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May 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: May 3rd.

There has been a program change for our upcoming meeting May 3rd.

We will not be hosting the PSA Travel Photo competition, but instead will be showing an originally scheduled showing of

The Greater Lynn Photographic Association (GLPA) 2015 International Salon Acceptance Images

A brief description of the presentation:

The Program will be a multi-media showcase of the best images from all over the world, set to appropriate Background music from the 38th Greater Lynn International Projected Image Exhibition-2015.

The exhibition drew 4397 images from around the world, of which 1459 were accepted. AVCC had 21 acceptances. And AVCC placed 6th overall in club comp.

The presentation is broken down into individual segments, animals, people, flora, etc. It is quite a stunning presentation. You will see the "best of the best".

Next competition meeting: May 17th.

Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Open"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Misty/Foggy"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note from Gary Karagosian:

I want to thank the club for the delicious birthday cake that we enjoyed at the April 5th meeting. My birthday was April 6th. And also for the card. It was greatly appreciated. (I am now an official member of the (GASP) 80's club.)

Thank you all again.....

Gary K.

The E-board meeting:

The E-board meeting is set for Thursday May 18th @ 7 P.M. If anyone has any items for the agenda please email them to John. jandsgill@verizon.net

Club Survey:

The club survey for next year has been emailed out. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the job openings. Most of the positions need more than one person to manage it, the more the better. Some of the other positions you can sign up to be an alternate, or in the case of the 4 Club officer positions, you can sign up to run for that office (more than one name and there will be an election), or to learn that job so that you can see if you would like to Fill it sometime in the future. Please e-mail John jandsgill@verizon.net your completed forms, or print them and bring them to the next meeting.

AVCC June Banquet Program

Before you know it, June will be here and that will be the end for the 2016-2017 club year. We don't want everyone's camera's collecting dust over the summer, So we are asking everyone to suggest some favorite places where they Like to take pictures, and to submit them, so that we can have a presentation. The pictures just need to show the location and what you could expect to see there. They do not need to be competition images, that can wait until Sept. We would like to see a nice blend of local, an hour away, a few hours, etc. locations.

At the June Banquet we will compile a list of the locations, and how to get there, how far from Hudson, etc. It can be anything from Sturbridge Village, were there are tons of photo ops, To "there is an interesting Old barn down the road, or a rusted old car sitting in the woods somewhere".

We could use some of these sites for field trips during the summer for those who are interested. When you have something, please e-mail me the images, location, and any narrative you would like. When we do the presentation, you can talk about the locations you suggested if you like.



Dear NECCC Club President or NECCC Rep,

Registration for the 72nd Conference is **ONLINE AND OPEN** at www.neccc.org. Click on the 2017 conference bar on the top. Please share this information with your club members either through social media, your club websites, email blasts or the old-fashioned way at a club meeting.

All the flyer material is also posted on the website along with a super video of the 2016 conference done by Sarah Musumeci, MNEC of the Merrimack Valley CC. The link can be found on the home page under the conference logo, or the direct link is: <https://youtu.be/HL2QV6IVwls>

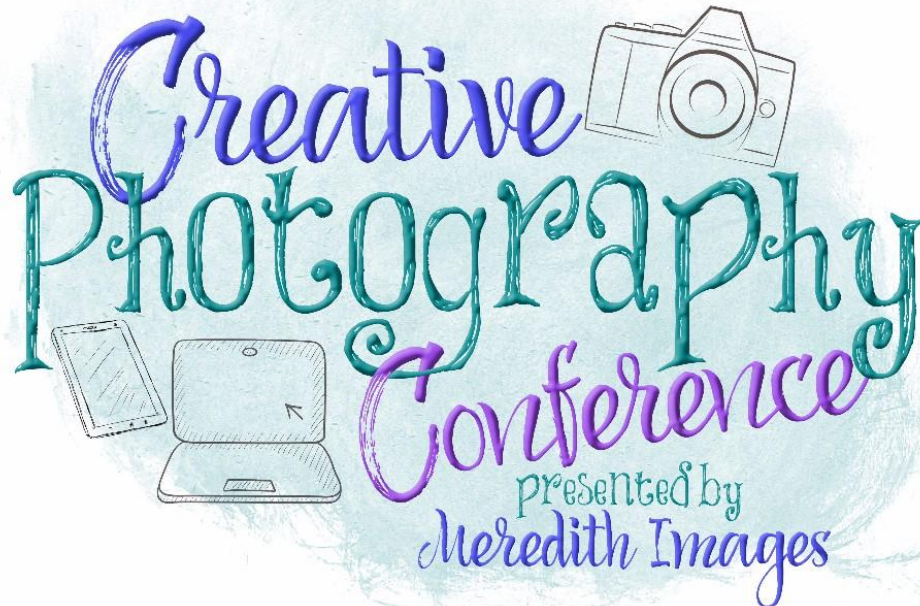
Early registration is important to take advantage of pre-conference classes (many have limited number of participants), availability of air-conditioned dorms (they go quickly) and of course cost savings if registration is before June 23rd.

Flyers have been sent to all the clubs via postal mail. Please remember to bring them to your meetings. If you need additional flyers please drop me an email at s.jmosser@comcast.net and I will mail some to you.

If I can answer and questions or concerns you have please feel free to contact me.

Susan Mosser, HonPSA, HonNEC

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Creative
Photography
Conference
presented by
Meredith Images

**Join me and six other
creative photographers for a
weekend of learning and fun!**

May 20-21, 2017

**Tony Sweet, Nikon Legend Behind the Lens
(MD);**

Kelli DeWaal (NY);

Linda Szabo (MA);

Gerri Jones (NY);

Suz & Michael Karchmer (MA)

and me, Hazel Meredith, APSA, MNEC (CT).

Apr. '17 Print Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Swallowtail on Bee Balm	John Gill	24.6	1st
Heron Taking Off	Sue Abrahamsen	24.5	2nd
Barn Near Stowe VT	Todd Mathieson	24.5	2nd
Hungry Hunter	Bob Cooke	24.2	3rd
Chimp Contemplates Life	Linda Shelales	23.7	
Purple & Green	Linda Gilberti	23.7	
<u>Make-Up for Mar. '17 - NATURE</u>			
Green FL Heron	Linda Shelales	24.6	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Courage	Dave Morin	25.1	1st
Monarch on Blue Flower	Barbara Huntley	24.6	2nd
Tea for My Little One	Ann DeCristofaro	24.4	3rd
Osprey Family	Diana Bull	22.8	
Angry Seagulls	Bob Escott	22.5	
<u>Make-Up for Mar. '17 - NATURE</u>			
Cattail Reflection	Dave Morin	24.3	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Boats at Night Sleeping	Leon Ferrante	26.7	1st
Grizzly at Lake Clark National Park	Mary Strachan	25.4	2nd
Dawn at Driftwood Beach	Allison Richards	25	3rd
Still River Bog Passing Through	Darlene Holman	24.6	
White Swallowtail	Art Walker	24.3	
Power Surge	Linda DeStefano Broqn	21.6	
Rough-Legged Hawk Taking Flight	Larry Alley	21.5	

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2016-2017

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	27.8	25	26.4	26.3	24.1	28.1	25.1	24.5	0	207.3
Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	23.6	26.6	27.7	23.6	25.5	26.7	24.5	0	203
John Gill	22.4	26.5	26.3	24.6	25.5	25.1	26.2	24.6	0	201.2
Bob Cooke	23.1	24.6	23.5	23.9	23.5	24.8	24.3	24.2	0	191.9
Linda Gilberti	23.3	22	22.9	22.5	22.3	24.8	26.7	23.7	0	188.2
Linda Shelales	24.8	24.7	26.1	24.4	25.8	0	24.6	23.7	0	174.1
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
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Dave Morin	28.5	23.2	25.2	25.1	26.9	27.1	24.3	25.1	0	205.4
Bob Escott	24.8	24	23.5	25	26	25.6	25.9	22.5	0	197.3
Diana Bull	24	24.8	24.1	23.9	24.1	23	23.3	22.8	0	190
Barbara Huntley	23.5	23.2	0	23	23.9	24.5	24	24.6	0	166.7
Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	27.1	23.6	25.5	0	0	0	24.4	0	126.7
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
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	22.4	24.5	26.5	25.5	26.2	27.4	24.7	26.7	0	203.9
Art Walker	24.6	25.8	23	23.3	24.1	27.6	25.2	24.3	0	197.9
Darlene Holman	21.8	25	25.6	24.8	23	23.9	26.1	24.6	0	194.8
Mary Strachan	24	24.5	24.5	22.8	23.6	23.8	23.6	25.4	0	192.2
Linda DeStefano Brown	22.5	23.1	23.9	25.5	23.4	25.6	23.4	21.6	0	189
Larry Alley	0	23.5	23.8	0	23.5	26.4	24.8	21.5	0	143.5
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
Allison Richards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
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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Apr. '17 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Preening Cormorant	Doris Monteiro	25.8	1st
Little Blue Heron FL	Linda Shelales	25.5	2nd
Monarch on Red Flower	Cathy Simmons	25.5	2nd
Swallowtail Butterfly	Tony Monteiro	25.3	3rd
Out to Pasture	Liz West	24.8	
Hummingbird at Thuya Gardens	John Gill	24.8	
Peregrine Falcon in Fall Foliage	Sue Abrahamsen	24.2	
Mums Mums Mums	Dave Morin	24.1	
Pitcher Plant Maine Botanical Gardens	Todd Mathieson	24.1	
Bald Eagle Portrait	Drew Simmons	23.2	
<u>Make-Up for Mar. '17 - OPEN</u>			
Dry Falls NC	Linda Shelales	24.1	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Gerbera Daisy	Ginny Harris	24.5	1st
Lunchtime	Bob Escott	23.9	2nd
Maine Cove	Fred Parsons	23.7	3rd
Close Up of a Lotus Blossom	Maureen Mathieson	23.7	3rd
Tunisian Street Scene	Linda Gilberti	23.6	
Snowy Egret Poised for Takeoff	Barbara Huntley	22.7	
Sunset After the Snow	Jill Lockwood	22.4	
Chihuly Glass Stillife	Dave Reynard	22.2	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Dawn at Bass Harbor	Allison Richards	24.8	1st
Cotton Candy Sunrise	Natalie Schiavone	24.7	2nd
Turkeys Flaring Halo	Darlene Holman	24.4	3rd
Rock Hard Landing	Bob Cooke	24	
Crail Harbor Scotland	Mary Strachan	23.5	
Mirror Sea	Jennifer Wang	23.5	
Colors of a Mallard	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	
Macaws Fly By	Art Walker	22.9	
Looking Good	Leon Ferrante	22.8	
US Nat'l. Rowing Competition Princeton NJ	John McKinney	22.6	
The Art of Snoozing	Jane Parker	22.5	
Wedding Party	Jim Quinn	21.9	
Waterfall in Motion - Hudson MA	Ann DeCristofaro	21.9	
The Road to Wairarapa	Theresa Vachowski	21.9	
Garden Fountain	Marie Riley	21.4	
Rainy Day Reflections	Catherine Robotis	21.4	
Baby Spoonbill	Diana Bull	21.1	
<u>Make-Up for Mar. '17</u>			
Manhattan West Skyscrapers	Darlene Holman	24.5	

Apr. '17 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Night Heron With Lunch	Tony Monteiro	26.4	1st
Mating Milkweed Beetles	Cathy Simmons	25.8	2nd
Mating Courtship of the Wood Stork	Doris Monteiro	25.4	3rd
In the Weeds	Todd Mathieson	24.9	
Froggie	Drew Simmons	23.7	
Happy Redwing Blackbird	Linda Shelales	23.6	
Wood Stork With Catch 2	Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	
Gunn Brook Falls Sunderland MA	John Gill	22.8	
Early Cadillac Mountain	Dave Morin	21.9	
Spring Moss	Liz West	21.6	
Make-Up for Feb. '17 - ELEGANCE			
Lovely Swan	Linda Shelales	22.7	
CLASS A			
Catdtheral Silhoueete	Fred Parsons	25.4	1st
Majestic Mount Rainier #2	Dave Reynard	24.5	2nd
Hot Pursuit	Ginny Harris	24.2	3rd
Tiger	Jill Lockwood	23.8	
Great Egret With an Itch	Barbara Huntley	23.7	
Blue Heron	Bob Escott	22.9	
Foraging	Linda Gilberti	22.2	
Beach Plums	Maureen Mathieson	21.8	
CLASS B			
Lotus Light	Linda DeStefano Brown	26.4	1st
Coyote: Bringing Home the Bacon	Art Walker	25.1	2nd
Nectar Competition	Bob Cooke	24.8	3rd
Translucent Spider on Coneflower	Ann DeCristofaro	24.1	
So Beautiful	Leon Ferrante	24.1	
Catfish Fight	Mary Strachan	23.7	
Antelope Canyon	Jennifer Wang	23.6	
Showoff	Jane Parker	23.2	
Heron Yoga	Diana Bull	23.2	
Hybrid Red Tail Red Shoulder Hawk Hunts	Darlene Holman	22.8	
Swans	Jim Quinn	22.6	
Assabet in Winter 2	Bill Weiblen	22.5	
Pond Dragonflies	Theresa Vachowski	22.4	
Wild Male Turkey Strutting for Females	John McKinney	22.3	
King of the Hill	Natalie Schiavone	22.3	
Dew on Grass	Allison Richards	22.2	
Branching Out By the Sea	Catherine Robotis	21.7	
Pilot Mountain	Marie Riley	21	
Make-Up for Mar. '17			
Garden Fantasy	Darlene Holman	23.9	
Princess Elegance	Bill Weiblen	23.4	

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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
Doris Monteiro	29.3	27.3	26.4	26.3	24.7	25.4	25.2	26.9	25	24.5	26.3	27	27.7	27.7	25.8	25.4	0	0	420.9
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	26.8	26	25.5	25.8	0	0	419.2
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	26	26.5	24.8	22.8	0	0	417.1
Tony Monteiro	28.5	25.1	26.8	24.7	25.3	26	25.2	27.8	25.2	24.7	26.7	26	26.5	26.2	25.3	26.4	0	0	416.4
Sue Abrahamsen	26.3	26.9	24.2	25.9	22.7	24.9	25.4	27	26.9	23.9	27	26.5	25.2	26.6	24.2	23.4	0	0	407
Todd Mathieson	30	24	27.3	25.8	24.1	24.8	23	26.7	26	23.1	25.8	22.9	25.3	23.9	24.1	24.9	0	0	401.7
Drew Simmons	24.8	26.9	23.8	22.1	23.5	24	24	26.3	23.3	25.7	25.7	24.3	25.5	25.8	23.2	23.7	0	0	392.6
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	24.1	22.7	25.5	23.6	0	0	390.7
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	25.7	23.6	24.1	21.9	0	0	388.7
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	26	26.7	24.8	21.6	0	0	388.2
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	26	24.3	23.8	26.3	26.9	23.6	24.5	24.2	0	0	402.9
Barbara Huntley	30	24	25.5	24.2	24.9	23	23.4	25.9	25.5	22.2	26.2	25.3	23.9	22.4	22.7	23.7	0	0	392.8
Maureen Mathieson	25.5	22.5	26.4	26.2	23.6	24	25.7	26.3	23.2	21	25	27.7	25.2	24.5	23.7	21.8	0	0	392.3
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	24.7	26.5	23.9	22.9	0	0	392.3
Dave Reynard	24	21.8	23.6	24	23.8	21.6	21.5	24.4	22.7	22.6	24.9	24.8	24.4	24.3	22.2	24.5	0	0	375.1
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	23.8	21.3	23.6	22.2	0	0	372
Jill Lockwood	24	21.8	22	22.9	23.3	22.9	22.4	20.6	26	23.9	22.9	23.2	24.1	23.7	22.4	23.8	0	0	369.9
Diana Ledoux	22.5	24.6	23	24	23	21.8	23.5	21.9	22.7	21.6	24.7	23	23.8	22.1	0	0	0	0	322.2
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
Fred Parsons	25.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	0	0	0	24.5	0	23.7	25.4	0	0	145.1
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	24.1	25	26.9	24.1	26.7	26	22.8	24.1	0	0	398.3
Art Walker	24	24.8	23.7	23.2	23.5	24.4	25	25.2	23.9	25.1	22.7	27.9	25.3	24.5	22.9	25.1	0	0	391.2
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	23.6	25.2	21.1	23.2	0	0	383.8
Jim Quinn	24	25.5	25.9	23.7	23.9	23.7	22.8	21	23.5	23.8	26	24	25.5	24.5	21.9	22.6	0	0	382.3
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	25.3	23.7	23.5	26.4	0	0	381.5
Natalie Schiavone	23.8	24.5	24.8	23	22.7	23.3	22.3	22.6	22	24.3	23.5	24.2	26.1	25	24.7	22.3	0	0	379.1
Bob Cooke	22.5	28.1	23.1	23	24.6	22.4	21.3	25.1	21.5	22	24.1	22.9	21.7	22.7	24	24.8	0	0	373.8
Theresa Vachowski	21	23.1	22.7	22.3	24.6	24.4	24	22.1	23	22.4	22.4	24.1	24	23.6	21.9	22.4	0	0	368
Mary Strachan	0	21.8	23.2	23.9	24.1	23.4	24.3	26.2	23.8	24	22.3	25.1	24.9	23.1	23.5	23.7	0	0	357.3
Catherine Robotis	21	0	24.9	23.6	22	22.1	23.1	22.5	22.7	23.2	24.6	24.9	26.1	24.2	21.4	21.7	0	0	348
Darlene Holman	0	0	26.1	25.2	25.4	25	24.7	25.2	25.7	25	25.1	24.8	24.5	23.9	24.4	22.8	0	0	347.8
Jane Parker	0	0	23.7	23.7	23.5	25.4	22.3	22.7	22.3	23.9	27.6	26.2	25.2	24.9	22.5	23.2	0	0	337.1
Ann DeCristofaro	22.5	26.3	23.6	23.8	23.7	24.3	24.5	23.7	23.4	22.8	0	0	25.2	24.1	21.9	24.1	0	0	333.9
Marie Riley	21.8	22.5	22.3	21.5	23.7	22.7	0	22	21.7	22.4	23.7	22.2	23.8	0	21.4	21	0	0	312.7
Jennifer Wang	0	0	0	0	23.1	0	25.4	24.9	22.2	22.1	24.9	23.9	25.3	21.9	23.5	23.6	0	0	260.8
John McKinney	21	21.8	0	0	0	0	23	21	25.2	22	24.9	20.2	0	0	22.6	22.3	0	0	224
Bill Weiblen	25.5	24	24.2	24.3	23.3	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.4	0	22.5	0	0	191.5
Larry Alley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.1	27.6	24.4	26.7	0	0	0	0	101.8
Allison Richards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.2	24.5	24.8	22.2	0	0	97.7
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 Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.6	22.2	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