FOCAL POINT

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: April 6th

Scavenger Hunt Results

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Zoom room opens at 7:00 PM with a brief business meeting at 7:15. The results presentation will begin at 7:30.

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 forseeable future.

Competitions:

The next competition will be **April 20th**.

Digital subjects are "Nature" & "Open".

The deadline to submit digital images is **April 13th** @11:59 PM.

The print competition has been suspended for now.

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For Members there is still time to vote. The deadline is this Saturday April 2nd at noon:

1. Go to www.assabetvalleycc.com and login.
2. There is a new menu item under Competitions, at the very top, called "Vote on Competition Images". When you click on it, you will see the 10 Scavenger Hunt categories. Click on the first "Select" button.
3. Now you see thumbnails of all of the images that were submitted as well as the five voting stars.
4. There is a button that says "Vote in Full Screen Mode". Click on that.
5. You should vote using only 3, 4, or 5 stars: **3 for below average, 4 for average, and 5 for above average**. If you feel strongly that an image doesn't fit the category, then it's ok to give it 1 star. There is no such thing as 0 stars. That means not yet voted.

STONY BROOK CC MEETING INVITATION

"Still Life and Small Subject Photography"

Presented by Mike Rice

Thursday, March 31, 2022@ 7:30PM

(Social hour beginning at 6:30PM)

Brought to you by ZOOM!

(The Zoom link came to you in a recent email)

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 ant 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 them 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 because 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)**

Programs

The big news is that the Program Committee has just about finalized the program schedule for the year. They did a fantastic job and almost overbooked. They just need to close the loop on the May program presenter. The program committee consists of John Mauro, Robyn Saur, Pam Meoli, Jane Parker, and John Gill. This year's program is interesting, fun, and exciting:

April 6, 2022   Scavenger Hunt

May 4, 2022   TBA

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