



FOCAL POINT

<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

May 2022

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 7:00 PM

Next meeting: May 4th

Photographing Pets **Assabet Valley Camera Club Program**



Who, Me? Cathleen Broderick Photography

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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 **May 18th**.

Digital subjects are "Living History" & "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is **May 11th** @11:59 PM.

The print competition has been suspended for now.

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Due to Covid 19 all AVCC meetings are currently being held online. If you are interested in attending this program, contact AVCC at info@assabetvalleycc.com a few days prior to the meeting to request a link to the event. The club's Zoom room opens at 7:00 PM with a brief business meeting at 7:15. Cathleen's presentation **Photographing Pets** will begin at 7:30.

Normally, AVCC meetings are held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson. The first meeting of the month generally features a program designed to instruct and/or to entertain camera enthusiasts. During the second monthly meeting, a competition of members' digital images are judged and critiqued by qualified individuals. Assabet Valley Camera Club, affiliated with both the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) and the



Photographic Society of America (PSA), participates in interclub competitions on regional, national and international levels.



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 or contact Elliot Mednick, club president, at 978-293-5192.

HCC Community Survey



The Hudson Cultural Council needs your help! We need the people who live, work and visit our community to help advise us about how best to allocate public dollars for programs and activities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Please take our online community input survey by June 30th. The link is <https://www.hudsonculturalcouncil.org/2022-community-input-survey> or use the QR code to access the survey.

Our municipally-appointed council receives an annual allocation from the Mass Cultural Council as well as from the Town of Hudson to fund projects.

Since the council distributes public dollars, it is essential that we gather local public opinion and learn more about what is happening in our community and what the community needs. The data from the survey will help us develop useful criteria and funding priorities to guide our future grant-making decisions.



In the past five years, AVCC has received \$1500 in grants from the Hudson Cultural Council for its programs. This year's funded programs were *Photographing Birds – from Portraits to Flight* presented by Roman Kurywczak and *Light Painting* with Harold Ross.

Please consider taking this brief survey which goes live on May 1st.



Confirming Successful Submission of Images

Here is a document from Stony Brook CC that shows how you can confirm that your images have been successfully submitted. I have permission to lift this document and put it on our own page, but you can view it from their page. I have been collaborating with Charlene, their webmaster, so many things on their page is or will be similar to how we do things.

<https://www.stonybrookcc.com/Downloads/d3ddd70b-0135-4af1-b8f1-3d87ef975a3a/?o=y>

Or, go to their home page at <https://www.stonybrookcc.com/>, click on Resources & Links, and then click on "Competition How To's [sic]". There's some good stuff there.

AVCC Lifetime Membership Honors to Doris and Tony

At the E-Board meeting on January 25, 2022, the officers and E-Board voted unanimously to honor Doris and Tony Monteiro with a lifetime membership to Assabet Valley Camera Club for their contributions and service to the club.

Doris and Tony have been members of the club for a combined 61 years. Their contributions to the club are innumerable. Tony is the architect of the way we manage and score competitions, which is the heartbeat of the club. He managed them for over 10 years before stepping back this year. He has also managed the operations of the club as either president or treasurer for the past decade. Doris has and continues to be the face of the club to the general public. She guides us through the grant process and also advises us in many other matters.

But this only scratches the surface. I can't fully enumerate all the ways Doris and Tony have shaped the club over the years. They continue to advise me and the officers and explain not only what the rules are, but why they are there based on their experiences over the years.

Although I have attended E-board meetings since I joined the club four years ago and watched Tony and Doris in action, it wasn't until I became president that I became aware of the full extent to which they make sure the club is run well from behind the scenes. And for them to have been doing this for the past 20-30 years is remarkable and shows their sustained dedication to the club. And I'm sure I don't even know the half of it.

With that, please join me in congratulating Doris and Tony on this well-deserved honor. I hope they continue to attend regular meetings and E-Board meetings and basically keep us -- and future -- officers in line.

--Elliot, John, John, Pam and the whole E-Board

Assabet Valley Camera Club

Multi-Screen 2022 Subjects

- **Black & White (Monochrome)**
 - **Chrome**
 - **Eyes**
 - **Hot or Heat**
 - **Light Painting**
 - **Living History**
 - **Macro**
- **Military / Law Enforcement**
 - **Stripes**
 - **Water (Liquid)**

Steve McGrath Workshops:

Steve McGrath who was the guest speaker a couple months ago for the “Landscape” session would like to set up two springtime workshops with AVCC members at a discounted rate. No definite dates are set yet – but in the spring. For a 3 session workshop and a field trip, the cost is very reasonable. Steve teaches a fun class. I’ve taken the Soutwick Zoo one with him before. The zoo keeper session is fun. Below is a description of the workshops.

Please take a look and let me know if you are interested. First step is to get a list going to see if there is enough interest.

Email me at: pammeoli@aol.com

Steve McGrath Spring Workshops

(4 person min and 15 max)

***10 Lighthouse Cruise Workshop** – A 3 Session Workshop:

1st Class Online - Go over Compositions, Panoramic Images and Camera Settings.

2nd Class - Meet at the Cruise Ship (about one hour ride to boat - \$35)

3rdClass - Online Critique Session

Here is a link for the website for the

Cruise:https://www.rhodeislandbaycruises.com/Rhode_Island_Lighthouses.htm

Cost: \$60 per person (normal price is \$80 for non AVCC people) – plus Pay and make Reservation for the Cruise. The Cruise is \$35 and 90 min.

*** Wildlife Photography Workshop at the Southwick's Zoo** - A 3 Session Workshop:

1st Class Online -During the first class, we will discuss tips and techniques for getting great zoo photographs that look like they were taken in the wild.

2nd Class -Next, we will meet at the Southwick's Zoo in Mendon. You will have opportunities to photograph at feeding times and special zoo keeper sessions close up.

3rdClass -For the final class you will view and critique your classmates images in a show-and-tell format with an opportunity to showcase your best work

Cost: \$80 (\$89 for non AVCC people)-plus \$30 zoo admission.

Galleries:

- a. Bob Cooke has a gallery at the Maynard Library (This MAY be a photo of some of the photos: <https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/library-history?lightbox=dataitem-ktepz77n6>).

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

Again, if anyone needs assistance, please let me know, preferably well before our first meeting. Thanks and hope to see everyone back this year.

Classifieds:

- Ginny Harris is setting a brand-new mat cutter. In her words: I have a never-used Logan Mat Cutter that I would like to sell. The cost on Amazon is \$127 but I'm willing to sell it for \$50 to anyone in the club who would like to have it. I can be reached on my cell at 978 621 2586

Jim DeLuco has a Nikon D780 for sale. If you are interested, you can contact Jim @ jim@delucophoto.com

Here is a link to B&H for the camera: https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1538572-REG/nikon_d780_dslr_camera.html

And you can see Jim's post to Craig's list in the e-mail below.

<https://boston.craigslist.org/bmw/pho/d/hudson-nikon-d780-like-new/7406635628.html>

Competition Scores:

The competition scores will no longer be included in the newsletter. The easiest way to see them will be on the redesigned website. <https://www.assabetvalleycc.com/default.aspx>