



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

November 2019

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 6<sup>th</sup>  
The program is:



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### **Competitions:**

The next competition will be November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

The deadline to submit digital images is November 17<sup>th</sup> @11:59 PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Anyone interested in photography and expanding their pictorial skills is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. AVCC meetings are held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson, and officially begin at 7:30 PM. The **"Capturing Photographs with Your Phone"** program will follow a short business meeting.

Melissa Fraser's work has been accepted into multiple juried art exhibitions displayed at the Cape Cod Art Association and the Cape Cod Cultural Center. She has photographed weddings and social events such as the Medical University of SC graduation, Cancer Survivor Day, and SC Aquarium events. Her new passion with smart phone photography has led her to teaching workshops in the New England area. To see more of Melissa's work, please visit her website [www.melissamfraserphotography.com](http://www.melissamfraserphotography.com).

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

# Holiday Banquet



**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**at 6:00**

**\$11 Cost / Person**

Pay Tony Monteiro

On or before Wednesday, November  
20th



# Competitions

## NATURE MANIPULATION ADJUSTMENTS

### ALLOWED IN NATURE COMPETITIONS

- EXPOSURE ADJUSTMENT (SELECTIVE AND GLOBAL)
- ADJUST HIGHLIGHT AND SHADOW DETAIL
- ADJUST CONTRAST
- WHITE BALANCE / COLOR CORRECTION  
(HDR ALLOWED FOR ANY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE)
- BLACK & WHITE CONVERSION (GRAYSCALE ONLY)
- ADJUST SATURATION
- DUST SPOT REMOVAL
- NOISE REMOVAL
- FLARE REMOVAL
- STRAIGHTENING
- CROPPING
- REVERSING (A.K.A. FLIPPING HORIZONTAL - USE CAUTION ON SCENICS)
- RESIZING
- SHARPENING (INCLUDING FOCUS LAYERING)

### ALL ALLOWED ADJUSTMENTS MUST LOOK NATURAL

### ADJUSTMENTS NOT ALLOWED IN NATURE COMPETITIONS

- ADDING OR REMOVING IMAGE ELEMENTS
- BLURRING BACKGROUNDS

NOTE: Reminder that the new image size is 1400 x 1050 pixels.

NOTE 2: Prints cannot exceed 36 inches in total Height & Width (**including mats**). Examples: (16 x 20) (12 X 24), etc.

To submit your digital competition images, go to the club web-site and, on the navigation bar at the top of the home page, click on the "Competitions" pull-down, then the "Monthly Club Competitions" and the "Submit Digital Images" pull-downs. For information about rules and file setup procedures for submitting competition images, follow the "Rules" and "Digital Files Setup", also in the "Monthly Club Competitions" pull-down.

**You may request a critique for only one digital image.** If you select for both, only the "Open" image will be critiqued on competition night. In addition, you may request a critique for your print entry.

If you have any questions related to digital competition submission, contact Paul Weisbach by email [JWeisbach@aol.com](mailto:JWeisbach@aol.com) .

Please remember, print submissions need to be on the print table **by 7:15pm** on the night of the competition. When filling out the print entry form, check the provided box if your print image was taken after 04/01/2019. The new policy states that photos must not be framed or mounted on glass or metal. They can be matted, but not with glass or metal. Prints cannot exceed 36 inches in total Height & Width. Examples: (16 x 20) (12 X 24), etc.

## **Help Setting Up**

We really need some help setting up the meeting room.

We typically start around 2:15 to 2:30.

It takes an hour or less, depending on how fast we move, or how chatty we get. For all of these past years, there has just been a few of us who do it each time. We need more members so we can spread out the work load.

If you haven't done it before, come this Wednesday and learn about what we have been doing to make the room ready. We start by taking down all the round tables that senior center uses during the day. We arrange all the chairs as you see them, set up projector etc. If we have enough people, we maybe can then schedule "teams".

It's not difficult, so please consider coming and learning what needs to be done.

### **AVCC Mugs**

Just a reminder that if you have ordered an AVCC mug to please bring payment (\$15 per mug) to Wednesday's (6<sup>th</sup>) meeting. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Jane Parker. If you will not be at the meeting, you can mail a check to Jane @:

Jane Parker  
7 Stratton Rd  
Hudson Ma 01749

**Oct. '19 Print Competition - MONOCHROME**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>			
Reflected Watch in Black and White	Elliot Mednick	28	1st
Venice Oct. 2019	Bob Escott	25.9	2nd
UMASS Old Chapel Library	Darlene Holman	25.7	3rd
Huntington Library Bloom	Todd Mathieson	24.7	
Elephant Up Close	Paul Weisbach	22.8	
Solitude Splendor	Sue Abrahamsen	21.6	
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>			
Smile for the Camera	Glenn Fund	23.2	1st
Weathering Another Blizzard	Larry Alley	22.7	2nd
Gorilla Hands	Maureen Mathieson	22.4	3rd
The End of the Day	Jane Parker	22.3	
Westboro State Hospital Demolition	Liz Krouse	21.7	
Living on the Edge	Cathy Robotis	21.5	
<b><u>Make-Up for</u></b>			

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

**PRINT SUMMARY 2019-2020**

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	26.2	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54.2
Darlene Holman	25.7	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.4
Paul Weisbach	27.8	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.6
Todd Mathieson	25.8	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.5
Bob Escott	23.4	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.3
Sue Abrahamsen	23.8	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.4
Bob Cooke	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.6
Ginny Harris	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.2
Dave Morin	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.4
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Liz Krouse	26.9	21.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.6
Glenn Fund	24.7	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.9
Cathy Robotis	24.1	22.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.4
Jane Parker	24.6	21.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.1
Heather Ruthoff	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Ann DeCristofaro	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.9
Bill Weiblen	0	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7
Larry Alley	0	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.4
Maureen Mathieson	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22

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<b>Oct. '19 Digital Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Nectaring Costas Hummingbird	Doris Monterio	26.6	1st
Rodeo Bull and Rider Liftoff	Tony Monterio	26.1	2nd
Monarch on Mexican Sunflower #2	John Gill	26.1	2nd
Bee at Pea	Cathy Simmons	25.9	3rd
Barred Owl	Darlene Holman	25.5	
Blue Grosbeak on Stump	Sue Abrahamsen	25.5	
Yosemite Falls	Robyn Saur	25.3	
Butterfly Beauty	Linda Shelales	25	
Tree Swallow	Todd Mathieson	24.9	
Monarch on Butterfly Bush	Ginny Harris	24.8	
Foggy Night in Chicago	Maureen Mathieson	24.6	
Sanibel Fisherman	Drew Simmons	23.7	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Venice 2019	Bob Escott	25.8	1st
Sedona Sights	Natalie Schiavone	25	2nd
Caroliona Wren With a Yummy Snack	Jane Parker	24.5	3rd
Laughing Burmese Baby	Linda Gilberti	24.4	
Manhattan Bridge in Color	Elliot Mednick	24.4	
Forward March	Diana Ledoux	23.4	
Oak Leaf With Droplets	Dave Reynard	22.9	
Red Wing Blackbird's Song	Barbara Huntley	22.2	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
The Majestic Mount Denali	Glenn Fund	27.4	1st
Sunset Coast of Oregon	John McKinney	24.9	2nd
Sunrise Silhouettes	John Mauro	24.6	3rd
Bald Eagle on Beach	Larry Alley	24.5	
Purple Sea of 2033 Souls	Liz Krouse	24.3	
Here's Looking at You Kid	Ann DeCristofaro	23.8	
Tourist Season	Cathy Robotis	23.7	
Foggy Day in Maine	Pam Meoli	23.3	
Crested Crane	Dora Kleiner	23.2	
Fall Colors	Marie Riley	23.2	
Fountain Clinton Dam Day	Theresa Vachowski	23.2	
Lily	Heather Ruthroff	22.9	
Turk's Head Building	Lee Arnold	22.6	
Hummingbird Moth	Mary Strachan	22.5	
Antelope Canyon Light Beam	Peter Stultz	22	
Portrait of a Primate	Jim Quinn	22	
<b>Make-Up for Sep. '19 - Open</b>			
Sunset Strip	Lee Arnold	22.7	



<b>Oct. '19 Digital Competition - NATURE</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b>CLASS AA</b>			
Spoonbill's Unwelcome Visitor	Tony Monteiro	28.4	1st
Whoops	John Gill	28.1	2nd
On the Nest Snowy	Doris Monteiro	27.6	3rd
Great Horned Owl	Robyn Saur	26.7	
Dragonfly Eats Dragonfly	Cathy Simmons	26.5	
Singing Mockingbird	Sue Abrahamsen	25.9	
Atlantic Puffin's Catch	Darlene Holman	25.8	
Six Mile Woodpecker	Drew Simmons	25.4	
Female Wood Duck	Maureen Mathieson	25.4	
Red Mushroom Assabet River NWR	Todd Mathieson	24.6	
Swan and Cygnets	Ginny Harris	24.3	
Frog Enjoying Some Sun	Linda Shelales	22.6	
<b>CLASS A</b>			
Dragonfly	Elliot Mednick	26.7	1st
Ibis With Catch	Barbara Huntley	26.2	2nd
Taking a Break	Jane Parker	25.5	3rd
Cape Cod Chickadee	Linda Gilberti	24.5	
Spring Visitor	Natalie Schiavone	24.2	
Chauncey Pond	Bob Escott	23.4	
Oak Leaf	Diana Ledoux	22.7	
Autumn Reflection	Dave Reynard	22.7	
<b>CLASS B</b>			
Learning to Preen	Cathy Robotis	27	1st
Pensive Beauty With Runny Nose	John McKinney	26.5	2nd
Mallard Duck on Hager Pond	Liz Krouse	25.7	3rd
Surveying His Territory	Glenn Fund	25.5	
Hoodoo Ya Love?	Peter Stultz	25.4	
Great Blue Heron Just Waiting	Theresa Vachowski	25	
Morning Monarch	Mary Strachan	24.9	
Kyacking In Autumn	Pam Meoli	24.7	
Zion Park's Hidden Subway	John Mauro	24.4	
Nap Time	Marie Riley	24.4	
Fuzzy Bee	Heather Ruthroff	24.2	
Blue Wing Teal in Flight	Larry Alley	23.6	
Alert	Dora Kleiner	23.4	
Mushrooms	Jim Quinn	22.4	
Ah	Lee Arnold	21.3	
<b>Make-Up for Sep. - People at Work</b>			
Small Town USA	Lee Arnold	23.5	
Jamming	Dora Kleiner	22.1	

**DIGITAL SUMMARY 2019-2020**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>SEPT</b>		<b>OCT</b>		<b>NOV</b>		<b>DEC</b>		<b>JAN</b>		<b>FEB</b>		<b>MAR</b>		<b>APR</b>		<b>MAY</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CLASS AA</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	
Tony Monteiro	27	26.7	26.1	28.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108.2
Doris Monteiro	26.5	26.3	26.6	27.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
John Gill	24.4	26.1	26.1	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104.7
Sue Abrahamsen	27.2	24.3	25.5	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102.9
Robyn Saur	25.8	23.2	25.3	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
Darlene Holman	23.8	25.6	25.5	25.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.7
Cathy Simmons	24.5	23	25.9	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99.9
Ginny Harris	24.3	24.5	24.8	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.9
Todd Mathieson	23.3	24.1	24.9	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.9
Maureen Mathieson	22.7	23.4	24.6	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.1
Drew Simmons	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95.4
Linda Shelales	23	23.6	25	22.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.2
Dave Morin	24.4	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.3
<b>CLASS A</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Jane Parker	25.7	24.3	24.5	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Elliot Mednick	23.8	24.2	24.4	26.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99.1
Bob Escott	23	25.1	25.8	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97.3
Barbara Huntley	23.3	25.1	22.2	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.8
Natalie Schiavone	23.1	24.5	25	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.8
Linda Gilberti	23.1	24.1	24.4	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.1
Diana Ledoux	24.8	23	23.4	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.9
Dave Reynard	23.2	23.8	22.9	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92.6
<b>CLASS B</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Assn'd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John McKinney	24.6	22.8	24.9	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98.8
Glenn Fund	23.2	22	27.4	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98.1
Cathy Robotis	23.7	23.6	23.7	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Liz Krouse	22.4	23.4	24.3	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95.8
John Mauro	22.8	23.9	24.6	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95.7
Mary Strachan	24.8	23.5	22.5	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95.7
Dora Kleiner	26.3	22.1	23.2	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Peter Stultz	23.4	23.7	22	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.5
Pam Meoli	23.7	22.5	23.3	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.2
Theresa Vachowski	23.5	22.3	23.2	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Lee Arnold	22.7	23.5	22.6	21.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90.1
Jim Quinn	22.6	22.2	22	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89.2
Ann DeCristofaro	23.3	25.7	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72.8
Larry Alley	0	0	24.5	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.1
Marie Riley	0	0	23.2	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.6
Heather Ruthroff	0	0	22.9	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.1
Susan Nichols	22.1	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.2