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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

April 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: TBD

Because of the potential risk to the the health and safety of our membership from the Coronavirus, all camera club in-person meetings are suspended for the foreseeable future.

Competitions:

The next competition will be April 15th.

Digital subjects are "Nature" & "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is April 12th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time for us to judge the scavenger hunt images. The score sheets were emailed to everyone, the instructions for scoring and link to images are shown below. When you open up the score sheet, click on "enable editing" at the top of the spreadsheet to enable you to enter your scores. You can start judging at any time. Please complete your score sheets and send them back to me by the end of day Wednesday, April 1st.

Directions for Scoring

AVCC Scavenger Hunt on SmugMug

Tip: It is best to print out the scavenger hunt score sheet before you begin.

To begin the scoring, click on this link:

<https://photosbyjandsgill.smugmug.com/Agriculture/n-LWtgJ9>

Enter the password: **Nikon##2019**

When the SmugMug page opens, you should see 10 different folders. *Agriculture* is the first category you will need to score.

Click on the *Agriculture* folder. It will open up to the thumbnail images in this category. You can click on the first photo to enlarge the image. If you want to see the image full screen, go to the double arrowhead in the **upper left corner** and click on that symbol to get the full-screened image.

In the **lower left hand corner** of the image, the title *01-Agriculture.jpg* will appear. This corresponds to the first block on the score sheet. If you wish to see the image without the title, wait a moment. It will disappear from view.

Once you have scored the image you can move your cursor, this will restore the title and the directional prompts. Place the cursor on the **arrow** seen halfway down the **right side** of your screen. **Click** to advance to *02-Agriculture.jpg*. Continue in this manner to score all images in this category.

To go back to the main folder page, **hit the ESC (escape) key** on you keyboard **twice**. This will bring you back to the thumbnail images of the folder you have just scored. **Place** your **cursor** on the message at the top of the page and **click** on "**Click Here for Subjects**". This action brings you back to the menu where the ten folders are located. Move on to the next subject *2. High Key*.

Repeat the process through all 10 folders, marking your scores on your printed score sheet as you go along. When finished, transfer your scores by typing the numbers into the online score sheet, save the file on your computer and then send it as an attachment in an email to Tony.

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

ArtsFest Hudson

Hello Artists and Crafters! Even though our vendor application deadline is April 6th, we've already filled over half of our vendor spaces! So, don't delay... submit your application before we're sold out!

<https://fs26.formsite.com/Kt1Igk/form1/index.html>

Feel free to share this link with other artists in your network ;-)

Regards,

Debra Vanderwerf

ArtsFest Hudson Planning Committee, Vendor and Performer Coordinator

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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.

PRINT SCORES 2019-2020										
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	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 Abrahamsen	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
<u>SILVER</u>	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

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

Mar. '20 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA	-	-	-
Doris Monteiro	Lotus_With_Pollinators	27.8	1st
Cathy Simmons	Anhinga_Profile	26.9	2nd
Darlene Holman	Puffin_Angel	26.9	2nd
John Gill	Purple_Iris	26.8	3rd
Sue Abrahamsen	Preening_Parrot	26.4	
Tony Monteiro	Reflected_Great_Blue	25.9	
Linda Shelales	Prairie_Dog_Snack	25.8	
Todd Mathieson	Marina_Del_Rey_Sunset_5	24.8	
Virginia Harris	Day_Lily	24.6	
Robyn Saur	Bridaveil_Falls_Yosemite	24	
Drew Simmons	Osprey_With_Fish	23	
Maureen Mathieson	Testing_The_Pacific	21.9	
Make-Up for Feb. '20 - OPEN	-	-	-
Drew Simmons	Great_Horned_Owl	25.1	
CLASS A	-	-	-
Natalie Schiavone	Water_Drop_Croc	26.1	1st
Bob Escott	Window_Shopping	25.2	2nd
Elliot Mednick	Sunrise_Over_Los_Angeles	24.7	3rd
Dick Tranfaglia	Stata_Center_#2	24.5	
Dave Reynard	Red_Nose_Peacock_Eyes	24.3	
Jane Parker	Wave_Tag_You're_It	24.3	
Linda Gilberti	European_Cafe	22.7	
Diana Ledoux	The_Lemonade_Stand	22.7	
CLASS B	-	-	-
John Mauro	Iceland_Church	24.8	1st
Pam Meoli	Old_World_Guest_Haus	24.3	2nd
Glenn Fund	Colorful_Costa_Rican_Toucan	24.1	3rd
Mary Strachan	Boston_Public_Garden_Foot_Bridge	23.8	
Catherine Robotis	Along_The_River_Nore	23.5	
Lee Arnold	Old_Blue_Eyes	23.2	
Susan Nichols	Here's_Looking_At_You	23.1	
Liz Krouse	Westboro_State_Hospital_In_The_Rearview	23	
John McKinney	Kathy_At_15	22.7	
Peter Stultz	Pemaquid_Light_House_Sunrise	22.4	
Jim Quinn	Shadows_On_Cobblestones	20.6	

Mar. '20 Digital Competition - LIQUID DROPS / DRIPS			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA	-	-	-
Tony Monteiro	Snack_Time_Drips_And_Drops	27.1	1st
John Gill	Water_Bonnet	26.8	2nd
Darlene Holman	Two_Water_Droplets	26.7	3rd
Sue Abrahamsen	Splash	26.6	
Cathy Simmons	Swan_Profile	25.6	
Todd Mathieson	Splash_Of_Color_2	25.5	
Doris Monteiro	Raindrops	25.4	
Linda Shelales	A_Universe_Of_Color	24.3	
Virginia Harris	Splash	23.7	
Maureen Mathieson	Goose_Dribbles	23	
Robyn Saur	Yellow_Rose	22.3	
Drew Simmons	Bathing_Spoonbills	21.4	
Make-Up for Feb. '20 - Nature	-	-	-
Drew Simmons	Butterfly_On_Thistle	23.9	
CLASS A	-	-	-
Dave Reynard	Into_The_Abyss	26.6	1st
Natalie Schiavone	Flower_Power	25.3	2nd
Elliot Mednick	Droplets	24.4	3rd
Linda Gilberti	Dolly	23.9	
Jane Parker	Momentary	23.5	
Bob Escott	Loon_Surfacing	23.4	
Diana Ledoux	Cooling_Off	22.7	
CLASS B	-	-	-
Mary Strachan	Good_To_The_Last_Drop	25.9	1st
Liz Krouse	Playful_Whale_Calf	25.4	2nd
Catherine Robotis	Psychedelic_Water_Drops	24.3	3rd
Susan Nichols	Drops	24	
Pam Meoli	Here's_Lookin'_At_You	23.9	
Jim Quinn	Drops_On_The_Skylight	23	
Glenn Fund	Good_To_The_Last_Drop	23	
Peter Stultz	Homage_To_Arp	23	
John McKinney	Window_On_A_Rainy_Night	22.6	
John Mauro	A_Drop_In_The_Bucket	22.4	
Lee Arnold	After_The_Rain	21.1	

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	
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	27.8	25.4	0	0	0	0	383.9
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	25.9	27.1	0	0	0	0	383.7
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	26.8	26.8	0	0	0	0	380.9
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	26.9	26.7	0	0	0	0	374.8
Sue Abrahamsen	27.2	24.3	25.5	25.9	27.5	28	25.7	27.3	25.7	25.3	29	28.2	26.4	26.6	0	0	0	0	372.6
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	26.9	25.6	0	0	0	0	367.4
Virginia Harris	24.3	24.5	24.8	24.3	27.6	28.1	26.3	25.5	25.4	23.4	26.4	29	24.6	23.7	0	0	0	0	357.9
Todd Mathieson	23.3	24.1	24.9	24.6	28.1	28.5	24.9	26	24.5	24.6	28	25.7	24.8	25.5	0	0	0	0	357.5
Robyn Saur	25.8	23.2	25.3	26.7	29	25.8	24.7	26.2	24.3	24.9	27	27.7	24	22.3	0	0	0	0	356.9
Linda Shelales	23	23.6	25	22.6	25.2	26.2	27.4	23	25.4	23.2	28.2	28.6	25.8	24.3	0	0	0	0	351.5
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	21.9	23	0	0	0	0	345.8
Drew Simmons	22.8	23.5	23.7	25.4	27.9	27.2	25.7	25.8	26.3	23.5	25.1	23.9	23	21.4	0	0	0	0	345.2
David 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	26.1	25.3	0	0	0	0	362.2
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	24.3	23.5	0	0	0	0	356
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	24.7	24.4	0	0	0	0	352.6
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	24.3	26.6	0	0	0	0	349.5
Bob Escott	23	25.1	25.8	23.4	27.6	23.6	25	24.1	23.9	23.2	27.6	27.9	25.2	23.4	0	0	0	0	348.8
Linda Gilberti	23.1	24.1	24.4	24.5	24.2	28	25	23	24.3	24	25.6	25.9	22.7	23.9	0	0	0	0	342.7
Diana Ledoux	24.8	23	23.4	22.7	25.7	26.9	23.7	24.6	23.8	23.2	24.9	24	22.7	22.7	0	0	0	0	336.1
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
Dick Tranfaglia	0	0	0	0	27.5	0	24.5	0	24.7	0	26.5	0	24.5	0	0	0	0	0	127.7
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	22.7	22.6	0	0	0	0	350.5
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	23.8	25.9	0	0	0	0	350.4
Glenn Fund	23.2	22	27.4	25.5	25.9	28	25.6	23.9	24.3	23.5	25.1	28.4	24.1	23	0	0	0	0	349.9
Peter Stultz	23.4	23.7	22	25.4	28	28.6	25.2	23.9	24.4	24.5	25.7	26.6	22.4	23	0	0	0	0	346.8
Catherine Robotis	23.7	23.6	23.7	27	26	26	25.7	23.6	23.5	22.9	25.6	27.4	23.5	24.3	0	0	0	0	346.5
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	23	25.4	0	0	0	0	346.4
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	24.8	22.4	0	0	0	0	342
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	24.3	23.9	0	0	0	0	337.7
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	23.1	24	0	0	0	0	336
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	23.2	21.1	0	0	0	0	327.8
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	20.6	23	0	0	0	0	319.6
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
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