



# FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

November 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: November 4<sup>th</sup>

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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 **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Digital subjects are "Things that Fly" & "Open".

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

**The print competition has been suspended for this year to return for the 2021-2022 season.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AVCC welcomes anyone interested in learning more about photography as a visual art and its practical application as a science. Members benefit from the hands-on experiences, from the knowledge presented in programs, and from having their work critiqued. For more information, check out the AVCC website at [assabetvalleycc.com](http://assabetvalleycc.com).

**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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## Membership

# **Assabet Valley Camera Club**

## **Offers Discount to New Members**

Assabet Valley Camera Club, celebrating its thirty-fifth year as a Hudson-based photography organization, meets the 1st. and 3rd. Wednesday of the month from September through May. The first meeting of the month generally features a program designed to instruct and/or to entertain camera enthusiasts. During the second monthly meeting, member digital image competitions are judged and critiqued by qualified individuals.

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Assabet Valley Camera Club, a member of both the New England Camera Club Council and the Photographic Society of America, also participates in interclub competitions on regional, national and international levels. Members of various ages with a diversity of experience currently hail from over fifteen different communities in the surrounding area.

Anyone interested in photography and expanding their pictorial skills is welcome to attend a club meeting. Contact [info@assabetvalleycc.com](mailto:info@assabetvalleycc.com) to request information needed to join the club's next Zoom meeting.



## 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.

## MULTI-SCREEN COMPETITION

These topics are for the multi-screen competition, and many of these will be used for our monthly competitions. We will be choosing all of the monthly competition topics at the May e-board meeting. Below are the topics that have been chosen for next years (2020-2021) Multi-Screen comp.

**Many of these subjects will also be used for our regular monthly comp, either for prints or digital. Those subjects will be picked at our spring e-board meeting (come and help pick). You can now get a jump on next years' competition.**

**ALSO: For the multi-screen competition, the dates for eligibility have been changed to: Jan 1, 2020-April 30, 2021.**

**You can also start to collect images now for next years' multiscreen.**

- Abandoned
- Anything Round
- Anything at the Zoo
- Barn(s)
- Blue with Green
- Food
- Long Exposure
- Street Scene(s)
- Things in 3s
- Things That Fly

## Digital Open Score Results:

Open Order	Critique (Yes=X)	Score	Name	Title	Comp/ Date	Class	Makeup	Place
27	X	26.1	John McKinney	The_Beauty_Of_Ragweed	10/21/2020	B		1
16		24.6	Linda DeStefano Brown	Milkweed_Fantasy	10/21/2020	B		2
13		23.4	Mary Coombs	It's_A_Dragonfly_Eat_Dragonfly_World	10/21/2020	B		3
04	X	23.1	Lee Arnold	By_Any_Other_Name	10/21/2020	B		
02	X	20.7	Susan Nichols	6_Bumps_On_A_Log	10/21/2020	B		
12		20.5	Pam Meoli	Forest_Hollow	10/21/2020	B		
03		20.4	John Mauro	A_Swing_With_A_View	10/21/2020	B		
30		19.6	Dora Kleiner	Trick_Or_Treat	10/21/2020	B		
26		18.9	Jim Quinn	Sunset_On_The_Rocks	10/21/2020	B		
28		16.1	Liz Krouse	The_Watcher	10/21/2020	B		
21	X	24.6	Elliot Mednick	Pemaquid_Point_Light_Maine	10/21/2020	A		1
31		24.1	Peter Stultz	Walled_City_Of_X'ian	10/21/2020	A		2
20		24.0	Dick Tranfaglia	Owl's_Head_2019	10/21/2020	A		3
23		23.9	Catherine Robotis	Purple_Rain	10/21/2020	A		
10		21.5	Mary Strachan	Dragonfly_On_Lily	10/21/2020	A		
09	X	19.1	Barbara Huntley	Dragonfly_On_Clothesline	10/21/2020	A		
01	X	18.9	Glenn Fund	400_Ojai_Wines_On_The_Wall	10/21/2020	A		
90		18.8	Linda Gilberti	End_Of_Day	9/16/2020	A	"Open"	
25		29.7	Tony Monteiro	Shared_Primate_Snack_Time	10/21/2020	AA		1
18		28.4	Doris Monteiro	Number_8_Flamingo	10/21/2020	AA		2
06		26.7	Natalie Schiavone	Catching_Some_Rays	10/21/2020	AA		3
14		26.7	Maureen Mathieson	Lotus_In_2020	10/21/2020	AA		3
17	X	26.6	Paul Weisbach	Monarchs_Mating	10/21/2020	AA		
11	X	26.4	Sue Abrahamsen	Dragonfly_On_Mullein_Flower	10/21/2020	AA		
15		26.4	Darlene Holman	Mexican_Sunflower_With_Monarch	10/21/2020	AA		
19		25.6	Jane Parker	Oh_Hazel	10/21/2020	AA		
07		24.0	John Gill	Cedar_Waxwing	10/21/2020	AA		
05		23.5	Virginia Harris	Cabbage_Butterflies	10/21/2020	AA		
29	X	22.4	Linda Shelales	Time_In_A_Pandemic_Bubble	10/21/2020	AA		
24		19.9	David Morin	Red_White_And_Blue	10/21/2020	AA		
08		19.2	Robyn Saur	Christchurch_Sunset	10/21/2020	AA		
22	X	19.0	Todd Mathieson	Poison_Dart_Frog	10/21/2020	AA		
91		21.4	David Morin	Plum_Island	9/16/2020	AA	"Open"	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>33</b>					

## Digital Theme Score Results:

Theme Order	Critique (Yes=X)	Score	Name	Title	Comp/ Date	Class	Makeup	Place
26		23.2	Liz Krouse	This_Pond_Ain't_Big_Enough_For_The_Both_Of_Us	10/21/2020	B		1
14		22.5	Mary Coombs	Milkweed_Lunch	10/21/2020	B		2
02	X	20.8	Susan Nichols	Bluebird	10/21/2020	B		3
11		20.0	Lee Arnold	Iguana	10/21/2020	B		
23		19.3	Dora Kleiner	Scoping_The_Scene	10/21/2020	B		
12	X	18.5	Pam Meoli	Love_Bugs	10/21/2020	B		
01	X	18.3	John McKinney	Blue_Heron_Catching_Fish_For_Dinner	10/21/2020	B		
08		17.6	John Mauro	Great_Blue_Heron	10/21/2020	B		
27		17.6	Linda DeStefano Brown	Thoroughfare	10/21/2020	B		
06		16.5	Jim Quinn	Fiddler_Crab	10/21/2020	B		
25		26.3	Catherine Robotis	Splash	10/21/2020	A		1
10		25.3	Mary Strachan	Hummingbird_In_Flight	10/21/2020	A		2
05	X	22.8	Elliot Mednick	Enough_For_Leftovers?	10/21/2020	A		3
16		22.6	Peter Stultz	Pelican_In_Flight	10/21/2020	A		
29	X	21.4	Glenn Fund	Wailua_Falls_Kauai_Hawaii	10/21/2020	A		
28	X	20.3	Barbara Huntley	Tri_Colored_Heron_On_The_Move	10/21/2020	A		
20		18.2	Linda Gilberti	Rhythm_In_Sand	10/21/2020	A		
90		19.9	Linda Gilberti	Bounty_Of_Fall	9/16/2020	A	"Things in Threes"	
22		29.2	Tony Monteiro	Sandhill_Crane_Encounter	10/21/2020	AA		1
13		28.6	Robyn Saur	Lunchtime	10/21/2020	AA		2
17		28.6	Doris Monteiro	Pierced_Fish_For_The_Anhinga	10/21/2020	AA		2
24	X	28.5	Darlene Holman	Short_Tailed_Weasel_Consuming_Rat	10/21/2020	AA		3
21		27.6	John Gill	Robber_Fly_With_Fly_Number_2	10/21/2020	AA		
07	X	26.5	Sue Abrahamsen	Grasshopper_Love	10/21/2020	AA		
19		24.1	Maureen Mathieson	Proud_Wood_Duck	10/21/2020	AA		
18		23.5	Natalie Schiavone	Prince_Charming	10/21/2020	AA		
15	X	23.3	Linda Shelales	My_Ducks_In_A_Row_Almost	10/21/2020	AA		
30		22.7	Jane Parker	Young_And_Curious	10/21/2020	AA		
03	X	22.6	Todd Mathieson	Catch_Of_The_Day	10/21/2020	AA		
04		21.8	David Morin	Close_Up	10/21/2020	AA		
09		20.6	Virginia Harris	Great_Smoky_Mountains	10/21/2020	AA		
91		19.8	David Morin	Three_Of_A_Kind	9/16/2020	AA	"Things in Threes"	
Total	10		<b>32</b>					

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														
Tony Monteiro	29.4	27.7	29.7	29.2	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	116	
Doris Monteiro	26.4	26.4	28.4	28.6	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	109.8	
John Gill	29.4	27.0	24.0	27.6	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	108	
Darlene Holman	24.8	28.2	26.4	28.5	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	107.9	
Natalie Schiavone	26.3	25.0	26.7	23.5	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	101.5	
Sue Abrahamsen	22.4	25.7	26.4	26.5	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	101	
Maureen Mathieson	23.4	23.5	26.7	24.1	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	97.7	
Robyn Saur	24.1	25.1	19.2	28.6	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	97	
Jane Parker	25.3	23.2	25.6	22.7	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	96.8	
Linda Shelales	23.9	26.0	22.4	23.3	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	95.6	
Todd Mathieson	25.9	23.3	19.0	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	90.8	
David Morin	21.4	19.8	19.9	21.8	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	82.9	
Paul Weisbach	26.4	0.0	26.6	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	53	
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	
Virginia Harris	0.0	0.0	23.5	20.6	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	44.1	
CLASS A	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL													
Catherine Robotis	24.1	23.9	23.9	26.3	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	98.2	
Elliot Mednick	27.4	23.0	24.6	22.8	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	97.8	
Peter Stultz	26.7	23.3	24.1	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	96.7	
Mary Strachan	24.5	23.7	21.5	25.3	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	95	
Barbara Huntley	27.5	23.8	19.1	20.3	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	90.7	
Glenn Fund	23.8	25.6	18.9	21.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.7	
Dick Tranfaglia	28.1	22.9	24.0	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	75	
Linda Gilberti	18.8	19.9	0.0	18.2	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	56.9	
CLASS B	Open	Assn'd	Open	Nature	Open	Assn'd	TOTAL													
John McKinney	24.7	26.8	26.1	18.3	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	95.9	
Lee Arnold	21.4	24.4	23.1	20.0	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	88.9	
Susan Nichols	23.6	22.5	20.7	20.8	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	87.6	
Liz Krouse	23.2	22.5	16.1	23.2	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	85	
John Mauro	22.4	24.0	20.4	17.6	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	84.4	
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	
Pam Meoli	21.6	20.8	20.5	18.5	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	81.4	
Jim Quinn	21.8	23.6	18.9	16.5	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	80.8	
Mary Coombs	26.0	0.0	23.4	22.5	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	71.9	
Linda DeStefano Brown	26.0	0.0	24.6	17.6	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	68.2	