



Focal Point

February 2012

The Assabet Valley Camera Club meets at our newly renovated home the Senior Center at 29 Church Street, Hudson, Ma. on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Meetings begin at 7:30PM

For more information visit our website. <http://assabetvalleycameraclub.org/>

February 1st at 7:30pm

Program: Adobe Lightroom demonstration by Dave Morin

February 15th at 7:30pm

Competitions: Digital Competition on the subjects "Nature", and "Open"; Print Competition subject "Open"

Programs, Field trips & Competitions

February 2012

- 2/1 Club Digital Images due at NECCC
- 2/1 Program: Adobe Lightroom demonstration by Dave Morin
- 2/2-3 Marlboro Library Photo Exhibit (Sponsored by AVCC and Library Friends) submissions due (\$7? for 2 pictures). Drop-off times:
 - 4-8pm on 2nd
 - 2-4:30pm on 3rd
- 2/4 AVCC participates in judging in morning and picture hanging in afternoon.
- 2/6 Reception & Awards 6-8pm
- 2/6-12 Marlboro Library Photo Exhibition
- 2/12 Deadline to submit digital images for 2/15 competition
- 2/14? Marlboro Library Photo Exhibition photo pickup noon-8pm?
- 2/15 Images from club members are collected for submittal to The Greater Lynn International Salon, a PSA sanctioned international competition. (\$6) Maureen Mathieson to coordinate
- 2/15 Competitions
 - Digital Competition subjects "Nature" and "Open"

- Print Competition subject “Open”

March 2012

- 3/7 “Nature” images collected for George W. Glennie competition.
- 3/7 Program: Attracting Wildlife by Gail Hansche Godin
- 3/15 George W. Glennie competition – submissions due.
- 3/18 Deadline to submit digital images for 3/21 competition
- 3/21 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects “Close-up” and “Open”
 - Print Competition subject “Nature”
- 3/21 Scavenger Hunt: Images submission deadline
- 3/21 PSA Open Images are collected this month
- 3/28 George W. Glennie judging

April 2012

- 4/1 Club Digital Images due at NECCC
- 4/4 Program: Scavenger Hunt Viewing & Scoring
- 4/15 Deadline to submit digital images for 4/18 competition
- 4/18 Scavenger Hunt Results
- 4/18 Competitions
 - Digital Competition subjects “Nature” and “Open”
 - Print Competition Subject “Massachusetts Travel”
- 4/18 “Photo-Travel” images collected for club PSA competition

May 2012

- 5/2 Program: Iceland by Bob Cooke & India by Linda Gilberti
- 5/13 Deadline to submit digital images for 5/16 competition
- 5/15 Quad Club Competition
- 5/16 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects “Sculpted” and “Open”
 - Print Competition subject “Open”

June 2012

- 6/6 Program: “Fifth Image” Marika Barnett will show us how from 4 identical images, she creates a 5th one. When she is lucky, you can’t recognize the original.
- 6/20 Banquet
 - Award Presentation
 - “Wonders of Yellowstone and Grand Tetons”, images from AVCC trip Sept 2011.

July 2012

- 7/13-15 NECCC 67th Conference at UMass Amherst

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday night's meeting will start at 7:30

Photo Ops Day at Greater Lynn Photographic Association

564 Boston Street Lynn, MA 01905
Saturday, February 11, 10 A.M.–3 P.M.

Got the winter blahs? Cure them by spending the Saturday, February 11, at GLPA taking advantage of the photo opportunities (AKA Photo Ops) available to you. There will be still-life setups—regular and black light, Shiv Verma's polarized light setup, and glassware. For models, there will be two long-haired chihuahuas who love to pose. There will also be a couple of children at various times during the day.

Some of the setups will work best with a macro lens. But don't let your lack of a macro keep you from coming. You may also want to bring a tripod for the nonmodel setups. Models will be lit with strobe triggered by Pocket Wizards. If you own a Sony camera, you'll need the special Sony hot shoe adapter.

The cost for the day is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Please see Chris Germain or Barbara Rozavsky at club or e-mail barb.photo@comcast.net to register to give us a sense of how many people may attend. You can also register at the door. Visit our Web site at www.greaterylynphoto.org to get directions to the club.

The Nature Workshops Update

Mongolia

We have recently added our second trip to Asia, in June, 2013. Beth Ruggiero, who planned our very successful trip to China in 2011, has again used her Asian expertise to plan another exciting adventure to Mongolia. This land of mountain lakes, grassy steppes, and the Gobi Desert was then ancient home of Genghis Kahn. Ron York will be the group leader. See <http://www.natureworkshops.com/mongolia.htm> for all the details.

Lake Clark National Park, AK - Silver Salmon Creek Lodge

If photographing Alaskan coastal grizzlies (brown bears) is your goal, this is the trip for you. SSCL offers a unique opportunity to safely get closer to these giant animals than you would have ever imagined. Years of coexisting have made this possible. We observe and photograph bears being bears, mothers interacting and nursing cubs, cubs playing with each other, and bears feeding on grasses and abundant salmon in the stream. The slivers will be running and the action will be nonstop. This trip is scheduled for Aug, 2013 and is limited to only 5 participants, due to lodge restrictions. See <http://www.natureworkshops.com/lake%20clark.htm> for more info.

I am also working on two additional and different trips to Alaska for 2013. Hopefully it will be all worked out within a few months.

Photoshop and Digital Printing

We have recently updated our computer lab with new computers. We have also recently lowered the price of this workshop. I know that many people are lacking in these skills, so it seems like an ideal time to join us. We are scheduled in early May this year, a great time to visit the Midwest. Check out the details at http://www.natureworkshops.com/digital_series10.htm

We also have many other outstanding workshops scheduled for 2012. Check our web page www.natureworkshops.com for all the details.

Norm Eggert Photography

I just wanted to remind you of two classes that I will be teaching at WAM start next week.

Photographing People Naturally starts on Thursday February 2nd and Outdoor and Nature Photography starts on Sunday February 5th. They are both 8 week classes and both run from 1 to 4 PM.

To register or for more details go to: <http://www.worcesterart.org/> or contact me.

Norm

Norm Eggert Photography

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The Greater Lynn model shoot season

They start at 10AM. The price for photographing 6 beautiful models and a guy....and maybe a child for 5 hours with professional lighting set ups is only \$10- for GLPA members and \$15- for non-members. Please bring some 8X10 images from past shoots and do make some prints for the models. That is why they come to the shoots. The model shoot days for the season are:

Jan 15th

Mar 4th

Apr 16th

Please park behind the club in our parking lot.

Quad Club Subjects 2011-2012

1. Bottle(s)
2. Cemetery
3. Chair(s) or Seat(s)
4. Color Purple
5. Food Preparation
6. Kid(s) at Play
7. Leg(s)
8. Low Light
9. Musical Instrument(s)
10. Old Machinery

For 2012 Quad Club eligibility the image must be taken April 1 2011 or later; so, you can start taking pictures now. We encourage creativity; therefore it is entirely up to the maker what content meets the topic.

NECCC Fall Pictorial Electronic Competition Results

Class B

<i>Title</i>	<i>Maker</i>	<i>Score</i>
Osprey Delight	Debrale Murphy	20
Here's Looking at You	Marty Paulausky	22 Honorable Mention
Leopard Gecko	Todd Mmathieson	22 Honorable Mention
Oxbow Bend Vista	Tony Monteiro	22 Honorable Mention

Total 86

We placed 1st out of 26 clubs!!

NECCC Fall Nature Electronic Competition Results

Class B

<i>Title</i>	<i>Maker</i>	<i>Score</i>
Winding Thru Yellowstone	Dave Reynard	20
Sanibel Snowy Egret	Drew Simmons	21
Red Squirrel	Paul Weisbach	25 3rd Place
Great Blue Heron with Snake	Cathy Simmons	26 1st Place

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AVCC COMPETITIONS

Online Digital Submission for Competition:

The submission process introduced last season was a great success. It significantly streamlined the process and more importantly made life easier on Tony who spends a great deal of time receiving and organizing our submissions. We should all thank Charlie Burke for his hard work. We will be using this system again this month.

Digital Contests – This year we are continuing to focus on Digital competition. Every month we will have two Digital competitions, one open and one assigned. We will be using the same class system we used last year, Class B, A, and adding AA.

Images should have a maximum resolution of 1024 wide by 768 high. The full digital file requirements and a acceptable media information are available on the club web page
<http://www.assabetvalleycameraclub.org/id58.html>

Print competitions – This year we are continuing with three classes, **Bronze**, **Silver**, and the **Gold** class. This year we'll continue to have one print competition a month and will have assigned subjects every other month. Detailed Digital and Print Competition Rules are available on the club web page
<http://www.assabetvalleycameraclub.org/id56.html>

Assabet Valley Camera Club Contest Themes for 2011 - 2012

- Every month we will have a print and two digital competitions.

	Print	Digital: Assigned	Digital
Sept	Open	Assigned: Kid(s) at Play	Open
Oct	Open	Nature	Open
Nov	Nature	Assigned: Bottle(s)	Open
Dec	Assigned: Old Machinery	Nature	Open
Jan	Open	Assigned: Spoke(s)	Open
Feb	Open	Nature	Open
Mar	Nature	Assigned: Close Up	Open
Apr	Assigned: Massachusetts Travel	Nature	Open
May	Open	Assigned: Sculpted	Open

Make-ups: If you miss a print or digital competition you can make it up once per club year at the next competition.

The PSA definition of travel photography

"A photo travel photograph must express the feeling of a time and place, portray a land, its people, or a culture in its natural state, and has no geographical limitations. Ultra close-ups which lose their identity, studio type model shots or photographic manipulations which misrepresent the true situation or alter the content of the image are unacceptable in Photo Travel competition."

Jan. '12 Print Competition - Open

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
GOLD			
Dragonfly Atop Loosestrife	Cathy Simmons	25	1st
Old Sturbridge Sleigh Ride	Doris Monteiro	24	2nd
Smiling Frog	Sue Abrahamsen	23	3rd
Natural Bonzai	Bob Cooke	23	3rd
Wyoming Reflection	Tony Monteiro	22	
The Colors of India	Linda Gilberti	18	
SILVER			
Geyser Reflection	Marty Paulausky	25	1st
Baby Owlets	Debrale Murphy	23	2nd
All Four Legs Off the Ground	Arnie Schneider	21	3rd
Grazing Bison	Linda Shelales	21	3rd
Sunflowers	Dave Morin	21	3rd
Willet #3	Drew Simmons	19	
Pemaquid Pt. Close-up	Maureen Mathieson	19	
BRONZE			
Yellow Rose	John Gill	25	1st
Pelican Twins	Barbara Huntley	24	2nd
Saw Whet Owl	Ginny Harris	23	3rd
Ice Cubes in Black Light	Ken Roth	23	3rd
Splash	Leigh Grundy	22	
Moore State Park	Stephanie Gill	22	
The Mees Family	John Sahagian	21	
Yolanda on Her Wedding Night	Michael Doucette	20	

Images Highlighted are Eligible for the Quad-Club Competition

PRINT SUMMARY 2011-2012

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	Old Mach.	Open	Open	Nature	Mass. Travel	Open	TOTAL
Bob Cooke	24	26	28	20	23	0	0	0	0	121
Cathy Simmons	24	25	25	21	25	0	0	0	0	120
Sue Abrahamsen	21	20	26	26	23	0	0	0	0	116
Doris Monteiro	24	21	25	22	24	0	0	0	0	116
Tony Monteiro	27	20	22	23	22	0	0	0	0	114
Linda Gilberti	23	19	24	20	18	0	0	0	0	104
Todd Mathieson	21	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Paul Weisbach	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	Old Mach.	Open	Open	Nature	Mass. Travel	Open	
Debrale Murphy	26	24	27	23	23	0	0	0	0	123
Dave Morin	24	21	25	25	21	0	0	0	0	116
Marty Paulausky	23	24	21	23	25	0	0	0	0	116
Drew Simmons	26	24	24	21	19	0	0	0	0	114
Linda Shelales	24	21	23	25	21	0	0	0	0	114
Arnie Schneider	23	22	23	22	21	0	0	0	0	111
Maureen Mathieson	20	19	20	0	19	0	0	0	0	78
Murray Drobnis	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	Old Mach.	Open	Open	Nature	Mass. Travel	Open	
Barbara Huntley	26	25	23	24	24	0	0	0	0	122
Leigh Grundy	21	26	22	22	22	0	0	0	0	113
Ginny Harris	21	24	23	20	23	0	0	0	0	111
John Sahagian	23	22	21	22	21	0	0	0	0	109
John Gill	22	24	0	24	25	0	0	0	0	95
Art Phipps	20	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Ken Roth	0	21	0	23	23	0	0	0	0	67
Debbie Milliken	26	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Michael Doucette	0	0	0	22	20	0	0	0	0	42
Stephanie Gill	0	0	0	19	22	0	0	0	0	41
Trudy Drobnis	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Bonnie Donovan	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Steve Huntley	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22

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

Jan. '12 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Red Lacewing Butterfly	Todd Mathieson	23	1st
Quack Quack	Cathy Simmons	23	1st
The Big Spill	Doris Monteiro	22	2nd
Early Morning at Mormons Row	Tony Monteiro	21	3rd
Do You See What I See	Drew Simmons	21	3rd
Bryce Canyon View	Linda Shelales	20	
Tangle Falls	Sue Abrahamsen	18	
CLASS A			
Dash #2	Jay Solomon	23	1st
Red Bellied Woodpecker	Debrale Murphy	23	1st
Lionfish	Leigh Grundy	22	2nd
Abby, Amelia, and Friend	Dave Reynard	22	2nd
Green Lump Frog	Maureen Mathieson	21	3rd
Roses and Pearls	Dean Giolas	21	3rd
Moving Wall	Marty Paulausky	19	
Taj Mahal in the Morning Mist	Linda Gilberti	18	
CLASS B			
Kewtsie	Gary Karagosian	24	1st
Roses and Reflection	Ken Roth	23	2nd
A head Above the Rest	Stephanie Gill	23	2nd
Halloween Snow	Todd Palmer	23	2nd
Jumping for Joy	Barbara Huntley	22	3rd
Powder Puff	John Gill	22	3rd
Ice House at Steele Farm Boxboro	Ginny Harris	21	
Ghost Town Taxi	Bob Cooke	20	
Macau After Dark	Matt Lucarelli	20	
Colonial Farmer	Steve Kreth	19	
Gazing Globe	Marika Roth	19	
Kayaks	Dave Morin	19	
Keeping Up the Heat	Michael Doucette	19	
Water Droplets on Glass	Judy Lang	17	
Wasp	Jim Quinn	16	

Jan. '12 Digital Competition - Spokes			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Spare Tire on Fire	Todd Mathieson	23	1st
Red Wheel Rods	Tony Monteiro	22	2nd
Old Wagon	Doris Monteiro	22	2nd
Ships Wheel at Newburyport	Cathy Simmons	21	3rd
Umbrella Spokes Thailand	Sue Abrahamsen	20	
Made in USA	Drew Simmons	20	
Rusty Dusty OI Wheel	Linda Shelales	19	
CLASS A			
Ferris Wheel at Night	Jay Solomon	22	1st
Red Spokes	Maureen Mathieson	21	2nd
Fancy Spokes	Debrale Murphy	21	2nd
Black and Gold	Linda Gilberti	21	2nd
Spoke and Wheel	Marty Paulausky	20	3rd
Rustic Wheel	Dave Reynard	20	3rd
Little Girl Big Wheel	Dean Giolas	19	
Spokes of Light	Leigh Grundy	15	
CLASS B			
At the Grist Mill	Stephanie Gill	23	1st
Cannon at Castillo San Marcos	Marika Roth	21	2nd
Carding Machine Close Up	Todd Palmer	20	3rd
Flower Pedal	John Gill	20	3rd
Grist Mill Spokes During Rain	Ginny Harris	20	3rd
Model A Spokes	Jim Quinn	20	3rd
Waterwheel Spokes	Barbara Huntley	20	3rd
Where She Stops Nobody Knows	Michael Doucette	20	3rd
Motorcycle Spokes	Steve Kreth	19	
Sudburys Old Grist Mill	Ken Roth	19	
Walking the Bike	Dave Morin	19	
Ancient Spokes	Gary Karagosian	18	
Old Spokes Boneyard	Bob Cooke	18	
Grist Mill	Judy Lang	16	
Recycling Extremist	Matt Lucarelli	16	

Make-Up for Dec. 2011 - Nature			
Foggy Morning in Maine	Dave Morin	24	

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2011-2012

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	
Cathy Simmons	24	21	23	27	27	26	24	25	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241
Tony Monteiro	23	27	28	23	27	22	22	25	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Todd Mathieson	21	23	25	25	25	26	25	24	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Doris Monteiro	23	27	21	25	26	22	24	25	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237
Sue Abrahamsen	24	23	21	22	24	27	27	22	18	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	228
Drew Simmons	21	20	25	26	23	23	22	22	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	223
Linda Shelales	21	24	19	19	23	23	22	25	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215
Karen Carroll	23	24	22	21	22	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138
Paul Weisbach	26	0	26	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
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	
Debrale Murphy	23	23	27	26	26	25	25	20	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	239
Dave Reynard	23	21	24	25	23	25	24	22	22	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	229
Marty Paulausky	24	24	23	23	25	21	25	22	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	226
Jay Solomon	23	23	21	23	23	20	21	22	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221
Maureen Mathieson	20	20	22	22	26	23	21	22	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	218
Leigh Grundy	21	23	20	20	27	25	23	20	22	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216
Dean Giolas	27	20	19	22	20	21	20	21	21	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	210
Linda Gilberti	21	21	19	21	22	21	22	22	18	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208
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	
Dave Morin	21	24	22	24	25	23	21	24	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	222
Barbara Huntley	21	18	23	22	24	23	22	22	22	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	217
Ken Roth	24	23	20	20	23	22	21	21	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216
Matt Lucarelli	21	27	23	17	22	26	22	21	20	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215
Ginny Harris	23	24	21	22	22	21	19	22	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215
Jim Quinn	21	21	22	21	23	21	20	23	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	208
Bob Cooke	21	21	21	20	20	21	21	20	20	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203
Gary Karagosian	20	20	19	20	22	0	24	22	24	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
Judy Lang	21	23	20	9	22	21	20	18	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Marika Roth	22	21	21	18	22	22	20	0	19	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	186
Debbie Milliken	21	23	21	21	25	25	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Steve Kreth	22	0	23	22	21	12	23	22	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	183
Todd Palmer	20	22	23	22	0	0	26	24	23	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180
Jill Lockwood	24	20	21	21	23	22	20	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
John Gill	24	0	23	0	26	0	23	24	22	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162
Stephanie Gill	23	0	19	0	24	0	22	24	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
Michael Doucette	0	0	0	0	25	0	18	0	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Harold Edelstein	0	21	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Maureen Morrison	0	0	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39

Camera Clubs and Web sites

Assabet Valley Camera Club: <http://assabetvalleycameraclub.org/>

Gateway Camera Club <http://gatewaycameraclub.org>

SVNP: <http://svnp.homestead.com>

Greater Lynn: <http://greaterlynnphoto.org>

The Camera Club of Fitchburg has changed it's name to Camera Club of Central New England. Our web site is now at: <http://www.ccocne.org>

Boston West Photographic Society: (www.bwps.org)

Center for New Age Photography in Lawrence: a studio with all kinds of props. Anyone can rent it by the hour. Group Rates. Check out their web site; <http://www.cfnap.com/>

Merrimac Valley Camera Club- www.mvcameraclub.org check out their web site..., it has some great photos and news

FOR FREE:

Kodak Carousel projector, and 12 trays (140 cap). - John Gill

If anyone has any photo equipment that they wish to sell, please notify me and I will put it in the newsletter.