



# FOCAL POINT

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March 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 meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Exploring Black & White Images\***

On Wednesday, March 1, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host a free presentation by photographers Robert Ring and Donald Toothachers, founders of the New England Photo Workshop. The talk is called **\*Exploring Black & White in New England Image by Bob Ring.\*** Bob is retired from electrical engineering to spend full time in photography, where he teaches and exhibits. Don's main interest is travel photography, as well as judging, lecturing, and exhibiting.

At this presentation, the two will explore both the technical and the creative aspects of today's monochrome digital photography. They will discuss best camera techniques, software, and brands of paper to use. A black and white image also requires a good tonal range, contrast, composition, and exposure. Learning to "see" in black and white is a skill that photographers can develop. Join us to learn how to create beautiful monochrome images and prints.

**This 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.**

The program is free and open to all. AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members. We meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month through June at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St., Hudson. For more information, call Liz West (978) 263-2853 or visit our website at <http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>.

Next competition meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Nature"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Elegance"

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Changes in AVCC Leadership**

Based on the club's by-law seen below, there has been a change in leadership. Bob Cooke has assumed the role of President for the rest of this club year. At the February 15th meeting, he appointed John Gill to fill the role of Vice-President for the remaining months of the 2016-2017 year.

### ***Article 8 – Vacancies***

*If the Presidency should become vacant for any reason then the Vice-President shall resume responsibility for the remaining Club calendar year. If any other office shall become vacant for any reason, it shall be filled by appointment by the President or the Executive Committee for the remaining Club calendar year.*

The election of new officers for the 2017-2018 club year will be held at the second regular meeting in June.

## **NECCC Summer Conference Scholarship**

The New England Camera Club Council, Inc. invites each NECCC member camera club to select one of their camera club members to receive free registration for the annual NECCC conference, held at U-Mass, Amherst, Mass. on July 14-16, 2017. The complimentary registration gives the person submitted by the club all the learning experiences, photo opportunities and inspirational programs that go along with the conference

Ann DeCristofaro is the recipient of this year's Courtesy Enrollment to the July conference. Congratulations, Ann!

### **Creative Images**

As Todd has mentioned, 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.

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<b>Feb. '17 Print Competition - MONOCHROME</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>GOLD</b>			
Raindrops on Lotus	Todd Mathieson	28.1	1st
Portland Head 2 B&W	Sue Abrahamsen	25.5	2nd
Old Saw Mill at Moore State Park	John Gill	25.1	3rd
Medieval Italy	Linda Gilberti	24.8	
A Wlovable Feast	Bob Cooke	24.8	
<b>SILVER</b>			
Castle Hill Lighthouse	Dave Morin	27.1	1st
Wellfleet Wildlife Sanctuary	Bob Escott	25.6	2nd
Vienna Monochrome	Barbara Huntley	24.5	3rd
Butterfly Birch	Diana Bull	23	
<b>BRONZE</b>			
Shades of History: Ancient Agora, Athens	Catherine Robotis	28.3	1st
Monochrome Monarch	Art Walker	27.6	2nd
Glacier National Park	Leon Ferrante	27.4	3rd
Weathering Another Blizzard	Larry Alley	26.4	
Shadow House	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.6	
A Leopard's Stare	Darlene Holman	23.9	
Horse Ranch in Wyoming	Mary Strachan	23.8	

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

**PRINT SUMMARY 2016-2017**

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	27.8	25	26.4	26.3	24.1	28.1	0	0	0	157.7
Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	23.6	26.6	27.7	23.6	25.5	0	0	0	151.8
John Gill	22.4	26.5	26.3	24.6	25.5	25.1	0	0	0	150.4
Bob Cooke	23.1	24.6	23.5	23.9	23.5	24.8	0	0	0	143.4
Linda Gilberti	23.3	22	22.9	22.5	22.3	24.8	0	0	0	137.8
Linda Shelales	24.8	24.7	26.1	24.4	25.8	0	0	0	0	125.8
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
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Dave Morin	28.5	23.2	25.2	25.1	26.9	27.1	0	0	0	156
Bob Escott	24.8	24	23.5	25	26	25.6	0	0	0	148.9
Diana Bull	24	24.8	24.1	23.9	24.1	23	0	0	0	143.9
Barbara Huntley	23.5	23.2	0	23	23.9	24.5	0	0	0	118.1
Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	27.1	23.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	102.3
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
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	22.4	24.5	26.5	25.5	26.2	27.4	0	0	0	152.5
Art Walker	24.6	25.8	23	23.3	24.1	27.6	0	0	0	148.4
Darlene Holman	21.8	25	25.6	24.8	23	23.9	0	0	0	144.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	22.5	23.1	23.9	25.5	23.4	25.6	0	0	0	144
Mary Strachan	24	24.5	24.5	22.8	23.6	23.8	0	0	0	143.2
Larry Alley	0	23.5	23.8	0	23.5	26.4	0	0	0	97.2
John Sahagian	21.8	23.8	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	67.5
Catherine Robotis	0	0	0	0	0	28.3	0	0	0	28.3
Larry Wellington	0	0	0	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	23.5
Bill Weiblen	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23

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<b>Feb. '17 Digital Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Glowing Rose	Sue Abrahamsen	27	1st
Spicebush Swallowtail on Phlox	John Gill	26.8	2nd
Female Purple Honeycreeper	Tony Monteiro	26.7	3rd
Shafftail Finches Share a Bath	Doris Monteiro	26.3	
Lovely Amelia Island Deer	Linda Shelales	26.2	
Ruby Beach After Sunset 2	Todd Mathieson	25.8	
Waltham Pocket Watch	Liz West	25.4	
Gull in Flight	Cathy Simmons	25	
BPL and Hancock Tower	Dave Morin	23.3	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Sunlight on Old Canoe	Barbara Huntley	26.2	1st
Old St. Augustine	Linda Gilberti	25.6	2nd
Life in Maine	Maureen Mathieson	25	3rd
Creepy Crawlies	Dave Reynard	24.9	
Mammoth Springs	Bob Escott	24.7	
Getting Ready to March	Diana Ledoux	24.7	
Mount Monadnock	Ginny Harris	23.8	
Dreaming of Spring	Dean Giolas	23.2	
Dahlias	Jill Lockwood	22.9	
<b>Make-Up for Jan. '17 - OPEN</b>			
Jellyfish	Jill Lockwood	26	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Doggie's Daydreaming	Jane Parker	27.6	1st
Shrimp for Dinner	Leon Ferrante	26.9	2nd
Tourists Chimping	Jim Quinn	26	3rd
White Goose Frenzy	Darlene Holman	25.1	
Golden Drive	Linda DeStefano Brown	25	
Tokyo Evening	Jennifer Wang	24.9	
Greece's Corinth Canal - Collage	John McKinney	24.9	
Golden Gate Glory	Catherine Robotis	24.6	
High and Dry	Bob Cooke	24.1	
Pink Flower	Marie Riley	23.7	
Cabo Cave	Natalie Schiavone	23.5	
The Fisherman Homer Alaska	Larry Alley	23.1	
Hummingbird Toe Touches	Diana Bull	22.9	
Brown Clipper	Art Walker	22.7	
The Call of Autumn	Theresa Vachowski	22.4	
Butterfly Garden at Epcot	Mary Strachan	22.3	

<b>Feb. '17 Digital Competition - NATURE</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Blue Heron in Flight	Dave Morin	28	1st
Milkweed Bug Nymphs on Milkweed	Cathy Simmons	27.3	2nd
Pelican Take Off	Doris Monteiro	27	3rd
Life on a Bud	John Gill	26.7	
Striated Heron on Giant Lily pad	Sue Abrahamsen	26.5	
House Finch	Linda Shelales	26.4	
Immature Mute Swan in Flight	Tony Monteiro	26	
Wild Black Raspberries	Liz West	24.4	
Got One !	Todd Mathieson	22.9	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Mom Loves Me Best	Maureen Mathieson	27.7	1st
Mixed Company	Bob Escott	26.6	2nd
A Mouseful	Ginny Harris	26.3	3rd
Looking for the Bright Spot	Dean Giolas	25.4	
Immature Ibis Foraging	Barbara Huntley	25.3	
Acadia Landscape	Dave Reynard	24.8	
Antarctic Penguins	Linda Gilberti	23.7	
Chipmunk	Jill Lockwood	23.2	
Silky Milkweed	Diana Ledoux	23	
<b>Make-Up for Jan. '17 - STARBURST EFFECT</b>			
Sun Over USS Constitution	Jill Lockwood	23.9	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Northern Water Snake	Art Walker	27.9	1st
Osprey and Spotted Trout	Larry Alley	26.6	2nd
Preening Swan	Jane Parker	26.2	3rd
Hitchhiker	Diana Bull	25.7	
Deer on Wyoming Hiking Trail	Mary Strachan	25.1	
Ithaca Falls	Catherine Robotis	24.9	
Buffalo on the Move in Yellowstone	Darlene Holman	24.8	
In a Fog	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.2	
Sleepy Sunbathers	Natalie Schiavone	24.2	
Can't See Me	Theresa Vachowski	24.1	
Green Heron	Leon Ferrante	24.1	
Baby Selas Meeting	Jim Quinn	24	
Canadian Rockies	Jennifer Wang	23.9	
Jaguar Hunting	Bob Cooke	22.9	
Flowing Stream	Marie Riley	22.2	
One Flower and One Bee	John McKinney	20.2	
<b>Make-Up for Jan. '17 - STARBURST EFFECT</b>			
Candlelight Starburst	Art Walker	25.1	

**DIGITAL SUMMARY 2016-2017**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>SEPT</b>		<b>OCT</b>		<b>NOV</b>		<b>DEC</b>		<b>JAN</b>		<b>FEB</b>		<b>MAR</b>		<b>APR</b>		<b>MAY</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CLASS AA</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John Gill	28.5	27.8	26.5	26.9	25.3	25.7	27.9	24.2	25.7	25	26.8	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	317
Cathy Simmons	28.5	28.2	24.5	26.3	25.3	25.7	27.1	26.2	25.3	25.7	25	27.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	315.1
Doris Monteiro	29.3	27.3	26.4	26.3	24.7	25.4	25.2	26.9	25	24.5	26.3	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	314.3
Tony Monteiro	28.5	25.1	26.8	24.7	25.3	26	25.2	27.8	25.2	24.7	26.7	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	312
Sue Abrahamsen	26.3	26.9	24.2	25.9	22.7	24.9	25.4	27	26.9	23.9	27	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	307.6
Todd Mathieson	30	24	27.3	25.8	24.1	24.8	23	26.7	26	23.1	25.8	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	303.5
Linda Shelales	26.3	21.8	24.9	26.2	24.2	24.7	25.5	25.2	21.4	22	26.2	26.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	294.8
Dave Morin	28.5	23.3	24.4	23.7	23.8	24.5	25.8	21.9	24.1	22.1	23.3	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	293.4
Liz West	24	24.8	23.9	24.7	22.8	23.6	23.9	24.3	23.4	23.9	25.4	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	289.1
Drew Simmons	24.8	26.9	23.8	22.1	23.5	24	24	26.3	23.3	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.4
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
<b>CLASS A</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ginny Harris	30	24.8	24.1	25.1	25.8	22	26.3	25.2	26	24.3	23.8	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	303.7
Barbara Huntley	30	24	25.5	24.2	24.9	23	23.4	25.9	25.5	22.2	26.2	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.1
Maureen Mathieson	25.5	22.5	26.4	26.2	23.6	24	25.7	26.3	23.2	21	25	27.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	297.1
Bob Escott	27.8	24.8	22	24.2	23.1	24.7	24.3	25.1	23.9	23.1	24.7	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	294.3
Dean Giolas	22.5	27.6	22.8	23.6	23.3	24.5	23.8	22.1	23.2	22.5	23.2	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	284.5
Linda Gilberti	25.5	25.4	22.2	23.5	22.2	22.2	23.1	23.1	22.5	22.1	25.6	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	281.1
Dave Reynard	24	21.8	23.6	24	23.8	21.6	21.5	24.4	22.7	22.6	24.9	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	279.7
Diana Ledoux	22.5	24.6	23	24	23	21.8	23.5	21.9	22.7	21.6	24.7	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	276.3
Jill Lockwood	24	21.8	22	22.9	23.3	22.9	22.4	20.6	26	23.9	22.9	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	275.9
Fred Parsons	25.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71.5
<b>CLASS B</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Leon Ferrante	26.3	24.1	25.9	24.4	22.7	25.4	24.8	25	24.1	25	26.9	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	298.7
Art Walker	24	24.8	23.7	23.2	23.5	24.4	25	25.2	23.9	25.1	22.7	27.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	293.4
Diana Bull	23.3	25.4	24.2	22.8	24.7	24.7	23.8	27.9	23.2	22.1	22.9	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	290.7
Jim Quinn	24	25.5	25.9	23.7	23.9	23.7	22.8	21	23.5	23.8	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	287.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.7	22.9	23.3	23.8	23.7	25.4	21.6	22.6	22.8	23.4	25	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	282.6
Natalie Schiavone	23.8	24.5	24.8	23	22.7	23.3	22.3	22.6	22	24.3	23.5	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	281
Bob Cooke	22.5	28.1	23.1	23	24.6	22.4	21.3	25.1	21.5	22	24.1	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	280.6
Theresa Vachowski	21	23.1	22.7	22.3	24.6	24.4	24	22.1	23	22.4	22.4	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	276.1
Mary Strachan	0	21.8	23.2	23.9	24.1	23.4	24.3	26.2	23.8	24	22.3	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	262.1
Catherine Robotis	21	0	24.9	23.6	22	22.1	23.1	22.5	22.7	23.2	24.6	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	254.6
Darlene Holman	0	0	26.1	25.2	25.4	25	24.7	25.2	25.7	25	25.1	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	252.2
Marie Riley	21.8	22.5	22.3	21.5	23.7	22.7	0	22	21.7	22.4	23.7	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	246.5
Jane Parker	0	0	23.7	23.7	23.5	25.4	22.3	22.7	22.3	23.9	27.6	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	241.3
Ann DeCristofaro	22.5	26.3	23.6	23.8	23.7	24.3	24.5	23.7	23.4	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238.6
John McKinney	21	21.8	0	0	0	0	23	21	25.2	22	24.9	20.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	179.1
Jennifer Wang	0	0	0	0	23.1	0	25.4	24.9	22.2	22.1	24.9	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	166.5
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
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
Larry Alley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.1	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.7
Larry Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.6	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.8
Morgan McSweeney	0	0	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.1