



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

September 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: Sept. 2. Scheduled program:  
It's your show! Show us in photos what you did this summer! (See press release on p. 3)

Next competition meeting: Sept. 16. Scheduled subjects:  
Prints "Open"  
Digital "Open"  
Digital assigned subject "Things in Threes" (Quad Club eligible)

June meeting minutes:  
The Friends of Marlborough Library show needs a club contact! Maureen M. is retiring from that duty—the club thanks her for being our contact person for the last several years. See Stephanie G. if interested.  
AVCC is the host club for next year's Quad Club competition. Next year's Scavenger Hunt will comprise only the 10 Quad Club subjects, five of which are in our monthly club competitions this upcoming season.  
Club competition and Quad Club subjects are listed on p. 2

2015-16 club competition subjects:

	<b>Digital</b>	<b>Print</b>
September 2015	Things in Threes *	Open
October 2015	Nature	Open
November 2015	Panning *	Nature
December 2015	Nature	Glassware *
January 2016	Stonework *	Open
February 2016	Nature	Open
March 2016	The Color White *	Nature
April 2016	Nature	Decay / Disrepair
May 2016	Creative / Altered Reality	Open

There is also, as usual, an **Open Digital** category each month

\* Quad Club digital subjects

2016 Quad Club competition subjects:

**Digital assigned subjects:**

Fence(s)	Porch(es)
Glassware *	Stair(s)
In Flight	Stonework *
Mountain(s)	The Color White *
Panning *	Things in Threes *

Assigned subject images must be taken between 4/1/2015 and 5/11/2016

Also, there are **10 Open Digital** images and **10 Open Print** images, which must be taken between 1/1/2015 and 5/11/2016

\* Club competition subjects

Art show notice:

Club members Stephanie Gill, John Gill and Linda Destefano Brown have photos on display at the River's Edge Arts Alliance Summer Flowers multi-artist exhibit at Hudson Town Hall. Display can be seen during normal business hours through Sept. 10. Reception Sept. 3 from 6 to 8 PM. More info: [upwitharts.org](http://upwitharts.org)

*This exhibit is supported in part by grants from the Marlborough and Hudson Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.*

## **News Release: Assabet Valley Camera Club Begins 30th Season**

On Wednesday, September 2, The Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will kick off its thirtieth anniversary season with a program of interest both to new and prospective members. AVCC meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September through June at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St., Hudson. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Programs are open to the general public, so please come if you are interested in photography or in enhancing your photographic skills. All photographers are welcome—whether they shoot on film, or on digital cameras, or with cellphones. Admission is free.

Our first meeting will feature brief presentations by members on subjects that they choose. These might include “What I did this summer” or other topics. The meeting will also provide an overview of the club’s activities: monthly competitions, field trips, tutorials, presentations on various topics, and an ongoing scavenger hunt. This last event challenges participants to produce photos using specific subjects, themes, and techniques. We hope you will join us.

To learn more about the club, visit our website at [www.assabetvalleycc.com](http://www.assabetvalleycc.com). You can also contact Liz West (978) 263-2853 or at [eduwrite2@verizon.net](mailto:eduwrite2@verizon.net).

## Preliminary club calendar for 2015-16 (subject to change)

### **September 2015**

- 9/2 Program: Highlights of member trips or images they would like to share, 3-5 min.
- 9/13 Deadline to submit digital images for 9/16 competition
- 9/16 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 9/16 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Things in Threes”, and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Open”

### **October 2015**

- 10/7 Deadline for payment of 2015-2016 AVCC membership dues
- 10/7 Mini-tutorial- 6:45pm-7:15pm

“The Alphabet Soup of the AVCC” by Maureen Mathieson, explaining the abbreviations we use at AVCC.

- 10/7 Program: What do judges look for?

By Todd and Maureen Mathieson

- 10/18 Deadline to submit digital images for 10/21 competition
- 10/21 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 10/21 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Nature” and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Open”

### **November 2015**

- 11/4 Program: TBD
- 11/4 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 11/15 Deadline to submit digital images for 11/18/competitions
- 11/18 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 11/18 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Panning” and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Nature”

### **December 2015**

- 12/2 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 12/2 Program: TBD
- 12/13 Deadline to submit digital images for 12/16 competition
- 12/16 Christmas Banquet, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Nature” and “Open”

- Print Competition subject “Glassware”

### January 2016

- 1/6 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 1/6 Program: TBD
- 1/17 Deadline to submit digital images for 1/20 competition
- 1/20 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 1/20 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Stonework” and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Open”
- 1/23 Photo Opportunities, Senior Center, 10am-3pm (Hi-Jinx)

### February 2016

- 2/3 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 2/3 Program: TBD
- 2/3 Deadline to select Courtesy Enrollment Candidate for NECCC Conference.
- 2/14 Deadline to submit digital images for 2/17 competition
- 2/17 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 2/17 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Nature” and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Open”

### March 2016

- 3/2 Submission deadline for NECC Courtesy Enrollment Candidate
- 3/2 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 3/2 Program: Leslie Boudreau
- 3/13 Deadline to submit digital images for 3/16 competition
- 3/16 Deadline to submit images for Scavenger Hunt competition.
- 3/16 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 3/16 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “The Color White” and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Nature”
- **3/31 Marlboro Library Photo Exhibit**

drop-off **3/31** 2pm-8pm

### April 2016

- 4/4-4/10 **Marlboro Library Photo Exhibit** (Sponsored by AVCC and Library Friends)
  - drop-off **4/1** noon-5pm

- judging 4/2 9am-noon, hanging noon-5pm
- reception 4/4 6pm-8pm
- pick-up 4/11 noon-8pm
- 4/6 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 4/6 Program: Voting on Scavenger Hunt images for Tri-Club competition.
- 4/17 Deadline to submit digital images for 4/20 competition
- 4/20 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 4/20 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Nature “and “Open”
  - Print Competition Subject “Decay/Disrepair”
- 4/27 Tri-Club comp. selection meeting for both prints and digital, 7pm at the Senior Center.

### **May 2016**

- 5/4 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 5/4 Program: TBD
- 5/11 Deadline for all clubs to submit images for Tri-Club competition
- 5/15 Deadline to submit digital images for 5/18 competition.
- 5/18 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 5/18 Competitions:
  - Digital Competition subjects “Creative/Altered Reality” and “Open”
  - Print Competition subject “Open”
- 5/19 Tri-Club Competition hosted by Assabet Valley Camera Club, Hudson MA.

### **June 2016**

- 6/1 Mini-tutorial-TBD 6:45pm-7:15pm
- 6/1 Program: TBD
- 6/15 Banquet
  - Award Presentations
  - Images of the Year: Open, Nature, Assigned, Overall Winner
  - Program: TBD

### **July 2016**

- 7/15-7/17 NECCC 71st Conference at UMass Amherst

