



Focal Point

January 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/>

January 4th at 7:30pm

Program: "The Best of NECCC Prints" by Art Vaughn

January 18th at 7:30pm

Competitions: Digital Competition on the subjects "Spoke(s)", and "Open"; Print Competition subject "Open"

Wednesday night's meeting will start at 7:30

Programs, Field trips & Competitions

January 2012

- 1/4 Program: "The Best of NECCC Prints" presented by Art Vaughn
- 1/7 Photo Ops, formerly Hi Jinx
- 1/15 Deadline to submit digital images for 1/18 competition
- 1/18 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Spoke(s)" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"
- 1/18 "Photo-Travel" images collected for club PSA competition.
- 1/18 "Open" images collected for club PSA competition.

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

Note: This Calendar is subject to change. Field trips to be added throughout the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEDNESDAY'S MEETING: "The Best of NECCC" by Art Vaughn

A Great Loss

Marlborough

John Sahagian Jr., 49, died Saturday morning after a short period of failing health. He was born in Framingham, the son of John Sr. and Patricia (Donahue) Sahagian of Marlborough, and lived most of his life in Marlborough and Cape Cod. John attended Marlborough public schools and was employed as a mechanic, formerly working at Wayside Ford in Marlborough and Colonial Dodge in Hudson, and lastly operating his own mechanic business on Cape Cod. He was a member of the Italian American War Veterans post #45 of Marlborough and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3565 of Marlborough. John was an avid fisherman and had a long time passion for photography. Besides his parents he is survived by 1 brother; Matthew Sahagian of Marlborough, 2 sisters; Eileen Colburn of Ayer, Maggie Sahagian of Daytona Beach Fla., and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Family and friends are invited to gather in John's memory on Friday evening 5-8 p.m. at the William R. Short and Son Funeral Home (www.shortfuneral.com), 95 West Main St. Marlborough. Funeral services and burial will be private.

The Nikon School (a note from Bob Cooke)

The Nikon School is coming to Boston on January 7 and 8. The first class on Saturday, January 7, costs \$129.00 and is meant for less advanced photographers who want to enhance their skills, an introduction to digital SLR" photography. The one-day class (with lunch) covers an introduction to ISO (formerly film speed) creative use of exposure controls, autofocus options, flash, resolution, all the buttons and dials on the camera, histograms, jpeg vs. raw, exposure modes, white balance, lens choice, etc.

The second class (which is the one I've signed up for) is on Sunday, January 8, is "Next Steps: color, light technology, to take your DSLR photography to a higher level, both creatively and technically." The cost of this day-long class (lunch included) is \$159.00. Topics covered include color management from camera to print, making the most of few filters, storytelling and slide show creation, how to make the most of RAW images, and much, much more.

The instructors are experts hired by Nikon for the purpose, people with long and deep experience. I don't know any of them, however. As I mentioned above, I'm going to the second session, the Sunday class on January 8. I will be glad to take along any passengers who dare to ride with me. Anyone who wants to participate and learn can register by calling Nikon at 631-547-8666, 631-547-8666, or via snail-mail or e-mail (Nikonschool.com/teach). If you want a ride, please let me know, and we'll arrange it.

I've attended such teaching session in the past (but not the Nikon School) and have found it very useful). I asked Nikon whether there is room left in the Saturday session, and the answer was yes. By

the way, I'm not an agent for Nikon -- I'm still struggling to learn the in's, outs and arts of photography, and this offers a nearby opportunity.

Bob Cooke

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.

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."

Dec. '11 Print Competition - Old Machinery

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
GOLD			
Old Treadle Machine	Sue Abrahamsen	26	1st
1941 Ford 1 Ton Pickup	Tony Monteiro	23	2nd
Wood Carding Machine	Doris Monteiro	22	3rd
Old, Rusty, Thing-a-na-jig	Cathy Simmons	21	
Rube Goldberg's Bad Dream	Bob Cooke	20	
Timeless in New Hampshire	Linda Gilberti	20	
SILVER			
Old Farm Equipment in Morning Sun	Dave Morin	25	1st
Wooden Wheel	Linda Shelales	25	1st
Airplane Engine	Marty Paulausky	23	2nd
Family Farm Machinery in PEI	Debrale Murphy	23	2nd
Amish Early Farm Prep	Arnie Schneider	22	3rd
Out-of-Service	Drew Simmons	21	
BRONZE			
Carriage Clock Art	Barbara Huntley	24	1st
Red-Light	John Gill	24	1st
Very Old Tractor	Ken Roth	23	2nd
Tractor Wheel	Leigh Grundy	22	3rd
Retired Harrow	John Sahagian	22	3rd
Number 40 on the Move	Michael Doucette	22	3rd
Old Plough, Steele Farm, Boxboro	Ginny Harris	20	
At the Corn Harvest	Stephanie Gill	19	

PRINT SUMMARY 2011-2012

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
<u>GOLD</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Old Mach.	Open	Open	Nature	Mass. Travel	Open	TOTAL
Bob Cooke	24	26	28	20	0	0	0	0	0	98
Cathy Simmons	24	25	25	21	0	0	0	0	0	95
Sue Abrahamsen	21	20	26	26	0	0	0	0	0	93
Doris Monteiro	24	21	25	22	0	0	0	0	0	92
Tony Monteiro	27	20	22	23	0	0	0	0	0	92
Linda Gilberti	23	19	24	20	0	0	0	0	0	86
Todd Mathieson	21	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Paul Weisbach	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
<u>SILVER</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Old Mach.	Open	Open	Nature	Mass. Travel	Open	
Debrale Murphy	26	24	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	100
Drew Simmons	26	24	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	95
Dave Morin	24	21	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	95
Linda Shelales	24	21	23	25	0	0	0	0	0	93
Marty Paulausky	23	24	21	23	0	0	0	0	0	91
Arnie Schneider	23	22	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	90
Maureen Mathieson	20	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Murray Drobnis	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
<u>BRONZE</u>	Open	Open	Nature	Old Mach.	Open	Open	Nature	Mass. Travel	Open	
Barbara Huntley	26	25	23	24	0	0	0	0	0	98
Leigh Grundy	21	26	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	91
Ginny Harris	21	24	23	20	0	0	0	0	0	88
John Sahagian	23	22	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	88
Art Phipps	20	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
John Gill	22	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	70
Debbie Milliken	26	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Ken Roth	0	21	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	44
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
Michael Doucette	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	22
Stephanie Gill	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	19

Dec. '11 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Orange and Yellow Tulip	Sue Abrahamsen	27	1st
It's a Swallowtail	Todd Mathieson	25	2nd
Joy to the World	Doris Monteiro	24	3rd
Red Winged Blackbird Feeding on Seeds	Cathy Simmons	24	3rd
Muscavy Duck	Linda Shelales	22	
Plum Island Yellow Warbler	Drew Simmons	22	
There They Blow	Tony Monteiro	22	
CLASS A			
Owlets Are You My Mommy	Debrale Murphy	25	1st
Pretty Girl is Like a Melody	Marty Paulausky	25	1st
Wyoming Reflections	Dave Reynard	24	2nd
Red Headed Girl	Leigh Grundy	23	3rd
The Colors of the Ganges	Linda Gilberti	22	
Don't Call Me Dinner	Jay Solomon	21	
Merry Christmas Susan	Maureen Mathieson	21	
Keys Please Daddy	Dean Giolas	20	
CLASS B			
The Tetons From Willow Flats Overlook	Todd Palmer	26	1st
Natalie	Gary Karagosian	24	2nd
Rainbow Balloon	Debbie Milliken	24	2nd
Sharing the Moment	John Gill	23	3rd
The Pottery Maker	Steve Kreth	23	3rd
Hong Kong Laser Show	Matt Lucarelli	22	
Mormon Row Barn #1	Barbara Huntley	22	
Flower at Tower Hill	Stephanie Gill	22	
Coastal California	Bob Cooke	21	
Jumping Carp	Dave Morin	21	
Weatherbeaten House	Ken Roth	21	
Bob Plays Guitar	Judy Lang	20	
Costa Rican Boy With Sloth	Marika Roth	20	
Splish Splash	Jill Lockwood	20	
The Color Yellow	Jim Quinn	20	
Acton Town Hall	Ginny Harris	19	
Aiding a Fallen Redcoat	Michael Doucette	18	
Make-Up for Nov. 2011 - OPEN			
Mother and Baby	Linda Gilberti	22	

Dec. '11 Digital Competition - Nature			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Feeding Time at Wacodahatchee	Tony Monteiro	25	1st
Great Blue with Snake No. 2	Cathy Simmons	25	1st
Teepee Formations	Linda Shelales	25	1st
Heron Fishing	Doris Monteiro	25	1st
Heron in Breeding Plumage	Todd Mathieson	24	2nd
Black and White Butterfly	Sue Abrahamsen	22	3rd
Sanibal Ibis	Drew Simmons	22	3rd
CLASS A			
Rhino in Nepal	Linda Gilberti	22	1st
At Rest and on the Move	Marty Paulausky	22	1st
Autumn at Oxbow Bend	Dave Reynard	22	1st
Clipper	Maureen Mathieson	22	1st
Smiling Lion	Jay Solomon	22	1st
Heron Taking Flight	Dean Giolas	21	2nd
Natures' Majesty	Leigh Grundy	20	3rd
Red Bellied Wood Pecker	Debrale Murphy	20	3rd
CLASS B			
Yellowstone Black Bear	Debbie Milliken	25	1st
Glacial Pothole	Stephanie Gill	24	2nd
Hidden Falls	Todd Palmer	24	2nd
Siesta Key Sunset	John Gill	24	2nd
Mom & Babies	Jill Lockwood	23	3rd
Seals In Chatham	Jim Quinn	23	3rd
Red Dusk on Cape Cod	Steve Kreth	22	
Schwabacher Landing	Barbara Huntley	22	
House Finch in Snow Storm	Ginny Harris	22	
Great Blue	Gary Karagosian	22	
Sedona Lizard	Ken Roth	21	
Shadows of the Day	Matt Lucarelli	21	
Amorous Elk Advertising	Bob Cooke	20	
Yellow Reflections	Judy Lang	18	
Make-Up for Nov. 2011 - Bottles			
Perfume Bottles	Linda Gilberti	21	

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	
Tony Monteiro	23	27	28	23	27	22	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197
Cathy Simmons	24	21	23	27	27	26	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	197
Todd Mathieson	21	23	25	25	25	26	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194
Doris Monteiro	23	27	21	25	26	22	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
Sue Abrahamsen	24	23	21	22	24	27	27	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190
Drew Simmons	21	20	25	26	23	23	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182
Linda Shelales	21	24	19	19	23	23	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	195
Dave Reynard	23	21	24	25	23	25	24	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Marty Paulausky	24	24	23	23	25	21	25	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Leigh Grundy	21	23	20	20	27	25	23	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
Jay Solomon	23	23	21	23	23	20	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
Maureen Mathieson	20	20	22	22	26	23	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
Dean Giolas	27	20	19	22	20	21	20	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170
Linda Gilberti	21	21	19	21	22	21	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169
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	
Debbie Milliken	21	23	21	21	25	25	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Matt Lucarelli	21	27	23	17	22	26	22	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
Barbara Huntley	21	18	23	22	24	23	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175
Ginny Harris	23	24	21	22	22	21	19	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
Ken Roth	24	23	20	20	23	22	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
Jill Lockwood	24	20	21	21	23	22	20	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
Jim Quinn	21	21	22	21	23	21	20	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
Bob Cooke	21	21	21	20	20	21	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165
Dave Morin	21	24	22	24	25	23	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160
Judy Lang	21	23	20	9	22	21	20	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154
Gary Karagosian	20	20	19	20	22	0	24	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147
Marika Roth	22	21	21	18	22	22	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146
Steve Kreth	22	0	23	22	21	12	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145
Todd Palmer	20	22	23	22	0	0	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137
John Gill	24	0	23	0	26	0	23	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Stephanie Gill	23	0	19	0	24	0	22	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Harold Edelstein	0	21	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Michael Doucette	0	0	0	0	25	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
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.cocne.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 SALE:

- Tiffen – 72mm Circular Polarizer \$50 – Email giolas@charter.net

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