



FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

December 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: December 6st.

"Artistic and Abstract Nature Photography"

On Wednesday, December 6, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) is pleased to host Ed McGuirk, a Massachusetts based photographer, whose work focuses on the landscape, wildlife and natural beauty of New England. McGuirk will present "Artistic and Abstract Nature Photography". Abstract images generally rely on the strong use of lines, curves, shapes, colors, patterns and texture. This presentation discusses how to utilize these elements as they apply to abstract photography. The program covers creative techniques such as Soft Focus, In-Camera Movement, and Multiple Exposures that allow a photographer to create more painterly-type images.

Ed McGuirk, a founding member and past president of the Boston West belongs to the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers and the Naturalists. Photographic honors for McGuirk include the Videtta scoring New England entrant at the Lynn International Salon, Best George Glennie Nature Salon, and a New England Camera Club Council Year. Ed's work has been published in *Outdoor Photographer*, *The New Federation Magazine* and other publications. To view his images visit edmcguirkphoto.com



Photographic Society, Massachusetts Camera Award for the top Wildlife image at the Nature Image of the *Hampshire Wildlife* Ed's website at

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 next competition will be Dec 20th.

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

The deadline to submit digital images is Dec 17th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Banquet

We will be having our annual Holiday banquet, **Dec 6, 2018**. Typically we will start with appetizers at 6PM, and dinner at 6:30, and followed by our regular program night at 7:30. This year we will be having an Italian buffet. There will be numerous raffle items. We are also having a silent auction on some “services” and photo equipment. Including a used Canon Pixma Pro-100 printer, with 9 extra ink cartridges. (ink value alone is \$150). I just wanted to mention to anyone interested in it, that it is heavy, 45 Lbs and has a large footprint.

Packed in a box: 31 x 21 x 14.

The link on B&H: https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/893738-REG/Canon_6228b002_Pixma_Pro_100_Photo_Inkjet.html

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.

Marlborough’s ‘Ray of Sunshine’ dies at age 81



Nothing could keep Ray Johnson from the library, not even a more than hour-long commute.

Johnson – the president of the Friends of the Marlborough Public Library since 1972 – and his wife Carolyn moved from Marlborough to Bernardston 21 years ago, but he remained a presence at the Main Street library. He would drive back to the city – a nearly three-hour round trip – for monthly board meetings, events and visits.

“Ray never thought that was a long drive,” said Mary Rowe, secretary of the Friends. “He did it more than willingly. He was upset when he couldn’t make it.”

Johnson - a member of the Board of Library Trustees since 1970 - often had to pull over on his trips home to Bernardston to take a nap – at Carolyn’s urging – to ensure he made it back safely.

“He wore out a few cars doing that,” Carolyn said of

her husband's frequent trips.

Johnson died Thursday after battling cancer. He was 81.

"It's going to be a loss to everyone," said Carolyn. "He was a fantastic catalyst."

Colleagues and friends remembered Johnson as dedicated and devoted to bringing high quality programs to the library. Peggy Ayres, a member of the Friends, said Johnson searched for new ways to open the library up to the whole community, including developing programs and securing materials for those who don't speak English.

"His main passion was the library," said Ayres. "He was the driving force behind so many efforts."

Margaret Cardello, library director, lauded his efforts to promote the library. Johnson was a fervent supporter of the proposed renovation and expansion of the century-old library.

"He so looked forward to seeing a new library for Marlborough," she said.

The longtime city resident could often be found wearing a smile, prompting friends and family to nickname him "Ray of Sunshine."

"He was a wonderful, caring, loving man," said Carolyn. "He just wanted to bring so much happiness to the world. He absolutely loved people."

Johnson - an Army veteran - was a member of the Marlborough Brigham Family Trust, a Mason, President of the Young Republicans Club, President of the Greater Marlborough Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Bernardston Historical Society.

"He was the most dedicated person," said Jean Peters, a member of the Friends.

He enjoyed inviting friends and family to his Bernardston home where he would take visitors on a tour of the area, often stopping at the Kringle Candle Company factory. Friends and family said Johnson's death will leave a large hole in the Marlborough and Bernardston communities.

"I'm going to miss him tremendously," said Carolyn.

Assabet Valley Camera Club

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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."

Nov. '17 Print Competition - OPEN

TITLE	SUBMITTED BY	SCORE	AWARD
GOLD			
Nesting Loon at Echo Lake Beach	Todd Mathieson	28.6	1st
Cormorant Preening	Sue Abrahamsen	28.5	2nd
I'm Ready if You Are	Bob Cooke	27.3	3rd
Lotus After the Rain	John Gill	26.9	
Blue Heron II	Linda Shelales	26.8	
Moore Monet	Dave Morin	22.8	
SILVER			
Loon	Leon Ferrante	26.8	1st
Ferns in Acadia	Maureen Mathieson	25.4	2nd
Steady Now...	Ann DeCristofaro	24.3	3rd
Mallards Blending In	Bob Escott	24.2	
Make-Up for Oct. '17 - OPEN			
White Peacocok	Maureen Mathieson	26.2	
BRONZE			
Blue Heron Catches Fish	Darlene Holman	28.4	1st
Willetts in Flight	Larry Alley	25.3	2nd
Antelope Canyon	Bill Weiblen	24.3	3rd
Eagles Above the Snake River	Mary Strachan	23	
Field of Tenderness	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.8	
Make-Up for Oct. '17 - OPEN			
Abandoned	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.3	
Dahlia - Vasio Megos	Larry Alley	24.8	

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2017-2018

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Todd Mathieson	25.5	26	28.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	80.1
John Gill	26.1	26.3	26.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	79.3
Sue Abrahamsen	25	22	28.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.5
Linda Shelales	24.7	22.7	26.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	74.2
Bob Cooke	24.2	22.7	27.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74.1
Dave Morin	23.9	24.3	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.3
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	25.6	28.1	26.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	80.5
Maureen Mathieson	26.4	26.2	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Bob Escott	24.6	24	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.8
Barbara Huntley	21.2	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.7
Ann DeCristofaro	0	0	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.3
Diana Bull	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.2
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	Americana	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Darlene Holman	24.4	25.5	28.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	78.3
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	25.3	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	71.7
Bill Weiblen	25	21.7	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Mary Strachan	23.8	21.6	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	68.4
Larry Alley	0	24.8	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.1
Cathy Robotis	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.8
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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Nov. '17 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Our National Bird	Doris Monteiro	27.4	1st
Reflected Egret	Tony Monteiro	26.8	2nd
Dragonfly on Lotus Bud	Cathy Simmons	26.5	3rd
Chimp Chums at Their Pumpkin Party	Linda Shelales	25.9	
Flower on Rainy Day	Dave Morin	25.7	
Tiger With Pumpkin	Sue Abrahamsen	25.7	
Pink Edge Sulphur Butterfly	John Gill	25.4	
Green Heron in the Grass	Drew Simmons	25.2	
Lotus With Bee	Ginny Harris	25.1	
White Peacock Southwicks Zoo	Todd Mathieson	24.6	
CLASS A			
Mature Spicebush Caterpillar	Maureen Mathieson	27.4	1st
Mallard Front View	Barbara Huntley	25.8	2nd
Sunset Abstract Magic	Dave Reynard	25.7	3rd
Farm Pond	Bob Escott	25.7	3rd
Dazzling Dahlia	Linda Gilberti	24	
More Please	Leon Ferrante	23.5	
Tower Hill Mix and Match	Dean Giolas	22.6	
Sunset on the River	Jill Lockwood	21	
Reflection	Diana Ledoux	20.7	
CLASS B			
Waterfall	Jim Quinn	26.9	1st
At the Café	Linda DeStefano Brown	26.6	2nd
Breezy	Jane Parker	26.5	3rd
Common Chaffinch	Mary Strachan	26.4	
Eastern King Bird	Diana Bull	26.1	
Cheetah in Captivity	Darlene Holman	24.9	
Afternoon Commute	Ann DeCristofaro	24.4	
Brooklyn Bridge	Natalie Schiavone	24.1	
Tomorrow's Monarch	Larry Alley	23.8	
La Paz Falls	Art Walker	23.7	
Guarding Gotham	Catherine Robotis	23.4	
Castle Ruins Madame Sherri Forest	Theresa Vachowski	23	
Damn Costume Doesn't Fit	Bob Cooke	23	
A Rose for the Bride	Marie Riley	22.9	
Dragonfly on Pink	Pam Meoli	22.9	
White Tiger	Jennifer Wang	22.2	
Gull Talk: Get Off My Roof	John McKinney	22	
Flowers	Susan Nichols	20.9	
Make-Up for Oct. '17 - OPEN			
Homage to Georgia	Linda DeStefano Brown	20.9	

Nov. '17 Digital Competition - IMPERFECTION(S)			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Used To Be Perfect	John Gill	27.4	1st
Perfectly Imperfect Eyes	Tony Monteiro	27.4	1st
Imperfect Pear	Sue Abrahamsen	25.8	2nd
Imperfect Swallowtail	Cathy Simmons	25.4	3rd
Bad Apples	Ginny Harris	24.9	
Out of Sync	Doris Monteiro	24.7	
Ragged Eastern Swallowtail	Linda Shelales	24	
Flowers 3	Dave Morin	23.7	
Lotus Blossom Past It's Prime	Todd Mathieson	23.6	
Clipped Wing	Drew Simmons	22.9	
CLASS A			
Bashful	Diana Ledoux	25.7	1st
Venice	Bob Escott	25.6	2nd
Missing a Tail	Maureen Mathieson	24.5	3rd
Boat House Imperfection	Leon Ferrante	24.3	
Lotus Beauty in Three	Barbara Huntley	24	
I Want My Money Back	Dave Reynard	23.7	
Knotty Tree	Dean Giolas	23	
Rusted Truck	Jill Lockwood	23	
Palm Tree in Distress	Linda Gilberti	22.6	
CLASS B			
Repairs After the Rain	Natalie Schiavone	26.2	1st
Old Rusted Jalopy	Darlene Holman	25.9	2nd
Glider Unhung	Bob Cooke	25.7	3rd
Cracked Column	Pam Meoli	25.6	
Bridge	Susan Nichols	25.3	
Mend the Fence	Jane Parker	25.3	
Windows of Melrose Abbey	Mary Strachan	24.8	
The Chipmunk Couldn't Wait	Ann DeCristofaro	24.1	
Color Me Red	Theresa Vachowski	24	
The Ravages of Time	Catherine Robotis	23.8	
The Last Struggle	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	
Spots on Leaves	Marie Riley	23.2	
Mexican Crypt	John McKinney	22.5	
Imperfect Glasses	Jim Quinn	22.4	
Imperfection	Bill Weiblen	22.4	
Nature's Imperfections	Diana Bill	20.8	

Make-Up for Oct. '17 - NATURE			
Parting of the Lotus	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.2	

