



# FOCAL POINT

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May 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: May 4. Scheduled program:  
Daniel Barstow presents "Windows on Earth": photographs of Earth from space (see p.2 for more info)

Next competition meeting: May 18. Scheduled subjects:  
Prints "Open"  
Digital "Open"  
Digital assigned subject "Creative / altered reality"

Notes from April meetings:

Linda DeStefano Brown won Most Popular Awards in both B&W (for "Elemental Splendor") and Color (for "Evening Light") at last month's Friends of Marlborough Library annual photography show.

The idea of a day trip to the lotus pit at Metrowest Medical Center in Framingham was introduced for some time in July.

Also, a field trip to Small Farm in Stow was introduced. They offered to let us in for the small price of a purchase of fresh flowers and/or vegetables by each participant.

The club thanks John G. for his mini-tutorial on close-up and macrophotography at the competition meeting.

The club has selected its entries for this year's Tri-Club competition.

Upcoming dates:

May 19: Tri-Club competition, hosted by AVCC

June 15: annual Banquet, club competition awards presentation, and club competition Images of the Year for Open, Assigned and Nature categories

July 15 to July 17: 71<sup>st</sup> NECCC Conference, held at UMass Amherst

## **AVCC Program Features Astronaut Photos of Earth**

On Wednesday, May 4, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will feature a presentation by Daniel Barstow that includes amazing photos of Earth taken by astronauts in space. The audience will see an astounding variety: erupting volcanoes, the vast Sahara Desert, the rugged Himalayas, cities at night, retreating glaciers, and hurricanes. These are hand-held photographs inspired by what the astronauts see from the cupola window of the International Space Station. Like any good photographer, each astronaut uses heart and soul to pick the view, frame the image, and find that decisive moment.

Daniel Barstow is Education Manager for the International Space Station (ISS). He is not an astronaut, but he works directly with them for Earth observation and photography. As Principal Investigator of Windows On Earth, he led development of the software astronauts use on ISS to identify targets to photograph, and leads the team that reviews all of these images for public distribution on [WindowsOnEarth.org](http://WindowsOnEarth.org).

This presentation will encompass both the technical and the artistic. Barstow will discuss the cameras, lenses and the unique challenges of photography in a weightless environment orbiting the Earth at 17,500 mph. He will also present some of the most compelling and beautiful of the astronauts' photographs. Five glorious prints (13x19") will be given as door prizes to selected attendees.

This program is free and open to the public. AVCC welcomes both new and prospective members—anyone interested in photography or in enhancing their photographic skills. We meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesdays 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—<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>.

**April 2016 Print Competition -- Decay/Disrepair**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>			
Entropy, Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia	Todd Mathieson	25.8	1st
The Chain	Linda Shelales	24.9	2nd
Decaying Lily Pad	Drew Simmons	24.3	3rd
Lacy Leaf	Cathy Simmons	23.9	
Decaying Trees	Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	
Moss Green	Linda Gilberti	23	
Rust and Ruin	Bob Cooke	22.8	
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>			
May You Rust in Peace	John Gill	25.5	1st
A Boat Past It's Prime	Barbara Huntley	25.4	2nd
Grandpa's Ford Truck	Dave Morin	23.7	3rd
Last Bus to Lechmere	Stephanie Gill	22.4	
Pompeii and Mt.Vesuvius	Bob Escott	21.6	
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>			
Hinged Abstract	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.9	1st
Face of Decay	Bill Weiblen	24	2nd
Old Collapsing House Rt. 1 Maine	Michael Doucette	23.3	3rd
Old Timer	Diana Bull	22.2	
Watch Your Step	Art Walker	21.3	

<b>Images Highlighted in Yellow are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition</b>			
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**PRINT SUMMARY 2015-2016**

	SEP T	OC T	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	
<b>GOLD</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	Open	Open	Nature	Decay/Disrepair	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	24.9	25.5	26.6	26.6	25.2	28.1	25.7	25.8	208.4
Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	24	26.2	22.8	25.2	28.8	25.8	23.4	202
Linda Shelales	24.6	26.6	24.3	25.5	22	24.2	26	24.9	198.1
Cathy Simmons	24	27	24.2	26.3	21	27.9	22.8	23.9	197.1
Linda Gilberti	22.8	26	21.8	24	22.6	24.9	25.2	23	190.3
Drew Simmons	25.2	23	23.1	22.6	23.4	23	24.5	24.3	189.1
Bob Cooke	23.6	23	22.1	22.4	22.5	27.8	24.6	22.7	188.7
Paul Weisbach	25	25	24.2	0	26	0	0	0	100.2
<b>SILVER</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	Open	Open	Nature	Decay/Disrepair	
John Gill	25.7	24.5	26.1	23.6	29	24.3	24.8	25.5	203.5
Dave Morin	23.9	28.5	24.7	28	22	29.7	21.9	23.7	202.4
Stephanie Gill	24.5	24.5	24.2	25.5	26.5	27.5	24.3	22.4	199.4
Barbara Huntley	21	24	25.3	24.8	23.8	28.4	26.7	25.4	199.4
Bob Escott	25.7	23.5	26.8	23.8	23	26.1	22.7	21.6	193.2
Maureen Mathieson	0	25	0	0	0	0	22.8	0	47.8
<b>BRONZE</b>	Open	Open	Nature	Glassware	Open	Open	Nature	Decay/Disrepair	
Diana Bull	26.3	23	21.6	24.4	23.9	26.7	22.5	22.2	190.6
Bill Weiblen	23.3	28.7	9	0	24	26.9	21.5	24	157.4
Linda DeStefano Brown	0	0	22	23.1	25	21.3	21.8	24.9	138.1
Art Walker	0	0	19.8	22.7	22.7	27.8	23.3	21.3	137.6
Michael Doucette	22.4	19.5	0	0	21.5	21.9	24.5	22.5	132.3
John Shagian	24.3	0	0	0	20.5	0	0	0	44.8
Bob Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.6	0	24.6

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<b>April 2016 Digital Competition -- OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Flower Reflection Number 2	John Gill	26.6	1st
Meeting For Lunch	Tony Monteiro	26.6	1st
Dried Seed Pod	Dave Morin	24.8	2nd
Caiman With Pesty Fly	Sue Abrahamsen	24.6	3rd
Great Egret Profile	Cathy Simmons	24.5	
Stork Drying Its Wings	Doris Monteiro	24.5	
Julia Butterfly	Stephanie Gill	24	
Snail Kite	Drew Simmons	23.9	
Frog on Lily Pad	Linda Shelales	23.4	
Pacific Sunset	John Houldsworth	21.8	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Morning Fog	Liz West	25.5	1st
Waiting Under the Needle	Maureen Mathieson	24.6	2nd
Great Blue Heron Scratching an Itch	Barbara Huntley	24.3	3rd
A Paw Sox Moment	Ginny Harris	24.3	3rd
April Snow	Bob Escott	24.2	
Alaskan Mountains Number 1 of Many	Dean Giolas	24	
The Eye Has It	Marty Paulausky	24	
Island Sunrise	Fred Parsons	23.7	
My Buddy Arthur	Dave Reynard	22.8	
Lily in Orange	Linda Gilberti	22.5	
Natural Bridge Caverns #1	Jill Lockwood	22.1	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Where's My Harem?	Bob Cooke	24.9	1st
Wachusett Reservoir Shoreline Trees	Darlene Holman	24.3	2nd
Shimmering Forest Light	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.3	2nd
Desert Monsoon #2	Diana Bull	24.2	3rd
Plum Island in March	Diana Ledoux	23.9	
Stroll Under the Trees	Bill Weiblen	23.7	
Shelburne Flower	Mo Sibachir	23.4	
Preening Snowy Owl	Michael Doucette	23.4	
Girl in Easter Bonnet Easter Sunday Morning	John McKinney	23.3	
Storm Over Naples	Jim Quinn	23	
Windmill Field	Jennifer Wang	22.7	
Race Point Flock	Theresa Vachowski	22.2	
Spring Blooms	Marie Riley	22.2	
Temple in Bali Indonesia	Sheryl Roberts	22.1	
Silhouettes	Art Walker	22.1	

<b>April 2016 Digital Competition -- NATURE</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>CLASS AA</u></b>			
Male Mute Swan Taking Flight	Tony Monteiro	27	1st
Great Egret Feeding Chicks	Doris Monteiro	25.4	2nd
Mrs. Mallard Quacks	Linda Shelales	25.2	3rd
Cedar Waxwing 2016	Sue Abrahamsen	24.9	
Gulf Frittilary	Drew Simmons	24.8	
Stick Delivery	Dave Morin	24.5	
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	John Gill	24	
Spoonbills Feeding	Cathy Simmons	23.7	
Monarch Caterpillar	Stephanie Gill	23.6	
Caught By the Tide	John Houldsworth	23	
<b><u>CLASS A</u></b>			
Snow Dusted Cardinal	Ginny Harris	25.2	1st
Wild Iris and Hover Flies	Maureen Mathieson	24.9	2nd
Ouch	Marty Paulausky	24.8	3rd
Mount Rainier and Wildflowers	Dave Reynard	24.5	
Pelican Hanging Out to Dry	Barbara Huntley	23.9	
Bloodroots	Liz West	23.6	
Beautiful Bog	Fred Parsons	23.4	
Heron in Flight	Bob Escott	23	
Gull in Flight	Jill Lockwood	22.7	
Alaskan Caribou on the Move	Dean Giolas	22.1	
Penguins in Trouble	Linda Gilberti	21.5	
<b><u>CLASS B</u></b>			
Plum Island Egret	Diana Bull	24.6	1st
A Jackson Pollack View of Nature	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.3	2nd
Nice Rack	Art Walker	24.2	3rd
Arches NP	Mo Sibachir	24	
Busy Bess	Michael Doucette	23.7	
Bein' Green	Diana Ledoux	23.6	
Seals in Chatham	Jim Quinn	23.6	
Petrified Forest National Park	Jennifer Wang	23.4	
Lilac Breasted Roller - Etosha Namibia	Bill Weiblen	23.4	
Great Blue Heron Standing on Beaver Dam	Darlene Holman	23.4	
Fishing	Theresa Vachowski	23.1	
Stellar's Jay Yellowstone	Bob Cokke	22.7	
Snake in Undergrowth Along Blackstone Canal	John McKinney	22.4	
Early Evening Sunset	Marie Riley	21.8	

**DIGITAL SUMMARY 2015-2016**

MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		TOTAL
	Open	Things in Threes	Open	Nature	Open	Panning	Open	Nature	Open	Stonework	Open	Nature	Open	The Color White	Open	Nature	
<b>CLASS AA</b>																	
Tony Monteiro	26	25.4	26.2	29.1	28.1	25.2	28.1	26.7	29.8	27.6	26.6	28.7	24.2	27.3	26.6	27	432.6
Doris Monteiro	24.9	26.3	24.8	22.8	27.9	24.6	27.4	27.5	29.5	25.1	27.3	26.7	25.7	27.2	24.5	25.4	417.6
John Gill	25.2	24.3	26.6	25.2	25.8	25.9	25.8	26.2	28.9	25.5	25.5	26.9	25.7	24.5	26.6	24	412.6
Cathy Simmons	24.9	24.2	28.8	25.5	26.4	23	26.4	25.9	24.3	24.7	24.3	28.7	25.4	24.8	24.5	23.7	405.5
Linda Shelales	25.2	24.3	27	28	24.7	23.2	26	23.9	22	25.4	28.4	27.3	24.2	22.8	23.4	25.2	401
Sue Abrahamsen	23.4	24.8	27.2	25.2	25.8	21.8	27.2	28.2	27.5	23.8	24.3	25.2	23.3	21.9	24.6	24.9	399.1
Stephanie Gill	24.2	24.5	23.5	23.5	25.1	24	24.1	27.5	25.6	24	25.2	29	25.4	24.2	24	23.6	397.4
Drew Simmons	24.3	24	23.5	24.7	25.8	21.2	23.5	26.5	23.2	25.6	28.2	27.5	23.3	24.5	23.9	24.8	394.5
Dave Morin	22.7	23.7	25.5	22.5	24.7	20.8	23	25.3	23.2	27	24.2	27.8	22.1	23.1	24.8	24.5	384.9
John Houldsworth	23	23.2	21	21.9	23.3	26.5	22.2	24.8	24	21	25.7	24.3	23.9	21.2	21.8	23	370.8
Todd Mathieson	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	26.2	24.9	25	23	26.5	24.3	25.8	27.5	24	23.7	0	0	350.7
<b>CLASS A</b>																	
Liz West	24.9	24.5	24.1	24.5	26.7	22.9	27	26.8	28.1	26.8	25.7	29	23.3	26	25.5	23.6	409.4
Barbara Huntley	26.1	23.7	25.5	24	28.1	24.8	26.2	24.4	27	23.4	24.3	28.8	26.3	24.6	24.3	23.9	405.4
Ginny Harris	24.2	23.9	22	25.6	23.6	25.7	24.7	23.1	27.9	26.3	28.5	26.3	26	24.8	24.3	25.2	402.1
Maureen Mathieson	24.6	23.7	26	20	24.3	22.4	26	23.9	28.5	26	28.5	24.9	24.8	21.9	24.6	24.9	395
Dave Reynard	24	24.2	24.8	24.1	26.2	23	25.2	26.5	25.4	22.3	24.6	28.2	22.7	25.1	22.8	24.5	393.6
Marty Paulausky	23.8	23.7	22.6	24.6	26.1	24.1	22.7	24.6	24.9	23.7	23.4	29	24.8	24.6	24	24.8	391.4
Bob Escott	23.1	24.9	23.8	23.8	26.7	21.7	23.7	23.9	22.1	26.4	27.6	26	20.9	23.6	24.2	23	385.4
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.1	24	26.5	23.9	20.4	26.2	25.8	23.7	24.4	25.1	27.9	21.9	22.7	22.5	21.5	382.4
Jill Lockwood	22.7	24.3	20.5	24.5	23.6	23.4	23.3	23	25	22	25.5	24.5	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.7	371.1
Dean Giolas	23.6	24.5	21.7	26.7	23.4	20.6	24.1	23.2	21	24.9	0	0	24.9	21.3	24	22.1	326
Fred Parsons	0	0	29.8	25	0	0	25.5	26.4	30	23.9	27.9	25.4	23.6	21	23.7	23.4	305.6
<b>CLASS B</b>																	
Diana Ledoux	24.8	22.2	25	24	24.9	23.1	23.3	24.2	22.8	22.7	25.1	26.1	23.4	20.6	23.9	23.6	379.7
Diana Bull	23.9	24.5	20.9	22.7	24.9	20.8	24.9	23.8	23.6	23.4	24.5	24.6	22.7	22.1	24.2	24.6	376.1
Jim Quinn	22.7	23.1	21.5	20.3	22.5	25.9	26.8	25.3	22.5	21.2	24.6	24.6	24.6	21.6	23	23.6	373.8
Bob Cooke	21.9	24	23.4	20	21.8	22	22.5	25.1	24.1	22.8	24.9	27.6	24.8	20.7	24.9	22.7	373.2
Theresa Vachowski	24.3	23.7	21	23	26.8	21.5	23.9	23.9	21	23	22.5	24.2	22.5	21.9	22.2	23.1	368.5
Linda DeStefano Brown	23	22.8	25	19.5	26.3	0	24.8	22.7	23.1	24.7	22.8	26.1	22.5	21.2	24.3	24.3	353.1
Michael Doucette	23.3	23.7	23.3	20.8	24.5	23.3	22.9	26	22.9	21	24.5	25.1	22.5	0	23.4	23.7	350.9
Mo Sibachir	0	0	21.7	24.9	23.9	21.4	23.5	24.4	26	25	24.9	23	22.5	22.7	23.4	24	331.3
Jennifer Wang	23.9	22.5	22.2	21	27.2	0	24	23.3	0	0	27.6	26.7	23.1	22.5	22.7	23.4	310.1
Art Walker	0	0	0	24.2	22.8	22.1	22.5	23.3	24.3	22.5	26	26	23.9	21.9	22.1	24.2	305.8
John McKinney	0	0	0	0	24	0	22.5	0	0	0	27.5	23.4	23.4	20.4	23.3	22.4	186.9
Bill Weiblen	0	0	22	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.2	22.7	23.7	23.4	136.2
Marie Riley	21.5	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.4	21	22.2	21.8	132
Darlene Holman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.6	23.1	25.5	24.3	23.4	123.9
Larry Wellington	21.9	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	21.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	87.6
Bob Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.6	22.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.2
John Prunte	21.6	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Sheryl Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.5	22.1	0	43.6

