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November 2015

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: Nov. 4. Scheduled program:
Art Vaughan presents Best of NECCC Prints 2015 (see p. 2 for news release)

Next competition meeting: Nov. 18. Scheduled subjects:
Prints "Nature"
Digital "Open"
Digital assigned subject "Panning"

Noted from October meetings:

NOTE: Last month's newsletter was in error stating that there are 20 Scavenger Hunt subjects this season. There are only 10; only the 10 Quad Club subjects are included in the Scavenger Hunt this season.

There will be a sensor cleaning service available at the Dec. 2 program meeting; same charge as last year's service.

The River's Edge Arts Alliance (REAA) and the AVCC are hosting an exhibit at Hudson Town Hall beginning Nov. 12. Reception Nov. 12. Room for about 25 prints. Must be framed and wired for hanging. If sold, club gets 10% and REAA gets 10%. More info and entry form: go to www.upwitharts.org

NECCC is hosting three competitions this season, the first is to be held later this month. If you do not want your images considered, let John G. know.

PSA is looking for Nature and Travel photos. If you do not want your images considered, let Todd M. know. If you have images other than ones submitted for competition that you would like considered, send them to Todd.

The club thanks Todd and Maureen M. for their presentations "The Alphabet Soup of AVCC" and "What do Judges Look For?", and John G. for his presentation on panning at the October program meeting.

News Release: The Best of the NECCC Prints 2015

On Wednesday, November 4, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host a program showing all the color and black-and-white prints that received medals and awards at last summer's annual New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) Conference. These winners—approximately 35 prints covering a wide variety of subjects and techniques—will be on display, allowing for close viewing and lively comments. Attendees will not only learn what the judges said about the images, but they can also participate in discussions and critiques.

Art Vaughan is the presenter. He has an extensive photographic pedigree: honorary life member of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club; currently a member of the Massachusetts Camera Naturalists and the Photographic Historical Society of New England; and Vice President and Master Member of the NECCC. For decades, Art worked in various photographic fields for Bell Labs, Lucent, AT&T, and other high-tech companies. He now enjoys practicing a variety of specialized photographic techniques, as well as digital restoration of antique images. Art is a lifelong experimenter and lens hacker, looking for new uses for broken lenses and other optical components.

This program is free and open to the public. AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members—anyone interested in photography or in enhancing photographic skills. We meet at 7:30 PM the first and third Wednesdays of the month from now 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>.

October 2015 Print Competition - OPEN

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
GOLD			
Snowy Owl Portrait	Cathy Simmons	27	1st
Patagorian Lupine	Linda Gilberti	26	2nd
Hummingbird at Cardinal Flower	Paul Weisbach	25	3rd
Jaguar Resting Under Tree	Sue Abrahamsen	24	
Jaguar #1	Bob Cooke	23	
East End Sunset	Drew Simmons	23	
<u>Make-Up for September 2015</u>			
Three Bees on a Dahlia	Paul Weisbach	25	
SILVER			
Three Tulips	Dave Morin	28.5	1st
Grey Eyes, Great Horned Owl	Maureen Mathieson	25	2nd
Happy Dragonfly	John Gill	24.5	3rd
Pretty Monarch	Stephanie Gill	24.5	3rd
Squirrel With Peanut	Barbara Huntley	24	
Mrs. Mallard	Bob Escott	23.5	
<u>Make-Up for September 2015</u>			
What's Around the Bend?	Barbara Huntley	21	
BRONZE			
Martha Mary Chapel	Diana Bull	23	1st
Pemaquid Point Shore Scene	Michael Doucette	19.5	2nd

Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition			
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PRINT SUMMARY 2015-2016			
	SEPT	OCT	
<u>GOLD</u>			
	Open	Open	TOTAL
Cathy Simmons	24	27	51
Paul Weisbach	25	25	50
Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	24	49.8
Linda Gilberti	22.8	26	48.8
Drew Simmons	25.2	23	48.2
Bob Cooke	23.6	23	46.6
Todd Mathieson	24.9	0	24.9
Linda Shelales	24.6	0	24.6
<u>SILVER</u>			
	Open	Open	
Dave Morin	23.9	28.5	52.4
John Gill	25.7	24.5	50.2
Bob Escott	25.7	23.5	49.2
Stephanie Gill	24.5	24.5	49
Barbara Huntley	21	24	45
Maureen Mathieson	0	25	25
<u>BRONZE</u>			
	Open	Open	
Diana Bull	26.3	23	49.3
Michael Doucette	22.4	19.5	41.9
John Shagian	24.3	0	24.3
Bill Weiblen	23.3	0	23.3

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October 2015 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Screaming Eagle	Cathy Simmons	28.8	1st
Caiman Snack	Sue Abrahamsen	27.2	2nd
Best Perch in the Garden	Linda Shelales	27	3rd
Hey I Was Here First	John Gill	26.6	
Spearfish Falls	Tony Monteiro	26.2	
Christine Falls Mt. Rainier #1	Todd Mathieson	25.5	
Foliage Reflection With Heron	Dave Morin	25.5	
Monarch on Milkweed	Doris Monteiro	24.8	
Ding Darling Spoonbill	Drew Simmons	23.5	
Honey Maker	Stephanie Gill	23.5	
Pretty Red Flower	John Houldsworth	21	
Make-Up for September 2015			
Bubble Magic	John Houldsworth	23	
CLASS A			
Stepstone Crossing	Fred Parsons	29.8	1st
Lorikeet Headshot	Maureen Mathieson	26	2nd
The Thinker	Barbara Huntley	25.5	3rd
Pumpkin Carver - Quincy Market	Dave Reynard	24.8	
Lunchtime	Liz West	24.1	
The Colors of Mexico	Linda Gilberti	24	
Welcome to Fall	Bob Escott	23.8	
Bird Combat	Marty Paulausky	22.6	
First Steps	Ginny Harris	22	
Fireworks 2015	Jill Lockwood	20.5	
Make-Up for September 2015			
Up Up and Away	Marty Paulausky	23.8	
CLASS B			
Young Fife Player	Diana Ledoux	25	1st
Across the Assabet	Linda DeStefano Brown	25	1st
Brazilian Otter Dining	Bob Cooke	23.4	2nd
A Thousand Feet Up	Michael Doucette	23.3	3rd
Autumn Dawn	Jennifer Wang	22.2	
Autumn on the Assabet River	Bill Weiblen	22	
Silhouettes	Mo Sibachir	21.7	
Here's Looking at You	Jim Quinn	21.5	
Queen Anne's Lace	Theresa Vachowski	21	
View From Sleepy Hollow at Dusk	Diana Bull	20.9	

October 2015 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
On the Nest	Tony Monteiro	29.1	1st
Curious Catbird	Linda Shelales	28	2nd
Shake It	Cathy Simmons	25.5	3rd
Showing Off	John Gill	25.2	
River Otter Enjoying Fish	Sue Abrahamsen	25.2	
Reticulated Chipmunk With Salmonberry	Todd Mathieson	24.8	
Woodstork Eating Fish	Drew Simmons	24.7	
Gotcha	Stephanie Gill	23.5	
Pronghorn at Waterhole	Doris Monteiro	22.8	
Osprey With Carp	Dave Morin	22.5	
Giant Turtle Exploring	John Houldsworth	21.9	
Make-Up for September 2015 - Things in Threes			
Three Seals Playing	John Houldsworth	23.2	
CLASS A			
Parenting Penguin Style	Linda Gilberti	26.5	1st
Kermit's Cousin	Ginny Harris	25.6	2nd
Nature	Fred Parsons	25	3rd
On the Move	Marty Paulausky	24.6	
Triplets	Liz West	24.5	
Lotus Blossom #2	Jill Lockwood	24.5	
Seastacks - Washington Coast	Dave Reynard	24.1	
Sanibel Sunset With Wave	Barbara Huntley	24	
Plum Island Shore	Bob Escott	23.8	
Stranded Jelly	Maureen Mathieson	20	
CLASS B			
Pelican	Mo Sibachir	24.9	1st
I'm Stylin'	Diana Ledoux	24	2nd
This One's For You	Theresa Vachowski	23	3rd
Dinner at the Delaney	Diana Bull	22.7	
Cathedral Rock Sedona	Bill Weiblen	22.2	
Monkey King Hiding in the Mountains	Jennifer Wang	21	
Get Off My Back	Michael Doucette	20.8	
Dirty Dirty Mushrooms	Jim Quinn	20.3	
Avain Finery Brazil	Bob Cooke	20	
Symbiosis	Linda DeStefano Brown	19.5	
Make-Up for September 2015 - Things in Threes			
Before Balloon Launch	Jennifer Wang	22.5	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2015-2016					
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		TOTAL
CLASS AA	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	
Tony Monteiro	26	25.4	26.2	29.1	106.7
Linda Shelales	25.2	24.3	27	28	104.5
Cathy Simmons	24.9	24.2	28.8	25.5	103.4
John Gill	25.2	24.3	26.6	25.2	101.3
Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	24.8	27.2	25.2	100.6
Todd Mathieson	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	99.8
Doris Monteiro	24.9	26.3	24.8	22.8	98.8
Drew Simmons	24.3	24	23.5	24.7	96.5
Stephanie Gill	24.2	24.5	23.5	23.5	95.7
Dave Morin	22.7	23.7	25.5	22.5	94.4
John Houldsworth	23	23.2	21	21.9	89.1
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Barbara Huntley	26.1	23.7	25.5	24	99.3
Liz West	24.9	24.5	24.1	24.5	98
Dave Reynard	24	24.2	24.8	24.1	97.1
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.1	24	26.5	96.4
Ginny Harris	24.2	23.9	22	25.6	95.7
Bob Escott	23.1	24.9	23.8	23.8	95.6
Marty Paulausky	23.8	23.7	22.6	24.6	94.7
Maureen Mathieson	24.6	23.7	26	20	94.3
Jill Lockwood	22.7	24.3	20.5	24.5	92
Fred Parsons	0	0	29.8	25	54.8
Dean Giolas	23.6	24.5	0	0	48.1
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Diana Ledoux	24.8	22.2	25	24	96
Diana Bull	23.9	24.5	20.9	22.7	92
Theresa Vachowski	24.3	23.7	21	23	92
Michael Doucette	23.3	23.7	23.3	20.8	91.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	23	22.8	25	19.5	90.3
Jennifer Wang	23.9	22.5	22.2	21	89.6
Bob Cooke	21.9	24	23.4	20	89.3
Jim Quinn	22.7	23.1	21.5	20.3	87.6
Mo Sibachir	0	0	21.7	24.9	46.6
John Prunte	21.6	23.4	0	0	45
Marie Riley	21.5	23.1	0	0	44.6
Bill Weiblen	0	0	22	22.2	44.2
Larry Wellington	21.9	21.6	0	0	43.5