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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

September 2019

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: September 4th

The program is:

Members' Showcase

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Competitions:

The next competition will be September 18th.

Digital subjects are "People at Work" & "Open". The print category is "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is September 15th @11:59 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assabet Valley Camera Club Starts New Season

Assabet Valley Camera Club, now going into its thirty-fourth year as a Hudson-based photography organization, meets the 1st. and 3rd. Wednesday of the month from September through early June. In 1985 a small group of people, who took an evening photography course at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School, decided to form the camera club. Currently AVCC has over 50 members of all ages, with both amateur and professional experience, from 15 different communities in the greater Metro West area.

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AVCC meetings are held in the Great Room at the Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church Street, Hudson, and officially begin at 7:30 PM. 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 competitions of both print and digital images are judged and critiqued by qualified individuals. 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.

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"Members' Showcase"

You may do a digital or print presentation. The digital images can be put into a "show" such as Photo show Gold, or power point, or just individual images that you can manually advance through. Please come early with your images so that we have enough time to load them on the laptop before the meeting starts. Due to the number of member presentations we need to adhere to a strict 5 minute or less presentation.

Please review these [guidelines](#).

Please remember to bring your images on a thumb drive to be downloaded to The club computer at the Sept. 4th meeting. No images should be sent via email.

At the May 28th AVCC Executive Board Meeting it was decided that members who wish to share print or digital images need to keep their presentation to 5 minutes or less. The Board agreed that a timer with a countdown clock will be used for each presenter. It was also decided that after 4 minutes there will be a one-minute warning and that at five minutes, the speaker's time would be over whether he/she had shown all images.

“Unleash your Landscape Photography”.

We have been invited by the Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers (SVNP) to attend John Slonina's presentation. Those of you who attended John's Dec's 2018 program at AVCC know how great his presentations are very informative and entertaining. I highly recommend that you try to take advantage of this program invite.

NOTE: In January John Slonia will be coming to AVCC to present a different program.

See the details below:

The Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers would like to invite Assabet Valley Camera Club members to join us on Thursday, September 12, at 7 PM for a presentation entitled “Unleash your Landscape Photography” by noted local photographer John Slonina.

We meet in the Great Room at Newbury Court Senior Living, adjacent to Emerson Hospital in Concord. The Great Room is located near the South Lobby entrance. Here is a link for directions:

http://svnp.homestead.com/files/Directions_to_Newbury_Court_Great_Room.pdf.

Competitions

Your digital entries must be sent **on or before Sunday, Sept 15, 2019 11:59 PM** No entries will be accepted thereafter.

NOTE: Reminder that the new image size is 1400 x 1050 pixels.

NOTE 2: Prints cannot exceed 36 inches in total Height & Width **(including mats)**. Examples: (16 x 20) (12 X 24), etc.

To submit your digital competition images, go to the club web-site and, on the navigation bar at the top of the home page, click on the "Competitions" pull-down, then the "Monthly Club Competitions" and the "Submit Digital Images" pull-downs. For information about rules and file setup procedures for submitting competition images, follow the "Rules" and "Digital Files Setup", also in the "Monthly Club Competitions" pull-down.

You may request a critique for only one digital image. If you select for both, only the "Open" image will be critiqued on competition night. In addition, you may request a critique for your print entry.

If you have any questions related to digital competition submission, contact Paul Weisbach by email JWeisbach@aol.com .

Please remember, print submissions need to be on the print table **by 7:15pm** on the night of the competition. When filling out the print entry form, check the provided box if your print image was taken after 04/01/2019. The new policy states that photos must not be framed or mounted on glass or metal. They can be matted, but not with glass or metal. Prints cannot exceed 36 inches in total Height & Width. Examples: (16 x 20) (12 X 24), etc.

Dues

Just a reminder that Tony will be collecting club dues at our First meeting Sept 4th.

Note: Dues must be paid by the first meeting of Oct (Oct 2nd) to continue to be eligible to compete in the monthly competitions.

\$45 Individual
\$65 Family
\$40 Senior (65+)
\$55 senior household

You can also mail a check to Tony:

Make check payable to: The Assabet Valley Camera Club

Send to:
Tony Monteiro
60 Florence St.
Hudson, MA 01749

Dues website link: <http://www.assabetvalleycc.com/membership-page.html>

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.

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.

PRINT SUMMARY 2018-2019

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Darlene Holman	27	25.3	25	28	27.9	25.8	27.7	25.3	26.4	238.4
Leon Ferrante	23.7	26.3	29.5	25.2	28.2	25.2	29	25.2	25.9	238.2
Paul Weisbach	27.1	25.9	25	24	29.1	24.5	28.3	26.5	26.1	236.5
Bob Cooke	25	24.7	24.3	25.1	26.1	24.5	27.6	24	26.5	227.8
Bob Escott	23.7	24	26.7	25	26	23.3	26.3	22.9	24.6	222.5
Linda Gilberti	24.5	25.3	24.5	24.4	25.4	23.5	23.5	22.8	22.7	216.6
Sue Abrahamsen	24.7	27	28.8	26.6	28.1	25	28.1	0	24.6	212.9
Linda Shelales	25.5	25.8	27	26	24.8	23.5	26	0	25	203.6
Linda DeStefano Brown	23.5	25.5	25.9	24.1	24.8	0	0	24.2	0	148
Todd Mathieson	22.3	25.8	26.1	24.2	26.6	22.6	0	0	0	147.6
Dave Morin	25.3	22.8	27.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75.3
Ginny Harris	0	26.3	25.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.9
SILVER	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Skyline	Open	Monochrome	Nature	Open	Open	TOTAL
Elliot Mednick	24.2	25.9	27.6	25.9	26.1	25.1	28.9	24.3	24.9	232.9
Mary Strachan	23.4	25	22.3	24.1	24.9	22.9	25.5	22.8	23.7	214.6
Larry Alley	25.3	23.4	27.5	26.6	26	23.8	28.1	26	0	206.7
Cathy Robotis	23.2	25.8	0	25.7	0	23.9	24.6	23.3	23.3	169.8
Heather Ruthroff	0	27.4	0	0	26.1	26.1	0	22.9	24.7	127.2
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	22	25.8	23.8	25.7	97.3
Maureen Mathieson	25.3	25.6	0	23.9	0	0	0	0	0	74.8
Bill Weiblen	23.8	0	0	0	23.5	0	0	0	0	47.3
Larry Wellington	0	23.5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.5
John Sahagian	0	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.3

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	
Tony Monteiro	24.5	26	28.1	28.3	28.7	26.2	28.6	28.7	28.2	29.5	29	29.1	29.2	29.7	26.6	28.8	24.7	27.6	501.5
Doris Monteiro	26.2	23.6	27.6	25.1	28.5	25.8	27.5	28.8	28.7	29.2	27.4	26.2	28.9	29.8	27.1	27.5	26.1	29	493
John Gill	26.8	24.2	28.7	26.8	27.5	27.8	28.6	25.5	29.5	29.1	23.1	26.4	29.5	29.2	28.7	27.8	26.1	25.1	490.4
Cathy Simmons	25.4	23	26.7	26.2	26.8	24.3	28	27.6	28.8	26.9	26.6	26.7	28.5	29.7	24.6	25.6	25	27.3	477.7
Sue Abrahamsen	25.4	22.7	27	28.6	25.3	27	25.7	27.6	26.4	28.1	25.2	26.3	28.2	27.2	25.9	26.1	26.9	23.2	472.8
Ginny Harris	26.5	22.5	23.7	28.5	25	26.2	25.6	27.3	28.1	27.4	26.5	27.2	29.3	25.3	24.7	25.6	25.2	23.1	467.7
Robyn Saur	26.5	23.8	24.7	25.4	25.3	23.3	26.2	28.2	26.5	27.8	26.3	27.3	28.8	26.9	23.6	26	25.6	23.7	465.9
Todd Mathieson	25.5	23.6	24.4	25.7	27.7	28.5	26.6	28.2	28.3	23.3	27.1	22.9	26.8	29.2	21.4	24.3	26.2	24.1	463.8
Drew Simmons	24.4	22.4	24.7	25.1	26.8	25.4	26	25.4	24.9	27.8	28.1	27.3	27.2	27.7	24.9	23.3	24.4	24.2	460
Linda Shelales	24.2	24.2	26.7	24.5	25.2	23.8	25.5	24.5	27.5	24.3	24.7	24.1	27.3	27.6	25.8	24.8	24.1	23.9	452.7
Maureen Mathieson	23.5	22.2	22.9	23.3	24.3	26	27.1	27.2	25.5	24.3	24.6	24.2	25.5	28.8	25.9	22.3	23.9	23.9	445.4
John Houldsworth	24	21.7	25.9	24.5	24.2	25	23.3	24.7	25.9	24.7	24.5	24.3	27.9	26	23	21.6	22.8	23.5	437.5
Dave Morin	25.7	25.3	22.6	24.3	23	24	22.8	25.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
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	28.2	28.1	24.2	28.8	25.7	27.2	27.6	27.6	24.5	25.4	28.5	28.4	24	25.3	23.9	25.8	472.8
Darlene Holman	23.5	23.1	28	26.6	25.8	24	27.1	28	28	27.7	25.6	25.2	27.1	28.7	26	24.6	26	25.9	470.9
Barbara Huntley	23	22.9	26.4	25.7	23	23.7	25.7	27.6	26.5	26.7	24.9	25.5	27.9	26.3	26.8	24.9	24.4	22.6	454.5
Jane Parker	23.9	23.1	25	25.2	26.9	25.2	24.5	26.1	27.1	26.7	24.2	25	27.3	26.6	24.1	22.6	24.1	26.1	453.7
Dave Reynard	25	23.6	24.8	26.7	24.2	26.2	27.1	26.8	25.6	26	24.5	26	26.7	26	23.7	23.3	22.9	23.7	452.8
Bob Escott	22.5	25.2	25.7	27	22.7	25.8	26.8	24.2	26.4	27.3	24.6	22	26.3	27	23.9	24	25.1	22.5	449
Linda Gilberti	22.3	21.8	24.7	24.1	24	24.5	27.1	26.2	25.5	25.4	24.9	23.7	25.3	26.5	23.9	23.3	22.8	22.2	438.2
Jill Lockwood	24.2	21.3	24.9	22.8	24.8	23.1	24.9	25.3	27.2	24.3	29	24.6	25.1	25.3	21.1	22.1	23.3	22.7	436
Diana Ledoux	25.2	22.3	22.6	23.3	22.8	25.1	23.7	23	25.2	26.5	23.3	23	25.6	27.5	21.9	21.7	22	23.2	427.9
Dean Giolas	23.2	22	25.4	23.9	24.8	25.2	23.9	21.2	23.9	23.2	22.8	23.5	25.1	27.5	0	0	0	0	335.6
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	25.6	27.9	25.1	23.4	24	27.3	26.1	29	26.5	25.4	28.1	28.6	27.3	26.5	24.1	25.4	470.2
Natalie Schiavone	24	22.8	24.6	28.7	26.4	23.4	23.7	28	28.8	28.1	24.4	24.5	25.8	29.6	24	23.1	24.3	24.1	458.3
Larry Alley	20.6	25.5	24.9	24.3	25.6	26.6	24.3	28.8	27	26.7	24.4	22.4	26.5	29.2	26.2	24.7	21.7	22.4	451.8
Mary Strachan	23.3	24.4	24.8	24.1	22.9	25.7	25	24.1	26	25.8	25.5	25.5	26.8	27.9	23.8	24.2	27.5	24.4	451.7
John McKinney	22.8	24.2	22.6	24.3	24.5	24	24.4	27	26.9	25.8	23.8	23.1	25.8	25.2	22.5	24.1	22.6	26.2	439.8
Susan Nichols	23.9	25.7	22.9	24.8	25.4	26.4	23.5	25.2	25.2	26.2	22.9	24.1	24.2	26.6	22.6	24.6	23.2	22.2	439.6
Jim Quinn	23.8	22.8	23.1	24.5	24.7	26.2	23.9	24.4	27.7	27.4	22.9	23.1	26.4	25.3	23.9	22.3	23	23.1	438.5
Pam Meoli	22.1	23.8	22.5	25	25.5	23.4	22.8	23.9	26.2	25.9	24.5	25.6	28	26.8	24.4	20.1	22.3	23.2	436
Catherine Robotis	24.3	24.7	26.5	9	23.5	23.6	25.4	26.9	26.4	26.5	23.9	23.7	24.8	29.4	21.3	21.4	23.7	22.9	427.9
Theresa Vachowski	22.9	21.7	24.4	23.7	23	22.5	23.4	23.8	26.4	25.5	22.7	22.8	26.4	27.7	22.8	20.8	0	0	380.5
Bob Cooke	22.4	23.4	21.7	26.7	21.5	22.5	27.5	23.7	26.8	23.8	22	19.5	0	23.2	0	25.7	23.6	23.8	377.8
Peter Stultz	0	0	0	0	25.7	25	24.2	24.8	25.8	27.6	25	26.4	29.2	28.6	24.5	25.8	24.2	23.8	360.6
Marie Riley	23.5	22.5	23.4	22.9	0	0	0	0	26.2	26.2	23.8	22.4	25.4	25.1	22	21	0	0	284.4
Liz Krouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.4	25.8	22.9	26.3	26.7	28	23.7	24.1	24.4	23.9	251.2
Linda DeStefano Brown	24	22.7	22.4	24.7	26.2	24.3	23.5	25.8	26	24.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	244.5
Chip Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25.6	23	24.2	0	26.6	23	21.6	23.8	22.5	216.3
Heather Ruthroff	0	21.9	0	0	0	0	0	24.4	26	0	0	26.4	25.2	26.7	0	0	23.3	23.5	197.4
Larry Wellington	0	0	22.9	25.2	25.7	25.5	0	24.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123.5