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January 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 program meeting: January 4th. Presented by Michael Goodman

Adding Points to Your Competitive Images

Competing more successfully as a way to improve your photographic skills

I have been competing in camera clubs and international salons actively for well over thirty years now. I have also judged at clubs throughout New England for the last 30+ years as well as at international exhibitions such as the Greater Lynn International and the Glennie International. I suspect I have seen tens of thousands of images during this time. This process has allowed me to grow and develop as a photographer in ways that I don't believe would have been possible otherwise. The judges (mostly good but occasionally not) along the way have all contributed to my evolution as a photographer.

I have done pretty well in both the club competitions and internationals I am proud to say. I am so ever grateful for the camera clubs that I have been part of (Waltham, Boston, Boston West and Gateway) that have enabled my interest and skills to grow and flourish. I have learned a lot and want to share some of my reflections and learnings with people who may be relatively new to competitions as well as veterans who are looking to move up a level or two in their mastery.

Michael Goodman's "Adding Points to Your Competitive Images" is supported in part by grants from the Hudson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency."

Next competition meeting: January 18.

Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Open"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Starburst Effect"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creative Images

As Todd mentioned at the last meeting, 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

Board Meeting

The board meeting is scheduled for Tues, January 10th, from 7-10pm.

Proposed agenda:

1. Prepare for Hi Jinx on January 21st
2. Mid-year update regarding : membership, programs, what is happening with the mentor program, the Friends of the Marlborough Library Photo Show, Scavenger Hunt, Multi-Screen, judging in general, club finances, purchase of new projector & computer committee
3. Club needs to address the guidelines and rules around image submission. There have been a number of incidents since May that have caused concern. We need to have specific language regarding entries and state the consequences for infractions to the guidelines/rules.
4. Could we do something about holding our banquet, an auction, and a long competition on one night, followed by a long clean-up and furniture move?

Stephanie Gill

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 1st. If more than one member submits their name, a drawing will be held on February 1st.

Stephanie Gill



Art in the Hall

“THINGS THAT MAKE ME SMILE”

MULTI-ARTIST EXHIBIT

ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME



Exhibit on display from January 12 through March 9
at Hudson Town Hall

Register: by 1/10 | Drop-off: 1/12, 6 - 7 pm | Pickup: 3/9, 6 - 7 pm

Register online at upwitharts.org.

Limited space available for this particular event.



RIVER'S EDGE ARTS ALLIANCE

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Dec. '16 Print Competition - AMERICANA			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
GOLD			
Fall at the Grist Mill	Sue Abrahamsen	27.7	1st
Red White and Blue, Vermont USA	Todd Mathieson	26.3	2nd
The Potter	John Gill	24.6	3rd
Ashuelot Covered Bridge NH	Linda Shelales	24.4	
Real American Horsepower	Bob Cooke	23.9	
SILVER			
Ain't Nothin but a Hound Dog	Ann DeCristofaro	25.5	1st
Grafton Country Store	Dave Morin	25.1	2nd
Artisan at Work	Bob Escott	25	3rd
New Hampshire Barn	Diana Bull	23.9	
Middlesex County Volunteers	Stephanie Gill	23.2	
Vinalhaven Maine	Barbara Huntley	23	
BRONZE			
Broken Dreams	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.5	1st
Minutemen Protect Their Tavern	Leon Ferrante	25.5	1st
Purple Mountains Majesty	Darlene Holman	24.8	2nd
Bad Boys	Art Walker	23.3	3rd
Happy Days (and Nights)	Mary Strachan	22.8	

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2016-2017

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	27.8	25	26.4	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	105.5
Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	23.6	26.6	27.7	0	0	0	0	0	102.7
Linda Shelales	24.8	24.7	26.1	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	100
John Gill	22.4	26.5	26.3	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	99.8
Bob Cooke	23.1	24.6	23.5	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	95.1
Linda Gilberti	23.3	22	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	68.2
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
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	27.1	23.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	102.3
Dave Morin	28.5	23.2	25.2	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	102
Bob Escott	24.8	24	23.5	25	0	0	0	0	0	97.3
Diana Bull	24	24.8	24.1	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	96.8
Stephanie Gill	23.3	23.6	23.9	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	94
Barbara Huntley	23.5	23.2	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	69.7
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
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	22.4	24.5	26.5	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	98.9
Darlene Holman	21.8	25	25.6	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	97.2
Art Walker	24.6	25.8	23	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	96.7
Mary Strachan	24	24.5	24.5	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	95.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	22.5	23.1	23.9	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	95
John Sahagian	21.8	23.8	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	67.5
Larry Alley	0	23.5	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.3
Bill Weiblen	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23

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Dec. '16 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Lotus and Bee 716	John Gill	27.9	1st
Just us Lily Pads	Cathy Simmons	27.1	2nd
Follow the Leader	Dave Morin	25.8	3rd
Spicebush Swallowtail	Linda Shelales	25.5	
Tower Hill Limonaria	Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	
Net Fishing at Sunset	Tony Monteiro	25.2	
Pied Billed Grebe Stretching its Wings	Doris Monteiro	25.2	
Snowy Egret	Drew Simmons	24	
Devoted Jogger	Liz West	23.9	
Fishing Gear	Stephanie Gill	23.3	
Slate Covered Bridge Swanzey NH #2	Todd Mathieson	23	
Enjoying the Sun	John Houldsworth	22.5	
CLASS A			
Barn Owl	Ginny Harris	26.3	1st
Lotus Bud With Raindrops	Maureen Mathieson	25.7	2nd
Jonesport at Sunset	Marty Paulausky	24.5	3rd
Mount Auburn	Bob Escott	24.3	
Scouts of America	Dean Giolas	23.8	
Temple of Peace	Diana Ledoux	23.5	
NYC Rockettes Christmas Finale	Barbara Huntley	23.4	
Penguin Photo Op	Linda Gilberti	23.1	
Pink & Blue	Jill Lockwood	22.4	
Bass Harbor Sunrise	Dave Reynard	21.5	
CLASS B			
The Moment of Snowing	Jennifer Wang	25.4	1st
Zebra Longwing	Art Walker	25	2nd
Boston at Night	Leon Ferrante	24.8	3rd
Rocky Beach British Columbia	Darlene Holman	24.7	
Patriots Assault	Ann DeCristofaro	24.5	
Lobster Shack	Mary Strachan	24.3	
Pond Lillies	Theresa Vachowski	24	
The Photographer	Diana Bull	23.8	
Autumn Peace	Catherine Robotis	23.1	
Patterns Winter Park Florida	John McKinney	23	
Street Scene in Naples	Jim Quinn	22.8	
Autumn Old Stone Church	Natalie Schiavone	22.3	
In His Zone	Jane Parker	22.3	
Mother and Daughter	Linda DeStefano Brown	21.6	
Fall's Golden Glow	Bob Cooke	22.7	

Dec. '16 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Pinniped Battle With Spectator	Tony Monteiro	27.8	1st
Mom Got the Fish #2	Sue Abrahamsen	27	2nd
Fresh Catch for the Anhinga	Doris Monteiro	26.9	3rd
Great Egret in Flight Orlando 2016	Todd Mathieson	26.7	
Milkweed Bug Nymphs on Milkweed	Drew Simmons	26.3	
Dragonfly Eating Wasp	Cathy Simmons	26.2	
Blue Heron High Four	Linda Shelales	25.2	
Seaweed and Seashell	Stephanie Gill	24.8	
Seven Ladyslippers	Liz West	24.3	
Candy Striped Leafhopper 615	John Gill	24.2	
Close Up	Dave Morin	21.9	
Unstable Rock	John Houldsworth	21.5	
CLASS A			
Bald Eagles Mating at Sunset	Marty Paulausky	26.5	1st
Great Egrets in Nest	Maureen Mathieson	26.3	2nd
Nest Building	Barbara Huntley	25.9	3rd
Loon Chick Preening	Ginny Harris	25.2	
Swallowing Lunch	Bob Escott	25.1	
Slatestone Falls - 2016	Dave Reynard	24.4	
Gunnysack Creek Alaska	Dean Giolas	22.1	
Yellow Flowers and Lipines	Diana Ledoux	21.9	
Brown Pelican	Jill Lockwood	20.6	
CLASS B			
A Mouth Full	Diana Bull	27.9	1st
Artic Ground Squirrel	Mary Strachan	26.2	2nd
Hmn Don't Those Look Interesting	Art Walker	25.2	3rd
Down East Maine Eagle	Darlene Holman	25.2	3rd
Brazilian Prowler	Bob Cooke	25.1	
Looking For Fish	Leon Ferrante	25	
Super Moon 2016	Jennifer Wang	24.9	
Lotus in Sunlight	Ann DeCristofaro	23.7	
She Works Hard For Her Honey	Jane Parker	22.7	
Fall at High Ledges Wildlife Sanctuary	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.6	
Seagull Sunrise	Natalie Schaivone	22.6	
Foggy Forest	Catherine Robotis	22.5	
Dragonfly	Theresa Vachowski	22.1	
Geese on Carding Mill Pond	John McKinney	21	
Great Blue Heron in Assset River	Jim Quinn	21	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2016-2017

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	TOTAL
John Gill	28.5	27.8	26.5	26.9	25.3	25.7	27.9	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212.8
Cathy Simmons	28.5	28.2	24.5	26.3	25.3	25.7	27.1	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211.8
Doris Monteiro	29.3	27.3	26.4	26.3	24.7	25.4	25.2	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211.5
Tony Monteiro	28.5	25.1	26.8	24.7	25.3	26	25.2	27.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209.4
Todd Mathieson	30	24	27.3	25.8	24.1	24.8	23	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205.7
Sue Abrahamson	26.3	26.9	24.2	25.9	22.7	24.9	25.4	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203.3
Linda Shelales	26.3	21.8	24.9	26.2	24.2	24.7	25.5	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198.8
Dave Morin	28.5	23.3	24.4	23.7	23.8	24.5	25.8	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195.9
Drew Simmons	24.8	26.9	23.8	22.1	23.5	24	24	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195.4
Stephanie Gill	28.5	24	22.8	23.3	22.9	23.7	23.3	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.3
Liz West	24	24.8	23.9	24.7	22.8	23.6	23.9	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192
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
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
Ginny Harris	30	24.8	24.1	25.1	25.8	22	26.3	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203.3
Barbara Huntley	30	24	25.5	24.2	24.9	23	23.4	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200.9
Maureen Mathieson	25.5	22.5	26.4	26.2	23.6	24	25.7	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200.2
Marty Paulausky	25.5	24	24.9	24	23.7	24.5	24.5	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197.6
Bob Escott	27.8	24.8	22	24.2	23.1	24.7	24.3	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196
Dean Giolas	22.5	27.6	22.8	23.6	23.3	24.5	23.8	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190.2
Dave Reynard	24	21.8	23.6	24	23.8	21.6	21.5	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184.7
Diana Ledoux	22.5	24.6	23	24	23	21.8	23.5	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184.3
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
Linda Gilberti	25.5	25.4	22.2	23.5	22.2	22.2	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164.1
Fred Parsons	25.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.8
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
Leon Ferrante	26.3	24.1	25.9	24.4	22.7	25.4	24.8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198.6
Diana Bull	23.3	25.4	24.2	22.8	24.7	24.7	23.8	27.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196.8
Art Walker	24	24.8	23.7	23.2	23.5	24.4	25	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.8
Ann DeCristofaro	22.5	26.3	23.6	23.8	23.7	24.3	24.5	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192.4
Jim Quinn	24	25.5	25.9	23.7	23.9	23.7	22.8	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190.5
Bob Cooke	22.5	28.1	23.1	23	24.6	22.4	21.3	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190.1
Natalie Schiavone	23.8	24.5	24.8	23	22.7	23.3	22.3	22.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.7	22.9	23.3	23.8	23.7	25.4	21.6	22.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Theresa Vachowski	21	23.1	22.7	22.3	24.6	24.4	24	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184.2
Mary Strachan	0	21.8	23.2	23.9	24.1	23.4	24.3	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166.9
Catherine Robotis	21	0	24.9	23.6	22	22.1	23.1	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159.2
Darlene Holman	0	0	26.1	25.2	25.4	25	24.7	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151.6
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
Jane Parker	0	0	23.7	23.7	23.5	25.4	22.3	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141.3
Marie Riley	21.8	22.5	22.3	21.5	23.7	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134.5
John McKinney	21	21.8	0	0	0	0	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86.8
Jennifer Wang	0	0	0	0	23.1	0	25.4	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73.4
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
Morgan McSweeney	0	0	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.1