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March 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: March 4. Scheduled program:
"Flor-Illusions" by Robert Moll: blurring the distinction between realism and fantasy

Next competition meeting: March 18. Scheduled subjects:
Prints "Nature"
Digital "Open"
Digital assigned subject "Fur or Feathers"

Notes from February meetings:

Paul W. is the club's guest to attend the NECCC Conference in July.

As mentioned previously, at the March 18 competition meeting, the club membership will be voting on a by-laws change during the business portion of the meeting.

Todd M. has submitted entries for the next PSA Travel Photo competition.

The March 18 meeting is the deadline to submit entries for the annual Scavenger Hunt.

As of the Feb. 18 meeting, we have nine members entering the final GLPA Exposition.

The club thanks Todd M. for his tutorial on Rear Curtain Sync, John G. for his on matting and framing in Photoshop, and Liz W. for hers on Blending Modes last month.

The club thanks Art Vaughn for his Best of NECCC 2014 Prints presentation at the February program meeting.

The Friends of Marlborough Library annual Photo Show was postponed because of weather. No re-schedule date has yet been established.

The club field trip to Lincoln NH has been re-scheduled for Saturday, March 7. The sign-up sheet for this trip will be available at the March 4 meeting.

The annual Photo Ops has been re-scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at Hudson Senior Center. Set-up 9 AM to 10 AM; open 10 AM to 3 PM.

Upcoming event: April 1 (program meeting date): Scavenger Hunt viewing and vote

PSA PID 2014-2015 Group D club results from Dec. 19, 2014 judging:

AVCC scored 57 total points. 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

NECCC Winter 2015 Pictorial Class A club results:

AVCC placed 2nd out of 18 clubs with a total of 93 points. Club submissions were:

Around the Bend	Doris M.	23 pts
Greetings from the Grinch	Dave R.	23 pts
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Linda S.	21 pts
Young Female Cardinal	Paul W.	26 pts, First Place

NECCC Winter 2015 Nature Class A club results:

AVCC placed 5th out of 15 clubs with a total of 89 points. Club submissions were:

Osprey with Fish	Barbara H.	21 pts
Great Blue with Fish Concord	Maureen M.	22 pts
Huntington Beach Great Blue	Tony M.	21 pts
Pileated Woodpecker with Young	Paul W.	25 pts, Third Place

News Release:

On Wednesday, March 4, Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host artist Robert Moll, who will present "Flor-Illusions." Moll, who has worked at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, and the Chelmsford Council for the Arts, spent four decades as an advertising photographer. As such, he presents subjects realistically in their most appealing ways.

"Flor-Illusions" is his attempt to blur the distinction between realism and fantasy. Some artists paint so realistically that their images are likened to photographs. Moll is going in the other direction; he wants his photographs compared to paintings. He uses Adobe Photoshop to reshape reality, and at the meeting he plans to share the tools and tricks he uses to create his "illusions."

This program is free and open to the public. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Hudson Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members—anyone interested in photography or enhancing their photographic skills. The club meets at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays each month from now through June at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St, Hudson. For more information, call Liz West (978) 263-2853 or visit our website—<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>.

February 2015 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Did You Hear That?	Todd Mathieson	29.6	1st
Hummingbird 2014	Paul Weisbach	29.0	2nd
Costa Rica Cow	Sue Abrahamsen	25.1	3rd
Anita at Work	Linda Gilberti	24.2	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Live Zebra @ Disney	Maureen Mathieson	27.9	1st
Sally's Liy II	Linda Shelales	27.6	2nd
Busy Bees	Barbara Huntley	25.4	3rd
Sunflowers	John Gill	25.1	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Spring Walk	John Sahagian	29.1	1st
Snowy in Flight	Bob Rose	25.8	2nd
Danforth Falls	Bob Escott	24.9	3rd
Getcha Lobstahs Heah	Michael Doucette	24.3	
Schoodic Point	Stephanie Gill	20.9	

Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition			
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PRINT SUMMARY 2014-2015

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	Open	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	26.1	30.0	29.3	24.8	24.0	29.0	163.2
Todd Mathieson	25.4	28.3	23.8	24.5	21.0	29.6	152.6
Linda Gilberti	24.2	25.0	25.0	22.1	22.0	24.2	142.5
Sue Abrahamsen	24.0	21.0	25.5	24.9	21.0	25.1	141.5
Cathy Simmons	24.3	24.2	23.7	23.5	23.0	0.0	118.7
Drew Simmons	23.0	24.0	23.5	23.4	23.0	0.0	116.9
Ginny Harris	25.5	22.5	22.1	21.0	23.5	0.0	114.6
Bob Cooke	23.0	21.5	22.7	25.6	20.0	0.0	112.8
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	Open	TOTAL
John Gill	24.0	26.0	24.4	24.7	24.0	25.1	148.2
Linda Shelales	27.0	23.0	24.2	23.7	22.0	27.6	147.5
Barbara Huntley	23.3	0.0	22.5	23.4	19.5	25.4	114.1
Maureen Mathieson	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.9	27.9
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Maritime	Open	Open	TOTAL
Bob Escott	24.5	23.5	22.0	28.3	22.0	24.9	145.2
Stephanie Gill	20.7	26.5	24.9	21.0	21.0	20.9	135.0
Michael Doucette	23.3	0.0	19.8	25.8	18.5	24.3	111.7
John Sahagian	23.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.5	29.1	74.9
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	22.9	0.0	19.5	0.0	42.4
Bob Rose	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.8	25.8
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3	0.0	0.0	24.3
Brad Barker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	0.0	21.5
Larry Wellington	0.0	20.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7
Barbara Worrest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.5	0.0	19.5

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February 2015 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Chestnut Mandibled Toucan on Tree	Sue Abrahamsen	26.1	1st
Locomotive Crossing the Animas	Doris Monteiro	26.1	1st
Milk Drop in Red	John Gill	26.1	1st
My Deer Friend	Cathy Simmons	26.1	1st
Summitville Home	Tony Monteiro	25.7	2nd
Day Lily #2	Linda Shelales	23.4	3rd
Giraffe at Animal Kingdom	Todd Mathieson	23.4	3rd
CLASS A			
Quiet Harbor	Stephanie Gill	29.7	1st
Winter of Our Discontent	Ginny Harris	28.1	2nd
Lotus Seed Pod	Maureen Mathieson	24.6	3rd
On Guard	Dave Reynard	24.6	3rd
Reddish Egret	Barbara Huntley	23.9	
Red Lips	Marty Paulausky	23.6	
The One and Only	Dean Giolas	23.4	
CLASS B			
Barn in Snow	Liz West	26.9	1st
The Guggenheim	Diana Ledoux	26.7	2nd
Nora at the Beach	Jill Lockwood	26.4	3rd
Blue Lagoon	Bob Escott	24.5	
Topsail	Robert Beauchemin	23.7	
Cummins Diesel Power	Michael Doucette	23.6	
New Hampshire Stream	Jim Quinn	23.1	
Blackbird Swaying in the Wind	Theresa Vachowski	22.8	

February 2015 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Great Blue Heron With Fish 2	Todd Mathieson	29.7	1st
New Mexican Sandhill Crane	Tony Monteiro	27.3	2nd
Morning Swim	Doris Monteiro	26.4	3rd
Tadpole on Leaf	Sue Abrahamsen	26.1	
Immature White Ibis Feeding	Cathy Simmons	26.0	
Dragonfly on Lily Leaf	Linda Shelales	24.5	
Hover Bee on Cone Flower	John Gill	23.4	
CLASS A			
Windy	Marty Paulausky	28.1	1st
On the Lookout	Dean Giolas	26.3	2nd
Forever Carved	Dave Reynard	26.1	3rd
Lotus and Bee	Stephanie Gill	25.8	
Loon and Chick Antrim, NH	Ginny Harris	24.9	
Humpback Whale Feeding	Barbara Huntley	24.9	
Pearl Crescent Feeding	Maureen Mathieson	21.0	
CLASS B			
Time for a Rest	Diana Ledoux	24.3	1st
Blue Dasher Landing	Michael Doucette	24.2	2nd
Can U Do This	Bob Escott	24.0	3rd
Leaves	Liz West	23.6	
Cape Cod Seals	Jim Quinn	23.1	
Oregon Coast	Robert Beauchemin	22.5	
Rye Baech Snowy Owl	Theresa Vachowski	22.4	
Sun on the Lake	Jill Lockwood	21.5	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2014-2015													
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		TOTAL
	Open	Transportation	Open	Nature	Open	Ugly	Open	Nature	Open	Patterns	Open	Nature	
CLASS AA													
Doris Monteiro	27.2	25.2	28.0	29.5	25.9	24.0	27.1	26.4	21.5	24.0	26.1	26.4	311.3
Tony Monteiro	26.3	24.2	26.9	28.0	26.1	24.5	26.6	27.0	21.5	19.5	25.7	27.3	303.6
Cathy Simmons	23.4	24.6	24.5	24.5	29.2	25.4	25.7	24.6	23.0	23.0	26.1	26.0	300.0
Sue Abrahamsen	25.1	24.6	24.5	23.0	27.8	24.7	25.2	26.0	24.5	21.5	26.1	26.1	299.1
Todd Mathieson	22.1	22.8	27.5	27.5	24.3	25.8	26.6	24.6	23.0	19.5	23.4	29.7	296.8
John Gill	24.9	24.6	21.5	28.0	27.1	22.9	24.4	25.7	23.0	21.5	26.1	23.4	293.1
Linda Shelales	24.5	23.7	24.8	23.5	25.8	26.3	24.2	26.9	22.0	21.0	23.4	24.5	290.6
Dave Morin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	21.5	0.0	0.0	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	29.7	25.8	300.2
Barbara Huntley	23.6	23.7	27.5	20.3	25.6	21.1	25.7	27.2	24.0	23.5	23.9	24.9	291.0
Dave Reynard	23.9	24.6	24.9	21.0	20.8	22.8	27.2	26.0	24.0	22.5	24.6	26.1	288.4
Ginny Harris	24.9	21.6	25.4	21.3	24.9	21.0	24.9	26.7	20.5	20.5	28.1	24.9	284.7
Maureen Mathieson	25.1	23.1	27.4	22.8	21.5	19.8	23.2	26.9	22.0	22.0	24.6	21.9	280.3
Marty Paulausky	24.2	24.8	21.5	22.3	21.4	17.5	26.4	25.7	22.5	20.5	23.6	28.1	278.5
Dean Giolas	21.5	22.0	21.5	25.5	22.0	20.6	22.4	24.2	20.5	21.0	23.4	26.3	270.9
Linda Gilberti	22.7	23.4	21.3	22.3	22.5	21.0	24.0	24.1	22.5	20.0	0.0	0.0	223.8
CLASS B													
Liz West	23.1	21.6	21.0	22.5	27.0	24.3	23.7	24.0	22.5	25.0	26.9	23.6	285.2
Bob Escott	25.2	24.0	24.5	22.5	23.7	22.2	21.6	25.2	23.5	22.0	24.5	24.0	282.9
Jill Lockwood	23.7	21.6	23.8	22.0	27.0	23.5	23.9	24.3	21.5	22.5	26.4	21.5	281.7
Jim Quinn	23.0	23.4	22.5	23.0	20.2	24.1	22.5	24.2	22.5	23.5	23.1	23.1	275.1
Diana Ledoux	23.6	22.2	20.4	21.9	20.6	21.4	21.8	24.4	22.5	19.5	26.7	24.3	269.3
Theresa Vachowski	21.0	22.2	21.9	19.5	22.2	21.0	21.8	23.1	19.0	18.5	22.8	22.4	255.4
Michael Doucette	22.7	23.0	25.0	21.0	23.5	0.0	23.8	22.0	21.5	25.0	23.6	24.2	255.3
Marie Riley	22.4	26.0	23.6	24.5	23.1	20.4	21.5	24.0	20.5	18.5	0.0	0.0	224.5
Bob Cooke	26.1	22.1	20.7	25.0	21.4	22.6	21.6	23.8	19.5	19.0	0.0	0.0	221.8
Robert Beauchemin	23.0	22.8	22.5	21.4	22.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.7	22.5	177.9
Bill Tafuri	0.0	0.0	25.5	23.5	23.8	0.0	24.2	24.8	19.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	132.5
Brad Barker	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.8	0.0	24.6	0.0	20.5	23.0	0.0	0.0	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	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	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	0.0	0.0	21.5