



FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

Happy New Year!

January 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: Jan. 6. Scheduled program:
"Getting the Perfect Shot" 2-part program by Bob Ring and Don Toothaker (see p.2)

Next competition meeting: Jan. 20. Scheduled subjects:
Prints "Open"
Digital "Open"
Digital assigned subject "Stonework"

Notes from December meetings:
A celebration of the club's 30th anniversary was held after the banquet on competition night.
A reminder: If Hudson cancels school because of bad weather on meeting night, the senior center will be closed, so there will be no meeting that night. We will try to get word onto the club's website if a meeting is cancelled.
On Saturday, Jan. 23, the club will be holding its annual Photo Ops at the Hudson Senior Center from 10 AM to 3 PM. There will be various set-ups such as water dropping and items for building still lifes. There will be no live models this year.
If you are exhibiting at the Rivers Edge Arts Alliance at Hudson town hall: The show ends Thursday, Jan. 7. Pick-up will be that night.
Art Wolfe will be the keynote speaker at the NECCC Conference being held July 15 thru 17 at UMass Amherst.
The club thanks Jake Mosser for his presentation on nature photography spots in our region.

News Release: AVCC January Program

On Wednesday, January 6, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host a free audiovisual program, "Get the Shot and Make It Sharp," which combines creativity and technical know-how. It features Bob Ring and Don Toothaker, founders of the New England Photo Workshops.

Bob is a member of Photographic Society of America, the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, and the Greater Lynn Photographic Association. He is also a Nikon Professional Services photographer. Don is a lecturer, exhibitor, and member of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, as well as a published photographer.

Don will offer insight on how to create images that are both a form of self-expression and that evoke emotional responses. Bob will discuss the challenges and solutions to obtaining sharp images that will be used for printing and presentations. Bob will deal with the more technical aspects of photography, including sensors, lenses, and image sharpening.

This program is free and open to the public. AVCC welcomes anyone who is interested in photography. 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, contact Liz West (978) 263-2853 or Muffet1@gmail.com

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hudson Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Club results from the Fall 2015 NECCC Interclub competition:

Class A nature: we placed 8th out of 16 clubs with 93 total points. Club entries:

Tony Monteiro, "The Nest", 26 points and an Honorable Mention

Sue Abrahamsen, "River Otter Enjoying Fish", 24 points

Todd Mathieson, "Reticulated Chipmunk With Salmonberry", 22 points

Dave Morin, "Osprey With Carp", 21 points

Class A Pictorial: we placed 2nd out of 19 clubs with 97 points. Two points separated 1st place from 3rd place. Greater Lynn took first with 98, and New Haven took 3rd with 96.

All four of our entries received Honorable Mentions. Club entries:

Barbara Huntley, "Osprey In Flight", 25 points

Doris Monteiro, "Late Light At Balance Rock", 24 points

Fred Parsons, "Stepstone Crossing", 24 points

John Gill, "Infrared Lotuses #2", 24 points

Images from this competition can be found at:

<http://neccc14.neccc.org/Interclub/GalleriesFall2015/PictorialA/index.html>

December 2015 Print Competition - GLASSWARE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Sake Glassware	Todd Mathieson	26.6	1st
Inkwells	Cathy Simmons	26.3	2nd
A Light Dessert!	Linda Shelales	25.5	3rd
Splashing Glasses	Sue Abrahamsen	22.8	
Uranium Glass	Drew Simmons	22.6	
Glavious Glass Lamp in Turkey	Bob Cooke	22.4	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Stripes	Stephanie Gill	25.5	1st
Blue Swirl Glass	Barbara Huntley	24.8	2nd
Glasses in Sky	Bob Escott	23.8	3rd
Blue Bottle	John Gill	23.6	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Bottles	Diana Bull	24.4	1st
On the Rocks	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.1	2nd
Softly	Art Walker	22.7	3rd

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2015-2016					
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	24.9	25.5	26.6	26.6	103.6
Cathy Simmons	24	27	24.2	26.3	101.5
Linda Shelales	24.6	26.6	24.3	25.5	101
Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	24	26.2	22.8	98.8
Drew Simmons	25.2	23	23.1	22.6	93.9
Bob Cooke	23.6	23	22.1	22.4	91.1
Paul Weisbach	25	25	24.2	0	74.2
Linda Gilberti	22.8	26	21.8	0	70.6
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	
John Gill	25.7	24.5	26.1	23.6	99.9
Bob Escott	25.7	23.5	26.8	23.8	99.8
Stephanie Gill	24.5	24.5	24.2	25.5	98.7
Barbara Huntley	21	24	25.3	24.8	95.1
Dave Morin	23.9	28.5	24.7	0	77.1
Maureen Mathieson	0	25	0	0	25
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	
Diana Bull	26.3	23	21.6	24.4	95.3
Linda DeStefano Brown	0	0	22	23.1	45.1
Art Walker	0	0	19.8	22.7	42.5
Michael Doucette	22.4	19.5	0	0	41.9
Bill Weiblen	23.3	0	9	0	32.3
John Shagian	24.3	0	0	0	24.3

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

December 2015 Digital Competition -- OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Perching Boat-tailed Grackle	Tony Monteiro	28.1	1st
Pied Billed Grebe	Doris Monteiro	27.4	2nd
Jaguar Looking For Lunch	Sue Abrahamsen	27.2	3rd
Great Blue in Flight	Cathy Simmons	26.4	
Monarch #1	Linda Shelales	26	
Infrared Lotuses #3	John Gill	25.8	
Regal Fritillary Bronx Zoo	Todd Mathieson	25	
Eagle Lake in Infrared	Stephanie Gill	24.1	
Rose Breasted Grosbeak	Drew Simmons	23.5	
Cardinal and Mary	Dave Morin	23	
Kodak Moment	John Houldsworth	22.2	
CLASS A			
Frost on the Holly	Liz West	27	1st
Posing Spoonbill	Barbara Huntley	26.2	2nd
Raindrops on Roses	Linda Gilberti	26.2	2nd
Blue Angels in Formation	Maureen Mathieson	26	3rd
Merry Christmas	Fred Parsons	25.5	
Snakes Alive	Dave Reynard	25.2	
Me First	Ginny Harris	24.7	
Big Fall Little Shed	Dean Giolas	24.1	
Smile	Bob Escott	23.7	
Valerie	Jill Lockwood	23.3	
At the Beach	Marty Paulausky	22.7	
Make-Up for November 2015 -- OPEN			
Isaac	Jill Lockwood	23.6	
CLASS B			
Bubbly Cranberries	Jim Quinn	26.8	1st
Texas Bluebonnets	Diana Bull	24.9	2nd
Forest Ferns	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.8	3rd
Hot Air Balloon in the Air	Jennifer Wang	24	
Greylock Light	Theresa Vachowski	23.9	
Chicago	Mo Sibachir	23.5	
What Do You Think?	Diana Ledoux	23.3	
Thunder Hole	Michael Doucette	22.9	
Christmas Celebration	Bob Rose	22.6	
American Lady Hiding	Art Walker	22.5	
Old Stone Church	John McKinney	22.5	
Dancing Sunlight	Bob Cooke	22.5	
Make-Up for November 2015 -- OPEN			
Shark Son Cellphone Mama	John McKinney	24	

December 2015 Digital Competition -- NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
White Neck Heron With Fish	Sue Abrahamsen	28.2	1st
Prepare to Dive	Stephanie Gill	27.5	2nd
Pelican Bathing	Doris Monteiro	27.5	2nd
Green Heron Stalking It's Prey	Tony Monteiro	26.7	3rd
Yum Frogs Legs	Drew Simmons	26.5	
The Ambush Bugs' Next Meal	John Gill	26.2	
Synchronized Eating	Cathy Simmons	25.9	
Seagull in Flight	Dave Morin	25.3	
Volcanic Lava	John Houldsworth	24.8	
Fritillary on Milkweed Flower	Linda Shelales	23.9	
CLASS A			
Glasswing Butterfly	Liz West	26.8	1st
Whitmore Falls - Autumn 2015	Dave Reynard	26.5	2nd
Six Sunspots	Fred Parsons	26.4	3rd
Patagonian Fox	Linda Gilberti	25.8	
Sunbather	Marty Paulausky	24.6	
Glossy Ibis Striking a Pose #2	Barbara Huntley	24.4	
Smooth as Glass	Bob Escott	23.9	
Seagull Bathing Vigorously	Maureen Mathieson	23.9	
A Fin Whale Up Close	Dean Giolas	23.2	
Dreaming Dove	Ginny Harris	23.1	
Turtle	Jill Lockwood	23	
Make-Up for November 2015 -- Panning			
Panning Boat	Jill Lockwood	23.4	
CLASS B			
Mating Slaty Skimmers	Michael Doucette	26	1st
Frost on the Shell	Jim Quinn	25.3	2nd
Out to Lunch	Bob Cooke	25.1	3rd
Horseshoe	Mo Sibachir	24.4	
Two Geese	Diana Ledoux	24.2	
Stellar Sea Lions Afternoon Chat	Theresa Vachowski	23.9	
Take Off	Diana Bull	23.8	
Camp Robber	Art Walker	23.3	
Yellow Lotus in the Great Meadows	Jennifer Wang	23.3	
Fall Has Fallen	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.7	
Asters	Bob Rose	22.6	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2015-2016									
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		TOTAL
CLASS AA	Open	Things in Thres	Open	Nature	Open	Panning	Open	Nature	
Tony Monteiro	26	25.4	26.2	29.1	28.1	25.2	28.1	26.7	214.8
Doris Monteiro	24.9	26.3	24.8	22.8	27.9	24.6	27.4	27.5	206.2
Cathy Simmons	24.9	24.2	28.8	25.5	26.4	23	26.4	25.9	205.1
John Gill	25.2	24.3	26.6	25.2	25.8	25.9	25.8	26.2	205
Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	24.8	27.2	25.2	25.8	21.8	27.2	28.2	203.6
Linda Shelales	25.2	24.3	27	28	24.7	23.2	26	23.9	202.3
Stephanie Gill	24.2	24.5	23.5	23.5	25.1	24	24.1	27.5	196.4
Drew Simmons	24.3	24	23.5	24.7	25.8	21.2	23.5	26.5	193.5
Dave Morin	22.7	23.7	25.5	22.5	24.7	20.8	23	25.3	188.2
John Houldsworth	23	23.2	21	21.9	23.3	26.5	22.2	24.8	185.9
Todd Mathieson	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	26.2	24.9	25	0	175.9
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Barbara Huntley	26.1	23.7	25.5	24	28.1	24.8	26.2	24.4	202.8
Liz West	24.9	24.5	24.1	24.5	26.7	22.9	27	26.8	201.4
Dave Reynard	24	24.2	24.8	24.1	26.2	23	25.2	26.5	198
Ginny Harris	24.2	23.9	22	25.6	23.6	25.7	24.7	23.1	192.8
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.1	24	26.5	23.9	20.4	26.2	25.8	192.7
Marty Paulausky	23.8	23.7	22.6	24.6	26.1	24.1	22.7	24.6	192.2
Bob Escott	23.1	24.9	23.8	23.8	26.7	21.7	23.7	23.9	191.6
Maureen Mathieson	24.6	23.7	26	20	24.3	22.4	26	23.9	190.9
Dean Giolas	23.6	24.5	21.7	26.7	23.4	20.6	24.1	23.2	187.8
Jill Lockwood	22.7	24.3	20.5	24.5	23.6	23.4	23.3	23	185.3
Fred Parsons	0	0	29.8	25	0	0	25.5	26.4	106.7
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	TOTAL
Diana Ledoux	24.8	22.2	25	24	24.9	23.1	23.3	24.2	191.5
Theresa Vachowski	24.3	23.7	21	23	26.8	21.5	23.9	23.9	188.1
Jim Quinn	22.7	23.1	21.5	20.3	22.5	25.9	26.8	25.3	188.1
Michael Doucette	23.3	23.7	23.3	20.8	24.5	23.3	22.9	26	187.8
Diana Bull	23.9	24.5	20.9	22.7	24.9	20.8	24.9	23.8	186.4
Bob Cooke	21.9	24	23.4	20	21.8	22	22.5	25.1	180.7
Jennifer Wang	23.9	22.5	22.2	21	27.2	0	24	23.3	164.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	23	22.8	25	19.5	26.3	0	24.8	22.7	164.1
Mo Sibachir	0	0	21.7	24.9	23.9	21.4	23.5	24.4	139.8
Art Walker	0	0	0	24.2	22.8	22.1	22.5	23.3	114.9
John McKinney	0	0	0	0	24	0	22.5	0	46.5
Bob Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.6	22.6	45.2
John Prunte	21.6	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Marie Riley	21.5	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.6
Bill Weiblen	0	0	22	22.2	0	0	0	0	44.2
Larry Wellington	21.9	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	43.5

