



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

June 2022

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 7:00 PM

Next meeting: June 1<sup>st</sup>

The last meeting of Assabet Valley Camera Club of the season will be on Wednesday, June 1st, at 7:00pm. As much as we wanted to meet in person, the universe has other ideas. We'll be patient and will try to set up hybrid meetings in the fall.

This is also the evening that we have the traditional end-of-year banquet. Instead of that, we will have an informal gathering at Wood Park in Hudson in a couple of weeks. Details will follow when plans are finalized. Based on the feedback to Pam, any day we pick, not everyone will be able to make. But maybe we'll try another get-together later in the summer as well.

Back to reality: on Wednesday, Charlie Burke will present the images of the year. Elliot will present the results of the Multi-screen. John Gill and Elliot will present the overall competition awards and announce the move-ups.

***Because of the potential risk to the the health and safety of our membership from the Coronavirus, all camera club meetings will be run via Zoom for the foreseeable future.***

## **Competitions:**

**Competitions are complete for the season.**

# HCC Community Survey



The Hudson Cultural Council needs your help! We need the people who live, work and visit our community to help advise us about how best to allocate public dollars for programs and activities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Please take our online community input survey by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The link is <https://www.hudsonculturalcouncil.org/2022-community-input-survey> or use the QR code to access the survey.

Our municipally-appointed council receives an annual allocation from the Mass Cultural Council as well as from the Town of Hudson to fund projects.

Since the council distributes public dollars, it is essential that we gather local public opinion and learn more about what is happening in our community and what the community needs. The data from the survey will help us develop useful criteria and funding priorities to guide our future grant-making decisions.



In the past five years, AVCC has received \$1500 in grants from the Hudson Cultural Council for its programs. This year's funded programs were *Photographing Birds – from Portraits to Flight* presented by Roman Kurywczak and *Light Painting* with Harold Ross.

**Please consider taking this brief survey which goes live on May 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## **AVCC Lifetime Membership Honors to Doris and Tony**

At the E-Board meeting on January 25, 2022, the officers and E-Board voted unanimously to honor Doris and Tony Monteiro with a lifetime membership to Assabet Valley Camera Club for their contributions and service to the club.

Doris and Tony have been members of the club for a combined 61 years. Their contributions to the club are innumerable. Tony is the architect of the way we manage and score competitions, which is the heartbeat of the club. He managed them for over 10 years before stepping back this year. He has also managed the operations of the club as either president or treasurer for the past decade. Doris has and continues to be the face of the club to the general public. She guides us through the grant process and also advises us in many other matters.

But this only scratches the surface. I can't fully enumerate all the ways Doris and Tony have shaped the club over the years. They continue to advise me and the officers and explain not only what the rules are, but why they are there based on their experiences over the years.

Although I have attended E-board meetings since I joined the club four years ago and watched Tony and Doris in action, it wasn't until I became president that I became aware of the full extent to which they make sure the club is run well from behind the scenes. And for them to have been doing this for the past 20-30 years is remarkable and shows their sustained dedication to the club. And I'm sure I don't even know the half of it.

With that, please join me in congratulating Doris and Tony on this well-deserved honor. I hope they continue to attend regular meetings and E-Board meetings and basically keep us -- and future -- officers in line.

--Elliot, John, John, Pam and the whole E-Board

## ***Assabet Valley Camera Club***

### **Multi-Screen 2022 Subjects**

- **Black & White (Monochrome)**
  - **Chrome**
  - **Eyes**
  - **Hot or Heat**
  - **Light Painting**
  - **Living History**
    - **Macro**
- **Military / Law Enforcement**
  - **Stripes**
  - **Water (Liquid)**

## **Zoom Meetings**

We are looking forward to a new AVCC club year. Based on Senior Center availability, the AVCC will be starting the club year on ZOOM. If you haven't logged onto Zoom for any of our past meetings, because you do not know how or are having issues with it, please let me know before the next meeting so we can resolve any problems that you have.

Note: If you are reluctant to use Zoom because you are bashful to be seen on video, you can join the Zoom meeting without turning on your video.

You should be able to log easily on Zoom using a laptop that typically has a mic and speakers. You can do the same with a smartphone or iPad.

If you have a desktop that has speakers and mic you are all set.

If you only have a desktop without a mic or speakers you can:

1. Use the desktop to access the video, and use your phone to call one of the dial in #'s listed in the link info for the audio portion. You will see and hear the meeting, but others will not see you.
2. Add speakers, or use a headphone, and a webcam.

Note: It seems like most of the webcams are out of stock because of demand and supply, However I did purchase one at B&H video that seems to work fine. Below is the link to the one I purchased.

[https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1560456-REG/aoni\\_a20\\_hd\\_webcam\\_108030\\_auto.html](https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1560456-REG/aoni_a20_hd_webcam_108030_auto.html)

Again, if anyone needs assistance, please let me know, preferably well before our first meeting. Thanks and hope to see everyone back this year.

## **Classifieds:**

- Ginny Harris is setting a brand-new mat cutter. In her words: I have a never-used Logan Mat Cutter that I would like to sell. The cost on Amazon is \$127 but I'm willing to sell it for \$50 to anyone in the club who would like to have it. I can be reached on my cell at 978 621 2586

Jim DeLuco has a Nikon D780 for sale. If you are interested, you can contact Jim @ [jim@delucophoto.com](mailto:jim@delucophoto.com)

Here is a link to B&H for the camera: [https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1538572-REG/nikon\\_d780\\_dslr\\_camera.html](https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1538572-REG/nikon_d780_dslr_camera.html)

And you can see Jim's post to Craig's list in the e-mail below.

<https://boston.craigslist.org/bmw/pho/d/hudson-nikon-d780-like-new/7406635628.html>

## **Competition Scores:**

The competition scores will no longer be included in the newsletter. The easiest way to see them will be on the redesigned website. <https://www.assabetvalleycc.com/default.aspx>