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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

March 2016

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 2. Scheduled program:
Leslie Boudreau will discuss use of natural light and processing in Lightroom (see p. 2)

Next competition meeting: March 16. Scheduled subjects:
Prints "Nature"
Digital "Open"
Digital assigned subject "The Color White"

Notes from February meetings:

The club thanks John G. for his mini-tutorial on use of layers at the program meeting, Liz W. for hers on use of layer masks at the competition meeting, and Ray Guillette for his talk about creativity at the program meeting.

This year nobody expressed a desire to attend the NECCC Symposium on the club.

There is an AED between the bathrooms in the hallway outside the meeting room at the Senior Center. The club has two first responders among the membership.

A reminder: 2016 Ocean State International Exhibition entry deadline is March 19. Starting this year, the event has been moved to March and April for accepting entries and judging. Entry fee is \$8 individually; if at least 6 club members enter, the fee is \$5/member. Rules, instructions and entry form can be found at

<http://www.psri.us/os-exhibition/ose-2016/>

Officer elections will be held in June. Our secretary, Linda S, would like an assistant. We will need a VP, librarian and newsletter editor for next season.

The Gills brought up the possibility of doing an apple blossom day trip in the spring.

15 club members attended the Photo Ops event in January.

Todd M. has sent club entries for the PSA Travel Photo competition. Thank you to all who entered.

We are looking for refreshments and greeters for upcoming meetings.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Digital Open scoresheet for January class AA in last month's newsletter was incorrect. "Golden Digger Wasp" should have been attributed to Linda S, not to Linda G. Correct scoresheet is below. (All other scoring and summaries from January is correct as reported.)

January 2016 Digital Competition -- OPEN			
TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
CLASS AA			
Pintail in Flight	Tony Monteiro	29.8	1st
Profile of Scarlet Macaw	Doris Monteiro	29.5	2nd
Eastern Yellow Swallowtail on Cone Flower #2	John Gill	28.9	3rd
Lunch Has Arrived	Sue Abrahamsen	27.5	
Barred Owl Bolton Fair 2015	Todd Mathieson	26.5	
White Peacock	Stephanie Gill	25.6	
Preening Wood Stork	Cathy Simmons	24.3	
Fun in the Pool	John Houldsworth	24	
Snake Eating a Fish	Drew Simmons	23.2	
In the Reeds	Dave Morin	23.2	
Golden Digger Wasp	Linda Shelales	22	

Free Program: Natural Light Photography

On Wednesday, March 2, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will feature a program by photographer and artist Leslie Boudreau. A professional photographer for nine years, she began focusing on weddings five years ago. She will discuss how to use natural light to create photographs and how to do post-processing of these images. Covered topics include: what to look for in a background; how to get the best lighting on a subject; options for posing people; and a walk-through of post-processing techniques using Lightroom. The audience will learn what distinguishes a good photo from a snapshot. They will also see many examples of images that Ms. Boudreau took under different lighting conditions.

This program is free and open to the public. It will appeal to anyone interested in photography or enhancing their photographic skills. AVCC welcomes new and prospective members. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month from now through June at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street in Hudson. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Learn more by visiting our website at www.assabetvalleycc.com. You can also contact Liz West (978) 263-2853.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of our many recent new members, we are re-starting our mentoring program. If you are interested in being a club and/or technical mentor, let Stephanie G. know what you can do. If you would like a mentor, e-mail Liz W. at muffet1@gmail.com with your camera type/model, software, and what kind of mentoring you would like, and she will match you with a suitable club mentor.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Several club members have a print hanging in the Rivers Edge Arts Alliance exhibit at Hudson town hall. This exhibit ends Thursday, March 10; pick-up and reception is from 6 PM to 7 PM on that night.

February 2016 Print Competition -- OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Mount Rainier Reflection	Sue Abrahamsen	28.8	1st
Christine Falls, Mount Rainier NP #2	Todd Mathieson	28.1	2nd
Amaryllis	Cathy Simmons	27.9	3rd
Wiley Coyote	Bob Cooke	27.8	
Lily in Peach	Linda Gilberti	24.9	
Flag at Sunset	Linda Shelales	24.2	
Huey, Dewey, Louie & Mom	Drew Simmons	23	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Surfer - Narragansett	Dave Morin	29.7	1st
Monarch on Joe Pyo Weed	Barbara Huntley	28.4	2nd
Waterlillies	Stephanie Gill	27.5	3rd
Reflections	Bob Escott	26.1	
Shelter From the Storm	John Gill	24.3	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Brown Clipper	Art Walker	27.8	1st
Cormorants in Bosque El Apache	William Weiblen	26.9	2nd
Flamingo	Diana Bull	26.7	3rd
Mount Chocorua Rainbow	Michael Doucette	21.9	
Mill Power	Linda DeStefano Brown	21.3	
<u>Make-Up for OPEN</u>			
Boats of Many Colors	William Weiblen	28.7	
Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition			

PRINT SUMMARY 2015-2016

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	24.9	25.5	26.6	26.6	25.2	28.1	156.9
Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	24	26.2	22.8	25.2	28.8	152.8
Cathy Simmons	24	27	24.2	26.3	21	27.9	150.4
Linda Shelales	24.6	26.6	24.3	25.5	22	24.2	147.2
Linda Gilberti	22.8	26	21.8	24	22.6	24.9	142.1
Bob Cooke	23.6	23	22.1	22.4	22.5	27.8	141.4
Drew Simmons	25.2	23	23.1	22.6	23.4	23	140.3
Paul Weisbach	25	25	24.2	0	26	0	100.2
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	Open	Open	
Dave Morin	23.9	28.5	24.7	28	22	29.7	156.8
John Gill	25.7	24.5	26.1	23.6	29	24.3	153.2
Stephanie Gill	24.5	24.5	24.2	25.5	26.5	27.5	152.7
Bob Escott	25.7	23.5	26.8	23.8	23	26.1	148.9
Barbara Huntley	21	24	25.3	24.8	23.8	28.4	147.3
Maureen Mathieson	0	25	0	0	0	0	25
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	Open	Open	
Diana Bull	26.3	23	21.6	24.4	23.9	26.7	145.9
Bill Weiblen	23.3	28.7	9	0	24	26.9	111.9
Art Walker	0	0	19.8	22.7	22.7	27.8	93
Linda DeStefano Brown	0	0	22	23.1	25	21.3	91.4
Michael Doucette	22.4	19.5	0	0	21.5	21.9	85.3
John Shagian	24.3	0	0	0	20.5	0	44.8

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

February 2016 Digital Competition -- OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Pretty Pigeon	Linda Shelales	28.4	1st
Our Deer Friend 2	Drew Simmons	28.2	2nd
Male Black Faced Dacnis at Feeder	Doris Monteiro	27.3	3rd
Sandhill Cranes In Flight	Tony Monteiro	26.6	
Water Drop With Stripes	Todd Mathieson	25.8	
Snowboarder	John Houldsworth	25.7	
Stormy Skies	John Gill	25.5	
King of the Jungle	Stephanie Gill	25.2	
Colorful Splash	Sue Abrahamsen	24.3	
Black Light Perfume Bottle	Cathy Simmons	24.3	
Best Burger Ever	Dave Morin	24.2	
CLASS A			
Texture of the Lotus Blossom	Maureen Mathieson	28.5	1st
Sunset After the Storm	Ginny Harris	28.5	1st
Shades of Norman Rockwell	Fred Parsons	27.9	2nd
Pink Sunset	Bob Escott	27.6	3rd
Portrait of the Artist	Liz West	25.7	
The Bridge	Jill Lockwood	25.5	
Welcome Spring	Linda Gilberti	25.2	
The Web We Weave	Dave Reynard	24.6	
White Bengal Tiger Pose 2	Barbara Huntley	24.3	
Boy at Play	Marty Paulausky	23.4	
CLASS B			
Monument Valley	Jennifer Wang	27.6	1st
My Horse Won	John McKinney	27.5	2nd
Who's For Dinner	Art Walker	26	3rd
Tree Frosting	Diana Ledoux	25.1	
Violin	Mo Sibachir	24.9	
Jaguar Close Up	Bob Cooke	24.9	
Will it Look Like I Just Got it Cut?	Jim Quinn	24.6	
Eastern Phoebe	Michael Doucette	24.5	
The Thief	Diana Bull	24.5	
Hard Rock Life	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.8	
Red Salmon - Russian River	Theresa Vachowski	22.5	

February 2016 Digital Competition -- NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Nap Time	Stephanie Gill	29	1st
Male Greater Yellowlegs Fishing	Tony Monteiro	28.7	2nd
Mating Darners	Cathy Simmons	28.7	2nd
Queen Anne Lace	Dave Morin	27.8	3rd
Marmot Near Paradise Mt. Rainier NP 2	Todd Mathieson	27.5	
Burrowing Owls - Cape Coral	Drew Simmons	27.5	
Male Cardinal	Linda Shelales	27.3	
The Ambush Bugs' Next Meal	John Gill	26.9	
Pintail Reflection	Doris Monteiro	26.7	
White Throat Heron Fishing	Sue Abrahamsen	25.2	
Turtle on the Move	John Houldsworth	24.3	
CLASS A			
Mt. Rainier Reflection	Marty Paulausky	29	1st
Almost Perfect	Liz West	29	1st
Green Heron Stalking	Barbara Huntley	28.8	2nd
Majestic Mount Rainier	Dave Reynard	28.2	3rd
Penguin Family	Linda Gilberti	27.9	
Agile Angler	Ginny Harris	26.3	
Don't Look at Me	Bob Escott	26	
Shades of Nature	Fred Parsons	25.4	
Alarmed Deer Hurricane Ridge	Maureen Mathieson	24.9	
Leaf Peeping	Jill Lockwood	24.5	
CLASS B			
Bighorn Ram Yellowstone	Bob Cooke	27.6	1st
Osprey Foraging on the Cape	Darlene Holman	27.6	1st
Horseshoe Bend	Jennifer Wang	26.7	2nd
Baech Rose	Diana Ledoux	26.1	3rd
Morning Light at Low Tide	Linda DeStefano Brown	26.1	3rd
Ismenius	Art Walker	26	
Preening Mallards	Michael Doucette	25.1	
Bluebird	Diana Bull	24.6	
Mushroom	Jim Quinn	24.6	
Wingarsheek Gull	Theresa Vachowski	24.2	
Peeking at Turtle Sunbathing	John McKinney	23.4	
Arboretum Owl	Mo Sibachir	23	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2015-2016													
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		TOTAL
	Open	Things in Threes	Open	Nature	Open	Panning	Open	Nature	Open	Stonework	Open	Nature	
CLASS AA													
Tony Monteiro	26	25.4	26.2	29.1	28.1	25.2	28.1	26.7	29.8	27.6	26.6	28.7	327.5
Doris Monteiro	24.9	26.3	24.8	22.8	27.9	24.6	27.4	27.5	29.5	25.1	27.3	26.7	314.8
John Gill	25.2	24.3	26.6	25.2	25.8	25.9	25.8	26.2	28.9	25.5	25.5	26.9	311.8
Cathy Simmons	24.9	24.2	28.8	25.5	26.4	23	26.4	25.9	24.3	24.7	24.3	28.7	307.1
Linda Shelales	25.2	24.3	27	28	24.7	23.2	26	23.9	22	25.4	28.4	27.3	305.4
Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	24.8	27.2	25.2	25.8	21.8	27.2	28.2	27.5	23.8	24.3	25.2	304.4
Todd Mathieson	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	26.2	24.9	25	23	26.5	24.3	25.8	27.5	303
Stephanie Gill	24.2	24.5	23.5	23.5	25.1	24	24.1	27.5	25.6	24	25.2	29	300.2
Drew Simmons	24.3	24	23.5	24.7	25.8	21.2	23.5	26.5	23.2	25.6	28.2	27.5	298
Dave Morin	22.7	23.7	25.5	22.5	24.7	20.8	23	25.3	23.2	27	24.2	27.8	290.4
John Houldsworth	23	23.2	21	21.9	23.3	26.5	22.2	24.8	24	21	25.7	24.3	280.9
CLASS A													
Liz West	24.9	24.5	24.1	24.5	26.7	22.9	27	26.8	28.1	26.8	25.7	29	311
Barbara Huntley	26.1	23.7	25.5	24	28.1	24.8	26.2	24.4	27	23.4	24.3	28.8	306.3
Ginny Harris	24.2	23.9	22	25.6	23.6	25.7	24.7	23.1	27.9	26.3	28.5	26.3	301.8
Maureen Mathieson	24.6	23.7	26	20	24.3	22.4	26	23.9	28.5	26	28.5	24.9	298.8
Dave Reynard	24	24.2	24.8	24.1	26.2	23	25.2	26.5	25.4	22.3	24.6	28.2	298.5
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.1	24	26.5	23.9	20.4	26.2	25.8	23.7	24.4	25.1	27.9	293.8
Bob Escott	23.1	24.9	23.8	23.8	26.7	21.7	23.7	23.9	22.1	26.4	27.6	26	293.7
Marty Paulausky	23.8	23.7	22.6	24.6	26.1	24.1	22.7	24.6	24.9	23.7	23.4	29	293.2
Jill Lockwood	22.7	24.3	20.5	24.5	23.6	23.4	23.3	23	25	22	25.5	24.5	282.3
Dean Giolas	23.6	24.5	21.7	26.7	23.4	20.6	24.1	23.2	21	24.9	0	0	233.7
Fred Parsons	0	0	29.8	25	0	0	25.5	26.4	30	23.9	27.9	25.4	213.9
CLASS B													
Diana Ledoux	24.8	22.2	25	24	24.9	23.1	23.3	24.2	22.8	22.7	25.1	26.1	288.2
Diana Bull	23.9	24.5	20.9	22.7	24.9	20.8	24.9	23.8	23.6	23.4	24.5	24.6	282.5
Michael Doucette	23.3	23.7	23.3	20.8	24.5	23.3	22.9	26	22.9	21	24.5	25.1	281.3
Jim Quinn	22.7	23.1	21.5	20.3	22.5	25.9	26.8	25.3	22.5	21.2	24.6	24.6	281
Bob Cooke	21.9	24	23.4	20	21.8	22	22.5	25.1	24.1	22.8	24.9	27.6	280.1
Theresa Vachowski	24.3	23.7	21	23	26.8	21.5	23.9	23.9	21	23	22.5	24.2	278.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	23	22.8	25	19.5	26.3	0	24.8	22.7	23.1	24.7	22.8	26.1	260.8
Mo Sibachir	0	0	21.7	24.9	23.9	21.4	23.5	24.4	26	25	24.9	23	238.7
Jennifer Wang	23.9	22.5	22.2	21	27.2	0	24	23.3	0	0	27.6	26.7	218.4
Art Walker	0	0	0	24.2	22.8	22.1	22.5	23.3	24.3	22.5	26	26	213.7
John McKinney	0	0	0	0	24	0	22.5	0	0	0	27.5	23.4	97.4
Larry Wellington	21.9	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	21.1	0	0	87.6
Bob Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.6	22.6	0	0	0	0	45.2
John Prunte	21.6	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Marie Riley	21.5	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.6
Bill Weiblen	0	0	22	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.2
Darlene Holman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.6	27.6