



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

December 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: December 1<sup>st</sup>

## Close Up and Macro Imaging Using Unconventional Lenses

### Assabet Valley Camera Club Program



On Wednesday, December 1, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) is pleased to host Tom Wilson whose presentation will focus on the use of various lenses to capture close up and macro images of flowers, plants and insects. He will feature photos taken with fisheye, macro as well as telephoto lenses on either a full-frame or crop sensor camera.

The Soapwort Gentian on the Chattahoochee River was taken with a 15mm fisheye lens on a crop sensor camera.

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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 **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Digital subjects are "Nature" & "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is **December 8<sup>th</sup>** @11:59 PM.

**The print competition has been suspended for now.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Close Up and Macro Imaging Using Unconventional Lenses

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The Soapwort Gentian on the Chattahoochee River was taken with a 15mm fisheye lens on a crop sensor camera.

Tom Wilson's work stems from a life-long love of nature and the outdoors. He has worked extensively on the Chattahoochee River providing images for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Georgia. His work has appeared in numerous publications including *National Geographic* and *The Nature Conservancy Magazine*.

Tom is the recipient of many awards including the Grand Prize Winner in the Nikon "Publish Your Passion Photo Essay Contest". He is well-known



in the Greater Atlanta area for his photography and his contributions to the National Park Service. Tom believes strongly that nature photographers should be nature advocates and use their cameras to protect and preserve our vanishing natural world, documenting the threats to our precious resources and sharing the beauty that makes it worth protecting.

The Robber Fly image looks like it may have been shot with a macro lens; however, it was taken with a zoom telephoto lens



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This Mayapple was shot with a 15mm fisheye lens on a crop sensor camera.

## Programs

The big news is that the Program Committee has just about finalized the program schedule for the year. They did a fantastic job and almost overbooked. They just need to close the loop on the May program presenter. The program committee consists of John Mauro, Robyn Saur, Pam Meoli, Jane Parker, and John Gill. This year's program is interesting, fun, and exciting:

December 1, 2021	Close Up and Macro	Tom Wilson
January 5, 2022	Posing	Bernie Hines
February 2, 2022	Photographing Birds	Roman Kurywczak,
March 2, 2022	Lightpainting	Harold Ross
April 6, 2022	Scavenger Hunt	
May 4, 2022	TBA	

## 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=datapz77n6> ).

## 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>

# ***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:**

Open Order	Critique (Yes=X)	Score	Name	Title	Class	Makeup	Place
12		27.5	Dick Tranfaglia	Old Stone Church Reflection	A		1
29	X	27.5	Glenn Fund	Wilson Farm Pumpkin Display	A		1
01		25.6	Catherine Robotis	Along The Lonesome Trail	A		2
07	X	25.6	John McKinney	Girl With Scooter Europe 1955	A		2
22		22.8	Mary Strachan	Souvenirs Here	A		3
03		29.4	Darlene Holman	Butterfly & The Bee	AA		1
20		28.9	Tony Monteiro	Shooting With Attitude	AA		2
14		28.9	John Gill	Osprey Family	AA		2
25	X	28.0	Elliot Mednick	Sunflowers At Sunset	AA		3
11		27.9	Sue Abrahamsen	Mom And Cub Posing By Mountains	AA		4
17		27.4	Doris Monteiro	Portrait Of Crowned Crane In Black And White	AA		5
18		27.0	Robyn Saur	Pretty Garden Flower	AA		6
13		25.5	Natalie Schiavone	Old Stone Church	AA		7
09		25.0	Jane Parker	Heaven	AA		8
15		24.9	Maureen Mathieson	Plum Island Sunset	AA		9
16		24.1	Linda Shelales	Portland Light Cape Elizabeth Me	AA		10
19	X	23.8	Todd Mathieson	Sea Lion By The Pier 3	AA		11
08		26.5	John Mauro	Guarding The Galaxy	B		1
23		26.5	Willam Spezeski	Stars And Stripes	B		1
26		24.8	Liz Krouse	Sunset At The Clinton Dam	B		2
04		23.8	Jim Quinn	Dignified Seagull	B		3
28		23.8	Theresa Vachowski	Sunset Walk	B		3
05		23.6	Bridget Perch	Drooling Leopard	B		4
27		23.3	Pam Meoli	Sunset Lights	B		5
06	X	23.0	Nick Andruzzi	First Blush Of Fall Colors	B		6
24	X	22.8	Mary Coombs	Summer's End	B		7
21	X	22.6	Lee Arnold	Some Green Stripes	B		8
10	X	22.2	John Ford	Look At Me	B		9
02	X	21.9	Lynn Kerner	Bryce Canyon Ground Squirrel	B		10
90		25.5	Lynn Kerner	Bighorn Sheep Feeding	B	Yes	0



## Digital Theme Score Results:

### NATURE:

Theme Order	Critique (Yes=X)	Score	Name	Title	Class	Makeup	Place
24		26.1	Catherine Robotis	Tiger_Stripes	A		1
18		26.0	Dick Tranfaglia	Stata_4	A		2
27		25.5	Mary Strachan	West_Point_Lighthouse_Pei	A		3
01	X	24.7	Glenn Fund	Always_Time_For_A_Pose	A		4
09	X	23.1	John McKinney	Dog_With_Striped_Blanket	A		5
29		28.4	Tony Monteiro	Zebra_Nuzzle	AA		1
28	X	28.4	Darlene Holman	Zebra_Madness	AA		1
26	X	27.6	Elliot Mednick	Vintage_Vinyl	AA		2
23	X	27.4	John Gill	Swallowtail_Caterpillar_#2	AA		3
25		27.1	Doris Monteiro	Tiger_Stripes	AA		4
13	X	26.4	Linda Shelales	Marty's_Truck_&_Flag_He_Loves	AA		5
10		25.6	Jane Parker	Inspiring	AA		6
07	X	25.5	Sue Abrahamsen	Caterpillar_Stripes	AA		7
21	X	25.5	Todd Mathieson	Study_In_Purple_Stripes	AA		7
17		25.4	Natalie Schiavone	Siena_Duomo	AA		8
16		24.5	Robyn Saur	Reminder	AA		9
06		21.9	Maureen Mathieson	Caterpillar_Stripes	AA		10
19		25.9	John Mauro	Stripes_And_Stripes	B		1
05		24.4	Bridget Perch	Butler's_Toothpick	B		2
20	X	24.4	Lee Arnold	Stripes_On_Stripes	B		2
22		24.2	Mary Coombs	Sun_Stripes	B		3
02	X	24.1	Lynn Kerner	Badlands_Stripes	B		4
14	X	24.1	John Ford	Pallets	B		4
15		24.1	Willam Spezeski	Patio_View	B		4
03		23.3	Jim Quinn	Beach_Stripes	B		5
04		23.1	Pam Meoli	Beach_Stripes	B		6
08	X	23.0	Theresa Vachowski	Comfy_Stripes	B		7
11		23.0	Liz Krouse	Just_Waking_Up	B		7
12		22.2	Heather Reardon	Lakeside_Stripes	B		8
90	X	24.4	Lynn Kerner	Arches_National_Park_In_Smokey_Morning_Haze	B	YES	0
91		24.2	Willam Spezeski	Yellow_Rose	B	YES	0

DIGITAL SUMMARY									2021-2022			
MEMBERS	SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC	TOTAL				
CLASS AA	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open		Open	Assigned	Nature	
Darlene Holman	28.5	27.4	27.2	28.7	29.4	28.4		169.6	85.1	55.8	28.7	
John Gill	27.4	28.4	27.3	27.3	28.9	27.4		166.7	83.6	55.8	27.3	
Elliot Mednick	26.3	28.8	27.5	27.2	28.0	27.6		165.4	81.8	56.4	27.2	
Sue Abrahamsen	28.4	27.4	26.7	28.3	27.9	25.5		164.2	83	52.9	28.3	
Natalie Schiavone	25.9	26.7	25.3	26.1	25.5	25.4		154.9	76.7	52.1	26.1	
Robyn Saur	24.2	27.4	23.2	26.3	27.0	24.5		152.6	74.4	51.9	26.3	
Linda Shelales	26.2	23.7	24.6	24.0	24.1	26.4		149.0	74.9	50.1	24	
Jane Parker	25.5	22.7	25.0	24.8	25.0	25.6		148.6	75.5	48.3	24.8	
Todd Mathieson	24.6	23.8	24.0	23.5	23.8	25.5		145.2	72.4	49.3	23.5	
Maureen Mathieson	24.0	23.9	22.2	19.4	24.9	21.9		136.3	71.1	45.8	19.4	
Tony Monteiro	0.0	0.0	26.5	25.2	28.9	28.4		109.0	55.4	28.4	25.2	
David Morin	22.6	26.0	22.8	25.7	0.0	0.0		97.1	45.4	26	25.7	
Doris Monteiro	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.4	27.1		54.5	27.4	27.1	0	
Virginia Harris	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
Paul Weisbach	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
John Houldsworth	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	TOTAL	Open	Assigned	Nature	
Mary Strachan	23.0	25.0	23.7	25.2	22.8	25.5		145.2	69.5	50.5	25.2	
John McKinney	22.7	26.9	22.8	23.2	25.6	23.1		144.3	71.1	50	23.2	
Catherine Robotis	23.1	24.6	21.5	23.0	25.6	26.1		143.9	70.2	50.7	23	
Glenn Fund	22.3	22.5	22.1	23.8	27.5	24.7		142.9	71.9	47.2	23.8	
Dick Tranfaglia	23.2	23.3	26.7	0.0	27.5	26.0		126.7	77.4	49.3	0	
Dave Reynard	24.8	0.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		48.8	48.8	0	0	
Dean Golas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
Peter Stultz	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
Barbara Huntley	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
Linda Gilberti	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0	
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	Open	TOTAL	Open	Assigned	Nature	
John Mauro	22.9	24.7	27.2	24.5	26.5	25.9		151.7	76.6	50.6	24.5	
Mary Coombs	22.3	25.4	27.5	24.5	22.8	24.2		146.7	72.6	49.6	24.5	
Liz Krouse	26.5	25.4	21.5	22.8	24.8	23.0		144.0	72.8	48.4	22.8	
Bridget Perch	24.5	24.3	21.8	25.0	23.6	24.4		143.6	69.9	48.7	25	
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	23.2	22.8	23.8	23.8	23.0		139.5	69.5	46.2	23.8	
Pam Meoli	21.0	23.2	21.2	24.2	23.3	23.1		136.0	65.5	46.3	24.2	
Jim Quinn	22.6	21.4	21.1	22.0	23.8	23.3		134.2	67.5	44.7	22	
Lee Arnold	21.4	23.1	22.1	20.3	22.6	24.4		133.9	66.1	47.5	20.3	
John Ford	21.1	22.3	20.7	21.3	22.2	24.1		131.7	64	46.4	21.3	
Lynn Kerner	0.0	0.0	25.5	24.4	21.9	24.1		95.9	47.4	24.1	24.4	
William Spezeski	0.0	0.0	20.8	24.2	26.5	24.1		95.6	47.3	24.1	24.2	
Nick Andruzzi	0.0	0.0	22.2	25.0	23.0	0.0		70.2	45.2	0	25	

Heather Ruthroff	19.6	20.6	0.0	24.4	0.0	0.0		64.6	19.6	20.6	24.4
Dawn Law	25.1	22.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		47.8	25.1	22.7	0
Heather Reardon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2		22.6	0	22.2	0
Margaret Fotakis	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.4	0.0	0.0		20.4	0	0	20.4
Tracey Rutherford	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Susan Nichols	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Linda DeStefano Brown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Dora Kleiner	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Ann DeCristofaro	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Bob Cooke	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Gary Karagosian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Jennifer Wang	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Marie Riley	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0
Marilyn Tromer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0	0	0