



FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

March 2020

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: March 4th

Judging of the Photographic Society of America

Electronic Nature Division Interclub Competition

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Competitions:

The next competition will be March 18th.

Digital subjects are "Liquid Drip(s)/Drop(s)" & "Open". The print category is "Nature".

The deadline to submit digital images is March 15th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Scavenger Hunt

The closing date for the Scavenger Hunt entries is approaching. In short, images must be uploaded no later than Mar 18, 2020. We're hoping for a large participation this year.

Images can be submitted on the Assabetvalleycc.com website: <http://www.assabetvalleycc.com/sh/index.php>

Scavenger Hunt 2019-2020

Rules and Procedures:

1. Images must be taken between April 1, 2019 and March 18, 2020.
2. Images may be adjusted (manipulated).
3. Image files shall be in the same format as for club digital competitions (maximum of 1400 pixels wide by maximum of 1050 pixels tall).
4. Image files shall be of type jpg.
5. Image file names are automatically created by the submission procedure "Submitting Images" below.
6. For judging, all images will be displayed in the orientation provided.
7. All Scavenger Hunt subjects (see below) are also subjects of the Multi-Screen Competition and therefore all Scavenger Hunt images will be considered for entry into the Multi-Screen Competition.

Items to Find:

Subject Number	Subject	Notes
01	Agriculture	
02	High Key	
03	Liquid Drip(s) or Drops(s)	A
04	Pattern(s)	A
05	People at Work	A
06	Reflection(s)	A
07	Shadow(s)	Ap
08	Simplicity	A
09	Spark(s)/Smoke/Fire	
10	Still Life	Ap

Notes:

A - subject is also an AVCC club competition subject

Ap - subject is also an AVCC club print competition subject

Join us at the 75th NECCC photography conference July 17th-19th (2020)!

Registration for the 75th NECCC photography conference goes live on 2/21. Join us for **three Feature Presentations** and over 30 Speakers: **Scott Kelby** (Friday afternoon and Saturday morning), **Frans Lanting** (Friday night) and **Corey Rich** (Saturday night).

Who should attend? All photo enthusiasts are welcome!

There are programs, events, and workshops for all skill levels. Beginning photographers are very welcome at the conference, as are experienced and professional photographers. You do not need to be a member of a camera club, photography group, etc. in order to attend.

Find out more and register at www.NECCCPhotoConference.org

Paper registration flyers will arrive in the mail in March (and can be downloaded online from the www.NECCCPhotoConference.org site)

There are learning opportunities for everyone! Included in this year's lineup:

- 11 Pre-Conference Workshops, plus Pre-Conference Image Critiques
- 14 Conference Workshops, plus Conference Image Reviews
- 42 Different Conference Programs
- 16 Photo Walks Lead by conference speakers Saturday morning
- Lots of Photo Ops & Demos by speakers
- Female Models, Character Models, Steampunk, Ballerinas, Pirates & More!
- Print and digital competitions
- Trade Show and Equipment Loaning (Hunt's Photo & Video, Canon, Fujifilm, Lensbaby, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic Lumix, Sigma, Sony, Tamron, and more)
- Door Prize Extravaganza and a free 75th anniversary gift for all registered attendees
- Participate in our Sunday morning event: The Armored Combat League (Knights engaging with medieval weapons event Sunday morning)

We are offering the same low registration prices for this year's conference – registration prices haven't increased in the past few years! Registration can be completed by mail, fax or by using the online registration page. Phone registrations are not accepted.

Group Registrants: You should also register online early to optimize your chance of receiving your choice for housing, workshops, photo walk (*Select 3-Day Group Registration when prompted for a registration type*)



Competitions

OSI 2020 INVITATION

I take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the Ocean State International Open Digital Competition (OSI 2020)

This is a PSA sanctioned exhibition (PSA 2020-137), which means that participants are entitled to those precious PSA star rating points!

This year we will have only the Open Digital category – which means that almost anything qualifies!

Access to information and entry forms can be had through the OSI 2020 website (www.osiexhibition.us) . The steps to enter the exhibition are to register, pay the entry fee of \$10, and then submit your images (as many as four). You may return to the website at any time and login to your account to change one or more of your images until the closing date of 14 March 2020.

Calendar:

Exhibition Closing date	March 14 th , 2020
Exhibition Judging date	March 28 st , 2020
Report Cards e-mailed by	April 11th, 2020
Catalog PDF file e-mailed by	May 21 th , 2020
Awards US Mail by	June 7th, 2020

Accepted Image Shows:

Greater Lynn Photographic Association, 564 Boston Street, Lynn, MA –2pm, June 14th, 2020

Photographic Society of RI, Lakewood Baptist Church, 255, Atlantic Avenue, Warwick, RI – 7pm, June 16th, 2020

Gallery of Accepted Images will also be available for viewing at www.osiexhibition.us

Judges:

1 Richard Cloran, HonPSA, GMPSA, HonNEC, PSA Lifetime Achievement Award, exhibitor, presenter & judge

2 Sarah Musumeci, MNEC, exhibitor, presenter, instructor, & judge

3 Deb Page, exhibitor, presenter & judge

There are 27 awards to be won and a 33% acceptance rate target!

AVCC: Exhibit at Town Hall

AVCC will be the featured exhibitor at the Hudson Town Hall from May 7-to July 16.

This is a great chance for you to exhibit your images.

Here is the link to the registration form for the members to use regarding the Club's Exhibit at the Town Hall.

<https://riversedgeartsalliance.z2systems.com/np/clients/riversedgeartsalliance/eventRegistration.jsp?event=129&>

The deadline to register is May 7. The exhibit is May 14 to July 16. Drop off and Pick up is 6-7 PM on those dates unless otherwise notified.

The form is for 1, 2, or 3 pieces per person. There is also a checkbox for age-related discounts: Student/Senior category is for people 22 and younger and 65 and older.

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.

Feb. '20 Print Competition - STILL LIFE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
Valentine Roses	Bob Escott	27.4	1st
Fruited Sunflowers	Darlene Holman	27.4	1st
Fruit Still Life	Sue Abrahamsen	26.9	2nd
Refreshment	Elliot Mednick	26.3	3rd
A Stitch in Time	Todd Mathieson	25.5	
Alabaster Hand	Dave Morin	25.5	
Floral Still Life	Paul Weisbach	25.2	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Celery Again	Jane Parker	26.7	1st
Twin Lens Reflex	Ann DeCristofaro	26.6	2nd
Family Tree	Liz Krouse	25.9	3rd
Still Life in 16mm	Lee Arnold	25.6	
Walnuts	Cathy Robotis	25.3	
Look Close	Mary Coombs	25.3	
<u>Make-Up for</u>			

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PRINT SCORES 2019-2020

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Shadow(s)	Open	Still Life	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	26.2	28	25.5	27.6	24.5	26.3	0	0	0	158.1
Paul Weisbach	27.8	22.8	29.6	25.1	26	25.2	0	0	0	156.5
Darlene Holman	25.7	25.7	26.9	24.4	24.5	27.4	0	0	0	154.6
Bob Escott	23.4	25.9	26.9	25.4	25.3	27.4	0	0	0	154.3
Todd Mathieson	25.8	24.7	28.2	23.5	25	25.5	0	0	0	152.7
Dave Morin	22.4	28.7	27.6	23.5	24.6	25.5	0	0	0	152.3
Sue Abrahamson	23.8	21.6	29.2	25.3	24.5	26.9	0	0	0	151.3
Bob Cooke	25.6	25.7	25.1	24	23.1	0	0	0	0	123.5
Ginny Harris	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.2
SILVER	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Shadow(s)	Open	Still Life	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Jane Parker	24.1	22.3	27.1	25.8	26.9	26.7	0	0	0	152.9
Liz Krouse	26.9	21.7	26.8	25.3	24	25.9	0	0	0	150.6
Cathy Robotis	24.6	21.5	26.9	25.7	23.9	25.3	0	0	0	147.9
Ann DeCristofaro	23.9	28.9	23.4	24.5	0	26.6	0	0	0	127.3
Glenn Fund	24.7	23.2	25.9	23.7	23.9	0	0	0	0	121.4
Mary Coombs	0	0	0	22.6	23.1	25.3	0	0	0	71
Heather Ruthoff	24	0	0	21.7	24.4	0	0	0	0	70.1
Larry Alley	0	22.7	0	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	47.9
Maureen Mathieson	0	22.4	0	0	23.4	0	0	0	0	45.8
Bill Weiblen	22	0	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.2
Lee Arnold	0	0	0	0	0	25.6	0	0	0	25.6

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Feb. '20 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Painted Lady on Mexican Sunflower	John Gill	29	1st
Saw Whet Owl in Tree	Sue Abrahamsen	29	1st
Ornate Wood Duck	Darlene Holman	28.9	2nd
Purple Gallinule With Fire Flag Seed	Doris Monteiro	28.9	2nd
Monarch Visitor	Linda Shelales	28.2	3rd
Reflected Little Blue	Tony Monteiro	28.2	3rd
Schmidts Guenon	Todd Mathieson	28	
Crab Spider	Cathy Simmons	27.2	
Holly the Biker Dog	Robyn Saur	27	
Venice 2019	John Houldsworth	26.9	
Painted Lady on Butterfly Bush	Ginny Harris	26.4	
Huntington Garden Lillies	Maureen Mathieson	24.4	
<u>Make-Up for Jan. '20 - OPEN</u>			
Lilly	John Houldsworth	27.1	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
Splash	Natalie Schiavone	28.4	1st
Lucca Italy	Bob Escott	27.6	2nd
Nuts And Fruit	Dave Reynard	27.1	3rd
Reservoir Fog	Dick Tranfaglia	26.5	
Chicken Doing the Catwalk	Jane Parker	26.1	
Doorknocker	Linda Gilberti	25.6	
Crabby	Barbara Huntley	25.2	
At the Fair	Diana Ledoux	24.9	
Boston Henge	Elliot Mednick	23.8	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
World War One Medic	John McKinney	28.6	1st
It's Not Easy Being 2	Liz Krouse	27.1	2nd
Scoping it Out	Susan Nichols	26.8	3rd
The Mountains of Slovenia	Pam Meoli	26.7	
Jackson Square New Orleans	Theresa Vachowski	25.9	
Adobe Church	Peter Stultz	25.7	
Little Helper Roadside Farm Stand	Mary Strachan	25.7	
Athenian Street Musicians	Cathy Robotis	25.6	
Frozen Berries for Breakfast	Ann DeCristofaro	25.4	
Alleyway Steps Cefalu Sicily	Glenn Fund	25.1	
Godzilla Gets Ahead	Lee Arnold	25.1	
Mill Falls	Marie Riley	25.1	
Aqueduct in the Snow	John Mauro	24.5	
Relic	Mary Coombs	24.5	
Butterfly	Heather Ruthoff	24.1	
Alley at Night	Jim Quinn	23.4	

Feb. '20 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Skimming Great Blue	Tony Monteiro	29.6	1st
Atlantic Puffin With Fish	Darlene Holman	29.6	1st
Mealtime For the Great Egret	Doris Monterio	29.1	2nd
Three Bees on Lotus	John Gill	29.1	2nd
Loon and Nest	Ginny Harris	29	3rd
Red Rock Canyon 2019	John Houldsworth	28.7	
Dragonfly on It's Perch	Linda Shelales	28.6	
Green Jay Walking on Branch	Sue Abrahamsen	28.2	
Great Egret With Anole	Cathy Simmons	28.1	
Reflective Coot	Robyn Saur	27.7	
White Fallow Deer	Todd Mathieson	25.7	
Gosling With a Leg Up	Maureen Mathieson	23.9	
Make-Up for Jan. '20 - SIMPLICITY			
Novel Flower Pot	John Houldsworth	25.4	
CLASS A			
This Is My Good Side	Elliot Mednick	29	1st
Prairie Dog Profile	Natalie Schiavone	28.6	2nd
Late Winter Berry Picker	Jane Parker	28.1	3rd
Palm Coastflorida	Bob Escott	27.9	
A Great Egret Conversation	Barbara Huntley	27	
Tropical Palm	Linda Gilberti	25.9	
Dodging the Waves	Dave Reynard	25.4	
Violets	Diana Ledoux	24	
CLASS B			
Lilac Breasted Roller	Glenn Fund	28.4	1st
Lady With An Itch	John McKinney	28.1	2nd
Seeking a Meal	Ann DeCristofaro	27.9	3rd
Wood Duck	Cathy Robotis	27.4	
Where's Mine?	Liz Krouse	27.1	
Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls	Peter Stultz	26.6	
Here's Looking at You Kid	Lee Arnold	26.5	
On the Bayou	Theresa Vachowski	26.4	
The Pollinator	John Mauro	26.3	
Tiger Lily	Heather Ruthoff	26	
Going Up Or Down?	Mary Strachan	25.7	
Beach Grass	Marie Riley	25.1	
Mushrooms	Jim Quinn	25.1	
Wasp On Globe Thistle	Pam Meoli	24.5	
Forest Light	Mary Coombs	24.2	
Keep Lookin'	Susan Nichols	23.4	

DIGITAL SCORES 2019-2020

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	27	26.7	26.1	28.4	26.8	28.8	26.8	26.2	27.7	28.4	28.2	29.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	330.7
Doris Monteiro	26.5	26.3	26.6	27.6	29	29.7	26.7	26.4	28.5	25.4	28.9	29.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	330.7
John Gill	24.4	26.1	26.1	28.1	29.4	29.8	25.9	25.9	29.1	24.4	29	29.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	327.3
Darlene Holman	23.8	25.6	25.5	25.8	27.6	28.2	26.6	27.5	26.6	25.5	28.9	29.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	321.2
Sue Abrahamsen	27.2	24.3	25.5	25.9	27.5	28	25.7	27.3	25.7	25.3	29	28.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	319.6
Cathy Simmons	24.5	23	25.9	26.5	27.1	29.9	25.7	27.2	25.6	24.2	27.2	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	314.9
Robyn Saur	25.8	23.2	25.3	26.7	29	25.8	24.7	26.2	24.3	24.9	27	27.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	310.6
Ginny Harris	24.3	24.5	24.8	24.3	27.6	28.1	26.3	25.5	25.4	23.4	26.4	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	309.6
Todd Mathieson	23.3	24.1	24.9	24.6	28.1	28.5	24.9	26	24.5	24.6	28	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	307.2
Linda Shelales	23	23.6	25	22.6	25.2	26.2	27.4	23	25.4	23.2	28.2	28.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	301.4
Maureen Mathieson	22.7	23.4	24.6	25.4	25.5	29.3	25.6	25	25.9	25.2	24.4	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.9
Drew Simmons	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.4	27.9	27.2	25.7	25.8	26.3	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	251.8
Dave Morin	24.4	24.9	28.3	26.5	25.5	24.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154.2
John Houldsworth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.1	25.4	26.9	28.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	108.1
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
Natalie Schiavone	23.1	24.5	25	24.2	26.6	27.4	25.7	25.1	27	25.2	28.4	28.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	310.8
Jane Parker	25.7	24.3	24.5	25.5	27.8	27.8	24.7	25.7	24.7	23.3	26.1	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	308.2
Barbara Huntley	23.3	25.1	22.2	26.2	26.1	27.8	26.2	23.6	27	24.9	25.2	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	304.6
Elliot Mednick	23.8	24.2	24.4	26.7	25.4	27.6	25.9	26.5	23.1	23.1	23.8	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	303.5
Bob Escott	23	25.1	25.8	23.4	27.6	23.6	25	24.1	23.9	23.2	27.6	27.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.2
Dave Reynard	23.2	23.8	22.9	22.7	26.5	28.7	23.8	26	24.2	24.3	27.1	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	298.6
Linda Gilberti	23.1	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.2	28	25	23	24.3	24	25.6	25.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	296.1
Diana Ledoux	24.8	23	23.4	22.7	25.7	26.9	23.7	24.6	23.8	23.2	24.9	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	290.7
Dick Tranfaglia	0	0	0	0	27.5	0	24.5	0	24.7	0	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103.2
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	24.6	22.8	24.9	26.5	25.8	24.6	25.5	26	23.5	24.3	28.6	28.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	305.2
Glenn Fund	23.2	22	27.4	25.5	25.9	28	25.6	23.9	24.3	23.5	25.1	28.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	302.8
Peter Stultz	23.4	23.7	22	25.4	28	28.6	25.2	23.9	24.4	24.5	25.7	26.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	301.4
Mary Strachan	24.8	23.5	22.5	24.9	26.9	28.7	25.7	24.1	23.7	24.5	25.7	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.7
Cathy Robotis	23.7	23.6	23.7	27	26	26	25.7	23.6	23.5	22.9	25.6	27.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	298.7
Liz Krouse	22.4	23.4	24.3	25.7	24.6	25.6	24.9	25.2	25	22.7	27.1	27.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	298
John Mauro	22.8	23.9	24.6	24.4	26.4	28.1	23.9	21.2	24.6	24.1	24.5	26.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	294.8
Theresa Vachowski	23.5	22.3	23.2	25	25.2	25.9	24.9	24	23.5	23.9	25.9	26.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	293.7
Pam Meoli	23.7	22.5	23.3	24.7	26.3	24.3	24.3	23.1	22.2	23.9	26.7	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	289.5
Susan Nichols	22.1	22.1	23.6	24.5	27.9	23.7	23.1	24.5	24	23.2	26.8	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	288.9
Lee Arnold	22.7	23.5	22.6	21.3	23.3	25.4	23.5	22.9	23.7	23	25.1	26.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	283.5
Jim Quinn	22.6	22.2	22	22.4	23.8	22.6	23.8	21.3	24.4	22.4	23.4	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	276
Ann DeCristofaro	23.3	25.7	23.8	0	26	24.3	22.9	24.5	24.7	25.3	25.4	27.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	273.8
Heather Ruthroff	0	0	22.9	24.2	0	0	25.3	22.3	25.2	23.9	24.1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	193.9
Marie Riley	0	0	23.2	24.4	0	0	22.8	22.3	23.1	23.4	25.1	25.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	189.4
Larry Alley	0	0	24.5	23.6	0	0	23.6	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96.7
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
Mary Coombs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.7	23.3	24.5	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	94.7
Bob Cooke	0	0	0	0	24.1	0	0	0	22.5	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70.5
Bill Weiblen	0	0	0	0	0	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.9