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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

November 2017

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: November 1st.

"The Best of the NECCC Prints"

Program at Assabet Valley Camera Club

On Wednesday, November 1, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) is pleased to host Art Vaughan, Vice-President and Master Member of the NECCC and its current Print Competition Director. Vaughan will present "The Best of the NECCC Prints," a program showing all the award-winning color and black-and-white prints from this summer's annual New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) Conference. Approximately 35 prints covering a diversity of subjects will be presented with critique and commentary. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear what the judges had to say when making this collection of images the conference winners. The program encourages photographers to develop a keen competitive and analytical eye.

Art Vaughan has worked in photomicrography (digital images taken through microscopes) for decades at different high tech companies. His interests include many other types of imaging, including 3-D and infrared photography. Art enjoys digital restoration of antique images and is an active lens "hacker." In this role, he looks for new uses for broken lenses and other optical components.

This program 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. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month from now through May in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street. For more information check out the AVCC website at assabetvalleycc.com or contact John Gill, club President, at 978-293-5192.

Competitions:

The first competition will be Nov 15th.

Digital subjects are "Imperfection(s)", & Open. The print category is "Nature".

The deadline to submit digital images is Nov 12th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART IN THE HALL EXHIBIT:

This is a reminder to register for the AVCC Art in The Hall Exhibit.

The deadline is coming soon. The link to register is below.

Note: The cost for 1 print is \$10, for two it is \$15.

Everyone is "considered a REAA Member" for this exhibit.

REAA Member - Exhibit Two Pieces \$15.00

You may not have registered yet (like me) because you are not sure which print/s you will be exhibiting (you need to put the title on the registration form). If you plan on registering, but you are not ready just yet, could you please let me know so that we have an idea of how many are going to participate.

The deadline to register for the AVCC Art in the Hall exhibit is November 7th, and the exhibit opens November 9th.

Here is the link to register...

<https://fs8.formsite.com/REArtsAlliance/form9/index.html>

Article 11 - Interclub Competitions:

Assabet Valley Camera Club participates in interclub competitions that are open to all members of AVCC. Any expenses related to an interclub competition must be approved by the Executive Board prior to participation. A chairperson will be responsible for following the regulations set forth by the interclub competition and will report back to the Executive Board and the General Membership regarding the timelines and rules of the competition as well as being responsible for the selection of entries, collection of submittals, and safe return of any printed images.

Marlboro Library Show:

We are still in need of a member to volunteer to be the liaison between the Marlboro Library and AVCC for the show next spring. Please consider volunteering. Please see Maureen Mathieson for information about what it would involve.

A Day With Tony Sweet

Saturday Nov 18th 8 AM - 4 PM

Hosted by Gateway Camera Club

Held at Hampton Inn Natick, MA

Sponsored by Gateway, Paul Smith Photography &

PHOTO & VIDEO
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Tony will show you how to put the "Fine Art" into your photography.



Tickets in advance \$80. Price includes morning coffee & donuts and lunch with cold drink.

To purchase tickets contact Paul Smith:

diffangle@aol.com

Registration from 8:00 - 9:00 AM



Art
in the Hall

**ASSABET VALLEY
CAMERA CLUB**
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT



Exhibit on display from November 9 through January 11
at Hudson Town Hall

Register by 11/7/17 | Drop-off 11/9/17, 6 - 7 pm | Pickup 1/11/18, 6 - 7 pm



Register online at upwitharts.org. Must be an AVCC Member.
Limited space available for this particular event.



RIVER'S EDGE ARTS ALLIANCE
155 Apsley Street, Hudson MA 01749
978-562-1646 | upwitharts.org | info@upwitharts.org



The River's Edge Arts Alliance is supported in part by the Local Cultural Councils of Hudson and Marlborough, as administered by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Assabet Valley Camera Club

2017 - 2018

Scavenger Hunt

Rules:

1. Images must be taken between 04-1-2017 and 03-21-2018.
2. Images may be adjusted (manipulated).
3. Image Files shall be in the same format as for digital competitions (maximum of 1024 pixels wide by maximum 768 pixels tall and file size less the 1 megabyte).
4. Image Files shall be jpg type files.
5. Image Files shall be named with the "Subject Number"_"Maker's Last Name"_"Maker's First Name".jpg The Subject Number shall be 2 digits long.
Example: John Doe's Subject # 01 Filename would be "01_Doe_John.jpg"
6. Please submit completed images using the club's web page <http://www.assabetvalleycc.com/sh/index.php> on or before March 21, 2018

Scoring:

1. Zero points if the Digital Image does not satisfy subject.
2. Four (4) points if the Digital Image is below average.
3. Five (5) points if the Digital Image is average.
4. Six (6) points if the Digital Image is above average.
5. One can choose to skip one Subject because a person's lowest scored Image will be dropped.
6. Person with the highest total score wins.
7. Ties are broken with # of above average images.

Prizes:

Full Contest		
1.	First Place -	Ribbon & Certificate
2.	Second Place -	Ribbon & Certificate
3.	Third Place -	Ribbon & Certificate

Items to Find:

Image #	Subject	Check when
01	Action Sports	A
02	****Creative (as defined by PSA)	Ap
03	Curve(s)	
04	Imperfection(s)	A
05	Landscape / Seascape	
06	Macro / Close Up	A
07	Night Sky	
08	On the Water	A
09	The Color Red	A
10	Weather	

Note:
 A = AVCC Subjects
 Ap = AVCC Print Subjects

Images will be displayed in the orientation provided.

All Subjects are part of the Multi-Screen Competition and Scavenger Hunt entries will be considered for entry in that competition.

If you have any questions, contact Tony Monteiro by email at monteiroanthony@hotmail.com or call 978-562-6185

****CREATIVE DEFINITION

The PSA definition of Creative is "Altered Reality." The image may be of any subject matter and must obviously display a change in natural color, form, shape or any combination of these three. All images must be original and may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else. Artwork or computer graphics generated by the entrant may be incorporated if the original photographic content predominates. Images may not be constructed entirely within a

High Dynamic Range (HDR) images without further changes are not considered "Altered Reality."

Oct. '17 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Yellow Mexican Shell Flower	John Gill	26.3	1st
Wine Glass in Dark Lighting	Todd Mathieson	26	2nd
Rope	Dave Morin	24.3	3rd
Sunset Gold	Linda Gilberti	23.5	
Monarch on Milkweed	Linda Shelales	22.7	
Lake Powell / Glen Canyon	Bob Cooke	22.7	
Apples in Snow	Sue Abrahamsen	22	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Monkey in Autumn	Leon Ferrante	28.1	1st
CSP Loon 2017	Barbara Huntley	24.5	2nd
Tower Hill Gardens	Bob Escott	24	3rd
<u>Make-Up for Oct. '17 - OPEN</u>			
Ferns	Barbara Huntley	21.2	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Mallard Duck Wade	Darlene Holman	25.5	1st
Sleeping Cat	John Sahagian	22.9	2nd
Flamingos	Bill Weiblen	21.7	3rd
Montreal Botanical Garden	Mary Strachan	21.6	

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2017-2018

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
John Gill	26.1	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52.4
Todd Mathieson	25.5	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.5
Dave Morin	23.9	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.2
Linda Shelales	24.7	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.4
Sue Abrahamson	25	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Bob Cooke	24.2	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.9
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.3
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	25.6	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53.7
Bob Escott	24.6	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.6
Barbara Huntley	21.2	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.7
Maureen Mathieson	26.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.4
Diana Bull	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.2
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Darlene Holman	24.4	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.9
Bill Weiblen	25	21.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.7
Mary Strachan	23.8	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.4
Cathy Robotis	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.6
John Sahagian	0	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.9
Larry Wellington	22.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.3

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Oct. '17 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Grasshopper on Red Leaf	Cathy Simmons	27.2	1st
Mr and Mrs Wood Duck	Doris Monteiro	27.1	2nd
Monarch at Small Farm	John Gill	26.2	3rd
Butterfly on Pink Flower	Dave Morin	25.4	
Peach Still Life 1	Ginny Harris	24.8	
Anole on Rope	Drew Simmons	24.3	
Snowy at Sunset	Tony Monteiro	24.3	
Peach Dahlia	Sue Abrahamsen	24.2	
Run Ashore in Camden Harbor	Todd Mathieson	23.3	
Katydid Gymnastics	Linda Shelales	21.6	
CLASS A			
Open Lotus 2017	Maureen Mathieson	27.7	1st
Carving the Pumpkin	Diana Ledoux	25.3	2nd
Lubec Maine Sunset	Leon Ferrante	24.3	3rd
Sunset in Falmouth	Dave Reynard	23.8	
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardnes	Bob Escott	23.7	
Great Blue Heron Bust	Barbara Huntley	23	
Busy Bees	Linda Gilberti	22.5	
A Sea of Blackeyed Susans	Dean Giolas	21.8	
Sunset at Clingmans Dome	Jill Lockwood	20.7	
Make-Up for Sep. '17 - OPEN			
Lizard Reflection	Jill Lockwood	24.5	
CLASS B			
Lotus Bud	Jane Parker	25.6	1st
Rusting Away	Ann DeCristofaro	25.3	2nd
Portrait of a Bengal Tiger	Darlene Holman	25	3rd
Times Square	Jim Quinn	25	3rd
Audacity Dahlia	Larry Alley	24.2	
Orchids	Art Walker	24.1	
Choices Choices Choices	Bob Cooke	24	
Bringing in the Harvest	Theresa Vachowski	23.5	
Brooklyn Bridge	Cathy Robotis	23.3	
Blue	Susan Nichols	22.4	
Morning Reflection	Natalie Schiavone	22.3	
Feeding Time	Diana Bull	22	
Reflection in Purple	Pam Meoli	22	
Sailing to New Heights	Mary Strachan	21.6	
Old Roman Baths	Marie Riley	21.4	

Make-Up for Sep. '17 - OPEN			
Family Meeting	Pam Meoli	23	
Watch Out Below	Susan Nichols	21.3	

Oct. '17 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Bee on Butterfly Weed	Sue Abrahamsen	27.6	1st
Nesting Behavior of the Wood Stork	Doris Monteiro	27.4	2nd
The Assassin Bug Stares	John Gill	27.3	3rd
Pelican Reflection	Tony Monteiro	27.3	3rd
Loon and Chick Willard Pond NH	Ginny Harris	27.2	
The Plunge	Cathy Simmons	26.7	
Bees Like Nectar	Todd Mathieson	25.2	
Red Bellied Woodpecker	Linda Shelales	24.7	
Ding Darling Alligator	Drew Simmons	23.3	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Loon on Nest in Acadia	Maureen Mathieson	26.6	1st
Fishing in the Rain	Leon Ferrante	25.8	2nd
Hanging On	Bob Escott	25.5	3rd
Slatestone Falls - 2013	Dave Reynard	25.2	
Dad Feeding Chick 1	Barbara Huntley	24.6	
Brazilian Sloth	Linda Gilberti	22.5	
Cardinal Basking in the Sun	Dean Giolas	22.2	
Elk in the Smokies	Jill Lockwood	21.5	
Autumn in the Woods	Diana Ledoux	21	
<u>Make-Up for Sep. '17 - On the Water</u>			
Lowell National Park	Jill Lockwood	22	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Island Razorbills Feed on Sand Eels	Darlene Holman	27.9	1st
Duck on the Lake	Marie Riley	26.5	2nd
Coyote Hunting in Winter	Bob Cooke	25.5	3rd
Waiting for Prey	Ann DeCristofaro	24	
Blue Heron at Delaney	Diana Bull	23.2	
Wyoming Deer	Mary Strachan	23.2	
Morning at Taughannock Falls	Cathy Robotis	22.5	
Low Tide	Jim Quinn	22.4	
Contemplation	Natalie Schiavone	22	
Natures Design	Dave Morin	21.5	
Blue Eyes	Pam Meoli	21.5	
Fox Alert	Art Walker	21.1	
Blueberry Blossoms	Theresa Vachowski	20.6	
High in the Cloud	Susan Nichols	20.6	
A Beaver's Progress	Jane Parker	20.5	
Red Milkweed Beetles Mating	Jane Parker	20.5	
<u>Make-Up for Sep '17 - On the Water</u>			
Swimming Against Rapids	Art Walker	23.2	
Billy's Boat	Pam Meoli	21.5	
Floating Leaf	Susan Nichols	20.5	

