



# FOCAL POINT

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February 2017

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

To all AVCC members:

In recognition of the recent and sad deaths of two cherished photo club members, we've decided to turn this week's regular meeting of the Assabet Valley Camera Club into a "memory session," offering any of us who wish to participate an opportunity to recall memories and impressions of our late president, Stephanie Gill, and long-term member Marty Paulausky. So, instead of featuring the prize-winning photos that we'd planned, we'll have an informal meeting to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of two members who consistently gave time, effort and care to our thriving club. Everyone is welcome; nothing is required -- beyond compassion and care.

Members who might have photos of Stephanie and Marty are asked to bring them (on thumb drives sized as usual, or as prints) to help raise memories. Brief stories of travels on photo trips and other club activities are also welcome. Humor should be part of this. Members who'd like to send in photos via the web should now e-mail them to Sue Abrahamsen via ([sueabe3@verizon.net](mailto:sueabe3@verizon.net)).

This program change means we won't be rearranging all the chairs and tables, but we will have a microphone to pass around, the refreshments will be there, and we'll be able to reinforce each other's cares and concerns, while making clear how important action, involvement and enthusiasm are for the health of our club. Both Marty and Stephanie embodied those qualities. And, of course, they also joined in fun.

See you on Wednesday - unless snow intervenes.  
Bob Cooke

Next competition meeting: February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Monochrome"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Nature"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the memorial page for

## **MARTIN J. PAULAUSKY**

January 3, 1947 ~ January 24, 2017 (age 70)



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Marlborough- Martin J. Paulausky, 70, of Marlborough died Tuesday January 24, 2017 at his home. He was born and raised in Marlborough the son of the late John and Helena (LeDuc) Paulausky and was a graduate of Hudson Catholic High School in Class of 1965. He later received a BA in Political Science from Assumption College. Martin worked in retail all his life, starting out with Jordan Marsh and later at Macy's and was currently employed by Neiman Marcus in Natick. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and the Assabet Valley Camera Club. He was a world traveler who had a passion for photography. Martin enjoyed the Theater and Performing Arts and will be remembered for his generosity and caring spirit. He leaves his cousins, Barbara Saganich of Acton, Richard LeDuc of Windham, Maine, Nancy Scalise of Newbury, NH, James Saganich of Clearwater, FL, Jane Noble and Sandra Hayes both of Marlborough, Lisa O'Loughlin of Worcester and Ellen Elsasser of Marlborough, Eva M. Roberts of Leeland, NC, Sue Ann Sanborn of Windham, ME and Richard M. LeDuc of Madison, WI and Joseph D. LeDuc of Windham, ME.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday February 1 at 11:00 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, Prospect Street. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Cox Street, Hudson. A time of visitation will be held prior to the funeral from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Fitzgerald & Collins Funeral Home, 378 Lincoln Street. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston, 51 Sleeper Street, Boston, MA 02210 or the National Audubon Society at [www.Audubon.org](http://www.Audubon.org).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Fitzgerald & Collins Funeral Home, 378 Lincoln Street, Marlborough. All are invited to sign Martin's online guestbook at [www.CollinsFuneral.com](http://www.CollinsFuneral.com).

There's still time to send flowers to the **Visitation at the Fitzgerald & Collins Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on February 1, 2017.**

**1/26/2017**



## HUDSON

Stephanie L. (Lord) Gill, 69, reached the end of her decades-long struggle against the inherited disease called cystic fibrosis on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at UMass Memorial Healthcare-University Campus. She was born in Claremont, NH, the daughter of the late Stephen E. and Mary (Poppleton) Lord, and has lived in Hudson since 1974.

She leaves her loving husband of 43 years, John J. Gill; her brother, William Lord of El Paso, TX; two sisters-in-law, Linda Lord of Littleton and Carolee Lord of Amesbury; her aunt, Joan Piccolo of Hanover, NH; two nephews, Charles Lord and his wife Lynette, and Patrick Lord and his wife, Marie; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Daniel and Michael Lord, her two sisters, Susan and Patricia Lord and her uncle, Vincent Piccolo.

She was the president of the Assabet Valley Camera Club. Stephanie worked for Digital Equipment Corp in Maynard for 23 years. She was an office manager for Literacy Unlimited at Framingham Library. She was a volunteer for the Hudson Food Pantry. Stephanie loved to cook, and had a love for nature which she showed through her photography. She loved to listen to Jimmy Buffett and enjoyed her sunsets in Aruba.

Although burdened from birth with dangerous episodes of illness, she lived a full and productive life, decades longer than most victims of this terrible genetic disorder. Her achievements were many, her leadership skills were obvious, and she tenaciously persisted against an unrelenting enemy.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, in the Tighe Hamilton Funeral Home, 50 Central Street, Hudson. A private committal service will be held at a later date at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hudson Food Pantry, 28 Houghton St., Hudson, MA 01749.

## **Creative Images**

As Todd has mentioned, 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.

John Gill     [byjohn@verizon.net](mailto:byjohn@verizon.net)

## **NECCC**

The New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) will be holding its annual conference on July 14, 15, and 16, 2017 at UMASS Amherst.

One member of our club can have free registration, if that person has never attended a conference before. The free registration is worth at least \$195 (last year’s fee).

If you are interested in attending for free, please let me know by February 1<sup>st</sup>. If more than one member submits their name, a drawing will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

<b>Jan. '17 Print Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>GOLD</b>			
Tin Man	Linda Shelales	25.8	1st
Dutch Iris	John Gill	25.5	2nd
Mel's	Todd Mathieson	24.1	3rd
Canadian Rockies Garden	Sue Abrahamsen	23.6	
Read My Lips	Bob Cooke	23.5	
Pumping Water in Zambia	Linda Gilberti	22.3	
<b>Make-Up for Dec. '16 - AMERICANA</b>			
Here's to Tractors	Linda Giberti	22.5	
<b>SILVER</b>			
Covered Bridge in Black and White	Dave Morin	26.9	1st
Grist Mill Bridge	Bob Escott	26	2nd
One More Bite	Diana Bull	24.1	3rd
Painted Lady on Flower	Barbara Huntley	23.9	
Bird in my Yard	Stephanie Gill	23.4	
<b>BRONZE</b>			
Making the Nest	Leon Ferrante	26.5	1st
Bairns Broadwing: Hovering While Feeding	Art Walker	24.1	2nd
Sunset Sail - Camden Maine	Mary Strachan	23.6	3rd
Last Day of Vacation	Larry Wellington	23.5	3rd
Iowa Pony	Larry Alley	23.5	
Hope Overcomes Grief	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.4	
Campobello Int'l. Tiny Harbor	Darlene Holman	23	

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

**PRINT SUMMARY 2016-2017**

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<b>GOLD</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	27.8	25	26.4	26.3	24.1	0	0	0	0	129.6
Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	23.6	26.6	27.7	23.6	0	0	0	0	126.3
Linda Shelales	24.8	24.7	26.1	24.4	25.8	0	0	0	0	125.8
John Gill	22.4	26.5	26.3	24.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	125.3
Bob Cooke	23.1	24.6	23.5	23.9	23.5	0	0	0	0	118.6
Linda Gilberti	23.3	22	22.9	22.5	22.3	0	0	0	0	113
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
<b>SILVER</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Dave Morin	28.5	23.2	25.2	25.1	26.9	0	0	0	0	128.9
Bob Escott	24.8	24	23.5	25	26	0	0	0	0	123.3
Diana Bull	24	24.8	24.1	23.9	24.1	0	0	0	0	120.9
Stephanie Gill	23.3	23.6	23.9	23.2	23.4	0	0	0	0	117.4
Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	27.1	23.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	102.3
Barbara Huntley	23.5	23.2	0	23	23.9	0	0	0	0	93.6
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
<b>BRONZE</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	22.4	24.5	26.5	25.5	26.2	0	0	0	0	125.1
Art Walker	24.6	25.8	23	23.3	24.1	0	0	0	0	120.8
Darlene Holman	21.8	25	25.6	24.8	23	0	0	0	0	120.2
Mary Strachan	24	24.5	24.5	22.8	23.6	0	0	0	0	119.4
Linda DeStefano Brown	22.5	23.1	23.9	25.5	23.4	0	0	0	0	118.4
Larry Alley	0	23.5	23.8	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	70.8
John Sahagian	21.8	23.8	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	67.5
Larry Wellington	0	0	0	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	23.5
Bill Weiblen	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23

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Jan. '17 Digital Competition – OPEN			
TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Young Hawk Portrait	Sue Abrahamsen	26.9	1st
Saw Whet Owl	Todd Mathieson	26	2nd
Waterdrop 111	John Gill	25.7	3rd
Hairstreak on Mint	Cathy Simmons	25.3	
Screech Owl Winking	Tony Monteiro	25.2	
Playful Dolphins	Doris Monteiro	25	
Nubble Light at Christmas	Stephanie Gill	24.4	
Hawk on Wire	Dave Morin	24.1	
Lotus Leaf	Liz West	23.4	
Brown Pelican	Drew Simmons	23.3	
Ambush Bug	Linda Shelales	21.4	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Fox Kits at Play #2	Ginny Harris	26	1st
Barn Owl	Barbara Huntley	25.5	2nd
Mt. Rainier	Marty Paulausky	24.5	3rd
Grist Mill	Bob Escott	23.9	
Sultan the White Tiger	Maureen Mathieson	23.3	
Welcoming 2017 From Boston	Dean Giolas	23.3	
Buoys Aglow	Dave Reynard	22.7	
Sedona Sunset	Fred Parsons	22.7	
Winter Walk	Diana Ledoux	22.7	
A Study in Orange	Linda Gilberti	22.5	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Tom Turkeys Displaying	Darlene Holman	25.7	1st
Here's Looking at You	John McKinney	25.2	2nd
All Wet	Leon Ferrante	24.1	3rd
Who Says That Life is Easy	Art Walker	23.9	
Eilean Donan Castle	Mary Strachan	23.8	
The Lighthouse is Ready for its Closeup	Larry Wellington	23.6	
Castle Reflection	Jim Quinn	23.5	
Maggie With a Hat	Ann DeCristofaro	23.4	
Bee in Lotus Flower	Diana Bull	23.2	
Fantail Falls	Theresa Vachowski	23	
Exploring the Edge	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.8	
Maine Reflections	Catherine Robotis	22.7	
Back Road Maple After the Rain	Jane Parker	22.3	
Bubble Fun	Jennifer Wang	22.2	
Perkins Cove	Natalie Schiavone	22	
Pisgoh Covered Bridge	Marie Riley	21.7	
Young Namibian Jaclal	Bob Cooke	21.5	

<b>Jan. '17 Digital Competition - STARBURST EFFECT</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Hood Ornament 01	Drew Simmons	25.7	1st
Chrysler Chrome	Cathy Simmons	25.7	1st
Sun Kissed Rain Drops	John Gill	25	2nd
Golden Light in a Mountain Pass	Tony Monteiro	24.7	3rd
Joshua Tree NP Sunrise	Doris Monteiro	24.5	
Supermoon Starburst	Stephanie Gill	24.2	
Winter Garden at Tower Hill	Liz West	23.9	
Star Burst Over Chapel	Sue Abrahamsen	23.9	
Water Drop on Pine Needle	Todd Mathieson	23.1	
Black and White Morning in the Woods	Dave Morin	22.1	
Twinkling Christmas Reflections	Linda Shelales	22	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Reflected Starburst at Willard Pond	Ginny Harris	24.3	1st
Main St. 6:08 AM	Marty Paulausky	24.1	2nd
Late Afternoon	Bob Escott	23.1	3rd
Christmas at the Rotary	Dave Reynard	22.6	
Cematary at Sunset	Dean Giolas	22.5	
Yellowstone Starburst	Barbara Huntley	22.2	
New Hampshire Splendor	Linda Gilberti	22.1	
End of the Day	Diana Ledoux	21.6	
Light and Mirrors	Maureen Mathieson	21	
<b>Make-Up for Dec. '16 - NATURE</b>			
Wet and Wild in the Azores	Linda Gilberti	23.1	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Quoddy Head Lighthouse Morning	Darlene Holman	25	1st
Boston @ Night	Leon Ferrante	25	1st
Here Comes the Sun	Natalie Schaivone	24.3	2nd
Exit Glacier Kenai Fjords National Park	Mary Strachan	24	3rd
American Flag	Jane Parker	23.9	
Tiny Starburst	Jim Quinn	23.8	
Sunburst Sunset	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.4	
Winter Vibrance	Catherine Robotis	23.2	
Christmas Peace	Ann DeCristofaro	22.8	
Ferris Wheel	Theresa Vachowski	22.4	
Sunset	Marie Riley	22.4	
Acadia Sunburst	Larry Wellington	22.2	
Shininh Reindeer	Jaennifer Wang	22.1	
Sunset at Little Squam Lake	Diana Bull	22.1	
Sunrise Spikes	Bob Cooke	22	
The Listerine Starburst Kiss	John McKinney	22	
<b>Make-Up for Dec. '16 - NATURE</b>			
Pinecones	Marie Riley		



**DIGITAL SUMMARY 2016-2017**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>SEPT</b>		<b>OCT</b>		<b>NOV</b>		<b>DEC</b>		<b>JAN</b>		<b>FEB</b>		<b>MAR</b>		<b>APR</b>		<b>MAY</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CLASS AA</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	
John Gill	28.5	27.8	26.5	26.9	25.3	25.7	27.9	24.2	25.7	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	263.5
Cathy Simmons	28.5	28.2	24.5	26.3	25.3	25.7	27.1	26.2	25.3	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262.8
Doris Monteiro	29.3	27.3	26.4	26.3	24.7	25.4	25.2	26.9	25	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	261
Tony Monteiro	28.5	25.1	26.8	24.7	25.3	26	25.2	27.8	25.2	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	259.3
Todd Mathieson	30	24	27.3	25.8	24.1	24.8	23	26.7	26	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254.8
Sue Abrahamson	26.3	26.9	24.2	25.9	22.7	24.9	25.4	27	26.9	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254.1
Drew Simmons	24.8	26.9	23.8	22.1	23.5	24	24	26.3	23.3	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.4
Linda Shelales	26.3	21.8	24.9	26.2	24.2	24.7	25.5	25.2	21.4	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242.2
Dave Morin	28.5	23.3	24.4	23.7	23.8	24.5	25.8	21.9	24.1	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242.1
Stephanie Gill	28.5	24	22.8	23.3	22.9	23.7	23.3	24.8	24.4	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241.9
Liz West	24	24.8	23.9	24.7	22.8	23.6	23.9	24.3	23.4	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	239.3
John Houldsworth	0	0	23.7	23.7	24.1	26.1	22.5	21.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141.6
<b>CLASS A</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ginny Harris	30	24.8	24.1	25.1	25.8	22	26.3	25.2	26	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253.6
Barbara Huntley	30	24	25.5	24.2	24.9	23	23.4	25.9	25.5	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248.6
Marty Paulausky	25.5	24	24.9	24	23.7	24.5	24.5	26.5	24.5	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246.2
Maureen Mathieson	25.5	22.5	26.4	26.2	23.6	24	25.7	26.3	23.2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.4
Bob Escott	27.8	24.8	22	24.2	23.1	24.7	24.3	25.1	23.9	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243
Dean Giolas	22.5	27.6	22.8	23.6	23.3	24.5	23.8	22.1	23.2	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	235.9
Linda Gilberti	25.5	25.4	22.2	23.5	22.2	22.2	23.1	23.1	22.5	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	231.8
Dave Reynard	24	21.8	23.6	24	23.8	21.6	21.5	24.4	22.7	22.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230
Diana Ledoux	22.5	24.6	23	24	23	21.8	23.5	21.9	22.7	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	228.6
Jill Lockwood	24	21.8	22	22.9	23.3	22.9	22.4	20.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179.9
Fred Parsons	25.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71.5
<b>CLASS B</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Leon Ferrante	26.3	24.1	25.9	24.4	22.7	25.4	24.8	25	24.1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	247.7
Diana Bull	23.3	25.4	24.2	22.8	24.7	24.7	23.8	27.9	23.2	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242.1
Ann DeCristofaro	22.5	26.3	23.6	23.8	23.7	24.3	24.5	23.7	23.4	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238.6
Jim Quinn	24	25.5	25.9	23.7	23.9	23.7	22.8	21	23.5	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237.8
Bob Cooke	22.5	28.1	23.1	23	24.6	22.4	21.3	25.1	21.5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233.6
Natalie Schiavone	23.8	24.5	24.8	23	22.7	23.3	22.3	22.6	22	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233.3
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.7	22.9	23.3	23.8	23.7	25.4	21.6	22.6	22.8	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233.2
Theresa Vachowski	21	23.1	22.7	22.3	24.6	24.4	24	22.1	23	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	229.6
Art Walker	24	24.8	23.7	23.2	23.5	24.4	25	25.2	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	217.7
Mary Strachan	0	21.8	23.2	23.9	24.1	23.4	24.3	26.2	23.8	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	214.7
Catherine Robotis	21	0	24.9	23.6	22	22.1	23.1	22.5	22.7	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205.1
Darlene Holman	0	0	26.1	25.2	25.4	25	24.7	25.2	25.7	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	202.3
Marie Riley	21.8	22.5	22.3	21.5	23.7	22.7	0	22	21.7	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200.6
Jane Parker	0	0	23.7	23.7	23.5	25.4	22.3	22.7	22.3	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187.5
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
John McKinney	21	21.8	0	0	0	0	23	21	25.2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134
Jennifer Wang	0	0	0	0	23.1	0	25.4	24.9	22.2	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117.7
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
Larry Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.6	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.8
Morgan McSweeney	0	0	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.1