Two Eastern Screech Owls	Todd Mathieson	25	3rd
Mendon 350th Celebration	Dave Morin	24.6	
Bob White Under Tree	Sue Abrahamsen	24.5	
Hen & Rooster at Barn Door	Darlene Holman	24.5	
Chicago	Elliot Mednick	24.5	
Don't Even Try	Bob Cooke	23.1	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Peony	Jane Parker	26.9	1st
Indoor Waterfall Bride	Heather Ruthoff	24.4	2nd
Elvira	Liz Krouse	24	3rd
The Bird Whisperer	Cathy Robotis	23.9	
Skylight Sky Bright - Barcelona Music Palace	Glenn Fund	23.9	
Hogwarts at Night	Maureen Mathieson	23.4	
Magical Dusk	Mary Coombs	23.1	
<u>Make-Up for Dec. '19 - SHADOWS</u>			
Morning Mist and Shadows	Jane Parker	25.8	

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PRINT SUMMARY 2019-2020

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Shadow(s)	Open	Still Life	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	26.2	28	25.5	27.6	24.5	0	0	0	0	131.8
Paul Weisbach	27.8	22.8	29.6	25.1	26	0	0	0	0	131.3
Todd Mathieson	25.8	24.7	28.2	23.5	25	0	0	0	0	127.2
Darlene Holman	25.7	25.7	26.9	24.4	24.5	0	0	0	0	127.2
Bob Escott	23.4	25.9	26.9	25.4	25.3	0	0	0	0	126.9
Dave Morin	22.4	28.7	27.6	23.5	24.6	0	0	0	0	126.8
Sue Abrahamsen	23.8	21.6	29.2	25.3	24.5	0	0	0	0	124.4
Bob Cooke	25.6	25.7	25.1	24	23.1	0	0	0	0	123.5
Ginny Harris	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.2
SILVER	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Shadow(s)	Open	Still Life	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Jane Parker	24.1	22.3	27.1	25.8	26.9	0	0	0	0	126.2
Liz Krouse	26.9	21.7	26.8	25.3	24	0	0	0	0	124.7
Cathy Robotis	24.6	21.5	26.9	25.7	23.9	0	0	0	0	122.6
Glenn Fund	24.7	23.2	25.9	23.7	23.9	0	0	0	0	121.4
Ann DeCristofaro	23.9	28.9	23.4	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	100.7
Heather Ruthoff	24	0	0	21.7	24.4	0	0	0	0	70.1
Larry Alley	0	22.7	0	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	47.9
Maureen Mathieson	0	22.4	0	0	23.4	0	0	0	0	45.8
Mary Coombs	0	0	0	22.6	23.1	0	0	0	0	45.7
Bill Weiblen	22	0	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.2

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Jan. '20 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Red Tailed Hawk	John Gill	29.1	1st
Portrait of Immature Great Blue	Doris Monteiro	28.5	2nd
Rodeo Calf Roping	Tony Monteiro	27.7	3rd
Saw Whet Owl in Tree	Darlene Holman	26.6	
Invader	Drew Simmons	26.3	
Thoughtful Pirate	Maureen Mathieson	25.9	
Puffin Conversation	Sue Abrahamsen	25.7	
Fawn	Cathy Simmons	25.6	
Lions on the Hunt	Linda Shelales	25.4	
Loon Feeding Her Chick	Ginny Harris	25.4	
Fallow Deer	Todd Mathieson	24.5	
Kayaking at Gretchens	Robyn Saur	24.3	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Daist Dew	Natalie Schiavone	27	1st
Great Egret in Flight	Barbara Huntley	27	1st
The Quiet Side of Fifteen	Jane Parker	24.7	2nd
Brimfield 1	Dick Tranfaglia	24.7	2nd
Iconic Venice	Linda Gilberti	24.3	3rd
Eye Popping Still Life	Dave Reynard	24.2	
Murano Glass Factory	Bob Escott	23.9	
Bumble Bee on Coneflower	Diana Ledoux	23.8	
Puffin With Food	Elliot Mednick	23.1	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
White Lillies	Heather Ruthoff	25.2	1st
Waiting For Lunch	Liz Krouse	25	2nd
Trees In Swamp	Ann DeCristofaro	24.7	3rd
Sunset at the Old Stone Church	John Mauro	24.6	
After the Storm	Peter Stultz	24.4	
Doors	Jim Quinn	24.4	
400 Feet of Blue Ice	Glenn Fund	24.3	
Deer in the Woods	Susan Nichols	24	
Early Twilight in Boston	Mary Strachan	23.7	
Statehouse Reflection	Lee Arnold	23.7	
A Prayer For Those at Sea	Cathy Robotis	23.5	
Water at Moore State Park	Theresa Vachowski	23.5	
Martha Mary Chapel & Tree in Snow at Night	John McKinney	23.5	
Old Tuscon Warehouse	Marie Riley	23.1	
Illumination Night	Mary Coombs	22.7	
I'm the Boss Here	Bob Cooke	22.5	
One Simple Bloom	Pam Meoli	22.2	

Jan. '20 Digital Competition - SIMPLICITY			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Mature Great Egret	Tony Monteiro	28.4	1st
Blue Morpho Butterfly	Darlene Holman	25.5	2nd
Lotus Simplicity	Doris Monterio	25.4	3rd
Lone Tree	Sue Abrahamsen	25.3	
Just Grass	Maureen Mathieson	25.3	
Gretchens Pond Simplicity	Robyn Saur	24.9	
Stairs at the Getty Museum	Todd Mathieson	24.6	
Tranquility	John Gill	24.4	
Calla Lily	Cathy Simmons	24.2	
Spring	Drew Simmons	23.5	
Tis the Gift To Be Simple	Ginny Harris	23.4	
Cleansed By the Sea	Linda Shelales	23.2	
CLASS A			
Pink Peony	Natalie Schiavone	25.2	1st
Buoy	Barbara Huntley	24.9	2nd
Colorful Feathers	Dave Reynard	24.3	3rd
In the Dunes	Linda Gilberti	24	
Leaves and Clay	Jane Parker	23.3	
The Rock and The Cloud	Diana Ledoux	23.2	
Life Is Good	Bob Escott	23.2	
Sunset in Rockland Harbor	Elliot Mednick	23.1	
CLASS B			
Whelk Shell	Ann DeCristofaro	25.3	1st
Lone Sandpiper	Mary Strachan	24.5	2nd
Olson House Maditation	Peter Stultz	24.5	2nd
A Simple Hasp	John McKinney	24.3	3rd
Crushing Altitude	John Mauro	24.1	
Tracks and Trails	Theresa Vachowski	23.9	
Simplicity Fire	Heather Ruthoff	23.9	
Colliding Colors	Bob Cooke	23.9	
Castle int the Clouds	Pam Meoli	23.9	
Kayak Lineup	Glenn Fund	23.5	
Rose Bud	Marie Riley	23.4	
So Long	Mary Coombs	23.3	
A Day at the Beach	Susan Nichols	23.2	
Simple Flowers	Lee Arnold	23	
Where There is Light There is Life	Cathy Robotis	22.9	
Simply Briella	Liz Krouse	22.7	
Umbrella	Jim Quinn	22.4	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2019-2020

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	
Tony Monteiro	27	26.7	26.1	28.4	26.8	28.8	26.8	26.2	27.7	28.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	272.9
Doris Monteiro	26.5	26.3	26.6	27.6	29	29.7	26.7	26.4	28.5	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	272.7
John Gill	24.4	26.1	26.1	28.1	29.4	29.8	25.9	25.9	29.1	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	269.2
Darlene Holman	23.8	25.6	25.5	25.8	27.6	28.2	26.6	27.5	26.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262.7
Sue Abrahamson	27.2	24.3	25.5	25.9	27.5	28	25.7	27.3	25.7	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262.4
Cathy Simmons	24.5	23	25.9	26.5	27.1	29.9	25.7	27.2	25.6	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	259.6
Robyn Saur	25.8	23.2	25.3	26.7	29	25.8	24.7	26.2	24.3	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	255.9
Ginny Harris	24.3	24.5	24.8	24.3	27.6	28.1	26.3	25.5	25.4	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254.2
Todd Mathieson	23.3	24.1	24.9	24.6	28.1	28.5	24.9	26	24.5	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253.5
Maureen Mathieson	22.7	23.4	24.6	25.4	25.5	29.3	25.6	25	25.9	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	252.6
Drew Simmons	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.4	27.9	27.2	25.7	25.8	26.3	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	251.8
Linda Shelales	23	23.6	25	22.6	25.2	26.2	27.4	23	25.4	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.6
Dave Morin	24.4	24.9	28.3	26.5	25.5	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154.2
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
Jane Parker	25.7	24.3	24.5	25.5	27.8	27.8	24.7	25.7	24.7	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254
Natalie Schiavone	23.1	24.5	25	24.2	26.6	27.4	25.7	25.1	27	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253.8
Barbara Huntley	23.3	25.1	22.2	26.2	26.1	27.8	26.2	23.6	27	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	252.4
Elliot Mednick	23.8	24.2	24.4	26.7	25.4	27.6	25.9	26.5	23.1	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250.7
Dave Reynard	23.2	23.8	22.9	22.7	26.5	28.7	23.8	26	24.2	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246.1
Bob Escott	23	25.1	25.8	23.4	27.6	23.6	25	24.1	23.9	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.7
Linda Gilberti	23.1	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.2	28	25	23	24.3	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.6
Diana Ledoux	24.8	23	23.4	22.7	25.7	26.9	23.7	24.6	23.8	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241.8
Dick Tranfaglia	0	0	0	0	27.5	0	24.5	0	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76.7
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
Glenn Fund	23.2	22	27.4	25.5	25.9	28	25.6	23.9	24.3	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249.3
Mary Strachan	24.8	23.5	22.5	24.9	26.9	28.7	25.7	24.1	23.7	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249.3
Peter Stultz	23.4	23.7	22	25.4	28	28.6	25.2	23.9	24.4	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249.1
John McKinney	24.6	22.8	24.9	26.5	25.8	24.6	25.5	26	23.5	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248.5
Cathy Robotis	23.7	23.6	23.7	27	26	26	25.7	23.6	23.5	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	245.7
John Mauro	22.8	23.9	24.6	24.4	26.4	28.1	23.9	21.2	24.6	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244
Liz Krouse	22.4	23.4	24.3	25.7	24.6	25.6	24.9	25.2	25	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243.8
Theresa Vachowski	23.5	22.3	23.2	25	25.2	25.9	24.9	24	23.5	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241.4
Susan Nichols	22.1	22.1	23.6	24.5	27.9	23.7	23.1	24.5	24	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238.7
Pam Meoli	23.7	22.5	23.3	24.7	26.3	24.3	24.3	23.1	22.2	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238.3
Lee Arnold	22.7	23.5	22.6	21.3	23.3	25.4	23.5	22.9	23.7	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	231.9
Jim Quinn	22.6	22.2	22	22.4	23.8	22.6	23.8	21.3	24.4	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227.5
Ann DeCristofaro	23.3	25.7	23.8	0	26	24.3	22.9	24.5	24.7	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220.5
Heather Ruthroff	0	0	22.9	24.2	0	0	25.3	22.3	25.2	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143.8
Marie Riley	0	0	23.2	24.4	0	0	22.8	22.3	23.1	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139.2
Larry Alley	0	0	24.5	23.6	0	0	23.6	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.7
Dora Kleiner	26.3	22.1	23.2	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Bob Cooke	0	0	0	0	24.1	0	0	0	22.5	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70.5
Mary Coombs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Bill Weiblen	0	0	0	0	0	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.9