



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

October 2016

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: October 5<sup>th</sup>. Scheduled program presented by Hazel Meredith:  
**Working with Textures & Overlays - Turn Ho-Hum into a Work of Art**

Don't delete that digital image! Do you sometimes have a shot that you really like....a subject that is hard to capture....a place you may not get to again....but it's not perfect? Turn that "almost" good shot into a work of art by utilizing textures and overlays.

Maybe it's a bird in flight – the bird looks great, but the sky is blah. Use another sky image as an overlay, or add a texture – or both! Maybe it's a nice flower shot – good color and composition, but it's not quite tack sharp. Use textures to turn it into a fine art image! Of course, you can also add textures to your best images and make them spectacular!

Textures are everywhere – there are many free and for-purchase ones online. You can create your own textures within Photoshop or from photos of everyday objects. Working with layers and blending modes, there are many things you can do to create a beautiful work of art – I'll show you how!

Next competition meeting: March 16. Scheduled subjects:

Prints "Open"

Digital "Open"

Digital assigned subject "Nature"

Reminder:

Don't forget to pay your dues by Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you do not pay by then, you will not be allowed to participate in the competitions. If you joined the club after January 2016, you do not have to pay dues again until Sept. 2017.

## **AVCC Offers Free Program on Working with Textures**

On Wednesday, October 5, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host photographer and author Hazel Meredith, who will present "Working with Textures & Overlays: Turn Ho-Hum into a Work of Art." Hazel loves working with textures and overlays. She will show you where to find them, how to create them, and how to use them to transform images.

Hazel's photos have won many awards and competitions both locally and internationally, and she has had several public showings of her work. In 2008 she received an honors distinction of Master Member of the New England Camera Club Council (MNEC), and in 2012 received the PSA Service Award. The following year, she was awarded the distinction of APSA from the Photographic Society of America at their annual conference.

Hazel is involved with the photographic community on local, regional, and national levels. She is currently treasurer of the Greater Bridgeport Camera Club; secretary of the Connecticut Association of Photographers; and a Vice President on the board of the New England Camera Club Council. She is also active in the Photographic Society of America (PSA). In addition, she has a website, an online store, and a Facebook page.

This program is free and open to the general public. AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members. We meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each 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>.



images by Bob DiNatale

# Photography Lecture & Discussion

## *Processing Your Digital Images*

by Bob DiNatale

*Whether you're using an expensive digital camera or your phone's camera,  
...if you're serious about your photography, this lecture is for you.*

**Saturday, Oct. 15**

**10 am – 12 pm**

**19 Carter Community Center**

19 Carter Street, Berlin, MA 01503

19Carter.org

Once you take a digital image, what are your options? By raising an awareness of how we look at our photos, Bob will show how we can easily improve them. He will demonstrate processing tips and tools to enhance your digital image. Using software such as Lightroom and Photoshop - and a few phone apps, he will depict the various stages of processing the digital image from overall exposure; to local adjustments; to expressive enhancements.

Bob will give a 45 min. presentation followed by a Q & A which will include time for you to hear his specific suggestions on how to enhance photos that you bring along.

Private instruction with Bob normally costs \$100/hour. He is generously donating his time for this workshop to benefit 19 Carter.

*Suggested donation for the 2-hour session is \$20 – but come regardless of your ability to pay. Space is limited to 25. Please email [evelyndueck@gmail.com](mailto:evelyndueck@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.*



**Photographer, author and inventor, Bob also conducts workshops, lectures and On-Line private instruction in the area of digital photography.** Beginning serious photography in 1965, Bob explored conventional darkroom techniques in both B&W and color. His work at Polaroid R&D in silver emulsions along with his US patent in color printing give Bob a broad base in film photography. He also traveled the country as both a Nikon and Time Life School instructor. Bob presented his first digital media production in 1984, founded the Olympus School of Digital Photography in 1998 and continues to work at the leading edge of digital technology. Through the advances in digital photography, Bob has blended his unique background of film photography with his extensive experience in the digital world. His book, *The Optimum Digital Exposure* is a must read for those who want to know how to optimize their digital captures. [www.bobdinatale.com](http://www.bobdinatale.com)

### Sep. '16 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>			
Driftwood on Rialto Beach	Todd Mathieson	27.8	1st
Where the Wind?	Linda Shelales	24.8	2nd
Momma Bear With Cub	Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	2nd
If Barns Could Talk	Linda Gilberti	23.3	3rd
Mushroom Miracle	Bob Cooke	23.1	
Hood Ornament #1	Drew Simmons	22.5	
Plum Island Treasures	Cathy Simmons	22.5	
Big Poppy	John Gill	22.4	
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>			
Fenway Fancy	Dave Morin	28.5	1st
Wheee !	Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	2nd
Newfound Lake	Bob Escott	24.8	3rd
Weathered Door	Diana Bull	24	
Beautiful Butterfly	Stephanie Gill	23.3	
Farm House - Penn Run PA	Fred Parsons	22.5	
Lotus Seed Pod	Maureen Mathieson	21.8	
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>			
Helcal #2	Art Walker	24.6	1st
Solitude	Mary Strachan	24	2nd
Walking the Kids	Linda Destefano Brown	22.5	3rd
Class Reunion	John Sahagian	21.8	
<b><u>Make-Up for</u></b>			

**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>GOLD</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	27.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.8
Linda Shelales	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.8
Sue Abrahamsen	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.8
Linda Gilberti	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.3
Bob Cooke	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.1
Drew Simmons	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5
Cathy Simmins	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5
John Gill	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.4
<b>SILVER</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Dave Morin	28.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28.5
Ann DeCristofaro	26.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.1
Bob Escott	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.8
Diana Bull	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Stephanie Gill	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.3
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>BRONZE</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Art Walker	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.6
Mary Strachan	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Linda DeStefano Brown	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5
John Sahagian	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.8

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<b>Sep. '16 Digital Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Lotus Blossom Framingham 2016	Todd Mathieson	30	1st
Lions Lunchtime	Doris Monteiro	29.3	2nd
Oh No	Tony Monteiro	28.5	3rd
Monarch at Small Farm	Cathy Simmons	28.5	3rd
Lets Eat	Stephanie Gill	28.5	3rd
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail in Flight	John Gill	28.5	3rd
Butterfly	Dave Morin	28.5	3rd
Old Rusty Car	Sue Abrahamsen	26.3	
Monarch Magic	Linda Shelales	26.3	
Froggie	Drew Simmons	24.8	
Lilacs	Liz West	24	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Barred Owl Winking	Barbara Huntley	30	1st
Here's Looking at You Kid	Ginny Harris	30	1st
Loon Surfacing	Bob Escott	27.8	2nd
Timig Shot: 3 Ships and a Lighthouse	Fred Parsons	25.5	3rd
Signs of Summer	Maureen Mathieson	25.5	3rd
Purple Passion	Linda Gilberti	25.5	3rd
Playing in the Water	Marty Paulausky	25.5	3rd
Gotcha !!	Dave Reynard	24	
Mason	Jill Lockwood	24	
Grounded	Diana Ledoux	22.5	
Morning Grasshopper in Bathroom	Dean Golas	22.5	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Creative Disrepair	Bill Weiblen	25.5	1st
Contemplation	Art Walker	24	2nd
Bet the Guard Loves Selfies	Jim Quinn	24	2nd
Heirloom Tomatoes	Diana Bull	23.3	3rd
Colorful Buoys	Ann Decristofaro	22.5	
We Came to See the Sea	Bob Cooke	22.5	
Cradled Yellow Flower	Sheryl Roberts	21.8	
Breakfast Time	Marie Riley	21.8	
Chillin	Theresa Vachowski	21	
Roatan Macaw	John McKinney	21	
The Chill Within	Catherine Robotis	21	

<b>Sep. '16 Digital Competition - Spire(s)</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>CLASS AA</u></b>			
Steeple Art	Cathy Simmons	28.2	1st
Martha Mary Chapel	John Gill	27.8	2nd
Mormon Temple San Diego	Doris Monteiro	27.3	3rd
Spires of Transylvania	Sue Abrahamsen	26.9	
Newburyport Steeple	Drew Simmons	26.9	
Seminaire De Quebec Spire	Tony Monteiro	25.1	
Purple Loosestrife	Liz West	24.8	
French Quarter Church	Todd Mathieson	24	
Good Shepherd Parish	Stephanie Gill	24	
A Spire	Dave Morin	23.3	
Drawn to the Light	Linda Shelales	21.8	
<b><u>CLASS A</u></b>			
Spires Galore	Dean Giolas	27.6	1st
Reaching for the Sky	Linda Gilberti	25.4	2nd
Inspired	Ginny Harris	24.8	3rd
Decordova Museum	Bob Escott	24.8	3rd
From the High Line	Diana Ledoux	24.6	
Ic 9 11	Marty Paulausky	24	
Lost Arrow Spire Yosemite	Barbara Huntley	24	
Tlaquepague Chapel Spire	Fred Parsons	23.3	
All Aboard at King's Cross Station	Maureen Mathieson	22.5	
Cape Cod Spire	Dave Reynard	21.8	
Center Meetinghouse	Jill Lockwood	21.8	
<b><u>CLASS B</u></b>			
Turkey: Land of Spires	Bob Cooke	28.1	1st
In Spiring Cathedral	Ann DeCristofaro	26.3	2nd
Spires in Prague	Jim Quinn	25.5	3rd
A Cattail Spire	Diana Bull	25.4	
4:41	Art Walker	24.8	
Halberstadt Cathedral	Bill Weiblen	24	
First Congregational Church of Brimfield	Theresa Vachowski	23.1	
Church Spires	Marie Riley	22.5	
First Church in Sterling	Mary Strachin	21.8	
Spire in Pseudo Infrared	John McKinney	21.8	

**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>	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	
Cathy Simmons	28.5	28.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56.7
Doris Monteiro	29.3	27.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56.6
John Gill	28.5	27.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56.3
Todd Mathieson	30	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Tony Monteiro	28.5	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53.6
Sue Abrahamsen	26.3	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53.2
Stephanie Gill	28.5	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52.5
Dave Morin	28.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.8
Drew Simmons	24.8	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.7
Liz West	24	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.8
Linda Shelales	26.3	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.1
<b>CLASS A</b>	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ginny Harris	30	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54.8
Barbara Huntley	30	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Bob Escott	27.8	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52.6
Linda Gilberti	25.5	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.9
Dean Giolas	22.5	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.1
Marty Paulausky	25.5	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.5
Fred Parsons	25.5	23.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.8
Maureen Mathieson	25.5	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Diana Ledoux	22.5	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.1
Dave Reynard	24	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.8
Jill Lockwood	24	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.8
<b>CLASS B</b>	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	<b>TOTAL</b>
Bob Cooke	22.5	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.6
Bill Weiblen	25.5	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.5
Jim Quinn	24	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.5
Art Walker	24	24.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.8
Ann DeCristofaro	22.5	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.8
Diana Bull	23.3	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.7
Marie Riley	21.8	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.3
Theresa Vachowski	21	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.1
John McKinney	21	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.8
Sheryl Roberts	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.8
Mary Strachan	0	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.8
Catherine Robotis	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21