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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

October 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: October 3rd

The program is:

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Competitions:

The next competition will be October 17th.

Digital subjects are ‘Nature’ & ‘Open’. The print category is “Monochrome”.

The deadline to submit digital images is October 14th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Robyn, a member and past president of Assabet Valley Camera Club, now spends her time between Florida and Cape Cod. When she and her husband Paul retired to the Sunshine State, they joined the Coastal Cruisers Bicycle Club. Both are die-hard cyclists who have had many biking adventures which Robyn posts on her blog.

This summer Robyn participated in a sixty-day ride from Seattle, Washington to Boston, Massachusetts. If you’d like to see her latest bike trip, go to <http://robynridesagain.com/>. On the homepage, click on the “Blog” icon at the top to read about the trip and to see her amazing photos.

The program 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 now 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.

"Introduction to Macro Photography"

On Wednesday, November 7, the Assabet Valley Camera Club (AVCC) will host Allie Richards and Paul Nguyen as they present "Introduction to Macro Photography". The presentation is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St.

See your world in a different way by getting up close and personal with your subject matter. The power of macro and close-up photography not only makes minute objects look larger than life, but brings surreal levels of detail to everyday subjects. In this presentation and demonstration, learn about what macro really means, the gear options and techniques for basic macro photography, how to do handheld versus tripod-based close-up shooting, and lighting choices for more advanced macro work. Participants will be encouraged to develop their creative expression as they explore color, texture and detail through macro/close-up photography.

Allie Richards and Paul Nguyen, experienced professional photographers based in Marlborough, MA, share their expertise and special skills with others including both beginners and experienced amateurs.

Allie specializes in landscape, travel and portrait photography. She has been photographing since age 13, and her trade has taken her to places like Iceland, Norway, the Faroe Islands, across Europe and the United States. Paul has over 28 years of experience in film and digital



photography. He currently specializes in digital photography of natural landscapes and wildlife from New England and around the world. As instructors for *Blue Hour Photo Ventures* they conduct outdoor photo workshops and lead photo tours in the USA and abroad. For more information about their instructional programs visit <https://www.bluehourboston.com/>

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Help Setting Up

The new year is starting next week, and 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.

Dues

We will be collecting dues for AVCC's 2018-19 club year. Remember, dues need to be paid by the October 3rd meeting in order to compete in October.

Competition Images:

Just a reminder about the new resolution we will be using for competition.

Just resize your images to 1400 (H) x 1050 (V) instead of (1024 x 768).

Note: If you submit an image with the old resolution, it will display fine, but it will display smaller.

Sep. '18 Print Competition - OPEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
GOLD			
Hummingbird at Cardinal Flower 2018	Paul Weisbach	27.1	1st
Yellow Swallowtail	Darlene Holman	27	2nd
Monarch Hangin' In	Linda Shelales	25.5	3rd
Narragansett Bay Race	Dave Morin	25.3	
A Wee Laddie in Scotland	Bob Cooke	25	
Tower Bridge & Fountain	Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	
Burmese Market Seller	Linda Gilberti	24.5	
Partriotic Eagle	Bob Escott	23.7	
Blue Heron on Stump	Leon Ferante	23.7	
Unfurled	Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	
Taughannoek Falls	Todd Mathieson	22.3	
SILVER			
Calder's Flamingo	Maureen Mathieson	25.3	1st
Ruby Throated Hummingbird	Larry Alley	25.3	1st
Monhegan	Elliot Mednick	24.2	2nd
Rusty Farm Implements	Bill Weiblen	23.8	3rd
Lazy Days of Summer	Mary Strachan	23.4	
Freedom Reigns in NYC	Cathy Robotis	23.2	
Make-Up for			

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

PRINT SUMMARY 2018-2019

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	27.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.1
Darlene Holman	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Linda Shelales	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.5
Dave Morin	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3
Bob Cooke	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.7
Linda Gilberti	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.5
Bob Escott	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.7
Leon Ferante	23.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.7
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.5
Todd Mathieson	22.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.3
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Maureen Mathieson	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3
Larry Alley	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3
Edlliot Mednick	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.2
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.8
Mary Strachan	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.4
Cathy Robotis	23.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.2

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Sep. '18 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Monarch on Mexican Flower	John Gill	26.8	1st
Loon on an August Morning	Ginny Harris	26.5	2nd
Glacier Park	Robyn Saur	26.5	2nd
Mirrored Pelican	Doris Monterio	26.2	3rd
Hummingbird Moth	Dave Morin	25.7	
Three Lemons	Todd Mathieson	25.5	
Bubbles 3573	Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	
Oriole at Feeder	Cathy Simmons	25.4	
Triathlon Tumble	Tony Monterio	24.5	
Butterfly and Bee	Drew Simmons	24.4	
A Whale's Salute	Linda Shelales	24.2	
Donating Thai Style	John Houldsworth	24	
Globe Thistle	Maureen Mathieson	23.5	
CLASS A			
Least Tern Feeding Baby	Leon Ferrante	26	1st
Aflame	Diana Ledoux	25.1	2nd
My Bonkers Neighbor	Dave Reynard	25	3rd
Rest Stop	Jill Lockwood	24.2	
Picket Posts and Clematis	Jane Parker	23.9	
Wood Duck in Bog	Darlene Holman	23.5	
A Quiet Walk at Fushimi Inari	Dean Giolas	23.2	
A Frog in a Log	Barbara Huntley	23	
Loons Looking Both Ways	Bob Escott	22.5	
Burmese Fish Market	Linda Gilberti	22.3	
CLASS B			
It's a Puffin	Elliot Mednick	25.7	1st
All Aboard the Uptown Express	Cathy Robotis	24.3	2nd
Under the Boardwalk	Linda DeStefano Brown	24	3rd
Siena Scenery	Natalie Schiavone	24	3rd
Safe	Jim Quinn	23.8	
Resting Dragon Fly	Marie Riley	23.5	
Passing Through the Farm	Mary Strachan	23.3	
Tower Hill View	Theresa Vachowski	22.9	
The Joy of Wading in Glacier Runoff	John McKinney	22.8	
Arctic Birds Homebound	Bob Cooke	22.4	
Cooling Off in Pond	Pam Meoli	22.1	
Downey Woodpecker	Larry Alley	20.6	

Sep. '18 Digital Competition - Rust			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Old and Durable	Tony Monteiro	26	1st
Milk Truck	Dave Morin	25.3	2nd
Rust Bucket	John Gill	24.2	3rd
Old Garden Tractor	Linda Shelales	24.2	3rd
Red Wheel	Robyn Saur	23.8	
Rusty Spigot	Todd Mathieson	23.6	
Oxidized Anchor	Doris Monteiro	23.6	
Rusty Horseshoes	Cathy Simmons	23	
Rusty Tractor Seat	Sue Abrahamsen	22.7	
It's Not Easy Being Green	Ginny Harris	22.5	
Rusty Ford Tractor	Drew Simmons	22.4	
Rusty Blades Tower Hill	Maureen Mathieson	22.2	
Rusty Collage	John Houldsworth	21.7	
CLASS A			
Runs Good - Low Mileage	Bob Escott	25.3	1st
Rusted Horse Head	Leon Ferrante	23.6	2nd
I Need a New Baby Buggy	Dave Reynard	23.6	2nd
Saw Blades in the Shed	Jane Parker	23.1	3rd
Rusty Girl on Stove	Darlene Holman	23.1	3rd
A Rusty Collection	Barbara Huntley	22.9	
Horseshoes	Diana Ledoux	22.3	
Rusty Fox Entering the Fushimi Shrine	Dean Giolas	22	
Rusty on the Run	Linda Gilberti	21.8	
Rusty Column	Jill Lockwood	21.3	
CLASS B			
We Repair Anything at West Main Automotive	Larry Alley	25.5	1st
Rusted Bolt	Cathy Robotis	24.7	2nd
Westtray Boatyard	Mary Strachan	24.4	3rd
Rusty Car in Lyons Cutler Reservation Sudbury	John McKinney	24.2	
Wreck of the Dt Sheridan	Elliot Mednick	24.2	
Rusty Wheel	Pam Meoli	23.8	
Rust	Bob Cooke	23.4	
Rusty Circle	Jim Quinn	22.8	
Rusty Wine Press	Natalie Schiavone	22.8	
A Seat in the Weeds	Linda DeStefano Brown	22.7	
Rusty Farm Equipment	Marie Riley	22.5	
A Little Rusty	Heather Ruthroff	21.9	
Obstructed View	Theresa Vachowski	21.7	

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<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

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2018-2019

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	
John Gill	26.8	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Dave Morin	25.7	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Tony Monteiro	24.5	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.5
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.3
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.8
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.1
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.4
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.4
Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.1
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.8
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.7
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.7
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
Leon Ferrante	26	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.6
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.6
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.7
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.5
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.6
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.9
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5
Dean Giolas	23.2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.2
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.1
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
Elliot Mednick	25.7	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.9
Cathy Robotis	24.3	24.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.7
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.8
Linda DeStefano Brown	24	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.7
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.6
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.1
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.9
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.8
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44.6
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21.9