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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

January 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: January 2nd

The program is:

"The Best of the NECCC Prints"

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Competitions:

The next competition will be January 16th.

Digital subjects are "Looking Down" & "Open". The print category is "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is January 13th @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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Photography Exhibit

Presented by Members of the

Assabet Valley Camera Club

Artists' Reception to be held at Nancy's Air Field Café
at the Minute Man Air Field, 302 Boxboro Road, Stow
from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 13th

This eclectic collection of prints is the combined work of various members of the Assabet Valley Camera Club.

Featured photographers are ~

Sue Abrahamsen

Linda DeStefano Brown

Bob Cooke

John Gill

Ginny Harris

Gary Karagosian

Maureen Mathieson

Todd Mathieson

Elliot Mednick

David Morin

Catherine Robotis

Linda Shelales



Assabet Valley Camera Club has over 50 members of all ages from 15 different communities in the greater Metro West area. AVCC welcomes anyone interested in learning more about photography as a visual art and its practical application as a science.

Club Photo Ops:

Saturday Jan 26, 2019 from 9am-3pm

The set up from year to year can change. It is a group effort. We encourage everyone to find some interesting table top setups.

We may not have room for everything, but if you do see something interesting, please forward it to Me so we can try some new things.

It is a fun event and also a great learning experience.

Scavenger Hunt

Just a reminder about this years' scavenger hunt. The closing date for submittals is Mar 20th. All the information is posted on our club website We encourage everyone to participate. It is a fun and challenging event.

The scavenger hunt serves two purposes. First, it challenges ourselves to get images that we may normally not think about. We will be judging the entries at our May program night. Secondly, we use these images as possible entries into the Quad club competition that will be held in May.

We are now competing with 3 other clubs for the trophy. We would like to do well this year, so the More images we can choose from, the better we will do.

NOTE: You can start to upload images at any time. You do not have to enter all the categories at once. Even if you only have a few images that meet the subject, please enter them so we have Enough to choose from for the Quad club comp.

NECCC Conference

Just a final reminder about the NECCC conference courtesy enrollment. The NECCC Photography Conference will be held in Amherst Ma July 12-14th. NECCC is offering a \$40 courtesy enrollment (normally \$205) for a club member Who has not attended the conference previously.

More info on the conference can be seen here:

<http://www.neccc.org/p/2019-conference.html>

If you are interested, please let me know by the next meeting Jan 2nd.

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.

Dec. '18 Print Competition - SKYLINE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Seaport Boston	Darlene Holman	28	1st
Trees on the Skyline	Sue Abrahamsen	26.6	2nd
Zion National Park Skyline	Leon Ferrante	25.2	3rd
Lake Powell Skyline	Bob Cooke	25.1	
Venice Skyline	Bob Escott	25	
Dawn and Civilization	Linda Gilberti	24.4	
Chicago's Navy Pier and John Hancock Tower	Todd Mathieson	24.2	
Nature's Skyline	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.1	
Boston View From Fan Pier Park	Paul Weisbach	24	
<u>Make-Up for Nov. '18 - NATURE</u>			
Out of the Fog	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.9	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Seattle - Space Needle to Century Field	Larry Alley	26.6	1st
My Kind of Town	Elliot Mednick	25.9	2nd
The City That Never Sleeps	Cathy Robotis	25.7	3rd
Edinburgh at Christmas	Mary Strachan	24.1	
Chicago River 2018	Maureen Mathieson	23.9	
<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	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	27	28.8	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	107.1
Darlene Holman	27	25.3	25	28	0	0	0	0	0	105.3
Leon Ferante	23.7	26.3	29.5	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	104.7
Paul Weisbach	27.1	25.9	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	102
Bob Escott	23.7	24	26.7	25	0	0	0	0	0	99.4
Bob Cooke	25	24.7	24.3	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	99.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	25.5	25.9	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	99
Linda Gilberti	24.5	25.3	24.5	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	98.7
Todd Mathieson	22.3	25.8	26.1	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	98.4
Linda Shelales	25.5	25.8	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	78.3
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
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	24.2	25.9	27.6	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	103.6
Larry Alley	25.3	23.4	27.5	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	102.8
Mary Strachan	23.4	25	22.3	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	94.8
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
Larry Wellington	0	23.5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5
Heather Ruthroff	0	27.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.4
John Sahagian	0	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.8

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Dec. '18 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Katydid on Mexican Shellflower	John Gill	28.6	1st
Surfacing Brown Bear	Tony Moneiro	28.6	1st
Green Sweat Bee	Cathy Simmons	28	2nd
Lip Smacking Lion	Doris Monteiro	27.5	3rd
Gorilla Portrait	Maureen Mathieson	27.1	
Red Fox	Todd Mathieson	26.6	
Happy Holidays From Key West	Robyn Saur	26.2	
Romantic Sunset	Drew Simmons	26	
Chipmunk Lunch	Sue Abrahamson	25.7	
Bobolink With Caterpillars	Ginny Harris	25.6	
Do You See What I See?	Linda Shelales	25.5	
Checking the Pasta	John Houldsworth	23.3	
Balloon Fire	Dave Morin	22.8	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
What Is Going On	Linda Giberti	27.1	1st
Glowing Golden Gate	Dave Reynard	27.1	1st
White Peony in the Wind	Darlene Holman	27.1	1st
Fox Squirrel Resting	Bob Escott	26.8	2nd
Zoe's Boat	Barbara Huntley	25.7	3rd
Mandarin Duck in Central Park NY	Leon Ferrante	25.7	3rd
Water Dog	Jill Lockwood	24.9	
Nantucket Side Trip	Jane Parker	24.5	
Fire Ball at King Richard's Faire	Dean Giolas	23.9	
Puddles	Diana Ledoux	23.7	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Who Bit My Butt?	Bob Cooke	27.5	1st
Central Park's Newest Resident	Catherine Robotis	25.4	2nd
Mud Pots of Yellowstone	Mary Strachan	25	3rd
Rockport Dinghies	John McKinney	24.4	
Stair Shadows	Peter Stultz	24.2	
Rush in Concert	Elliot Mednick	24	
Sunrise on Cape Cod	Jim Quinn	23.9	
Royal Navy Dockyard	Natalie Schiavone	23.7	
April Snow	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	
Goose	Susan Nichols	23.5	
Brush Bristles Up Close	Theresa Vachowski	23.4	
Bee in Flight	Pam Meoli	22.8	
<u>Make-Up for Nov. '18</u>			
Marquand Chapel	Larry Wellington	25.7	

Dec. '18 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Great Egret With Skewered Catch	Doris Monteiro	28.8	1st
Sibling Stare Down (Immature Great Blues)	Tony Monteiro	28.7	2nd
Great Egret Feeding Chick	Todd Mathieson	28.2	3rd
Tricolor Heron With Shrimp	Robyn Saur	28.2	3rd
Mating Ladybugs	Cathy Simmons	27.6	
Dancing Bear	Sue Abrahamsen	27.6	
Pileated Woodpecker 2	Ginny Harris	27.3	
Comorant in Acadia	Maureen Mathieson	27.2	
Moss Glenn Falls VT	John Gill	25.5	
Bathing Bird	Drew Simmons	25.4	
Gull and Clam	Dave Morin	25.3	
Antarctica Ice	John Houldsworth	24.7	
A Whale's Salute	Linda Shelales	24.5	
CLASS A			
Mute Swan and Cygnets	Darlene Holman	28	1st
Feeding Time	Barbara Huntley	27.6	2nd
Mother Loon With Twins	Leon Ferrante	27.2	3rd
Half Dome and Whispies	Dave Reynard	26.8	
Rain Forest Wonder	Linda Gilberti	26.2	
Chicken of the Woods	Jane Parker	26.1	
American Alligator	Jill Lockwood	25.3	
October Colors	Bob Escott	24.2	
Fall Fern	Diana Ledoux	23	
A View of What's to Come	Dean Giolas	21.2	
CLASS B			
Happy Dolphin	Natalie Schiavone	28	1st
Puffin Portrait	Elliot Mednick	27.3	2nd
Turkey Vulture Looking For Dinner	John McKinney	27	3rd
The Nutcracker	Catherine Robotis	26.9	
From Trap Falls	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.8	
Chickadee Chatter	Susan Nichols	25.2	
Peacock and Fern	Peter Stultz	24.8	
Crab on the Beach	Jim Quinn	24.4	
Dandelion Seed Head	Heather Ruthroff	24.4	
Arrangement in Pink and Purple	Larry Wellington	24.2	
Atlantic Puffin	Mary Strachan	24.1	
As the Ravens Fly	Pam Meoli	23.9	
Forest Floor Find	Theresa Vachowski	23.8	
Rainbow Bridge - Lake Powell	Bob Cooke	23.7	

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	219.1
John Gill	26.8	24.2	28.7	26.8	27.5	27.8	28.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215.9
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	27.6	25.1	28.5	25.8	27.5	28.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	213.1
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	24.4	25.7	27.7	28.5	26.6	28.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210.2
Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	22.7	27	28.6	25.3	27	25.7	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209.3
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	26.7	26.2	26.8	24.3	28	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	23.7	28.5	25	26.2	25.6	27.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205.3
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	24.7	25.4	25.3	23.3	26.2	28.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203.4
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	24.7	25.1	26.8	25.4	26	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200.2
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	26.7	24.5	25.2	23.8	25.5	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198.6
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	22.9	23.3	24.3	26	27.1	27.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196.5
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	25.9	24.5	24.2	25	23.3	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.3
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211.8
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	28	26.6	25.8	24	27.1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	206.1
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	24.8	26.7	24.2	26.2	27.1	26.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204.4
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	25.7	27	22.7	25.8	26.8	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	199.9
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	25	25.2	26.9	25.2	24.5	26.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	199.9
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	26.4	25.7	23	23.7	25.7	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	24.7	24.1	24	24.5	27.1	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194.7
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	24.9	22.8	24.8	23.1	24.9	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191.3
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
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	22.6	23.3	22.8	25.1	23.7	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	188
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
Elliot Mednick	25.7	24.2	25.6	27.9	25.1	23.4	24	27.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203.2
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	24.6	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.7	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201.6
Susan Nichols	23.9	25.7	22.9	24.8	25.4	26.4	23.5	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197.8
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	24.8	24.1	22.9	25.7	25	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194.3
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	22.6	24.3	24.5	24	24.4	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	24	22.7	22.4	24.7	26.2	24.3	23.5	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.6
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	23.1	24.5	24.7	26.2	23.9	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.4
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	21.7	26.7	21.5	22.5	27.5	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189.4
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	22.5	25	25.5	23.4	22.8	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	24.4	23.7	23	22.5	23.4	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185.4
Cathy Robotis	24.3	24.7	26.5	9	23.5	23.6	25.4	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	183.9
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	24.9	24.3	25.6	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147.5
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
Peter Stultz	0	0	0	0	25.7	25	24.2	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99.7
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	23.4	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.3
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.3