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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

June 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 7:30 PM

Next meeting: June 2nd

Assabet Valley Camera Club will wrap up its 36th year as a Hudson-based photography club on Wednesday, June 2nd. The evening will feature the year-end awards to club members as well as a viewing of the image-of-the-year slide show with commentary by Charlie Burke, past president of the Photographic Society of America. The annual club elections will take place that evening. The slate of officers for the 2021-2022 year is:

President – Elliot Mednick
Vice-President – John Mauro
Treasurer – John Gill
Secretary – Pam Meoli

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this program will take place on Zoom beginning at 7:00 PM.

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:

No more club competitions this year

The print competition will return for the 2021-2022 season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Multi-Screen Competition

On Thursday, May 20th the multi-screen competition was hosted virtually by Nashoba Valley Photo Club. This year the participating clubs were Assabet Valley Camera Club, Camera Club of Central New England, Nashoba Valley Photo Club and Seven Hills Camera Club.

Due to the shutdown created by Covid-19 the 2020 event did not take place. The subjects from that competition along with the subjects for the 2021 year were included. Additionally, there were 10 open images per club. Prints were not a part of this year's competition.

AVCC received the following "Club Awards"

- 2019-20 Assigned Subjects – 3rd Place
- 2020-21 Assigned Subjects – 1st Place
- 2020-21 Open Competition – 2nd Place
- 2020-21 Overall Competition – 2nd Place

Individual awards for **first place** in a subject go to AVCC members:

Natalie Schiavone for "Liquid Drips or Drops" – a 2020 subject.



John McKinney for "Barns" – a 2021 subject

Thank you to all the members whose images were entered into this year's multi-screen competition:

Catherine Robotis

Glenn Fund

Paul Weisbach

Darlene Holman

Jane Parker

Sue Abrahamsen

Dick Tranfaglia

John Gill

Todd Mathieson

Doris Monteiro

John McKinney

Tony Monteiro

Elliot Mednick

Natalie Schiavone

Virginia Harris



2021-2022 Competitions - 3rd Wed. of Month

Month	Digital	Digital	Print
Sep '21	Macro / Close-up	Open	Open
Oct '21	Nature	Open	Black & White/ Monochrome
Nov '21	Stripes	Open	Nature
Dec '21	Nature	Open	Hot or Heat
Jan '22	Eyes	Open	Open
Feb '22	Nature	Open	Military/Law Enforcement
Mar '22	Water (liquid state)	Open	Nature
Apr '22	Nature	Open	Open
May '22	Living History	Open	Open

The **Hudson Cultural Council** needs your help! It needs the people who live and work in Hudson to help advise them about how best to allocate public dollars for programs and activities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences.

Please take their online community input survey by June 30th. Here is the link: tinyurl.com/hudsoncc2021

Over the last seven years the Assabet Valley Camera Club has received generous funding from the Hudson Cultural Council for a number of grants.

This year Essdras Suarez's **Street Photography** and Lisa Cuchara's **Still Life Light Painting** were subsidized with grants from the Council.

Please take a few minutes to fill out their online survey. Thank you!

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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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.

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	Critique (Yes=X)	Score	Name	Title	Comp/ Date	Class	Makeup	Place
07	X	27.7	Lynn Kerner	Cedar_Waxwing_Eating_Berry	5/19/2021	B		1
28	X	26.6	Bridget Perch	Sunset_At_Grey's_Beach	5/19/2021	B		2
06	X	26.4	Liz Krouse	Cardinal_Pair	5/19/2021	B		3
16		25.7	Pam Meoli	Painting_The_Sky	5/19/2021	B		
05		25.0	John Mauro	Canal_Railroad_Bridge_At_Sunset	5/19/2021	B		
04	X	24.9	Susan Nichols	Bluebird's_Snowy_Perch	5/19/2021	B		
23	X	24.8	Theresa Vachowski	Social_Distancing_Undone	5/19/2021	B		
17	X	24.2	Dawn Law	Portland_Breakwater_Lighthouse	5/19/2021	B		
08	X	24.1	John McKinney	England_1955	5/19/2021	B		
15		24.1	Mary Coombs	Orchid	5/19/2021	B		
01	X	23.1	Lee Arnold	A_Cuppa_Vinca	5/19/2021	B		
12	X	28.1	Elliot Mednick	Mother's_Day	5/19/2021	A		1
22		26.7	Catherine Robotis	Social_Distancing_Failure	5/19/2021	A		2
31		26.1	Mary Strachan	What's_So_Funny?	5/19/2021	A		3
29		24.4	Peter Stultz	Super_Moon_Over_Boston	5/19/2021	A		
25	X	24.3	Glenn Fund	Springtime_Tulips	5/19/2021	A		
21		24.2	Dick Tranfaglia	Seaport_1917	5/19/2021	A		
03		23.9	Barbara Huntley	Black_Swallowtail_On_Lily	5/19/2021	A		
32		28.5	John Gill	White_Cabbage_Butterfly	5/19/2021	AA		1
19		28.2	Tony Monteiro	Run_And_Gun	5/19/2021	AA		2
13	X	27.5	Todd Mathieson	Mute_Swan_Cob_Stretching_His_Wings	5/19/2021	AA		3
27	X	27.2	Darlene Holman	Strutting_Blue_Heron	5/19/2021	AA		
30		26.7	Natalie Schiavone	Time_To_Fly	5/19/2021	AA		
14	X	26.5	Linda Shelales	Nit_Pickin'	5/19/2021	AA		
02		26.0	Sue Abrahamsen	Banana_Treat	5/19/2021	AA		
26		25.8	Jane Parker	Still_Pretty_Poppy	5/19/2021	AA		
24		25.6	Virginia Harris	Spring_Cardinal_8571	5/19/2021	AA		
18		24.7	Doris Monteiro	Portrait_Of_A_British_Officer	5/19/2021	AA		
20	X	24.5	Paul Weisbach	Scarlet_Ohara_Peony	5/19/2021	AA		
10		24.3	David Morin	Littlest_Tulip	5/19/2021	AA		
09		24.2	Robyn Saur	Fall_In_The_Mountains	5/19/2021	AA		
11		23.5	Maureen Mathieson	Monarch_On_Blackeyed_Susan	5/19/2021	AA		

Digital Theme Score Results:

Theme Order	Critique (Yes=X)	Score	Name	Title	Comp/ Date	Class	Makeup	Place
19	X	27.7	John McKinney	Scotland_1955	5/19/2021	B		1
08		26.6	John Mauro	Colorful_Parrot	5/19/2021	B		2
24	X	26.1	Liz Krouse	This_Snow_Is_Udderly_Delicious	5/19/2021	B		3
25	X	25.4	Lynn Kerner	Three_Legged_Fox_At_Maine_Wildlife_Sanctuary	5/19/2021	B		
10	X	24.5	Bridget Perch	Fighting_Flamingos	5/19/2021	B		
07	X	24.4	Susan Nichols	Cider_House	5/19/2021	B		
03		23.9	Pam Meoli	Alpaca_Farm	5/19/2021	B		
04	X	23.3	Dawn Law	Alpha_Rooster	5/19/2021	B		
01	X	22.3	Lee Arnold	A_Horse_Is_A_Horse_Of_Course_Of_Course	5/19/2021	B		
05	X	20.3	Theresa Vachowski	American_Groundhog	5/19/2021	B		
28		9.0	John Ford	Ultralite	5/19/2021	B		
13		27.3	Mary Strachan	On_The_Lookout	5/19/2021	A		1
26		26.3	Peter Stultz	Tuscan_Vineyard	5/19/2021	A		2
11		25.6	Catherine Robotis	Hanging_Around	5/19/2021	A		3
06		25.1	Barbara Huntley	Bronx_Zoo_Monkey	5/19/2021	A		
02	X	24.9	Elliot Mednick	Alpaca_Farm	5/19/2021	A		
18	X	24.3	Glenn Fund	San_Diego_Zoo_Greeter	5/19/2021	A		
12		28.6	Darlene Holman	Lions_Lj_And_Levanna_Southwick_Zoo	5/19/2021	AA		1
30	X	27.7	John Gill	Young_Mandrill	5/19/2021	AA		2
21		27.6	Jane Parker	That_Baby_Blue_Eye	5/19/2021	AA		3
23		26.7	Tony Monteiro	The_Same_But_Different	5/19/2021	AA		
16		26.6	Doris Monteiro	Pensive_Bonobo	5/19/2021	AA		
15		26.3	Robyn Saur	Parrot_At_The_Zoo	5/19/2021	AA		
14	X	25.9	Linda Shelales	On_The_Prowl	5/19/2021	AA		
17		25.8	Natalie Schiavone	Red_Eye	5/19/2021	AA		
22	X	25.7	Todd Mathieson	The_Great_Ape	5/19/2021	AA		
27		25.6	Sue Abrahamsen	Two_Parakeets_At_The_Zoo	5/19/2021	AA		
20		24.8	Virginia Harris	Sheep_In_Spring	5/19/2021	AA		
29		24.7	Maureen Mathieson	Waiting_On_No_274	5/19/2021	AA		
09		23.7	David Morin	Farm_Horse	5/19/2021	AA		

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2020-2021																			
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	
Tony Monteiro	29.4	27.7	29.7	29.2	25.0	27.7	25.2	27.5	28.8	27.0	25.5	29.1	27.5	25.6	28.2	29.5	28.2	26.7	497.5
John Gill	29.4	27.0	24.0	27.6	27.5	26.4	27.3	29.2	29.4	27.8	27.2	28.7	28.6	24.3	28.2	28.7	28.5	27.7	497.5
Darlene Holman	24.8	28.2	26.4	28.5	26.2	28.0	25.9	25.9	26.0	29.5	28.9	29.4	27.0	25.0	28.3	29.0	27.2	28.6	492.8
Doris Monteiro	26.4	26.4	28.4	28.6	26.5	27.1	27.5	22.9	25.4	25.9	29.0	27.9	26.8	26.7	28.9	28.3	24.7	26.6	484.0
Sue Abrahamsen	22.4	25.7	26.4	26.5	22.9	28.8	25.5	23.5	26.6	27.8	24.8	29.7	27.7	27.3	28.2	28.1	26.0	25.6	473.5
Robyn Saur	24.1	25.1	19.2	28.6	25.0	26.6	25.0	27.1	27.5	24.9	26.0	26.5	24.9	24.5	26.2	27.1	24.2	26.3	458.8
Natalie Schiavone	26.3	25.0	26.7	23.5	25.7	26.1	26.0	26.2	20.9	28.0	26.8	24.2	24.3	24.3	23.7	26.4	26.7	25.8	456.6
Todd Mathieson	25.9	23.3	19.0	22.6	25.8	27.1	27.3	21.5	25.2	26.8	27.6	25.2	26.1	25.5	26.9	26.7	27.5	25.7	455.7
Jane Parker	25.3	23.2	25.6	22.7	24.8	24.0	23.8	24.7	25.8	27.0	24.6	25.8	23.6	25.0	23.2	26.2	25.8	27.6	448.7
Linda Shelales	23.9	26.0	22.4	23.3	22.5	23.6	26.0	22.9	23.1	24.8	23.9	25.0	26.7	26.2	27.5	27.3	26.5	25.9	447.5
Maureen Mathieson	23.4	23.5	26.7	24.1	26.7	22.7	21.6	22.4	20.0	21.3	27.6	23.6	24.2	22.9	24.3	25.1	23.5	24.7	428.3
Virginia Harris	0.0	0.0	23.5	20.6	24.8	23.9	22.5	24.8	27.6	29.0	25.0	26.7	25.6	23.0	26.3	25.7	25.6	24.8	399.4
David Morin	21.4	19.8	19.9	21.8	24.0	24.3	21.7	26.0	20.2	20.2	23.4	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.3	23.7	314.2
Paul Weisbach	26.4	0.0	26.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.0	0.0	28.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.5	0.0	24.5	0.0	162.2
John Houldsworth	23.7	22.6	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	46.3
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
Elliot Mednick	27.4	23.0	24.6	22.8	27.7	24.9	27.8	26.2	22.7	27.2	28.2	24.9	23.2	26.0	28.3	28.1	28.1	24.9	466.0
Catherine Robotis	24.1	23.9	23.9	26.3	23.7	25.0	26.6	25.7	22.2	27.4	27.5	24.4	23.4	28.1	26.3	26.0	26.7	25.6	456.8
Mary Strachan	24.5	23.7	21.5	25.3	25.6	22.7	22.8	25.3	22.7	27.7	22.9	25.5	24.1	24.2	27.1	25.2	26.1	27.3	444.2
Peter Stultz	26.7	23.3	24.1	22.6	24.6	25.7	24.3	25.5	22.3	23.0	24.5	24.3	22.4	22.0	24.4	25.0	24.4	26.3	435.4
Glenn Fund	23.8	25.6	18.9	21.4	23.8	24.4	22.9	27.8	25.7	21.8	24.4	23.5	25.6	23.2	24.8	25.6	24.3	24.3	431.8
Barbara Huntley	27.5	23.8	19.1	20.3	23.4	24.1	22.3	22.9	26.9	22.9	24.7	24.2	22.7	23.2	24.2	24.6	23.9	25.1	425.8
Linda Gilberti	18.8	19.9	0.0	18.2	21.5	23.5	19.9	21.8	23.3	22.4	21.1	20.3	23.3	22.3	24.1	25.4	0.0	0.0	325.8
Dick Tranfaglia	28.1	22.9	24.0	0.0	27.6	0.0	23.7	0.0	24.7	23.5	25.9	0.0	27.4	24.5	26.4	0.0	24.2	0.0	302.9
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
John McKinney	24.7	26.8	26.1	18.3	24.4	21.9	22.4	23.0	25.4	25.2	23.5	26.0	24.7	24.1	26.9	26.0	24.1	27.7	441.2
John Mauro	22.4	24.0	20.4	17.6	24.8	22.4	23.3	24.5	25.5	24.4	27.2	23.2	24.2	24.1	25.7	26.0	25.0	26.6	431.3
Liz Krouse	23.2	22.5	16.1	23.2	26.3	24.1	24.6	24.6	20.2	22.6	26.5	24.7	22.3	22.7	24.8	26.9	26.4	26.1	427.8
Pam Meoli	21.6	20.8	20.5	18.5	21.3	24.4	23.8	19.1	25.4	19.4	22.4	21.8	25.2	23.7	26.4	23.7	25.7	23.9	407.6
Lee Arnold	21.4	24.4	23.1	20.0	21.7	23.9	24.1	21.6	19.9	21.7	24.0	21.3	23.8	25.7	24.3	20.5	23.1	22.3	406.8
Susan Nichols	23.6	22.5	20.7	20.8	24.0	23.4	21.4	21.0	20.1	24.8	24.2	22.4	0.0	0.0	27.0	24.3	24.9	24.4	369.5
Mary Coombs	26.0	0.0	23.4	22.5	23.2	20.7	21.6	25.2	23.1	26.1	25.2	22.0	0.0	0.0	22.6	26.2	24.1	0.0	331.9
Theresa Vachowski	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.7	24.5	22.1	21.2	20.1	23.0	21.8	25.6	23.1	24.1	9.0	24.4	24.8	20.3	305.7
Dawn Law	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.2	0.0	24.7	21.9	23.8	24.3	24.2	23.3	166.4
John Ford	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.5	21.2	20.4	23.8	23.3	24.0	0.0	9.0	143.2
Bridget Perch	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.8	22.7	25.3	22.9	26.6	24.5	143.8
Jim Quinn	21.8	23.6	18.9	16.5	21.9	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	123.1
Linda DeStefano Brown	26.0	0.0	24.6	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.1
Dora Kleiner	24.2	20.5	19.6	19.3	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	83.6
Lynn Kerner	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	26.2	0.0	27.7	25.4	79.3
Heather Ruthroff	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.9	0.0	21.3	21.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.9