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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

June 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: June 6th.

This Wednesday is our potluck banquet. Appetizers at 6PM..Dinner 6:15 ish. Our regular meeting will start at 7:30. We will be voting for the club officers at that time. We will also be awarding ribbons to the winners of the digital and print completions.

Charlie Burke has picked his choices for the images of the year in each digital category. Charlie will provide commentary as to why he chose these images.

Also, Shawn Plouffe will be coming to the club on banquet night (Wednesday the 6th) to do sensor cleaning. Shawn has done this numerous times for us. Shawn charges only \$35 which is a real bargain. He will doing the clean during the banquet/meeting, and have them ready when the evening is over. Please let John Gill know if you are thinking of bring a camera or camera in for cleaning, so we can let Shawn know. Also, Make sure you have a full battery in your camera for the cleaning.

"Acadia National Park - Maine's Natural Beauty"

Program at Assabet Valley Camera Club



Competitions:

No Competitions this month. The next Competition will be September 19th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Acadia National Park - Maine's Natural Beauty"

Program at Assabet Valley Camera Club



On Wednesday, June 6, the Assabet Valley Camera Club will host a presentation of members' images featuring their photographic adventures in Down East Maine. The multi-media travelogue, put together by Todd Mathieson, will highlight panoramic views of Acadia National Park with an insightful look at the natural world that abounds in the North Atlantic region. This vacation destination has a rich cultural heritage and offers a quaint view of life in New England.

This is AVCC's last scheduled meeting for the current club year. The evening's line up includes a presentation of photographs and awards for the "Image of the Year" to club members who have participated in digital competitions. Charlie Burke, recent past president of the Photographic Society of America and well-known photographic judge for local, regional and national competitions, has selected the winning images in the Open, Nature and Theme categories and will provide commentary regarding his choices for these distinguished awards.

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. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month from September through early June in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street. For more information check out the AVCC website at assabetvalleycc.com or contact John Gill, club president, at 978-293-5192.

2018 Artist Appreciation

The River's Edge Arts Alliance has selected AVCC as the 2018 Artist Appreciation Honoree.

This award was started in 2012 as a way for the River's Edge Arts Alliance to honor a person or organization who has made a substantial contribution to our mission of enriching lives and creating community through the arts. The recipient is a person or organization who has integrity in the community, is knowledgeable in his/her art field, has contributed to the artistic lives of many people and who has contributed to our community in general through his/her artistic work with the people in our service area.

The club will be recognized during the Artist Appreciation Concert on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm in Wood Park. Please try to come to the concert that night. The concerts at Wood Park are a nice night out to relax and listen to some good music. Pack some supper and enjoy the summer evening (well, still spring, but whatever..)

Thank you to everyone for making our club such a great organization to belong to.

RIVER'S EDGE ARTS ALLIANCE

Wood Park Concert Series

ARTIST APPRECIATION
Concert

Featuring

The River's Edge Chorale **Hudson Harmony A Cappella**

Special Guest

The Justin Meyer Quartet

FREE ADMISSION
This concert is free and open to the public.

Date: **Wednesday, June 13, 2018**
Time: **6:30 pm**
Location: **Wood Park on Park Street, Hudson**
Rain location: Hudson High School Auditorium

Nancy's Airfield Café

Bob Cooke has arranged for the club to put on an exhibit at Nancy's Airfield Café in Stow during the month of August.

There is space for 20 prints.

They will be on display for the month of August. Nancy does not charge or take a cut of any prints that are sold.

All prints need to be framed.

Please let me know if you are planning to exhibit a print. Because there is only space for 20, it will be first come, first served, (one print per person). We will also have an artist reception on one of the Sunday afternoons during August. We will split the cost among the participants (won't be very much).

Please let John Gill know if you wish to enter a print, and also if you have any questions.

For those of us who are unfamiliar with "sensor dust", I have copied a link that explains it, and how to Test for it. That will help you decide if your sensor does need cleaning. If you have a DSLr, and change lens, shoot in less than clean conditions, you probably have some dust.

If you notice "small spots" on you image, in the same place, all the time, you have dust. It is more noticeable when you stop down your F stops..f10-f22 for example. At f2.8- f8, etc, it probably won't be noticeable on the image.

Note, if you do have spots, it is easily corrected in Photoshop using content aware, etc., but If you have a lot of spots, it is a pain to fix them each time. Here is the link, hope it helps.

Any questions please let John Gill know.

<<https://photographylife.com/how-to-spot-dust-on-your-dslr-sensor>>

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Days Inn Photo Contest

This is an interesting photo contest being held by Days Inn. They are looking for a photographer to photograph sunrises and sunsets for their properties. The winner gets to travel around the country for a month all expenses paid, plus \$10k at the end. Nice summer job if you can get it.

<http://www.wcvb.com/article/days-inn-suntern-outdoor-photography-job/20111776>

May. '18 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>GOLD</u>			
White Peacock	Todd Mathieson	26.2	1st
Lake Powell Vista	Bob Cooke	25.6	2nd
Chippy Chip Chip	Dave Morin	25.3	3rd
Lotus & Bee 7-5-16	John Gill	25	
Egret Chick	Sue Abrahamsen	23.8	
On the Prowl	Linda Shelales	23.7	
Hanging in There	Linda Gilberti	23.5	
<u>SILVER</u>			
Red Sox Padroya	Leon Ferrante	28	1st
Tree Swallow	Bob Escott	25.5	2nd
Ladyslipper CP	Barbara Huntley	23.3	3rd
<u>BRONZE</u>			
Globe Thistle	Elliot Mednick	25.7	1st
At the Rockport Dock	Cathy Robotis	24.6	2nd
Lifelines	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	3rd
On the Edge	Mary Strachan	23.1	
Old Mackerel House, Lubec, ME	Darlene Holman	23	
The Old Boat	Larry Alley	23	

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2017-2018

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Creative	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
John Gill	26.1	26.3	26.9	26.4	23.8	24.5	28.3	27	25	234.3
Todd Mathieson	25.5	26	28.6	25.5	24.9	26.3	24.2	24.8	26.2	232
Linda Shelales	24.7	22.7	26.8	23.9	24.7	26.6	27.3	25.3	23.7	225.7
Sue Abrahamsen	25	22	28.5	25.5	23.7	25.1	26.1	25	23.8	224.7
Linda Gilberti	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.6	24.7	23.5	26.6	24.8	23.5	218.7
Bob Cooke	24.2	22.7	27.2	24.8	23	24.2	24.5	21.5	25.6	217.7
Dave Morin	23.9	24.3	22.8	0	0	23.1	0	24.7	25.3	144.1
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Creative	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Leon Ferrante	25.6	28.1	26.8	25.2	25.3	25.7	26.5	28.7	28	239.9
Bob Escott	24.6	24	24.2	27.5	25.1	24.3	26.5	25	25.5	226.7
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	23.3	93
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
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Creative	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Darlene Holman	24.4	25.5	28.4	26.3	25.8	26.2	27.6	25.1	23	232.3
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.6	25.3	22.8	27.1	23.2	24.8	24.6	22.4	23.6	217.4
Mary Strachan	23.8	21.6	23	25.2	24.2	24.7	24.7	22.5	23.1	212.8
Cathy Robotis	23.8	0	0	24.2	22.9	26	26.8	21.9	24.6	170.2
Elliot Mednick	0	0	0	0	25.8	25.3	27.3	24.1	25.7	128.2
Larry Alley	0	24.8	25.3	0	0	27.1	25.1	0	23	125.3
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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May '18 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Nesting Material for the Great Blue	Doris Monteiro	27.1	1st
Silverback Stare Down	Tony Monteiro	26.4	2nd
Monarch on Verbena #2	John Gill	26.1	3rd
Great Horned Owl In Tree	Sue Abrahamsen	25.7	
The Yawn	Ginny Harris	25.4	
Gulf Fritillary	Cathy Simmons	25.3	
Leading the Attack	Linda Shelales	24.1	
If I can Toucan	Todd Mathieson	23.7	
Burrowing Owlets	Drew Simmons	23.1	
My Little Match Girl	Dave Morin	23.1	
Make-Up for Apr. '18			
Reddish Egret in Surf	Cathy Simmons	25.5	
Blessing of Bikes	Dave Morin	24.5	
Flying Pelicans	Drew Simmons	24.3	
CLASS A			
Great Blue Heron in Flight	Barbara Huntley	25.6	1st
Spooky Eyes	Dave Reynard	25.1	2nd
Our Garden Tulip	Maureen Mathieson	24.7	3rd
Greetingsw From Singapore	Linda Gilberti	23.9	
Coastline Abstract	Bob Escott	23.5	
Just Sittin'	Diana Ledoux	23.5	
Beautiful Piano	Leon Ferrante	23.2	
An Eastern Newt on a Rainy Day	Dean Giolas	22.8	
Greenhill Golf Course in Winter	Jill Lockwood	21.9	
CLASS B			
Lotus Flower & Bee	Darlene Holman	25.3	1st
Cleared For Takeoff	Elliot Mednick	24.8	2nd
Woodpecker at Work	Catherine Robotis	24.5	3rd
Raising Dust	Theresa Vachowski	24.4	
Seedoo Race Lake Powell	Diana Bull	24.4	
Portuguese Troubador	Bob Cooke	24.1	
Quack	Natalie Schiavone	24	
Every Loves a Selfie	Jim Quinn	23.2	
Trap Falls	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.2	
Last Night's Beauty	Jane Parker	23.2	
Egret	Susan Nichols	22.7	
Narrow Street	John McKinney	22.7	
Old and New	Pam Meoli	22.4	
South Rim Grand Canyon	Mary Strachan	22.4	
Waterlily Montreal Botanical Gardens	Larry Alley	22	
Make-Up for Apr. '18			
Wild Mustangs	Larry Alley	24.3	

May '18 Digital Competition - ACTION SPORTS			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
<u>CLASS AA</u>			
Up Up and Away	John Gill	27.9	1st
Surfer Girl Shredding a Wave	Tony Monteiro	27.3	2nd
O M G	Doris Monteiro	24.7	3rd
Get that Ball	Linda Shelales	24.6	
Cape Cod Surfer	Sue Abrahamsen	24.4	
Stunt Jumper at Bolton Fair	Todd Mathieson	24.2	
Jumper	Dave Morin	24	
Pawsox Moment Number Two	Ginny Harris	23.9	
Skateboard Stuntman	Cathy Simmons	23.7	
Hudson Skateboarder	Drew Simmons	23.6	
<u>Make-Up for Apr. '18 - NATURE</u>			
Bye Bye Crabbie	Drew Simmons	25.1	
Limpkin With Apple Snails	Cathy Simmons	24.9	
Geese and Snow	Dave Morin	23.1	
<u>CLASS A</u>			
No. 3 is in the Lead	Maureen Mathieson	25.7	1st
Shoot Scoregoal	Leon Ferrante	25.5	2nd
That One Got By Me	Dave Reynard	24.9	3rd
High and Fast	Bob Escott	24.7	
Bruins Game	Jill Lockwood	24.3	
Riding With the Clouds	Barbara Huntley	24	
Upplease	Diana Ledoux	23.9	
Big Papi Going Deep	Dean Giolas	23.6	
<u>CLASS B</u>			
Win in Overtime	Elliot Mednick	24.8	1st
And He's Out	Diana Bull	24.7	2nd
Flying	Theresa Vachowski	24.5	3rd
Marathoner Arriving at the Finish	Catherine Robotis	24.2	
Make that Shot	John McKinney	24.1	
Catching Air	Natalie Schiavone	24	
Holdin' On	Jane Parker	24	
Kiteboarding	Jim Quinn	24	
Polo Tournament S Hamilton	Darlene Holman	23.9	
Popping a Wheelie @ the Forth Bridge	Mary Strachan	23.7	
Ready for Competition	Bob Cooke	23.5	
The Break	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	
Sunday Soccer	Susan Nichols	22.9	
From Underneath	Pam Meoli	22.9	
Kite Surfing	Larry Alley	22.3	
<u>Make-Up for Apr. '18 - NATURE</u>			
Hummingbird Moth	Larry Alley	23.5	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2017-2018

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	
Doris Monteiro	25.6	27.4	27.1	27.4	27.4	24.7	27.6	29.1	28.4	26.5	24.8	28.5	28.8	27.6	27.5	28.3	27.1	24.7	488.5
Tony Monteiro	23.9	26.7	24.3	27.3	26.8	27.4	27.1	28.5	24.9	26.3	28.7	28.3	28	28.9	25.8	27.8	26.4	27.3	484.4
John Gill	23.8	26.1	26.2	27.3	25.4	27.4	26.5	26.4	26.6	25.2	27.7	27.1	27.5	28.5	25.4	27.9	26.1	27.9	479
Cathy Simmons	24.8	24.8	27.2	26.7	26.5	25.4	27	27.9	25	25	26	26.3	29.1	28.5	25.5	24.9	25.3	23.7	469.6
Sue Abrahamsen	22.5	26.2	24.2	27.6	25.7	25.8	25.2	28.5	23.7	25.3	27.6	25.8	26.1	26.8	26	24.4	25.7	24.4	461.5
Ginny Harris	24.8	24	24.8	27.2	25.1	24.9	25.3	26.7	24	24.1	25.3	28.4	26.5	25	24.9	25.9	25.4	23.9	456.2
Todd Mathieson	23.5	23.5	23.3	25.1	24.6	23.6	25	27.7	26.7	23.3	26.2	26.9	28.6	27	23.7	24.3	23.7	24.2	450.9
Drew Simmons	24.2	24.7	24.3	23.3	25.2	22.9	25.2	24.1	25.6	22	24.3	27	28.3	25.3	24.3	25.1	23.1	23.6	442.5
Linda Shelales	23.3	23	21.6	24.7	25.9	24	27.6	27.2	24.4	23	26	25.4	24.1	22.8	24.4	24	24.1	24.6	440.1
Dave Morin	24	25.8	25.4	21.5	25.7	23.7	23.3	23.9	23.4	23.5	22.5	24.2	23.7	26.1	24.5	23.1	23.1	24	431.4
John Houldsworth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.8	25.8	23.5	9	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	111.7
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
Dave Reynard	22.5	24.4	23.8	25.2	25.7	23.7	25.2	24.5	24.6	27.4	24.8	27.5	24.3	25.9	23	25.2	25.1	24.9	447.7
Maureen Mathieson	21.7	22.4	27.7	26.6	27.4	24.5	24.3	26.1	25.3	26	24.6	24.6	25	24.5	25.4	21	24.7	25.7	447.5
Bob Escott	23.8	23.6	23.7	25.5	25.7	25.6	24	27.1	24.2	25	24.1	26.5	25.4	25.6	23.1	22.7	23.5	24.7	443.8
Barbara Huntley	22.9	23.3	23	24.6	25.8	24	24.5	26.1	23.5	22.6	26.2	25.7	27.3	26.2	24	24.4	25.6	24	443.7
Leon Ferrante	24.8	24.6	24.3	25.8	23.5	24.3	24.1	25.9	23.6	24.6	25.9	27.7	26.8	23.9	24.4	19.2	23.2	25.5	442.1
Diana Ledoux	23.4	24.4	25.3	21	20.7	25.7	25.7	25.8	21.8	21.9	25	27.3	22.8	28.8	23.7	25.4	23.5	23.9	436.1
Jill Lockwood	24.5	22	20.7	21.5	21	23	25.7	26.1	23.9	22.2	23.1	25.6	24.7	24.5	22.1	21.6	21.9	24.3	418.4
Dean Giolas	24.7	23.6	21.8	22.2	22.6	23	25.5	23.2	22.6	20.9	23	22.3	23.6	23	21.1	21.1	22.8	23.6	410.6
Linda Gilberti	23.7	24.1	22.5	22.5	24	22.6	22.8	22.9	23.4	22.8	22.3	23.5	26.7	23.3	25.5	22.1	23.9	0	398.6
Fred Parsons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.1	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
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
Darlene Holman	26	26.5	25	27.9	24.9	25.9	24.4	28.8	27.4	24.8	25	25.3	29.4	27.8	26.1	25.1	25.3	23.9	469.5
Jane Parker	23.6	24.7	25.6	20.5	26.5	25.3	26.7	28	26.2	22.8	28.3	22.2	25.8	27.6	28.1	27.7	23.2	24	456.8
Natalie Schiavone	23.5	24	22.3	22	24.1	26.2	23.7	26.5	23.8	23.5	27.9	25.5	23.3	27.6	23.9	26.1	24	24	441.9
Mary Strachan	26.5	23.4	21.6	23.2	26.4	24.8	24.5	27.4	22.5	23.5	24.4	26.2	25.9	23.2	26.5	25.6	22.4	23.7	441.7
Jim Quinn	23.4	21.8	25	22.4	26.9	22.4	25.5	24.6	23	24.8	24.6	24.7	26.3	25.8	23.5	21.5	23.2	24	433.4
Catherine Robotis	23.2	23.6	23.3	22.5	23.4	23.8	24	25.8	23.8	23.1	24.7	27.1	24.1	23.1	23.9	25.1	24.5	24.2	433.2
Diana Bull	24	24.2	22	23.2	26.1	20.8	24.8	25.7	23	23.9	23.3	24.4	24.5	25.7	22.2	23.1	24.4	24.7	430
Linda DeStefano Brown	24.1	21.4	20.9	22.2	26.6	23.6	24.4	24.4	23.5	21.8	21.8	23.2	25.7	28.4	23	24	23.2	23.5	425.7
Theresa Vachowski	22.1	21.9	23.5	20.6	23	24	23.2	24.6	23.5	22.2	24.6	25.6	25.2	25.9	25.9	20.9	24.4	24.5	425.6
Susan Nichols	21.3	20.5	22.4	20.6	20.9	25.3	24.5	26.4	24	21.8	23.6	24.4	24.6	26.7	22.3	21.6	22.7	22.9	416.5
Pam Meoli	23	21.5	22	21.5	22.9	25.6	25.1	9	24	21.8	24.4	23.8	25.3	24.1	19.9	25.8	22.4	22.9	405
Bob Cooke	22.5	22.1	24	25.5	23	25.7	25.1	24.7	21.5	23.5	24.1	24	0	25.9	21.9	21.4	24.1	23.5	402.5
Larry Alley	22.3	23.7	24.2	20.5	23.8	0	22.2	27.3	22.6	24	25.4	25.2	25.3	23.5	24.3	23.5	22	22.3	402.1
John McKinney	22.6	0	0	0	22	22.5	24.9	27.6	23	24.4	27	26.4	23.3	26.3	23.9	22.3	22.7	24.1	363
Marie Riley	22.4	22.2	21.4	26.5	22.9	23.2	23.2	24	21.8	25.2	25.3	23.7	26.3	26.1	0	0	0	0	334.2
Elliot Mednick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.2	26.9	24.9	24.4	27.1	27	22.8	25.4	24.8	24.8	255.3
Ann DeCristofaro	22.4	23.3	25.3	24	24.4	24.1	23.9	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	192.4
Art Walker	0	23.2	24.1	21.2	23.7	0	25.9	25.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	143.8
Jennifer Wang	0	0	0	0	22.2	0	24.6	27.2	22.5	21.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117.9
Bill Weiblen	25.2	23.7	0	0	0	22.4	0	0	0	22.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.4
Heather Ruthroff	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Art Boyd	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.8
Dan Cetrone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.9