



FOCAL POINT

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February 2019

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 6th
The program is:

Snowy Owls to Saw-Whet Owls

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Competitions:

The next competition will be February 20th.
Digital subjects are "Nature" & "Open". The print category is "Monochrome".

The deadline to submit digital images is February 17th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Since 1981, Norman Smith has spent countless hours relocating Snowy Owls at Logan International Airport

and collecting data on the owls' roosting and hunting behaviors at their wintering grounds. Since 2000, satellite transmitters attached to snowy owls have provided additional information about these visiting raptors. Smith is best known as "The Man Who Saves Snowy Owls at Logan Airport". His work has been featured on several Boston TV stations and in various newspapers as well as scientific journals. More information about Norman can be found on the Mass Audubon website www.massaudubon.org under the *Snowy Owl Project*.

Norman Smith's mission is to use the information gathered from his research to stimulate a passion in everyone he meets to help us better understand, appreciate and care for this world in which we live. Join us to find out what has been learned to date, what questions remain, and how this project has broadened to include research on saw-whet owls.

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The presentation is free and open to the general public. AVCC welcomes anyone interested in learning more about photography as a visual art and its practical application as a science. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month from now through early June in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street. For more information check out the AVCC website at assabetvalleycc.com or contact John Gill, club President, at 978-293-5192.

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.

Competition Images:

Just a reminder about the new resolution we will be using for competition.

Just resize your images to 1400 (H) x 1050 (V) instead of (1024 x 768).

Note: If you submit an image with the old resolution, it will display fine, but it will display smaller.

Jan. '19 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Blue Jay With Peanuts	Paul Weisbach	29.1	1st
Razor Bill Asking to Share	Leon Ferrante	28.2	2nd
Tower Bridge at Sunset	Sue Abrahamsen	28.1	3rd
Lion Eyes	Darlene Holman	27.9	
Bass Harbor Light	Todd Mathieson	26.6	
A Cascade of Light	Bob Cooke	26.1	
Hawk With Puffed Feathers	Bob Escott	26	
St. Lucia Street Scene	Linda Gilberti	25.4	
Sunflower Field	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.8	
King Tide at Capre Neddick	Linda Shelales	24.8	
<u>Make-Up for Dec. '18 - SKYLINE</u>			
Sunset Over Bristol Harbor, RI	Linda Shelales	26	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Christmas Eve at Hilton Head	Elliot Mednick	26.1	1st
Little One	Heather Ruthoff	26.1	1st
Beagle Channel Mountains	Larry Alley	26	2nd
Lily Being Lily	Mary Strachan	24.9	3rd
Looking Down	Bill Weiblen	23.5	
<u>Make-Up for</u>			

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2018-2019

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	27	28.8	26.6	28.1	0	0	0	0	135.2
Darlene Holman	27	25.3	25	28	27.9	0	0	0	0	133.2
Leon Ferrante	23.7	26.3	29.5	25.2	28.2	0	0	0	0	132.9
Paul Weisbach	27.1	25.9	25	24	29.1	0	0	0	0	131.1
Linda Shelales	25.5	25.8	27	26	24.8	0	0	0	0	129.1
Bob Escott	23.7	24	26.7	25	26	0	0	0	0	125.4
Bob Cooke	25	24.7	24.3	25.1	26.1	0	0	0	0	125.2
Todd Mathieson	22.3	25.8	26.1	24.2	26.6	0	0	0	0	125
Linda Gilberti	24.5	25.3	24.5	24.4	25.4	0	0	0	0	124.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	25.5	25.9	24.1	24.8	0	0	0	0	123.8
Dave Morin	25.3	22.8	27.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.3
Ginny Harris	0	26.3	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.9
SILVER	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	24.2	25.9	27.6	25.9	26.1	0	0	0	0	129.7
Larry Alley	25.3	23.4	27.5	26.6	26	0	0	0	0	128.8
Mary Strachan	23.4	25	22.3	24.1	24.9	0	0	0	0	119.7
Maureen Mathieson	25.3	25.6	0	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	74.8
Cathy Robotis	23.2	25.8	0	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	74.7
Heather Ruthroff	0	27.4	0	0	26.1	0	0	0	0	53.5
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	47.3
Larry Wellington	0	23.5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5
John Sahagian	0	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3

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Jan. '19 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Swallowtail Caterpillar	John Gill	29.5	1st
Little White Butterfly	Cathy Simmons	28.8	2nd
Mute Swan Profile	Doris Monteiro	28.7	3rd
The Circle of Light	Todd Mathieson	28.3	
Taveta Golden Weaver Building Nest	Tony Monteiro	28.2	
Gerbera Daisy	Ginny Harris	28.1	
Reflections on Our Flag	Linda Shelales	27.5	
Bourne Bridge Sunset	Robyn Saur	26.5	
Pemigewasset River Bridge	Sue Abrahamsen	26.4	
Copenhagen Icons	John Houldsworth	25.9	
Ghost Dancers	Maureen Mathieson	25.5	
Cathy's Friend	Drew Simmons	24.9	
CLASS A			
Swallowtail Faces Bumble Bee	Darlene Holman	28	1st
Snowy Owl Keeping an Eye On Me	Leon Ferrante	27.6	2nd
Caiman Lizard	Jill Lockwood	27.2	3rd
Pomegranate Pear and Placemate	Jane Parker	27.1	
Bald Eagle	Barbara Huntley	26.5	
Looking at You	Bob Escott	26.4	
Yosemite Falls	Dave Reynard	25.6	
Reflection in Thailand	Linda Gilberti	25.5	
Day Lilys	Diana Ledoux	25.2	
CLASS B			
Red White and Bubbles	Natalie Schiavone	28.8	1st
South Station	Jim Quinn	27.7	2nd
Dunlins in Flight	Larry Alley	27	3rd
Lulu at Chatham	John McKinney	26.9	
Lake Powell Vista	Bob Cooke	26.8	
Who's Got the Button	Theresa Vachowski	26.4	
Playing Football in Central Park	Catherine Robotis	26.4	
Garden Lillies	Marie Riley	26.2	
Tucks Point Essex	Pam Meoli	26.2	
On a Mission	Elliot Mednick	26.1	
Castello A Toscana	Chip Allen	26	
Early Morning Launch	Mary Strachan	26	
Getting Ready	Heather Ruthoff	26	
Three Ways	Linda Destefano Brown	26	
Roman Pizzeria	Peter Stultz	25.8	
Swan at Hager Pond	Liz Krouse	25.4	
Peggy's Cove Light	Susan Nichols	25.2	
Make-Up for Dec. '18			
Cattle Egret With Frog	Larry Alley	24.3	

Jan. '19 Digital Competition - LOOKING DOWN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Roseate Spoonbill Staring Down	Tony Monteiro	29.5	1st
Mountain Goat Peering Downward	Doris Monteiro	29.2	2nd
Spike Showing Off	John Gill	29.1	3rd
Looking Down at Page	Sue Abrahamsen	28.1	
Snowy Egret Hunting	Drew Simmons	27.8	
Leah Looking at Flower	Robyn Saur	27.8	
White Breasted Nuthatch	Ginny Harris	27.4	
Frog Pond	Cathy Simmons	26.9	
Lyra Hoop	John Houldsworth	24.7	
Looking Down the Stairs	Maureen Mathieson	24.3	
The Sea Mesmerizing Me	Linda Shelales	24.3	
Here's Looking at You	Todd Mathieson	23.3	
CLASS A			
Clack Crowned Crane Looks at Acorn	Darlene Holman	27.7	1st
Looking Down From the Pru	Leon Ferrante	27.6	2nd
John Ball Zoomichigan	Bob Escott	27.3	3rd
Berlin Town Hall Staircase	Barbara Huntley	26.7	
It's You Again	Jane Parker	26.7	
I Forgot to Untie It	Diana Ledoux	26.5	
Floating on Cloud Nine	Dave Reynard	26	
Rain Forest Tree Fern	Linda Gilberti	25.4	
Shenandoah Valley	Jill Lockwood	24.3	
CLASS B			
Looking Down at Chloe	Elliot Mednick	29	1st
Up Up and Away	Natalie Schiavone	28.1	2nd
Spiral Stairway	Peter Stultz	27.6	3rd
Head of the Charles	Jim Quinn	27.4	
Looking Down at Bryce Canyon	Larry Alley	26.7	
Two Worlds Collide	Catherine Robotis	26.5	
The Ascent	Susan Nichols	26.2	
What's Down There?	Marie Riley	26.2	
Looking Down at Red Boat	Pam Meoli	25.9	
Looking Down the Alps	John McKinney	25.8	
Guardian of Paris	Mary Strachan	25.8	
Gull Looking Down	Liz Krouse	25.8	
Looking Down Upon Venezia Gondoliers	Chip Allen	25.6	
Scavenger	Theresa Vachowski	25.5	
Whence We Came	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.9	
Lookin' Down	Bob Cooke	23.8	

Make-Up for Dec. '18			
Great Blue With Fish	Larry Alley	28.8	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2018-2019

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	24.5	26	28.1	28.3	28.7	26.2	28.6	28.7	28.2	29.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	276.8
John Gill	26.8	24.2	28.7	26.8	27.5	27.8	28.6	25.5	29.5	29.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	274.5
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	27.6	25.1	28.5	25.8	27.5	28.8	28.7	29.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	271
Sue Abrahamson	25.4	22.7	27	28.6	25.3	27	25.7	27.6	26.4	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	263.8
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	26.7	26.2	26.8	24.3	28	27.6	28.8	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	263.7
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	24.4	25.7	27.7	28.5	26.6	28.2	28.3	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	261.8
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	23.7	28.5	25	26.2	25.6	27.3	28.1	27.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	260.8
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	24.7	25.4	25.3	23.3	26.2	28.2	26.5	27.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	257.7
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	24.7	25.1	26.8	25.4	26	25.4	24.9	27.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	252.9
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	26.7	24.5	25.2	23.8	25.5	24.5	27.5	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250.4
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	22.9	23.3	24.3	26	27.1	27.2	25.5	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246.3
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	25.9	24.5	24.2	25	23.3	24.7	25.9	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243.9
Dave Morin	25.7	25.3	22.6	24.3	23	24	22.8	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
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
Leon Ferrante	26	23.6	28.2	28.1	24.2	28.8	25.7	27.2	27.6	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	267
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	28	26.6	25.8	24	27.1	28	28	27.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	261.8
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	24.8	26.7	24.2	26.2	27.1	26.8	25.6	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	256
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	25	25.2	26.9	25.2	24.5	26.1	27.1	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253.7
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	25.7	27	22.7	25.8	26.8	24.2	26.4	27.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253.6
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	26.4	25.7	23	23.7	25.7	27.6	26.5	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	251.2
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	24.7	24.1	24	24.5	27.1	26.2	25.5	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	245.6
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	24.9	22.8	24.8	23.1	24.9	25.3	27.2	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242.8
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	22.6	23.3	22.8	25.1	23.7	23	25.2	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	239.7
Dean Giolas	23.2	22	25.4	23.9	24.8	25.2	23.9	21.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189.6
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
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	24.6	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.7	28	28.8	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	258.5
Elliot Mednick	25.7	24.2	25.6	27.9	25.1	23.4	24	27.3	26.1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	258.3
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	24.9	24.3	25.6	26.6	24.3	28.8	27	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254.3
Susan Nichols	23.9	25.7	22.9	24.8	25.4	26.4	23.5	25.2	25.2	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249.2
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	23.1	24.5	24.7	26.2	23.9	24.4	27.7	27.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	248.5
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	22.6	24.3	24.5	24	24.4	27	26.9	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246.5
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	24.8	24.1	22.9	25.7	25	24.1	26	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	24	22.7	22.4	24.7	26.2	24.3	23.5	25.8	26	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.5
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	22.5	25	25.5	23.4	22.8	23.9	26.2	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241.1
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	21.7	26.7	21.5	22.5	27.5	23.7	26.8	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	24.4	23.7	23	22.5	23.4	23.8	26.4	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237.3
Cathy Robotis	24.3	24.7	26.5	9	23.5	23.6	25.4	26.9	26.4	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236.8
Peter Stultz	0	0	0	0	25.7	25	24.2	24.8	25.8	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153.1
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	23.4	22.9	0	0	0	0	26.2	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144.7
Larry Wellington	0	0	22.9	25.2	25.7	25.5	0	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123.5
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	24.4	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.3
Chip Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.6
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.4	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.2