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February 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: Feb. 4. Scheduled programs:

Todd M. will demonstrate use of Rear Curtain Sync, which is a Quad Club / Scavenger Hunt subject this year

Charlie Vaughan will present the Best of NECCC print submissions of 2014

Next competition meeting: Feb. 18. Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Open"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Nature"

PSA club competition:

Todd M. presented the club's results from the latest Group D competition. We totaled 57 points, which placed us near the middle of the pack out of 24 participating clubs.

Club entries were:

Gorilla profile animal kingdom	Todd M.	9 pts
Lotus flower	Barbara H.	8 pts
Mountain locomotive	Doris M.	11 pts, Honorable Mention
Summitville shacks	Tony M.	9 pts
Three drops	Maureen M.	11 pts, Honorable Mention
Welcome to my pad	John G.	9 pts

Library show note:

The Friends of Marlborough Library annual photo show has been postponed because of the January blizzard. The Friends looks forward to re-scheduling it later this year.

The club thanks Ron Wybranowski for his presentation "Exploring the Smokies" during our January program meeting. He gave us an idea for a simple print mounting technique and tips to prepare for a photographic trip, and displayed some of his Smokies images.

January meeting notes:

In an effort to avoid potential handling and breakage issues with fully-framed prints, the club asks that use of frames for club competition print mounting be avoided until June.

Field trips: Barbara W. is looking at putting together a trip to Lincoln NH sometime in mid-February. Also, Bob C. is looking at a trip to look for snowy owls or bald eagles later this winter. (*Ed. note: Snowy owls have been seen the last few weeks at Hampton Beach NH.*)

By-law revision: As noted in an email sent to the membership last month, the club will be voting on a change clarifying the by-law provision specifying the deadline for club dues payment, to bring it inline with how the club is actually run.

A good website to look up:

A former co-worker recently told me about a website, www.nikonians.org, of interest to photographers. As the name might imply, the site is dedicated to users of Nikon equipment, but it contains forums and articles that are of interest to all photographers regardless of the brand of equipment they use. Not all are accessible to the public, but many are; these are prominently marked as Public. I have read several of the Public articles and learned something new from many of them. — Mike D, ed.

January 2015 Print Competition - OPEN

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
GOLD			
Chickadee in Flight	Paul Weisbach	24.0	1st
Summer Cardinal #2	Ginny Harris	23.5	2nd
Tai Chi Duckie	Drew Simmons	23.0	3rd
Tri-Colored Heron	Cathy Simmons	23.0	3rd
Lake Bled, Slovenia	Linda Gilberti	22.0	
Old Manse Entrance	Sue Abrahamsen	21.0	
West Cornwall Bridge	Todd Mathieson	21.0	
The Welcome Committee	Bob Cooke	20.0	
SILVER			
Lily	John Gill	24.0	1st
Looking Thru Glass	Linda Shelales	22.0	2nd
White Bengal Tiger	Barbara Huntley	19.5	3rd
BRONZE			
Flying High	John Sahagian	22.5	1st
Female Cardinal	Bob Escott	22.0	2nd
New Zealand Textures	Brad Barker	21.5	3rd
Ocean View	Stephanie Gill	21.0	
East Branch Pemigawasset	Barbara Worrest	19.5	
Solitude	Linda DeStefano	19.5	
Schoodic Point Surf	Michael Doucette	18.5	
Make-Up for December 2014 - Maritime			
Ogunquit Afternoon	Ginny Harris	21.0	

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PRINT SUMMARY 2014-2015

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	26.1	30.0	29.3	24.8	24.0	134.2
Todd Mathieson	25.4	28.3	23.8	24.5	21.0	123.0
Cathy Simmons	24.3	24.2	23.7	23.5	23.0	118.7
Linda Gilberti	24.2	25.0	25.0	22.1	22.0	118.3
Drew Simmons	23.0	24.0	23.5	23.4	23.0	116.9
Sue Abrahamsen	24.0	21.0	25.5	24.9	21.0	116.4
Ginny Harris	25.5	22.5	22.1	21.0	23.5	114.6
Bob Cooke	23.0	21.5	22.7	25.6	20.0	112.8
<u>SILVER</u>						
John Gill	24.0	26.0	24.4	24.7	24.0	123.1
Linda Shelales	27.0	23.0	24.2	23.7	22.0	119.9
Barbara Huntley	23.3	0.0	22.5	23.4	19.5	88.7
<u>BRONZE</u>						
Bob Escott	24.5	23.5	22.0	28.3	22.0	120.3
Stephanie Gill	20.7	26.5	24.9	21.0	21.0	114.1
Michael Doucette	23.3	0.0	19.8	25.8	18.5	87.4
John Sahagian	23.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	45.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	22.9	0.0	19.5	42.4
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3	0.0	24.3
Brad Barker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	21.5
Larry Wellington	0.0	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7
Barbara Worrest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.5	19.5

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January 2015 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Dahlia Bloom 2	Sue Abrahamsen	24.5	1st
Iron Wheels Essex CT	Todd Mathieson	23.0	2nd
Osprey and Fish	Cathy Simmons	23.0	2nd
Tower Hill Abutilon	Dave Morin	23.0	2nd
The Pollenator #2	John Gill	23.0	2nd
One Ugly Bug	Linda Shelales	22.0	3rd
Linda's Portrait	Doris Monteiro	21.5	
Return of the Charles W. Morgan	Tony Monteiro	21.5	
CLASS A			
Hummingbird at Rest	Stephanie Gill	27.0	1st
Autumn at the Mill	Dave Reynard	24.0	2nd
Shall We Dance	Barbara Huntley	24.0	2nd
Covered Bridge	Marty Paulausky	22.5	3rd
Tropical Splendor	Linda Gilberti	22.5	3rd
Lotus With Honeybee	Maureen Mathieson	22.0	
Sparrow at the Feeder	Dean Giolas	20.5	
Tiger Cat	Ginny Harris	20.5	
CLASS B			
Incoming Tide	Bob Escott	23.5	1st
Honey Maker	Diana Ledoux	22.5	2nd
Red Rose	Liz West	22.5	2nd
Strawberry	Jim Quinn	22.5	2nd
Lily	Jill Lockwood	21.5	3rd
Maine Lobstah Truck	Michael Doucette	21.5	3rd
Rememberance	Brad Barker	20.5	
Rural Grist Mill Porch	Marie Riley	20.5	
Rocks and Red	Bob Cooke	19.5	
That Number Doesn't Answer	Theresa Vachowski	19.0	
The First Baptist Church	Bill Tafuri	19.0	

January 2015 Digital Competition - Pattern(s)			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Nautilus Spiral	Doris Monteiro	24.0	1st
Luna Moths	Cathy Simmons	23.0	2nd
The Assassin Bug Waits	John Gill	21.5	3rd
Tower Hill Palm	Dave Morin	21.5	3rd
Windows Patterns	Sue Abrahamsen	21.5	3rd
Common Mormon Butterfly	Linda Shelales	21.0	
NECCC Model Silhouettes	Tony Monteiro	19.5	
Spaceship Earth at Night	Todd Mathieson	19.5	
CLASS A			
Butterfly Wing Pattern	Barbara Huntley	23.5	1st
Balloon Fifth Image	Dave Reynard	22.5	2nd
Coneflower Visitor	Stephanie Gill	22.0	3rd
Polarized Patterns	Maureen Mathieson	22.0	3rd
Patterns in the Sand	Dean Giolas	21.0	
Chinese Lanterns	Marty Paulausky	20.5	
Fritillary	Ginny Harris	20.5	
All Over Pattern	Linda Gilberti	20.0	
CLASS B			
Grasses Going to Seed	Michael Doucette	25.0	1st
Frost on the Window	Liz West	25.0	1st
Green and Black	Jim Quinn	23.5	2nd
Colored Corpuscles	Brad Barker	23.0	3rd
Car Show	Jill Lockwood	22.5	
Heads Up	Bob Escott	22.0	
Gila Woodpecker	Diana Bull	21.5	
Chapel at St. George's	Dinan Ledoux	19.5	
Fortress Pattern	Bob Cooke	19.0	
Cathedral Benches	Theresa Vachowski	18.5	
Church in Small Rhode Island Town	Marie Riley	18.5	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2014-2015

MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		TOTAL
CLASS AA	Open	Transportation	Open	Nature	Open	Ugly	Open	Nature	Open	Patterns	
Doris Monteiro	27.2	25.2	28.0	29.5	25.9	24.0	27.1	26.4	21.5	24.0	258.8
Tony Monteiro	26.3	24.2	26.9	28.0	26.1	24.5	26.6	27.0	21.5	19.5	250.6
Cathy Simmons	23.4	24.6	24.5	24.5	29.2	25.4	25.7	24.6	23.0	23.0	247.9
Sue Abrahamsen	25.1	24.6	24.5	23.0	27.8	24.7	25.2	26.0	24.5	21.5	246.9
Todd Mathieson	22.1	22.8	27.5	27.5	24.3	25.8	26.6	24.6	23.0	19.5	243.7
John Gill	24.9	24.6	21.5	28.0	27.1	22.9	24.4	25.7	23.0	21.5	243.6
Linda Shelales	24.5	23.7	24.8	23.5	25.8	26.3	24.2	26.9	22.0	21.0	242.7
Dave Morin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	21.5	44.5
CLASS A											
Stephanie Gill	23.9	22.8	25.2	26.0	25.6	22.7	23.7	25.8	27.0	22.0	244.7
Barbara Huntley	23.6	23.7	27.5	20.3	25.6	21.1	25.7	27.2	24.0	23.5	242.2
Dave Reynard	23.9	24.6	24.9	21.0	20.8	22.8	27.2	26.0	24.0	22.5	237.7
Maureen Mathieson	25.1	23.1	27.4	22.8	21.5	19.8	23.2	26.9	22.0	22.0	233.8
Ginny Harris	24.9	21.6	25.4	21.3	24.9	21.0	24.9	26.7	20.5	20.5	231.7
Marty Paulausky	24.2	24.8	21.5	22.3	21.4	17.5	26.4	25.7	22.5	20.5	226.8
Linda Gilberti	22.7	23.4	21.3	22.3	22.5	21.0	24.0	24.1	22.5	20.0	223.8
Dean Giolas	21.5	22.0	21.5	25.5	22.0	20.6	22.4	24.2	20.5	21.0	221.2
CLASS B											
Liz West	23.1	21.6	21.0	22.5	27.0	24.3	23.7	24.0	22.5	25.0	234.7
Bob Escott	25.2	24.0	24.5	22.5	23.7	22.2	21.6	25.2	23.5	22.0	234.4
Jill Lockwood	23.7	21.6	23.8	22.0	27.0	23.5	23.9	24.3	21.5	22.5	233.8
Jim Quinn	23.0	23.4	22.5	23.0	20.2	24.1	22.5	24.2	22.5	23.5	228.9
Marie Riley	22.4	26.0	23.6	24.5	23.1	20.4	21.5	24.0	20.5	18.5	224.5
Bob Cooke	26.1	22.1	20.7	25.0	21.4	22.6	21.6	23.8	19.5	19.0	221.8
Diana Ledoux	23.6	22.2	20.4	21.9	20.6	21.4	21.8	24.4	22.5	19.5	218.3
Theresa Vachowski	21.0	22.2	21.9	19.5	22.2	21.0	21.8	23.1	19.0	18.5	210.2
Michael Doucette	22.7	23.0	25.0	21.0	23.5	0.0	23.8	22.0	21.5	25.0	207.5
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	25.5	23.5	23.8	0.0	24.2	24.8	19.0	0.0	140.8
Larry Wellington	24.2	21.6	21.5	23.5	19.8	21.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	132.5
Robert Beauchemin	23.0	22.8	22.5	21.4	22.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	131.7
Brad Barker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.8	0.0	24.6	0.0	20.5	23.0	93.9
Radha Raman Gargeya	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.3	20.4	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	44.4
Diana Bull	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	21.5