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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

October 2021

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: October 6th

Creative Composites Assabet Valley Camera Club Program



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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:

The next competition will be **October 20th**.

Digital subjects are "Nature" & "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is **October 13th** @11:59 PM.

The print competition has been suspended for now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Due to Covid 19 all AVCC meetings are currently being held online. If you are interested in attending this program, contact AVCC at info@assabetvalleycc.com a few days prior to the meeting to request a link to the event. The club's Zoom room opens at 7:00 PM with a brief business meeting at 7:15. Bernie's presentation ***Creative Composites*** will begin at 7:30.

Normally, AVCC meetings are held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson. The first meeting of the month generally features a program designed to instruct and/or to entertain camera enthusiasts. During the second monthly meeting, a competition of members' digital images are judged and critiqued by qualified individuals. Assabet Valley Camera Club, affiliated with both the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) and the Photographic Society of America (PSA), participates in interclub competitions on regional, national and international levels.

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 Elliot Mednick, club president, at 978-293-5192.

Dues!

You really need to get the dues into John before Oct 6. Anyone who has not paid by then loses their membership on Oct 7 and will not be eligible to compete in the October competition until you do pay. If you get the dues in late, you will restore the membership, but you risk us not being able to reinstate you in time for the competition because the paperwork is hard. (In the future, we'll look into trying to make this easier by using PayPal or Venmo.)

Galleries:

- a. Bob Cooke has a gallery at the Maynard Library (This MAY be a photo of some of the photos: <https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/library-history?lightbox=dataItem-ktepz77n6>).

Photo Ops:

- a. Classic Car Show at Hudson Eagles, 271 Cox St Hudson this coming Wednesday, Sept 22, 4P-8P (Thanks John G!)
- b. Audubon photography contest closes soon
- c. Lots of activity at Tower Hill

The Community Advocate is currently seeking photographers for its freelance staff. The paper covers the towns of Hudson, Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough, Westborough and Shrewsbury. Assignments could include such things as an event or even a photo of a person that is being profiled. They also pay for submissions that we receive on occasion as well. The pay is generally \$25-\$45 depending on where the photo is used (social media, website and print.) If interested contact:

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Community Advocate/Fifty Plus Advocate
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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

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

- Darlene Holman has one ticket to the Tower Hill "Autumn Illuminated" event for October 16th, 6:30-7:00pm. It's transferable. She is unable to make it. Cost is nothing. (This day is now sold out, so this is a good opportunity, but you'd have to go by yourself.) Email her at darlene.holman@crest-tech.com.
- Jane Parker will have a pottery booth at Maynard Fest on Saturday, 9-3:30. <http://www.assabetvalleychamber.org/maynardfest.shtm>
(Last time we went to her booth, we bought a lot of things, so be prepared. If you haven't seen her stuff, <https://www.etsy.com/shop/strattonhillpottery>.)

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)**

Digital Open Score Results:

Open Order	Score	Name	Title	Comp/ Date	Class	Place
09	26.5	Liz Krouse	In_A_Galaxie_Far_Far_Away	9/15/2021	B	1
21	25.1	Dawn Law	Sunset_On_Gray's_Beach	9/15/2021	B	2
18	24.5	Bridget Perch	Sailors_Take_Warning	9/15/2021	B	3
15	22.9	John Mauro	Pond_Reflections	9/15/2021	B	4
23	22.9	Theresa Vachowski	Trap_Falls	9/15/2021	B	4
24	22.6	Jim Quinn	Woman_With_Umbrella	9/15/2021	B	5
25	22.3	Mary Coombs	Woodland_Reflections	9/15/2021	B	6
03	21.4	Lee Arnold	Bridge_Over_Troubled_Water	9/15/2021	B	7
06	21.1	John Ford	Hard_Over	9/15/2021	B	8
02	21.0	Pam Meoli	Boat_In_Sand	9/15/2021	B	9
04	19.6	Heather Ruthroff	Clouds	9/15/2021	B	10
22	24.8	Dave Reynard	Swan_Family_On_Bruce's_Pond	9/15/2021	A	1
13	23.2	Dick Tranfaglia	Olson_House_Window_2	9/15/2021	A	2
16	23.1	Catherine Robotis	Respite_In_A_Smoky_Tinderbox_Greece_2021	9/15/2021	A	3
19	23.0	Mary Strachan	Summer_Afternoon_In_Rockport	9/15/2021	A	4
17	22.7	John McKinney	Revolutionary_War_Soldier	9/15/2021	A	5
08	28.5	Darlene Holman	Hummingbird_On_Cardinal_Flower	9/15/2021	AA	1
26	28.4	Sue Abrahamsen	Young_Cub_Eating_Grass	9/15/2021	AA	2
07	27.4	John Gill	Hummingbird_At_Tower_Hill	9/15/2021	AA	3
12	26.3	Elliot Mednick	Mine	9/15/2021	AA	4
05	26.2	Linda Shelales	Goldfinch_#2	9/15/2021	AA	5
20	25.9	Natalie Schiavone	Sunset_Key	9/15/2021	AA	6
14	24.6	Todd Mathieson	Pearl_Crescent_1	9/15/2021	AA	7
01	24.2	Robyn Saur	Bee_On_Yellow_Flower	9/15/2021	AA	8
11	24.0	Maureen Mathieson	Looking_Into_Queen_Ann_Lace	9/15/2021	AA	9
10	22.6	David Morin	Jetty_At_Dawn	9/15/2021	AA	10

Digital Theme Score Results:

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06	25.4	Mary Coombs	Garden_Jewel	9/15/2021	B	1
21	25.4	Liz Krouse	Spider_Versus_Yellow_Jacket	9/15/2021	B	1
16	24.7	John Mauro	Pollinating_Bee	9/15/2021	B	2
20	24.3	Bridget Perch	Shells	9/15/2021	B	3
11	23.2	Theresa Vachowski	Leela_Sees_All	9/15/2021	B	4
07	23.2	Pam Meoli	Grasshopper	9/15/2021	B	4
18	23.1	Lee Arnold	Roses_Are_Red	9/15/2021	B	5
26	22.7	Dawn Law	Young_Swan_Preening_Its_New_Feathers	9/15/2021	B	6
17	22.3	John Ford	Purple_Burst	9/15/2021	B	7
22	21.4	Jim Quinn	Spiney_Chestnut	9/15/2021	B	8
03	20.6	Heather Ruthroff	Close_Up	9/15/2021	B	9
15	26.9	John McKinney	Orchid_Column_Throat_And_Lip	9/15/2021	A	1
04	25.0	Mary Strachan	Dragonfly_On_Daisy	9/15/2021	A	2
01	24.6	Catherine Robotis	A_Bracelet_For_Ghana	9/15/2021	A	3
19	23.3	Dick Tranfaglia	Shaken_Not_Stirred	9/15/2021	A	4
13	28.8	Elliot Mednick	Mating_Season	9/15/2021	AA	1
14	28.4	John Gill	Meadow_Katydid	9/15/2021	AA	2
05	27.4	Darlene Holman	Dragonfly_On_Water_Lily	9/15/2021	AA	3
10	27.4	Sue Abrahamsen	Leaf_Hopper_On_Dahlia_Leaff	9/15/2021	AA	3
23	27.4	Robyn Saur	Sunflower	9/15/2021	AA	3
02	26.7	Natalie Schiavone	Busy_Bee	9/15/2021	AA	4
09	26.0	David Morin	It's_Close_Up	9/15/2021	AA	5
12	23.9	Maureen Mathieson	Liberty_For_A_Penny	9/15/2021	AA	6
08	23.8	Todd Mathieson	Its_12_O'clock_Somewhere	9/15/2021	AA	7
24	23.7	Linda Shelales	Tree_Frog_Balancing_Act	9/15/2021	AA	8

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2021-2022

MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		TOTAL
CLASS AA	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	
Darlene Holman	28.5	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.9
John Gill	27.4	28.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.8
Sue Abrahamsen	28.4	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.8
Elliot Mednick	26.3	28.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.1
Natalie Schiavone	25.9	26.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.6
Robyn Saur	24.2	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.6
Linda Shelales	26.2	23.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.9
David Morin	22.6	26.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.6
Todd Mathieson	24.6	23.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.4
Maureen Mathieson	24.0	23.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.9
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
John McKinney	22.7	26.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.6
Mary Strachan	23.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.0
Catherine Robotis	23.1	24.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.7
Dick Tranfaglia	23.2	23.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.5
Dave Reynard	24.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.8
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL
Liz Krouse	26.5	25.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.9
Bridget Perch	24.5	24.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	48.8
Dawn Law	25.1	22.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.8
Mary Coombs	22.3	25.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.7
John Mauro	22.9	24.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.6
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	23.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.1
Lee Arnold	21.4	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.5
Pam Meoli	21.0	23.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.2
Jim Quinn	22.6	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.0
John Ford	21.1	22.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.4
Heather Ruthroff	19.6	20.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.2