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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

April 2019

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 meeting: April 3rd

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Competitions:

The next competition will be April 17th.

Digital subjects are Nature & Open. The print category is "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is April 14th @ 11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AVCC meetings are held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson, and officially begin at 7:30 PM. The first meeting of the month generally features a program designed to instruct and/or to entertain camera enthusiasts. During the second monthly meeting, member competitions of both print and digital images are judged and critiqued by qualified individuals. Assabet Valley Camera Club, a member of both the New England Camera Club Council and the Photographic Society of America, also participates in interclub competitions on regional, national and international levels.

The meeting is free and open to the general public. AVCC welcomes anyone interested in learning more about photography as a visual art and its practical application as a science. Members benefit from the hands-on experiences, from the knowledge presented in programs, and from having their work critiqued. For more information check out the AVCC website at **assabetvalleycc.com** or contact John Gill, club president, at 978-293-5192.

OSI: Ocean State International Exhibition

AVCC belongs to both NECCC and PSA. Our club submits to local NECCC contests. We also submit to local PSA contests, but PSA is an international organization that also has larger, international competitions. OSI is one example of this type of competition. You can enter any PSA exhibition on your own (you do not have to be a PSA member) and there are several listed every day at the back of the PSA Journal, or on their website. By entering as a club entry, you save a couple of dollars and our club has the potential of winning a club award. You can still receive individual awards even with the club entry. Having one person “in charge” in the club is so the people at PSRI (photographic Society of Rhode Island) have a contact person for questions and mailings for the OSI. PSRI is a photo club that belongs to NECCC, PSA like us and has run several of these large competitions. Generally, 33% of the international entrants are accepted into the exhibition, and the smaller percentage receives honorable awards or awards of merit for special sections (i.e. Best Landscape).

To submit to OSI:

Type <http://www.psri.us/osi-2019> into your search engine.

Select and review “Conditions of Entry”.

The key point: if we do not have 10 people enter, they may forfeit each person’s entry if they do not pay the full fee. You will be contacted by their chairman and by Maureen Mathieson if we do NOT make this (but hey, we have 10 super photographers who like competition, right?).

Images are your own work, can be creative and there is no time limit on when you have taken the image for the General category.

Select Digital Entry Form.

This is similar to how our club does our regular monthly submissions. Don’t forget to click and fill in club member entry! OSI entry must be by April 12.

Payment:

You may use a PayPal account, your credit card, or send them a check to the Chairman. Let Maureen maurmath@comcast.net know when you enter in case there is a delay in the submission or payment.

Please let Maureen maurmath@comcast.net know your status no later than April 10 as she will be unavailable on the OSI deadline.

Elliot Mednick currently has an exhibit at Café 641 downtown Hudson.



A selection of my concert photos—Peter Gabriel, Jethro Tull, Rush, and others – are on display at Café 641 in Hudson through April 21. Come for the photos, stay for the crepes!

--Elliot

Help Setting Up:

We really need some help setting up the meeting room. We typically start around 2:15 to 2:30. It takes an hour or less, depending on how fast we move, or how chatty we get. For all of these past years, there has just been a few of us who do it each time. We need more members so we can spread out the work load. If you haven't done it before, come this Wednesday and learn about what we have been doing to make the room ready. We start by taking down all the round tables that senior center uses during the day. We arrange all the chairs as you see them, set up projector etc. If we have enough people, we maybe can then schedule "teams". It's not difficult, so please consider coming and learning what needs to be done.

Competition Images:

Just a reminder about the new resolution we will be using for competition. Just resize your images to 1400 (H) x 1050 (V) instead of (1024 x 768).

Note: If you submit an image with the old resolution, it will display fine, but it will display smaller.

Mar. '19 Print Competition - NATURE

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
<u>GOLD</u>			
Wood Duck in Central Park	Leon Ferrante	29	1st
Heron With Skewered Fish	Paul Weisbach	28.3	2nd
Wood Stork Family	Sue Abrahamsen	28.1	3rd
Blue Heron's Catch	Darlene Holman	27.7	
Predator	Bob Cooke	27.6	
Male Ringed Teal	Bob Escott	26.3	
Timid Timmy Titmouse	Linda Shelales	26	
Waiting for Spring	Linda Gilberti	23.5	
<u>Make-Up</u>			
<u>SILVER</u>			
Lunch for the Yellow-Bellied Fly Catcher	Elliot Mednick	28.9	1st
Ducklings	Larry Alley	28.1	2nd
Cooper's Hawk in the Woods	Liz Krouse	25.8	3rd
Grand View	Mary Strachan	25.5	
Love is in the Air	Cathy Robotis	24.6	
<u>Make-Up for Feb. '19 - MONOCHROME</u>			
Getting Hitched in Vegas	Heather Ruthoff	26.1	

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PRINT SUMMARY 2018-2019										
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	27	28.8	26.6	28.1	25	28.1	0	0	188.3
Leon Ferrante	23.7	26.3	29.5	25.2	28.2	25.2	29	0	0	187.1
Darlene Holman	27	25.3	25	28	27.9	25.8	27.7	0	0	186.7
Paul Weisbach	27.1	25.9	25	24	29.1	24.5	28.3	0	0	183.9
Linda Shelales	25.5	25.8	27	26	24.8	23.5	26	0	0	178.6
Bob Cooke	25	24.7	24.3	25.1	26.1	24.5	27.6	0	0	177.3
Bob Escott	23.7	24	26.7	25	26	23.3	26.3	0	0	175
Linda Gilberti	24.5	25.3	24.5	24.4	25.4	23.5	23.5	0	0	171.1
Todd Mathieson	22.3	25.8	26.1	24.2	26.6	22.6	0	0	0	147.6
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	25.5	25.9	24.1	24.8	0	0	0	0	123.8
Dave Morin	25.3	22.8	27.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.3
Ginny Harris	0	26.3	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.9
SILVER	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	24.2	25.9	27.6	25.9	26.1	25.1	28.9	0	0	183.7
Larry Alley	25.3	23.4	27.5	26.6	26	23.8	28.1	0	0	180.7
Mary Strachan	23.4	25	22.3	24.1	24.9	22.9	25.5	0	0	168.1
Cathy Robotis	23.2	25.8	0	25.7	0	23.9	24.6	0	0	123.2
Heather Ruthroff	0	27.4	0	0	26.1	26.1	0	0	0	79.6
Maureen Mathieson	25.3	25.6	0	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	74.8
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	22	25.8	0	0	47.8
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	47.3
Larry Wellington	0	23.5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5
John Sahagian	0	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3

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Mar. '19 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Waterdrop 1_14	John Gill	29.5	1st
Out on a Limb	Ginny Harris	29.3	2nd
Snack Time Greeting	Tony Monteiro	29.2	3rd
Soaring Great Egret	Doris Monteiro	28.9	
Burrowing Owl	Robyn Saur	28.8	
Good Bye Mr. Crabs	Cathy Simmons	28.5	
J C Lizard	Sue Abrahamsen	28.2	
Theivan Swimming	John Houldsworth	27.9	
Black Eyed Susans Thru My Crystal Ball	Linda Shelales	27.3	
Iggy Eating	Drew Simmons	27.2	
Profile of a Cormorant	Todd Mathieson	26.8	
Hello Hunter	Maureen Mathieson	25.5	
<u>Make-Up for Feb. '19 - OPEN</u>			
Tri Colored Heron	Drew Simmons	28.1	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Zakim in Color	Leon Ferrante	28.5	1st
Little Blue Heron Foraging	Barbara Huntley	27.9	2nd
Purple Sea Snail	Jane Parker	27.3	3rd
Bengal Tiger Growls	Darlene Holman	27.1	
Balloon Kaleidoscope	Dave Reynard	26.7	
Black Crowned Night Heron	Bob Escott	26.3	
Ready Aim Fire	Diana Ledoux	25.6	
Feeding Time	Linda Gilberti	25.3	
Cyclamen Pre Bloom	Dean Giolas	25.1	
New Market Battlefield State Historical Park	Jill Lockwood	25.1	
<u>Make-Up for Feb. '19 - OPEN</u>			
My Brother Max	Jill Lockwood	29	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Napali Ridge	Peter Stultz	29.2	1st
Droplet	Elliot Mednick	28.1	2nd
Streets of Savannah	Pam Meoli	28	3rd
Early Morning in the Grand Teton	Mary Strachan	26.8	
Gull in Flight	Liz Krouse	26.7	
Elk Behind Fallen Tree	Larry Alley	26.5	
Foggy Morning at Cape Elizabeth	Theresa Vachowski	26.4	
Harvard Quad	Jim Quinn	26.4	
Snow Day	Natalie Schiavone	25.8	
Fall In Acadia National Park	John McKinney	25.8	
Old and New Window Panes	Marie Riley	25.4	
Frost on the Windshield	Heather Ruthoff	25.2	
People Watching in Stuyvesant Park	Catherine Robotis	24.8	
Bluebird	Susan Nichols	24.2	

Mar. '19 Digital Competition - SILHOUETTE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Joshua Tree Silhouette	Doris Monteiro	29.8	1st
Rock Harbor Stroll	Tony Monteiro	29.7	2nd
Sunset Fisherman	Cathy Simmons	29.7	2nd
Siesta Key Sunset #2	John Gill	29.2	3rd
Twig in Black Light	Todd Mathieson	29.2	3rd
Lady Outlined in Light	Maureen Mathieson	28.8	
Fisherman at Sunset	Drew Simmons	27.7	
Fire People at Work	Linda Shelales	27.6	
Gull Silhouette	Sue Abrahamsen	27.2	
Swan Lake	Robyn Saur	26.9	
Silhouette Sunset	John Houldsworth	26	
A Dog's Life	Ginny Harris	25.3	
Make-Up for Feb. '19 - NATURE			
Barred Owls	Drew Simmons	27.3	
CLASS A			
Man's Best Friend	Darlene Holman	28.7	1st
Sunset Photographer	Leon Ferrante	28.4	2nd
Sunset Sky	Diana Ledoux	27.5	3rd
Museum of Flight	Dean Giolas	27.5	3rd
Fore	Bob Escott	27	
Dancing on the Clouds	Jane Parker	26.6	
Mexican Sunset	Linda Gilberti	26.5	
Enjoying the Florida Sunset	Barbara Huntley	26.3	
Sunset Tree	Dave Reynard	26	
Treeline at Sunset	Jill Lockwood	25.3	
Make-Up for Feb. '19 - NATURE			
Cherokee National Forest	Jill Lockwood	24.6	
CLASS B			
Sunrise	Natalie Schiavone	29.6	1st
Sunset at Sounio	Catherine Robotis	29.4	2nd
Rising Moon & Tree	Larry Alley	29.2	3rd
Grand Canyon Sunset Silhouette	Peter Stultz	28.6	
Sunset in Aruba	Elliot Mednick	28.6	
Sunset Silhouettes at Race Point Beach	Liz Krouse	28	
Elie Eelee at Sunset	Mary Strachan	27.9	
Through a Regensburg Window	Theresa Vachowski	27.7	
Cheers to Chet	Pam Meoli	26.8	
Silhouette	Heather Ruthoff	26.7	
Monteriggioni Italy	Chip Allen	26.6	
Photographer at Sunrise	Susan Nichols	26.6	
At the Beach	Jim Quinn	25.3	
Girl on Horse	John McKinney	25.2	
Hatchet Man	Marie Riley	25.1	
Make-Up for Feb. '19 - NATURE			
Morning Frost Feb Nature Make Up	Heather Ruthoff	26.4	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2018-2019

MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		TOTA
CLASS AA	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	
Tony Monteiro	24.5	26	28.1	28.3	28.7	26.2	28.6	28.7	28.2	29.5	29	29.1	29.2	29.7	0	0	0	0	393.8
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	27.6	25.1	28.5	25.8	27.5	28.8	28.7	29.2	27.4	26.2	28.9	29.8	0	0	0	0	383.3
John Gill	26.8	24.2	28.7	26.8	27.5	27.8	28.6	25.5	29.5	29.1	23.1	26.4	29.5	29.2	0	0	0	0	382.7
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	26.7	26.2	26.8	24.3	28	27.6	28.8	26.9	26.6	26.7	28.5	29.7	0	0	0	0	375.2
Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	22.7	27	28.6	25.3	27	25.7	27.6	26.4	28.1	25.2	26.3	28.2	27.2	0	0	0	0	370.7
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	23.7	28.5	25	26.2	25.6	27.3	28.1	27.4	26.5	27.2	29.3	25.3	0	0	0	0	369.1
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	24.4	25.7	27.7	28.5	26.6	28.2	28.3	23.3	27.1	22.9	26.8	29.2	0	0	0	0	367.8
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	24.7	25.4	25.3	23.3	26.2	28.2	26.5	27.8	26.3	27.3	28.8	26.9	0	0	0	0	367
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	24.7	25.1	26.8	25.4	26	25.4	24.9	27.8	28.1	27.3	27.2	27.7	0	0	0	0	363.2
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	26.7	24.5	25.2	23.8	25.5	24.5	27.5	24.3	24.7	24.1	27.3	27.6	0	0	0	0	354.1
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	22.9	23.3	24.3	26	27.1	27.2	25.5	24.3	24.6	24.2	25.5	28.8	0	0	0	0	349.4
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	25.9	24.5	24.2	25	23.3	24.7	25.9	24.7	24.5	24.3	27.9	26	0	0	0	0	346.6
Dave Morin	25.7	25.3	22.6	24.3	23	24	22.8	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
CLASS A	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	TOTA
Leon Ferrante	26	23.6	28.2	28.1	24.2	28.8	25.7	27.2	27.6	27.6	24.5	25.4	28.5	28.4	0	0	0	0	373.8
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	28	26.6	25.8	24	27.1	28	28	27.7	25.6	25.2	27.1	28.7	0	0	0	0	368.4
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	24.8	26.7	24.2	26.2	27.1	26.8	25.6	26	24.5	26	26.7	26	0	0	0	0	359.2
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	25	25.2	26.9	25.2	24.5	26.1	27.1	26.7	24.2	25	27.3	26.6	0	0	0	0	356.8
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	26.4	25.7	23	23.7	25.7	27.6	26.5	26.7	24.9	25.5	27.9	26.3	0	0	0	0	355.8
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	25.7	27	22.7	25.8	26.8	24.2	26.4	27.3	24.6	22	26.3	27	0	0	0	0	353.5
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	24.9	22.8	24.8	23.1	24.9	25.3	27.2	24.3	29	24.6	25.1	25.3	0	0	0	0	346.8
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	24.7	24.1	24	24.5	27.1	26.2	25.5	25.4	24.9	23.7	25.3	26.5	0	0	0	0	346
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	22.6	23.3	22.8	25.1	23.7	23	25.2	26.5	23.3	23	25.6	27.5	0	0	0	0	339.1
Dean Golas	23.2	22	25.4	23.9	24.8	25.2	23.9	21.2	23.9	23.2	22.8	23.5	25.1	27.5	0	0	0	0	335.6
CLASS B	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	Ope	Natur	Ope	Assn'	TOTA
Elliot Mednick	25.7	24.2	25.6	27.9	25.1	23.4	24	27.3	26.1	29	26.5	25.4	28.1	28.6	0	0	0	0	366.9
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	24.6	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.7	28	28.8	28.1	24.4	24.5	25.8	29.6	0	0	0	0	362.8
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	24.9	24.3	25.6	26.6	24.3	28.8	27	26.7	24.4	22.4	26.5	29.2	0	0	0	0	356.8
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	24.8	24.1	22.9	25.7	25	24.1	26	25.8	25.5	25.5	26.8	27.9	0	0	0	0	351.8
Susan Nichols	23.9	25.7	22.9	24.8	25.4	26.4	23.5	25.2	25.2	26.2	22.9	24.1	24.2	26.6	0	0	0	0	347
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	23.1	24.5	24.7	26.2	23.9	24.4	27.7	27.4	22.9	23.1	26.4	25.3	0	0	0	0	346.2
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	22.5	25	25.5	23.4	22.8	23.9	26.2	25.9	24.5	25.6	28	26.8	0	0	0	0	346
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	22.6	24.3	24.5	24	24.4	27	26.9	25.8	23.8	23.1	25.8	25.2	0	0	0	0	344.4
Catherine Robotis	24.3	24.7	26.5	9	23.5	23.6	25.4	26.9	26.4	26.5	23.9	23.7	24.8	29.4	0	0	0	0	338.6
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	24.4	23.7	23	22.5	23.4	23.8	26.4	25.5	22.7	22.8	26.4	27.7	0	0	0	0	336.9
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	21.7	26.7	21.5	22.5	27.5	23.7	26.8	23.8	22	19.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	281.5
Peter Stultz	0	0	0	0	25.7	25	24.2	24.8	25.8	27.6	25	26.4	29.2	28.6	0	0	0	0	262.3
Linda DeStefano	24	22.7	22.4	24.7	26.2	24.3	23.5	25.8	26	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.5
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	23.4	22.9	0	0	0	0	26.2	26.2	23.8	22.4	25.4	25.1	0	0	0	0	241.4
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.4	25.8	22.9	26.3	26.7	28	0	0	0	0	155.1
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	24.4	26	0	0	26.4	25.2	26.7	0	0	0	0	150.6
Chip Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25.6	23	24.2	0	26.6	0	0	0	0	125.4
Larry Wellington	0	0	22.9	25.2	25.7	25.5	0	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123.5