



FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

February 2018

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: February 7th.

"Macro Photography"

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The presentation 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](http://www.assabetvalleycc.com) or contact John Gill, club President, at 978-293-5192.

Competitions:

The next competition will be Feb 21st.

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

The deadline to submit digital images is Feb 18th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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How and What to Do



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A red textured background with three paintbrushes (one with a wooden handle and two with metal handles) lying diagonally across the top left. The text is centered in white.

2018 Stow Community Art Exhibit
March 16-April 13, 2018
Stow Community Center

Seeking local artists!

Dear Creative Community,

The Stow Cultural Council is organizing the first Stow Community Art Exhibit, March 16-April 13. We are excited about the show, as it will be our first community art show in the community center gallery wing. We are reaching out to the local artist community leaders, to hopefully share the opportunity for artists to submit a piece of their work to be entered into the show. Council members are sharing the event news in local businesses and social media but we wanted to reach out to you!

We kindly ask if you are connected to artists, teachers, students and professionals, we'd love for you to share with them our upcoming show. Applicants can find out all information at our site stowart.org, where they can submit their digital image of their artwork.

Thank you for your time, and we hope to see you there.

Thank you for supporting the arts!

Warmest Regards,
Stow Cultural Council
[SCC on Facebook](#)

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."

Jan. '18 Print Competition - OPEN

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
<u>GOLD</u>			
Portland Light	Linda Shelales	24.7	1st
All Dressed Up	Linda Gilberti	24.7	1st
Somesville Bridge Sept 11	John Gill	23.8	2nd
Lisbon Tram	Sue Abrahamsen	23.7	3rd
That's Mine, Mom !	Bob Cooke	23	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Baby Conner	Leon Ferrante	25.3	1st
Harlequin Duck	Bob Escott	25.1	2nd
Sunflower Sunshine	Barbara Huntley	24	3rd
<u>Make-Up for Dec. '17 - CREATIVE</u>			
Tetons	Leon Ferrante	25.2	
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Bengal Tiger Stare	Darlene Holman	25.8	1st
Moulton Barn	Mary Strachan	24.2	2nd
Adrift	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.2	3rd
The Urban Photographer	Cathy Robotis	22.9	
Reflections	Morgan McSweeney	21.5	

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	Creative	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
John Gill	26.1	26.3	26.9	26.4	23.8	0	0	0	0	129.5
Sue Abrahamsen	25	22	28.5	25.5	23.7	0	0	0	0	124.7
Linda Shelales	24.7	22.7	26.8	23.9	24.7	0	0	0	0	122.8
Bob Cooke	24.2	22.7	27.2	24.8	23	0	0	0	0	121.9
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.6	24.7	0	0	0	0	120.3
Todd Mathieson	25.5	26	28.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	105.6
Dave Morin	23.9	24.3	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Creative	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	25.6	28.1	26.8	25.2	25.3	0	0	0	0	131
Bob Escott	24.6	24	24.2	27.5	25.1	0	0	0	0	125.4
Maureen Mathieson	26.4	26.2	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Barbara Huntley	21.2	24.5	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	69.7
Ann DeCristofaro	0	0	24.3	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	48.6
Diana Bull	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.2
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Creative	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Darlene Holman	24.4	25.5	28.4	26.3	25.8	0	0	0	0	130.4
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	25.3	22.8	27.1	23.2	0	0	0	0	122
Mary Strachan	23.8	21.6	23	25.2	24.2	0	0	0	0	117.8
Bill Weiblen	25	21.7	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Cathy Robotis	23.8	0	0	24.2	22.9	0	0	0	0	70.9
Larry Alley	0	24.8	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.1
Art Walker	0	0	0	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	23.4
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
Morgan McSweeney	0	0	0	0	21.5	0	0	0	0	21.5

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Jan. '18 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Pelican in Flight	Doris Monteiro	28.4	1st
Portrait of an African Lion	Todd Mathieson	26.7	2nd
Painted Lady	John Gill	26.6	3rd
Great Blue Heron Profile	Drew Simmons	25.6	
One Happy Little Frog	Cathy Simmons	25	
Sharing a Precious Moment	Tony Monteiro	24.9	
On the Prowl	Linda Shelales	24.4	
This is My Best Side	Ginny Harris	24	
Artists Sink	Sue Abrahamsen	23.7	
Down the Trail	Dave Morin	23.4	
CLASS A			
Violin and Rose	Maureen Mathieson	25.3	1st
Funky Tulip	Dave Reynard	24.6	2nd
Bee on Blue Flower	Bob Escott	24.2	3rd
Neptune	Jill Lockwood	23.9	
Pure Delight	Leon Ferrante	23.6	
Emu Up Close	Barbara Huntley	23.5	
Brazilian Bird	Linda Gilberti	23.4	
House on the Hill	Fred Parsons	23.1	
Light the Night Charity Souvenir	Dean Giolas	22.6	
Hydrangeas	Diana Ledoux	21.8	
Make-Up for Dec. '17 - OPEN			
That Feels Good	Leon Ferrante	24.1	
CLASS B			
Hybrid Hawk Feeds on Mouse	Darlene Holman	27.4	1st
Two Bees or Not Two Bees	Jane Parker	26.2	2nd
Framed in Pink	Pam Meoli	24	3rd
Sunapee Bridge	Susan Nichols	24	3rd
Grist Mill	Natalie Schiavone	23.8	
Sunset By the Sea	Cathy Robotis	23.8	
Everlasting	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	
Steaming Cuppa	Theresa Vachowski	23.5	
Lake Hortonia Window	John McKinney	23	
Mount Vesuvius Over Naples	Jim Quinn	23	
New Hampshire Barn	Diana Bull	23	
Honey Bees	Larry Alley	22.6	
Denali	Mary Strachan	22.5	
Golden Autumn	Jennifer Wang	22.5	
Moss Covered Wall	Marie Riley	21.8	
Clam Digger	Bob Cooke	21.5	

Jan. '18 Digital Competition - The Color RED			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Macaw Portrait	Doris Monteiro	26.5	1st
Joy in a Red Wet Suit	Tony Monteiro	26.3	2nd
Christmas Cardinal	Sue Abrahamsen	25.3	3rd
Red Parrot	John Gill	25.2	
Macaw	Cathy Simmons	25	
Cardinal in Rain	Ginny Harris	24.1	
Close Up Flower After Rain	Dave Morin	23.5	
Summer in Vermont	Todd Mathieson	23.3	
Wells Harboe ME	Linda Shelales	23	
Tomatoes	Drew Simmons	22	
CLASS A			
Passionate Flower	Maureen Mathieson	26	1st
The Redcoats	Bob Escott	25	2nd
55 Chevy & Miny Me	Leon Ferrante	24.6	3rd
Red	Fred Parsons	23.9	
Brazilian Market	Linda Gilberti	22.8	
Red Lily	Barbara Huntley	22.6	
Food Coloring	Jill Lockwood	22.2	
Red Hat Ladies	Diana Ledoux	21.9	
Two of These Things Aren't Like the Others	Dean Giolas	20.9	
Make-Up for Dec. '17 - NATURE			
My Big Fish	Leon Ferrante	25.9	
CLASS B			
This Call is For You	Marie Riley	25.2	1st
Baseball	Jim Quinn	24.8	2nd
Pointsetta & Water Droplets	Darlene Holman	24.8	2nd
Ensign's Date's Red Dress in Austin Healey	John McKinney	24.4	3rd
Winterberry in Snow	Larry Alley	24	
Row Row Row Your Boat	Diana Bull	23.9	
Frozen Berries	Natalie Schiavone	23.5	
Winter Cardinal	Bob Cooke	23.5	
Red Berries	Mary Strachan	23.5	
Love Potion No. 9	Cathy Robotis	23.1	
Red Barn at Pilot Grove	Jane Parker	22.8	
Winter Still Life	Theresa Vachowski	22.2	
The Color Red	Bill Weiblen	22.1	
Red Cactus	Linda DeStefano Brown	21.8	
Mr. Ed in Red	Pam Meoli	21.8	
Red	Susan Nichols	21.8	
Red Autumn	Jennifer Wang	21.4	

