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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

November 2018

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: November 7th

The program is:

"Introduction to Macro Photography"

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Competitions:

The next competition will be November 28th.

Digital subjects are 'Paths and Trails' & "Open". The print category is "Nature".

The deadline to submit digital images is November 25th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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See your world in a different way by getting up close and personal with your subject matter. The power of macro and close-up photography not only makes minute objects look larger than life, but brings surreal levels of detail to everyday subjects. In this presentation and demonstration, learn about what macro really means, the gear options and techniques for basic macro photography, how to do handheld versus tripod-based close-up shooting, and lighting choices for more advanced macro work. Participants will be encouraged to develop their creative expression as they explore color, texture and detail through macro/close-up photography.

Allie Richards and Paul Nguyen, experienced professional photographers based in Marlborough, MA, share their expertise and special skills with others including both beginners and experienced amateurs.

Allie specializes in landscape, travel and portrait photography. She has been photographing since age 13, and her trade has taken her to places like Iceland, Norway, the Faroe Islands, across Europe and the United States. Paul has over 28 years of experience in film and digital



photography. He currently specializes in digital photography of natural landscapes and wildlife from New England and around the world. As instructors for *Blue Hour Photo Ventures* they conduct outdoor photo workshops and lead photo tours in the USA and abroad. For more information about their instructional programs visit <https://www.bluehourboston.com/>

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 May. For more information visit assabetvalleycc.com or contact John Gill, club President, at 978-293-5192.

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.

Oct. '18 Print Competition - MONOCHROME

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Beach Rose	Ginny Harris	26.3	1st
Razor Bill With Fish	Leon Ferante	26.3	1st
White Rhino	Paul Weisbach	25.9	2nd
Bridge Charleston SC	Linda Shelales	25.8	3rd
Stage Door	Todd Mathieson	25.8	3rd
Candlit Past	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.5	
Zebra's Running	Darlene Holman	25.3	
Aged to Perfection	Linda Gilberti	25.3	
Weary Wheels	Bob Cooke	24.7	
Alone on the Jetty	Dave Morin	22.8	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Oh Baby	Heather Ruthroff	27.4	1st
City of Big Shoulders	Elliot Mednick	25.9	2nd
Breaking Bread on 5th Avenue	Cathy Robotis	25.8	3rd
Entrance to Watkins Glen	Maureen Mathieson	25.6	
Bright Eyes	John Sahagian	25.3	
Arizona Sycamore Bark	Mary Strachan	25	
White Tiger	Larry Alley	23.4	
<u>Make-Up for</u>			

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2018-2019

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	27.1	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Darlene Holman	27	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52.3
Linda Shelales	25.5	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.3
Leon Ferante	23.7	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Linda Gilberti	24.5	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.8
Bob Cooke	25	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.7
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Dave Morin	25.3	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.1
Todd Mathieson	22.3	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.1
Ginny Harris	0	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.3
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.7
Bob Escott	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.7
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Maureen Mathieson	25.3	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.9
Elliot Mednick	24.2	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.1
Cathy Robotis	23.2	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Larry Alley	25.3	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.7
Mary Strachan	23.4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.4
Heather Ruthroff	0	27.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.4
John Sahagian	0	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.8

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Oct. '18 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Spike Spots His Lunch	John Gill	28.7	1st
Tigers Stare Down	Tony Monterio	28.1	2nd
Mating Lubber Grasshoppers	Doris Monterio	27.6	3rd
Ropes and Wheel	Sue Abrahamsen	27	
Lovely White Lily	Linda Shelales	26.7	
One Bold Bird	Cathy Simmons	26.7	
Lilly	John Houldsworth	25.9	
Burrowing Owl Looking Up	Drew Simmons	24.7	
Church	Robyn Saur	24.7	
Stopper in Blacklight	Todd Mathieson	24.4	
Cabbage Butterfly on Michaelmas Daisy 2	Ginny Harris	23.7	
Close to the Cheese Grater	Maureen Mathieson	22.9	
Rabbit in Black and White	Dave Morin	22.6	
CLASS A			
Red Eye Loon With Baby	Leon Ferrante	28.2	1st
Monarch & Mexican Sunflower	Darlene Holman	28	2nd
Pink Lily Crop	Barbara Huntley	26.4	3rd
Sanhill Cranes	Bob Escott	25.7	
Jack O Lantern Spectacular	Dean Giolas	25.4	
Big Jake is Wacthing	Jane Parker	25	
Pinecones	Jill Lockwood	24.9	
Spring Time at the Golden Gate	Dave Reynard	24.8	
Autumn at Wood Park	Diana Ledoux	22.6	
CLASS B			
Snowy Evening in New York City	Cathy Robotis	26.5	1st
Heron: One Fish: Zero	Elliot Mednick	25.6	2nd
Hummingbird at Honeysuckle	Larry Alley	24.9	3rd
Bee Sampling a Dahlia	Mary Strachan	24.8	
What Are You Looking At?	Natalie Schiavone	24.6	
How to Make a Nest	Theresa Vachowski	24.4	
Very Large Hummingbird	Marie Riley	23.4	
Daisy	Jim Quinn	23.1	
Peggy's Cove	Susan Nichols	22.9	
Daybreak on Sheepscot River	Larry Wellington	22.9	
Betty Snorkeling	John McKinney	22.6	
Color Co Ordinated	Pam Meoli	22.5	
Blue Haze	Linda Destefano Brown	22.4	
Grinding Glaciers	Bob Cooke	21.7	

Make-Up for Sep. '18 - OPEN			
Lac Baker Church	Susan Nichols	23.9	

Oct. '18 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Owl With Rat	Sue Abrahamsen	28.6	1st
Loon and Chick on an August Morning	Ginny Harris	28.5	2nd
Minnow Being Eaten By Tricolor Heron	Tony Monteiro	28.3	3rd
Blue Dasher	John Gill	26.8	
Great Egret With Little Fish	Cathy Simmons	26.2	
Mushrooms on Tree Acadia NP	Todd Mathieson	25.7	
Egret Taking Off	Robyn Saur	25.4	
Landing Great Egret	Doris Monteiro	25.1	
White Pelicans at Rest	Drew Simmons	25.1	
Wading in the Mud	John Houldsworth	24.5	
Green Heron on the Hunt	Linda Shelales	24.5	
Mushroom	Dave Morin	24.3	
Chipmunk Climbing the Tree	Maureen Mathieson	23.3	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Peregrine Falcon Feeding 4 Babies	Leon Ferrante	28.1	1st
Lunch Time	Bob Escott	27	2nd
Inspired By Ansel Adams	Dave Reynard	26.7	3rd
Osprey With Fish	Darlene Holman	26.6	
Cacada and Exoskeleton	Barbara Huntley	25.7	
Eyes of the Newt	Jane Parker	25.2	
Just Chillin'	Dean Golas	23.9	
All Dried Up	Diana Ledoux	23.3	
Wildflowers in Shenandoah	Jill Lockwood	22.8	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Rockin' Robin	Natalie Schiavone	28.7	1st
Going For a Little Ride	Elliot Mednick	27.9	2nd
Yum Blubber is Good	Bob Cooke	26.7	3rd
Thistle Do	Larry Wellington	25.2	
Mr. Hopper Holding On	Pam Meoli	25	
Blue Winged Teal	Susan Nichols	24.8	
Ready For Takeoff	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.7	
Snail	Jim Quinn	24.5	
Black and White	John McKinney	24.3	
October Grass	Larry Alley	24.3	
Atlantic Puffin Nesting	Mary Strachan	24.1	
Fishing on the Assabet	Theresa Vachowski	23.7	
Ledges at Lake Cahmpain	Marie Riley	22.9	
Remnants of a Fallen Tree	Cathy Robotis	9	

<u>Make-Up for Sep. '18 - RUST</u>			
Rusty Ring	Susan Nichols	25.7	

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106.9
John Gill	26.8	24.2	28.7	26.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106.5
Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	22.7	27	28.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103.7
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	27.6	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102.5
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	26.7	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101.3
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	23.7	28.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101.2
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	24.7	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.4
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	26.7	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99.6
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	24.4	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99.2
Dave Morin	25.7	25.3	22.6	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.9
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	24.7	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.6
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	25.9	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.1
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	22.9	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91.9
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105.9
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	28	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101.2
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	25.7	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.4
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	24.8	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.1
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	26.4	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	25	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.2
Dean Giolas	23.2	22	25.4	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.5
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	22.6	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.4
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	24.9	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.2
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.1
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
Elliot Mednick	25.7	24.2	25.6	27.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103.4
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	24.6	28.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.1
Susan Nichols	23.9	25.7	22.9	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.3
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	24.8	24.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.6
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	24.9	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95.3
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	23.1	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.2
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	21.7	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.2
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	22.6	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.9
Linda DeStefano Brown	24	22.7	22.4	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.8
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	22.5	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.4
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	24.4	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.7
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	23.4	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.3
Cathy Robotis	24.3	24.7	26.5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84.5
Larry Wellington	0	0	22.9	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.1
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.9