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<http://www.assabetvalleycc.com>

September 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: September 2nd

Assabet Valley Camera Club Starts 35th Season

Members' Showcase

Individuals will briefly present their photographic images based on a theme or highlights of their summer experiences.

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 September 16th.

Digital subjects are "Things in Threes" & "Open".

The print category is "Open".

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

Starting this year, to submit a print in the print competition you must first submit a digital image of your print.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assabet Valley Camera Club Starts 35th Season

Assabet Valley Camera Club, now going into its thirty-fifth 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.

Due to Covid 19 all AVCC meetings are currently being held online. At this club year's first meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd the evening's program will feature a "Members' Showcase", where individuals will briefly present their photographic images based on a theme or highlights of their summer experiences.

Normally, 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.

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 John Gill, club president, at 978-293-5192.

Time is winding down to submit your images for our Sept 2nd members program. I need your images by this coming Sunday so that I can prepare them. Your images do not have to be competition quality, just something that you want to share. What you did this summer, etc. or anything that you would like to show.

We are trying to keep it at 5 minutes per member. So a ball park figure for images would be between 60-75 images if you want to go the full 5 minutes with a slide show.

60 images @ 5 seconds each would be 5 minutes.

75 images @ 4 seconds each: 5 minutes.

If you are doing a narrative it will most likely be less.

To make it very simple, you do not need to put them into a slide show like Pro show, power point, or whatever else is out there. If you do not feel the need, or have the time to create a show, with music, etc. just send the images along to me, and we will just play them as a slide show. I can add some back ground music to it easily. We can also manually step through the images if you would like to do a narrative on them.

Below is a drop box link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/ZUZikoPkj7QG0W3Rs8DD>

It is very simple to use. Place your images into a folder that you can find, then Click on the link and follow the prompts.

After you click on the link, click on "choose folders"

Then select your folder.

Then click on "upload"

Then click once again on "upload"

If you choose to make your own slide show do not use fancy transitions between images, they will not display smoothly using Zoom. Just use "no transitions". If you are using Pro show, you also need to leave in the option menu "Playback in Full Screen" unchecked. If you have any questions, or need some help, please let John know.

Membership

Good News! 2019-20 Members of the Assabet Valley Camera Club eligible for **35% discount until 10/7/2020**.

Membership Type	Regular Dues	Discount 35%	Discounted Dues
Individual	\$ 45.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 29.25
Family	\$ 65.00	\$ 22.75	\$ 42.25
Senior (age 65 and above)	\$ 40.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 26.00
Senior Household	\$ 55.00	\$ 19.25	\$ 35.75

Because of the pandemic modified 2019-20 club year and to celebrate the club's 35th anniversary, the Eboard voted to reduce the dues for people who had been AVCC members during the 2019-2020 club year. These people will be eligible for a 35% discount of their dues for the 2020-2021 club year if they renew their membership by October 7, 2020.

Once your payment is received, you will get an email confirming your payment and a second email with your membership packet attached.

Please **MAIL a check for your Dues** (made out to **Assabet Valley Camera Club**) and a **copy of the Member Information form** that is shown below to **AVCC's Treasurer:**

**Tony Monteiro
60 Florence Street
Hudson, MA 01749-2031**

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.

MULTI-SCREEN COMPETITION

These topics are for the multi-screen competition, and many of these will be used for our monthly competitions. We will be choosing all of the monthly competition topics at the May e-board meeting. Below are the topics that have been chosen for next years (2020-2021) Multi-Screen comp.

Many of these subjects will also be used for our regular monthly comp, either for prints or digital. Those subjects will be picked at our spring e-board meeting (come and help pick). You can now get a jump on next years' competition.

ALSO: For the multi-screen competition, the dates for eligibility have been changed to: Jan 1, 2020-April 30, 2021.

You can also start to collect images now for next years' multiscreen.

- Abandoned
- Anything Round
- Anything at the Zoo
- Barn(s)
- Blue with Green
- Food
- Long Exposure
- Street Scene(s)
- Things in 3s
- Things That Fly

2019-20 Year End Ribbons

Name	Year	Category	Class	Place	Points	Subject
Glenn Fund	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Third Place	48.6	Open
Liz Krouse	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Second Place	50.9	Open
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	First Place	51.0	Open
Elliot Mednick	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Third Place	50.7	Open
Todd Mathieson	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Second Place	50.8	Open
Paul Weisbach	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	First Place	53.8	Open
Liz Krouse	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Third Place	72.9	Assigned
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Second Place	74.8	Assigned
Ann DeCristofaro	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	First Place	80.0	Assigned
Dave Morin	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Third Place	77.7	Assigned
Bob Escott	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Second Place	78.7	Assigned
Elliot Mednick	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	First Place	81.9	Assigned
Liz Krouse	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Third Place	26.8	Nature
Cathy Robotis	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Second Place	26.9	Nature
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	First Place	27.1	Nature
Todd Mathieson	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Third Place	28.2	Nature
Sue Abrahamsen	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Second Place	29.2	Nature
Paul Weisbach	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	First Place	29.6	Nature
Cathy Robotis	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Third Place	147.9	Overall
Liz Krouse	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	Second Place	150.6	Overall
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Prints	SILVER	First Place	152.9	Overall
Darlene Holman	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Third Place	154.6	Overall
Paul Weisbach	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	Second Place	156.5	Overall
Elliot Mednick	2019-2020	Prints	GOLD	First Place	158.1	Overall
John McKinney	2019-2020	Digital	B	Third Place	220.4	Open
Mary Strachan	2019-2020	Digital	B	Second Place	223.4	Open
Glenn Fund	2019-2020	Digital	B	First Place	223.7	Open
Natalie Schiavone	2019-2020	Digital	A	Third Place	228.5	Open
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Digital	A	Second Place	229.6	Open
Bob Escott	2019-2020	Digital	A	First Place	231.4	Open
John Gill	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Third Place	240.9	Open
Tony Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Second Place	243.0	Open
Doris Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	First Place	247.2	Open
Peter Stultz	2019-2020	Digital	B	Third Place	123.7	Assigned
John Mauro	2019-2020	Digital	B	Second Place	124.3	Assigned
Mary Strachan	2019-2020	Digital	B	First Place	126.6	Assigned
Linda Gilberti	2019-2020	Digital	A	Third Place	124.8	Assigned
Natalie Schiavone	2019-2020	Digital	A	Second Place	125.9	Assigned
Dave Reynard	2019-2020	Digital	A	First Place	129.2	Assigned
Darlene Holman	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Third Place	132.9	Assigned
John Gill	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Second Place	133.1	Assigned
Tony Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	First Place	136.7	Assigned
John McKinney	2019-2020	Digital	B	Third Place	100.0	Nature
Cathy Robotis	2019-2020	Digital	B	Second Place	100.9	Nature
Liz Krouse	2019-2020	Digital	B	First Place	104.3	Nature
Natalie Schiavone	2019-2020	Digital	A	Third Place	101.8	Nature
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Digital	A	Second Place	104.9	Nature
Elliot Mednick	2019-2020	Digital	A	First Place	105.6	Nature
Doris Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Third Place	110.5	Nature
John Gill	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Second Place	110.8	Nature
Tony Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	First Place	111.9	Nature
Peter Stultz	2019-2020	Digital	B	Third Place	441.9	Overall
Glenn Fund	2019-2020	Digital	B	Second Place	442.9	Overall
Mary Strachan	2019-2020	Digital	B	First Place	447.2	Overall
Elliot Mednick	2019-2020	Digital	A	Third Place	450.0	Overall
Natalie Schiavone	2019-2020	Digital	A	Second Place	456.2	Overall
Jane Parker	2019-2020	Digital	A	First Place	457.7	Overall
John Gill	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Third Place	484.8	Overall
Doris Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	Second Place	489.8	Overall
Tony Monteiro	2019-2020	Digital	AA	First Place	491.6	Overall

AVCC 2019-2020

Print

Moving from Silver Class to Gold Class

Jane Parker

Digital

Moving from B Class to A Class

Mary Strachan

Glenn Fund

Peter Stultz

Catherine Robotis

Moving from A Class to AA Class

Jane Parker

Natalie Schiavone

Image of the Year 2019-20

Name	Title	Class	Place	Cat	Year	Pres
Glenn Fund's	"Good To The Last Drop"	Class B	Third Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
Peter Stultz's	"Turret Arch"	Class B	Second Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
John McKinney's	"Sunset Oregon Coast"	Class B	First Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
Elliot Mednick's	"Blue Sky"	Class A	Third Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
Elliot Mednick's	"Reflected Watch"	Class A	Second Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
Bob Escott's	"Window Shopping"	Class A	First Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
Cathy Simmons's	"Bee At Pea"	Class AA	Third Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
John Gill's	"Red Tailed Hawk"	Class AA	Second Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
Sue Abrahamsen's	"Fighting Carcaras"	Class AA	First Place	"Open"	2019-20	John Gill
John Mauro's	"Aerial Firefight"	Class B	Third Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
John Mauro's	"Ready For Reception"	Class B	Second Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Liz Krouse's	"Playful Whale Calf"	Class B	First Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Natalie Schiavone's	"Flower Power"	Class A	Third Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Barbara Huntley's	"Stone Carver At Work"	Class A	Second Place	"Theme"	2017-18	John Gill
Dave Reynard's	"Patterns Of Hot Air"	Class A	First Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Tony Monteiro's	"Mature Great Egret"	Class AA	Third Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Darlene Holman's	"Blue Morpho Butterfly"	Class AA	Second Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Tony Monteiro's	"Spherical Butterfly Coupling"	Class AA	First Place	"Theme"	2019-20	John Gill
Liz Krouse's	"Grouchy Grackle"	Class B	Third Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Peter Stultz's	"Snowy Egret"	Class B	Second Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Catherine Robotis's	"Learning To Preen"	Class B	First Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Jane Parker's	"Late Winter Berry Picker"	Class A	Third Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Elliot Mednick's	"Dragonfly"	Class A	Second Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Elliot Mednick's	"Lunch For The Great Blue Heron"	Class A	First Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Tony Monteiro's	"Skimming Great Blue"	Class AA	Third Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Tony Monteiro's	"Spoonbill's Unwelcome Visitor"	Class AA	Second Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Cathy Simmons's	"Lizard With Dragonfly"	Class AA	First Place	"Nature"	2019-20	John Gill
Catherine Robotis's	"Learning To Preen"	Class B	Class Best		2019-20	John Gill
Elliot Mednick's	"Lunch For The Great Blue Heron"	Class A	Class Best		2019-20	John Gill
Sue Abrahamsen's	"Fighting Carcaras"	Class AA	Class Best		2019-20	John Gill
Sue Abrahamsen's	"Fighting Carcaras"	Club Wide	"Best of the Best"		2019-20	John Gill