



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

May 2019

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 1<sup>st</sup>

The program is:

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### **Competitions:**

The next competition will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Digital subjects are "Portrait" & "Open". The print category is "Nature".

The deadline to submit digital images is May 12<sup>th</sup> @11:59 PM.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lisa with her husband Tom has authored several books on photography. They conduct on-location photo tours and workshops as well as in-camera classes and post-processing instruction. More information about them can be found at [www.lisaandtomphotography.com](http://www.lisaandtomphotography.com).

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The presentation is free and open to the general public. AVCC welcomes anyone interested in learning more about photography as a visual art and its practical application as a science. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month from now through early June in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street. For more information check out the AVCC website at [assabetvalleycc.com](http://assabetvalleycc.com) or contact John Gill, club President, at 978-293-5192.

# SCAVANGER HUNT RESULTS

Subject	Name	Points	Place
Diversity	John Gill	144	First Place
Diversity	Sue Abrahamsen	143	Second Place
Diversity	Tony Monteiro	138	Third Place
Diversity	Jim Quinn	131	Honorable Mention
Looking Down	Natalie Schiavone	151	First Place
Looking Down	Tony Monteiro	149	Second Place
Looking Down	Sue Abrahamsen	146	Third Place
Looking Down	Jim Quinn	144	Honorable Mention
Monochrome	Jim Quinn	159	First Place
Monochrome	Tony Monteiro	155	Second Place
Monochrome	Elliot Mednick	154	Third Place
Monochrome	Natalie Schiavone	150	Honorable Mention
Paths and Trails	Todd Mathieson	159	First Place
Paths and Trails	Catherine Robotis	152	Second Place
Paths and Trails	Natalie Schiavone	150	Third Place
Paths and Trails	Tony Monteiro	149	Honorable Mention
Photojournalism	Catherine Robotis	158	First Place
Photojournalism	John Gill	150	Second Place
Photojournalism	Tony Monteiro	150	Second Place
Photojournalism	Maureen Mathieson	148	Third Place
Photojournalism	Bob Escott	146	Honorable Mention
Portraits	Tony Monteiro	162	First Place
Portraits	Jane Parker	156	Second Place
Portraits	Natalie Schiavone	154	Third Place
Portraits	Todd Mathieson	152	Honorable Mention
Rust	Tony Monteiro	158	First Place
Rust	John Gill	151	Second Place
Rust	Catherine Robotis	149	Third Place
Rust	Linda Shelales	147	Honorable Mention
Silhouettes	Tony Monteiro	159	First Place
Silhouettes	Sue Abrahamsen	154	Second Place
Silhouettes	John Gill	148	Second Place
Silhouettes	Catherine Robotis	148	Third Place
Silhouettes	Natalie Schiavone	147	Honorable Mention
Skyline	Catherine Robotis	148	First Place
Skyline	Tony Monteiro	148	First Place
Skyline	Jim Quinn	148	First Place
Skyline	Todd Mathieson	143	Second Place
Skyline	John Gill	137	Third Place
Skyline	Sue Abrahamsen	137	Third Place
Skyline	Natalie Schiavone	136	Honorable Mention
Winter	Maureen Mathieson	152	First Place
Winter	Sue Abrahamsen	150	Second Place
Winter	Jim Quinn	150	Second Place
Winter	Bob Escott	149	Third Place
Winter	Tony Monteiro	148	Honorable Mention

Overall Competition	Tony Monteiro	1378	First Place
Overall Competition	Natalie Schiavone	1311	Second Place
Overall Competition	Sue Abrahamsen	1299	Third Place
Overall Competition	John Gill	1297	Honorable Mention

## **Banquet Raffle/Auction**

We will be having a raffle/auction at our June 5<sup>th</sup> banquet. If anyone has anything that they would like to donate, please bring it to either of the next two meetings. Any questions, please let John know.

Thanks in advance.

## **Club Officers**

It's that time again to nominate members for the 4 club officer positions. Please consider running. If you are hesitant to run, but would like to learn more about any of the positions as an "intern" so you can run at a later date, that would be great.

There are also many numerous committees to be part of, please consider helping with those.

A full list of responsibilities will be coming soon,

## **Help Setting Up**

We really need some help setting up the meeting room.

We typically start around 2:15 to 2:30.

It takes an hour or less, depending on how fast we move, or how chatty we get. For all of these past years, there has just been a few of us who do it each time. We need more members so we can spread out the work load.

If you haven't done it before, come this Wednesday and learn about what we have been doing to make the room ready. We start by taking down all the round tables that senior center uses during the day. We arrange all the chairs as you see them, set up projector etc. If we have enough people, we maybe can then schedule "teams".

It's not difficult, so please consider coming and learning what needs to be done.

## **Competition Images:**

Just a reminder about the new resolution we will be using for competition.

Just resize your images to 1400 (H) x 1050 (V) instead of (1024 x 768).

Note: If you submit an image with the old resolution, it will display fine, but it will display smaller.

**Apr. '19 Print Competition - OPEN**

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
<b>GOLD</b>			
West African Crowned Crane	Paul Weisbach	26.5	1st
Glouster Paint Factory 1874	Darlene Holman	25.3	2nd
Blue Heron Flying	Leon Ferrante	25.2	3rd
Dream Forest	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.2	
The Otter Won	Bob Cooke	24	
Pilated Woodpecker	Bob Escott	22.9	
Mexican Street Scene	Linda Gilberti	22.8	
<b>Make-Up for</b>			
<b>SILVER</b>			
Rosebreasted Grosebeak	Larry Alley	26	1st
The View From Brooklyn	Elliot Mednick	24.3	2nd
Murphy	Liz Krouse	23.8	3rd
The Erechtheion	Cathy Robotis	23.3	
Tied the Knot	Heather Ruthoff	22.9	
Nesting Kittiwake	Mary Strachan	22.8	
<b>Make-Up for</b>			

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



**PRINT SUMMARY 2018-2019**

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<b>GOLD</b>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	23.7	26.3	29.5	25.2	28.2	25.2	29	25.2	0	212.3
Darlene Holman	27	25.3	25	28	27.9	25.8	27.7	25.3	0	212
Paul Weisbach	27.1	25.9	25	24	29.1	24.5	28.3	26.5	0	210.4
Bob Cooke	25	24.7	24.3	25.1	26.1	24.5	27.6	24	0	201.3
Bob Escott	23.7	24	26.7	25	26	23.3	26.3	22.9	0	197.9
Linda Gilberti	24.5	25.3	24.5	24.4	25.4	23.5	23.5	22.8	0	193.9
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	27	28.8	26.6	28.1	25	28.1	0	0	188.3
Linda Shelales	25.5	25.8	27	26	24.8	23.5	26	0	0	178.6
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	25.5	25.9	24.1	24.8	0	0	24.2	0	148
Todd Mathieson	22.3	25.8	26.1	24.2	26.6	22.6	0	0	0	147.6
Dave Morin	25.3	22.8	27.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.3
Ginny Harris	0	26.3	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.9
<b>SILVER</b>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	24.2	25.9	27.6	25.9	26.1	25.1	28.9	24.3	0	208
Larry Alley	25.3	23.4	27.5	26.6	26	23.8	28.1	26	0	206.7
Mary Strachan	23.4	25	22.3	24.1	24.9	22.9	25.5	22.8	0	190.9
Cathy Robotis	23.2	25.8	0	25.7	0	23.9	24.6	23.3	0	146.5
Heather Ruthroff	0	27.4	0	0	26.1	26.1	0	22.9	0	102.5
Maureen Mathieson	25.3	25.6	0	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	74.8
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	22	25.8	23.8	0	71.6
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	47.3
Larry Wellington	0	23.5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5
John Sahagian	0	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3

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<b>Apr. '19 Digital Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Two Bees	John Gill	28.7	1st
Lunch For the Great White	Doris Monteiro	27.1	2nd
The Thinker	Tony Monteiro	26.6	3rd
Parrot Feathers	Maureen Mathieson	25.9	
Pelicans All in a Row	Sue Abrahamsen	25.9	
Ant & Milkweed Flower in Crystal Ball	Linda Shelales	25.8	
Perched Burrowing Owl Facing Back	Drew Simmons	24.9	
Red Bellied Woodpecker	Ginny Harris	24.7	
Backlit Ibis	Cathy Simmons	24.6	
Swiss Mountain	Robyn Saur	23.6	
Helsinki Protest	John Houldsworth	23	
Vulpes Vulpes the Red Fox	Todd Mathieson	21.4	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Displaying Peacock	Barbara Huntley	26.8	1st
Male Mute Swan Displaying	Darlene Holman	26	2nd
Curly Yellow Pepper Stem	Jane Parker	24.1	3rd
Puffin With Fish	Leon Ferrante	24	
White Tail Deer	Bob Escott	23.9	
Female Cardinal	Linda Gilberti	23.9	
World War II Re-Enactmant	Dave Reynard	23.7	
The Lighthouse	Diana Ledoux	21.9	
Sunset at Tower Hill	Jill Lockwood	21.1	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Duck	Elliot Mednick	27.3	1st
Egret With Fish	Larry Alley	26.2	2nd
Venetian Street Musician	Peter Stultz	24.5	3rd
Water and Oil Don't Mix	Pam Meoli	24.4	
Butterfly Beauty	Natalie Schiavone	24	
Provincetown Pier	Jim Quinn	23.9	
Puffin on Westray	Mary Strachan	23.8	
Rex	Liz Krouse	23.7	
Bavaria	Chip Allen	23	
Street Scene - Regensburg Germany	Theresa Vachowski	22.8	
Bugs	Susan Nichols	22.6	
Cool Wedding Pictures	John McKinney	22.5	
Sunny Afternoon Snooze	Marie Riley	22	
Harvest	Catherine Robotis	21.3	

<b>Apr. '19 Digital Competition - NATURE</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Meal Time for a Great Blue Family	Tony Monteiro	28.8	1st
Dragonfly on Leaf #3	John Gill	27.8	2nd
Spoonbill Landing	Doris Monteiro	27.5	3rd
Here Comes Mom	Sue Abrahamsen	26.1	
Two Great Blue Babies	Robyn Saur	26	
Bye Bye Dragonfly	Cathy Simmons	25.6	
Northern Cardinal 2	Ginny Harris	25.6	
Lotus & Bumble Bee III	Linda Shelales	24.8	
Aunt Sarahs Falls 2018	Todd Mathieson	24.3	
Ibis With Cocina	Drew Simmons	23.3	
Nuthatch	Maureen Mathieson	22.3	
Fiery Sunset	John Houldsworth	21.6	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Loon With Twins	Leon Ferrante	25.3	1st
Osprey Eating Fish	Barbara Huntley	24.9	2nd
Wood Duck Spring Plumage	Darlene Holman	24.6	3rd
Ring Necked Pheasant	Bob Escott	24	
Florida Gator	Linda Gilberti	23.3	
Yellowsone Falls	Dave Reynard	23.3	
First Kiss	Jane Parker	22.6	
Moss	Jill Lockwood	22.1	
Sea Gull	Diana Ledoux	21.7	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Pelican	Elliot Mednick	26.5	1st
Napali Valley	Peter Stultz	25.8	2nd
Comin' At Ya'	Bob Cooke	25.7	3rd
Great Blue Heron With Fish	Larry Alley	24.7	
Beachcomber	Susan Nichols	24.6	
Preparing for Flight	Mary Strachan	24.2	
House Sparrow	Liz Krouse	24.1	
Winged Osprey	John McKinney	24.1	
Chilly Bird	Natalie Schiavone	23.1	
Mussels	Jim Quinn	22.3	
Daffodils	Chip Allen	21.6	
An Eye to the Sky	Catherine Robotis	21.4	
Angry Atlantic Ocean	Marie Riley	21	
Great Blue Heron - Nashua River	Theresa Vachowski	20.8	
A Mothers' Love	Pam Meoli	20.1	

<b>Make-Up for Mar. '19 - SILHOUETTE</b>			
Afraican Silhouette	Bob Cooke	23.2	



DIGITAL SUMMARY 2018-2019																			
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	
Tony Monteiro	24.5	26	28.1	28.3	28.7	26.2	28.6	28.7	28.2	29.5	29	29.1	29.2	29.7	26.6	28.8	0	0	449.2
John Gill	26.8	24.2	28.7	26.8	27.5	27.8	28.6	25.5	29.5	29.1	23.1	26.4	29.5	29.2	28.7	27.8	0	0	439.2
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	27.6	25.1	28.5	25.8	27.5	28.8	28.7	29.2	27.4	26.2	28.9	29.8	27.1	27.5	0	0	437.9
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	26.7	26.2	26.8	24.3	28	27.6	28.8	26.9	26.6	26.7	28.5	29.7	24.6	25.6	0	0	425.4
Sue Abrahamson	25.4	22.7	27	28.6	25.3	27	25.7	27.6	26.4	28.1	25.2	26.3	28.2	27.2	25.9	26.1	0	0	422.7
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	23.7	28.5	25	26.2	25.6	27.3	28.1	27.4	26.5	27.2	29.3	25.3	24.7	25.6	0	0	419.4
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	24.7	25.4	25.3	23.3	26.2	28.2	26.5	27.8	26.3	27.3	28.8	26.9	23.6	26	0	0	416.6
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	24.4	25.7	27.7	28.5	26.6	28.2	28.3	23.3	27.1	22.9	26.8	29.2	21.4	24.3	0	0	413.5
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	24.7	25.1	26.8	25.4	26	25.4	24.9	27.8	28.1	27.3	27.2	27.7	24.9	23.3	0	0	411.4
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	26.7	24.5	25.2	23.8	25.5	24.5	27.5	24.3	24.7	24.1	27.3	27.6	25.8	24.8	0	0	404.7
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	22.9	23.3	24.3	26	27.1	27.2	25.5	24.3	24.6	24.2	25.5	28.8	25.9	22.3	0	0	397.6
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	25.9	24.5	24.2	25	23.3	24.7	25.9	24.7	24.5	24.3	27.9	26	23	21.6	0	0	391.2
Dave Morin	25.7	25.3	22.6	24.3	23	24	22.8	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
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
Leon Ferrante	26	23.6	28.2	28.1	24.2	28.8	25.7	27.2	27.6	27.6	24.5	25.4	28.5	28.4	24	25.3	0	0	423.1
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	28	26.6	25.8	24	27.1	28	28	27.7	25.6	25.2	27.1	28.7	26	24.6	0	0	419
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	26.4	25.7	23	23.7	25.7	27.6	26.5	26.7	24.9	25.5	27.9	26.3	26.8	24.9	0	0	407.5
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	24.8	26.7	24.2	26.2	27.1	26.8	25.6	26	24.5	26	26.7	26	23.7	23.3	0	0	406.2
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	25	25.2	26.9	25.2	24.5	26.1	27.1	26.7	24.2	25	27.3	26.6	24.1	22.6	0	0	403.5
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	25.7	27	22.7	25.8	26.8	24.2	26.4	27.3	24.6	22	26.3	27	23.9	24	0	0	401.4
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	24.7	24.1	24	24.5	27.1	26.2	25.5	25.4	24.9	23.7	25.3	26.5	23.9	23.3	0	0	393.2
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	24.9	22.8	24.8	23.1	24.9	25.3	27.2	24.3	29	24.6	25.1	25.3	21.1	22.1	0	0	390
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	22.6	23.3	22.8	25.1	23.7	23	25.2	26.5	23.3	23	25.6	27.5	21.9	21.7	0	0	382.7
Dean Golas	23.2	22	25.4	23.9	24.8	25.2	23.9	21.2	23.9	23.2	22.8	23.5	25.1	27.5	0	0	0	0	335.6
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
Elliot Mednick	25.7	24.2	25.6	27.9	25.1	23.4	24	27.3	26.1	29	26.5	25.4	28.1	28.6	27.3	26.5	0	0	420.7
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	24.6	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.7	28	28.8	28.1	24.4	24.5	25.8	29.6	24	23.1	0	0	409.9
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	24.9	24.3	25.6	26.6	24.3	28.8	27	26.7	24.4	22.4	26.5	29.2	26.2	24.7	0	0	407.7
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	24.8	24.1	22.9	25.7	25	24.1	26	25.8	25.5	25.5	26.8	27.9	23.8	24.2	0	0	399.8
Susan Nichols	23.9	25.7	22.9	24.8	25.4	26.4	23.5	25.2	25.2	26.2	22.9	24.1	24.2	26.6	22.6	24.6	0	0	394.2
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	23.1	24.5	24.7	26.2	23.9	24.4	27.7	27.4	22.9	23.1	26.4	25.3	23.9	22.3	0	0	392.4
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	22.6	24.3	24.5	24	24.4	27	26.9	25.8	23.8	23.1	25.8	25.2	22.5	24.1	0	0	391
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	22.5	25	25.5	23.4	22.8	23.9	26.2	25.9	24.5	25.6	28	26.8	24.4	20.1	0	0	390.5
Catherine Robotis	24.3	24.7	26.5	9	23.5	23.6	25.4	26.9	26.4	26.5	23.9	23.7	24.8	29.4	21.3	21.4	0	0	381.3
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	24.4	23.7	23	22.5	23.4	23.8	26.4	25.5	22.7	22.8	26.4	27.7	22.8	20.8	0	0	380.5
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	21.7	26.7	21.5	22.5	27.5	23.7	26.8	23.8	22	19.5	0	23.2	0	25.7	0	0	330.4
Peter Stultz	0	0	0	0	25.7	25	24.2	24.8	25.8	27.6	25	26.4	29.2	28.6	24.5	25.8	0	0	312.6
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	23.4	22.9	0	0	0	0	26.2	26.2	23.8	22.4	25.4	25.1	22	21	0	0	284.4
Linda DeStefano Brown	24	22.7	22.4	24.7	26.2	24.3	23.5	25.8	26	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.5
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.4	25.8	22.9	26.3	26.7	28	23.7	24.1	0	0	202.9
Chip Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25.6	23	24.2	0	26.6	23	21.6	0	0	170
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	24.4	26	0	0	26.4	25.2	26.7	0	0	0	0	150.6
Larry Wellington	0	0	22.9	25.2	25.7	25.5	0	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123.5