



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

April 2018

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: April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Assabet Valley Camera Club 2017 - 2018 Scavenger Hunt

**For this month's program, club members will view and judge the club's Scavenger Hunt entries.**

Everyone will have a score card, so this is a good chance to play "judge". After the judging, the makers will say a few words about their images. The high scores in each category will be considered for the upcoming multi-screen competition. Please bring a small flashlight, pencil, and clipboard (or hard surface to write on) with you Wednesday for the scavenger hunt judging. We do have some clip boards, but not enough to go around.

### 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

## April 11 Special Program

We will host the New England Camera Club Council's "Spring 2018 Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition". Featured will be some of the best nature and pictorial images submitted by NECCC member clubs.

### Competitions:

The next competition will be April 18<sup>st</sup>.

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

The deadline to submit digital images is April 15<sup>th</sup> @11:59 PM.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **"Spring 2018 New England Camera Club Council's**

### **Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition"**

#### **Program at Assabet Valley Camera Club**

On Wednesday, April 11, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host the New England Camera Club Council's "Spring 2018 Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition". The program is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St.

The New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) is a nonprofit umbrella group for more than 70 camera clubs in the New England states. Three times per year, NECCC sponsors competitions featuring Nature and Pictorial digital photo Galleries. Member clubs of NECCC take turns hosting these events where images from participating clubs are judged and awarded distinctions of First, Second, and Third Place Awards as well as Honorable Mentions. Typically, there are over one hundred and fifty images shown in each gallery.

Judges for this event are **Jim DeLuco** of DeLuco Photography, wedding and portrait photographer and member of the Professional Photographers Association of New England; **Michael Roman**, a portrait and wedding photographer who also enjoys scenic and abstract photography; and **Art Vaughan**, Vice-President and Master Member of the NECCC and its current Print Competition Director. If you would like to see the award-winning images from NECCC's Fall 2017 and Winter 2018 competitions visit [www.neccc.org/p/interclub-competition.html](http://www.neccc.org/p/interclub-competition.html) and click on the links to the Nature and Pictorial Galleries.

AVCC welcomes anyone interested in learning more about photography as a visual art and its practical application as a science. Regular club meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month from now through early June. For more information visit [assabetvalleycc.com](http://assabetvalleycc.com) or contact John Gill, club president, at 978-293-5192.

## Marlboro Library Photo Show

It's time for our AVCC members to begin preparing their favorite photo entries for our annual public art show sponsored by the Friends of the Marlboro Public Library. As before, each of us can provide 2 framed entries – either in color or black & white. (A new rule: framed photos should be no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches). The fee for entering each photo is \$8.00, payable on entry. Several members of the Library Friends team will be ready to accept and register your entries. Each photo should be framed and wired, ready for hanging.

The show will be open for public viewing beginning at noon on Monday, April 9, and ending Saturday, April 14, at 6 p.m. Volunteer galley guides will be needed for all of those hours, half provided by our club, the rest volunteered by members of the Library Friends organization. On that first open day, there will also be a public reception in the evening, when you can learn who's entries won ribbons.

Our show will be open to the public for 6 days from noon to 6 p.m. We'll retrieve our pictures on Sunday, April 15, from noon to 5 p.m. Other photographers beyond our membership are also welcome to submit entries.

All entries should be brought to the Library basement beginning Thursday afternoon, April 5, and Friday morning, April 6, with an identifying label on the back of each. The judging will be done that Saturday morning by a panel of invited, experienced photographers. Help from our members at that time to get the judging done, and in setting up the show, will be needed, that's on Saturday morning, April 7.

Questions? Call Bob Cooke 978-897-7062 (e-mail: [lkabodd@comcast.net](mailto:lkabodd@comcast.net))



## Seeking local artists!

Dear Creative Community,

The Stow Cultural Council is organizing the first Stow Community Art Exhibit, March 16-April 13. We are excited about the show, as it will be our first community art show in the community center gallery wing. We are reaching out to the local artist community leaders, to hopefully share the opportunity for artists to submit a piece of their work to be entered into the show. Council members are sharing the event news in local businesses and social media but we wanted to reach out to you!

We kindly ask if you are connected to artists, teachers, students and professionals, we'd love for you to share with them our upcoming show. Applicants can find out all information at our site [stowart.org](http://stowart.org), where they can submit their digital image of their artwork.

Thank you for your time, and we hope to see you there.

Thank you for supporting the arts!

Warmest Regards,  
Stow Cultural Council  
[SCC on Facebook](#)

# Assabet Valley Camera Club

## 2017 - 2018

### 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.
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#### 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](mailto: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."

**Mar. '18 Print Competition - NATURE**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>			
Bee on Lotus #2	John Gill	28.3	1st
Big Blue	Linda Shelales	27.3	2nd
Wild Borneo	Linda Gilberti	26.6	3rd
Sunrise on New Snow	Sue Abrahamson	26.1	
Slot Canyon - Arizona	Bob Cooke	24.5	
Snowy Owl in the Dunes	Todd Mathieson	24.2	
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>			
Waterfall at Castle in the Clouds	Bob Escott	26.5	1st
Coyote	Leon Ferrante	26.5	1st
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>			
Machias Island Razorbill Feeds	Darlene Holman	27.6	1st
Show Off	Elliot Mednick	27.3	2nd
In Search of Spring	Cathy Robotis	26.8	3rd
3 Thieves	Larry Alley	25.1	
Monument Valley	Mary Strachan	24.7	
Winter Stream	Linda DeStefano Brown	24.6	

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

**PRINT SUMMARY 2017-2018**

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<b><u>GOLD</u></b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Creative</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Monochrome</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
John Gill	26.1	26.3	26.9	26.4	23.8	24.5	28.3	0	0	182.3
Todd Mathieson	25.5	26	28.6	25.5	24.9	26.3	24.2	0	0	181
Linda Shelales	24.7	22.7	26.8	23.9	24.7	26.6	27.3	0	0	176.7
Sue Abrahamsen	25	22	28.5	25.5	23.7	25.1	26.1	0	0	175.9
Bob Cooke	24.2	22.7	27.2	24.8	23	24.2	24.5	0	0	170.6
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.6	24.7	23.5	26.6	0	0	170.4
Dave Morin	23.9	24.3	22.8	0	0	23.1	0	0	0	94.1
<b><u>SILVER</u></b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Creative</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Monochrome</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Leon Ferrante	25.6	28.1	26.8	25.2	25.3	25.7	26.5	0	0	183.2
Bob Escott	24.6	24	24.2	27.5	25.1	24.3	26.5	0	0	176.2
Maureen Mathieson	26.4	26.2	25.4	0	0	25.3	0	0	0	103.3
Barbara Huntley	21.2	24.5	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	69.7
Ann DeCristofaro	0	0	24.3	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	48.6
Diana Bull	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.2
<b><u>BRONZE</u></b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Creative</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Monochrome</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Darlene Holman	24.4	25.5	28.4	26.3	25.8	26.2	27.6	0	0	184.2
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	25.3	22.8	27.1	23.2	24.8	24.6	0	0	171.4
Mary Strachan	23.8	21.6	23	25.2	24.2	24.7	24.7	0	0	167.2
Cathy Robotis	23.8	0	0	24.2	22.9	26	26.8	0	0	123.7
Larry Alley	0	24.8	25.3	0	0	27.1	25.1	0	0	102.3
Elliot Mednick	0	0	0	0	25.8	25.3	27.3	0	0	78.4
Bill Weiblen	25	21.7	24.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Morgan McSweeney	0	0	0	0	21.5	22.7	0	0	0	44.2
Art Walker	0	0	0	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	23.4
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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<b>Mar. '18 Digital Competition - OPEN</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>CLASS AA</u></b>	-	-	-
Monarch at Magenta Flowers	Cathy Simmons	29.1	1st
Willet With Catch	Doris Monteiro	28.8	2nd
Carpathian Lynx	Todd Mathieson	28.6	3rd
Eagle Portrait Number 2	Drew Simmons	28.3	
Sea Lion Encounter	Tony Monteiro	28	
Waterdrop RWB Two	John Gill	27.5	
Newly Fledged Tree Swallow	Ginny Harris	26.5	
Dahlia on Black	Sue Abrahamsen	26.1	
Whale Jumping	John Houldsworth	25.6	
Lovely Sparrow	Linda Shelales	24.1	
Great Egret	Dave Morin	23.7	
<b><u>Make-Up for</u></b>	-	-	-
<b><u>CLASS A</u></b>	-	-	-
Lotus in Sunshine	Barbara Huntley	27.3	1st
Get out of My Way Face Off	Leon Ferrante	26.8	2nd
Sunset at Thirtyseven Thousand Feet	Linda Gilberti	26.7	3rd
Love at 1st Dance	Bob Escott	25.4	
Goblet in Dark Light	Maureen Mathieson	25	
Elk in the Rain	Jill Lockwood	24.7	
Floral Stillife	Dave Reynard	24.3	
The Winter That Wouldn't End	Dean Giolas	23.6	
Going Left Going Right	Diana Ledoux	22.8	
<b><u>Make-Up for</u></b>	-	-	-
<b><u>CLASS B</u></b>	-	-	-
Dabbling Green Winged Teal	Darlene Holman	29.4	1st
Fly Me to the Moon	Elliot Mednick	27.1	2nd
Golden Flower	Marie Riley	26.3	3rd
Maine Waterfall	Jim Quinn	26.3	3rd
Up and Away Over Sedona	Mary Strachan	25.9	
Foggy Walk in Newport	Jane Parker	25.8	
Approaching Thaw	Linda DeStefano Brown	25.7	
Blue Bottles	Pam Meoli	25.3	
Ruffled Feathers	Larry Alley	25.3	
Red Bug	Theresa Vachowski	25.2	
Sunrise	Susan Nichols	24.6	
Gotcha	Diana Bull	24.5	
March Nor'easter	Catherine Robotis	24.1	
Cloudy Reflections	Natalie Schiavone	23.3	
Contact Sheet North Africa 1955	John McKinney	23.3	



<b>Mar. '18 Digital Competition - MACRO / CLOSE-UP</b>			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<b><u>CLASS AA</u></b>	-	-	-
Passion Flower Up Close	Tony Monteiro	28.9	1st
Daisy Drops	Cathy Simmons	28.5	2nd
Spike	John Gill	28.5	2nd
Milkweed Bee	Doris Monteiro	27.6	3rd
Wine Corks	Todd Mathieson	27	
Leaf on Ice	Sue Abrahamsen	26.8	
Bee and Flower Closeup	Dave Morin	26.1	
Peacock Flower	Drew Simmons	25.3	
Harbinger of Spring	Ginny Harris	25	
Katydid Contortions	Linda Shelales	22.8	
<b><u>Make-Up for</u></b>	-	-	-
<b><u>CLASS A</u></b>	-	-	-
Poof and Periwinkle	Diana Ledoux	28.8	1st
Rainbow Water Droplets	Barbara Huntley	26.2	2nd
Sharpening Up	Dave Reynard	25.9	3rd
Minature Gifts	Bob Escott	25.6	
Timepiece	Jill Lockwood	24.5	
Remember When?	Maureen Mathieson	24.5	
Dollar Bill Macro	Leon Ferrante	23.9	
Dahlia With Visitors	Linda Gilberti	23.3	
Peek A Boo	Dean Golas	23	
<b><u>Make-Up for</u></b>	-	-	-
<b><u>CLASS B</u></b>	-	-	-
Sisyphus	Linda DeStefano Brown	28.4	1st
Spicebush Swallowtail	Darlene Holman	27.8	2nd
Never Ending Snow	Natalie Schiavone	27.6	3rd
Splat	Jane Parker	27.6	3rd
Blizzard Up Close	Elliot Mednick	27	
Bug Eye	Susan Nichols	26.7	
Inside an Orchid	John McKinney	26.3	
Pink Hollyhock	Marie Riley	26.1	
Sunflower	Theresa Vachowski	25.9	
Close Up Mushroom	Bob Cooke	25.9	
Solitary Mushroom	Jim Quinn	25.8	
Wasp Laying Eggs	Diana Bull	25.7	
Water Lily	Pam Meoli	24.1	
Spiny Orb Weaver	Larry Alley	23.5	
Broken Wings	Mary Strachan	23.2	
Lily	Catherine Robotis	23.1	

