



Focal Point

October 2011

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.

November 2nd at 7:30pm

Program: "Cuba" by William Barnett

November 16th at 7:30pm

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

Wednesday night's meeting will start at 7:30

Programs, Field trips & Competitions

November 2011

- 11/2 Program: "Cuba" by William Barnett
- 11/3 Individual Registration for print exhibition that AVCC co-sponsor with the Hudson Arts Alliance Photo Show held at Citizen's Bank. Artwork Drop-off is 9-11 am on 11/5. Reception 11/10. Pick-up 12/10.
- 11/13 Deadline to submit digital images for 11/16 competition
- 11/16 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Bottle(s)" and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Nature"
- 11/16 "Open" images collected for club PSA competition.

December 2011

- 12/7 Program: "Infrared Photography" by Ron Rosenstock
- 12/18 Deadline to submit digital images for 12/21 competition
- 12/21 Christmas Banquet and Competitions
 - Digital Competition subjects "Nature" and "Open"

- Print Competition subject “Old Machinery”

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: TBA
- 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: TBA
- 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: TBA
- 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: TBA
- 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:

Sorry for the late and somewhat haphazard newsletter. I only got power back a few hours ago.

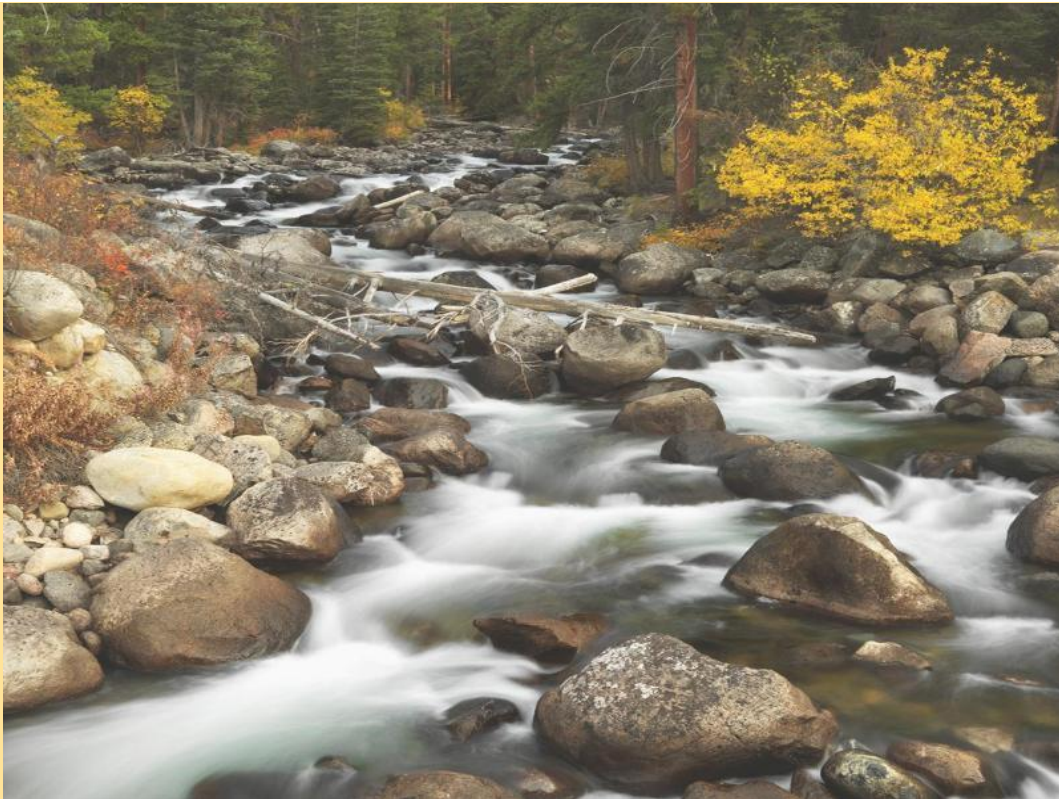
Photography Exhibit

Exhibit on view at Citizens Bank November 9 through December 9

Register by November 3

Drop-Off November 5, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Click [here](#) to download a registration form.



Citizens Bank

17 Pope Street, Hudson

Come meet the photographers!

The public is invited to attend the opening reception for the photographers on:

Thursday, November 10

5:30-7:00 pm

978-562-1646 978-562-1646

upwitharts.org

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:

Nov 6th
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: Spokes	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."

Oct. '11 Print Competition - Open

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
GOLD			
Desert Glory	Bob Cooke	26	1st
Eagle Owl	Cathy Simmons	25	2nd
Goldfinch on Primrose Seed Head	Paul Weisbach	23	3rd
Ant on Pooh Dahlia	Doris Monteiro	21	
American Copper	Todd Mathieson	20	
Colorful Couple	Tony Monteiro	20	
Cacti at Majorelle Gardnes	Sue Abrahamsen	20	
Genesee River Gorge	Linda Gilberti	19	
SILVER			
Peacock Display	Debrale Murphy	24	1st
Dragonfly on Snapped Stick	Drew Simmons	24	1st
Geyser Basin	Marty Paulausky	24	1st
Nuthatch (Eating)	Arnie Schneider	22	2nd
Bridge and Fog	Dave Morin	21	3rd
Balance Rock, UT	Linda Shelales	21	3rd
Pemaquid Point Light	Maureen Mathieson	19	
BRONZE			
Red	Leigh Grundy	26	1st
New Zealand	Art Phipps	26	1st
Osprey Landing #2	Barbara Huntley	25	2nd
Parrots	John Gill	24	3rd
Thoreau Hut Replica	Ginny Harris	24	3rd
Trouble	John Sahagian	22	
Tower in the Clouds	Bonnie Donovan	22	
Waterlily	Steve Huntley	22	
Red Sunrise at Falgler Beach	Ken Roth	21	
Balloon w/Hearts	Debbie Milliken	21	
<u>Make-Up for Sep. 2011</u>			
House in Marblehead	John Gill	22	

PRINT SUMMARY 2011-2012										
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	B & W	Open	Open	Nature	Patterns	Open	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	27	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Bob Cooke	24	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Cathy Simmons	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Tony Monteiro	27	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Doris Monteiro	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Linda Gilberti	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Todd Mathieson	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Sue Abrahamsen	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	Reflection	Open	Open	Nature	Sequences	Open	
Drew Simmons	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Debrale Murphy	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Marty Paulausky	23	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Linda Shelales	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Dave Morin	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Arnie Schneider	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Maureen Mathieson	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Murray Drobnis	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	Reflection	Open	Open	Nature	Sequences	Open	
Barbara Huntley	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Debbie Milliken	26	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Leigh Grundy	21	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Art Phipps	20	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
John Gill	22	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
John Sahagian	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Ginny Harris	21	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
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
Ken Roth	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21

Oct. '11 Digital Competition - OPEN			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Oxbow Bend Vista	Tony Monteiro	28	1st
Tufted Titmouse	Paul Weisbach	26	2nd
Leopard Gecko	Todd Mathieson	25	3rd
Owl in Driveway	Drew Simmons	25	3rd
Deer with Apple	Cathy Simmons	23	
Orange Fizz	Karen Carroll	22	
Yellow Boat	Doris Monteiro	21	
Banff Springs Hotel	Sue Abrahamsen	21	
Night Reflections	Linda Shelales	19	
CLASS A			
Osprey Delight	Debrale Murphy	27	1st
Early Morning in Yellowstone	Dave Reynard	24	2nd
Here's Looking at You	Marty Paulausky	23	3rd
Balloon Reflections	Maureen Mathieson	22	
Monkey Bars	Jay Solomon	21	
Everything is Glass	Leigh Grundy	20	
Evergreen in Glass	Linda Gilberti	19	
Autumn Flowers	Dean Giolas	19	
CLASS B			
Harper Center	Todd Palmer	23	1st
Monastery Tree on Island of Corfu	Steve Kreth	23	1st
Water Lily	John Gill	23	1st
Yellowstone Biscuit Basin Beauty	Barbara Huntley	23	1st
Black Light Ice Cubes	Jim Quinn	22	2nd
Friends	Dave Morin	22	2nd
Hadley	Jill Lockwood	21	3rd
James	Debbie Milliken	21	3rd
Monseur Le Moose	Bob Cooke	21	3rd
Phyllis Wheatley Poet	Marika Roth	21	3rd
Semi Palmated Sandpipers	Ginny Harris	21	3rd
Three Balloons	Judy Lang	20	
The Glass Ceiling	Maureen Morrison	20	
Young Fisherman Enjoying a Bud	Ken Roth	20	
Just Clowning Around	Gary Karagosian	19	
Mama Feed Me	Harold Edelstein	19	
Petersham Sunrise	Stephanie Gill	19	
Make-Up for Sep. 2011 - OPEN			
Aruba Iguana	John Gill	24	
Dahlias	Stephanie Gill	23	
Lost in Time	Marika Roth	22	
Chicago Stariway	Todd Palmer	20	
Asleep at the Station	Gary Karagosian	20	

Oct. '11 Digital Competition - NATURE			
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
CLASS AA			
Red Squirrel	Paul Weisbach	28	1st
Great Blue Heron With Snake	Cathy Simmons	27	2nd
Sanibel Snowy Egret	Drew Simmons	26	3rd
Flamingo	Doris Monteiro	25	
Cormorant Profile #2	Todd Mathieson	25	
Up Close and Personal	Tony Monteiro	23	
Columbia Ground Squirrel	Sue Abrahamsen	22	
New Hampshire Birch Trees	Karen Carroll	21	
Meee & My Shaaadow	Linda Shelales	19	
CLASS A			
Puffin Ballet	Debrale Murphy	26	1st
Winding Thru Yellowstone	Dave Reynard	25	2nd
Parrot in Flight	Jay Solomon	23	3rd
In Hot Pursuit	Marty Paulausky	23	3rd
Feeding Frenzy	Maureen Mathieson	22	
Heron on the Look Out	Dean Giolas	22	
Everybody in the Pool	Linda Gilberti	21	
Even Mushrooms Like the Beach	Leigh Grundy	20	
CLASS B			
Tern Strike #3	Dave Morin	24	1st
Along Came a Spider	Steve Kreth	22	2nd
Hanging Out in My Pad	Ginny Harris	22	2nd
Motherly Love	Barbara Huntley	22	2nd
Babbaday Falls	Todd Palmer	22	2nd
Chatham Seal	Jim Quinn	21	3rd
Grizzly Bear	Debbie Milliken	21	3rd
Mom & Babies	Jill Lockwood	21	3rd
On the Rocks	Gary Karagosian	20	
Madama La Moose	Bob Cooke	20	
Fall in Sudbury	Ken Roth	20	
Upstate Stream	Maureen Morrison	19	
Fall in the Refuge	Marike Roth	18	
Offshore Finnish Flock	Harold Edelstein	18	
Autumn Colors	Judy Lang	9	

Make-Up for Sep. 2011 - Kid(s) at Play			
Defying Gravity?	Ken Roth	23	
Kyle Catches a Wave	Todd Palmer	22	
Going My Way?	Gary Karagosian	20	

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
Doris Monteiro	23	27	21	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
Cathy Simmons	24	21	23	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Todd Mathieson	21	23	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Drew Simmons	21	20	25	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
Sue Abrahamsen	24	23	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Karen Carroll	23	24	22	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Linda Shelales	21	24	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99
Marty Paulausky	24	24	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Dave Reynard	23	21	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
Jay Solomon	23	23	21	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Dean Giolas	27	20	19	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
Leigh Grundy	21	23	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Maureen Mathieson	20	20	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Linda Gilberti	21	21	19	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
Ginny Harris	23	24	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Ken Roth	24	23	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Todd Palmer	20	22	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Jill Lockwood	24	20	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Debbie Milliken	21	23	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Jim Quinn	21	21	22	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Barbara Huntley	21	18	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Bob Cooke	21	21	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Marika Roth	22	21	21	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Gary Karagosian	20	20	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Judy Lang	21	23	20	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
Harold Edelstein	0	21	19	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Matt Lucarelli	21	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
John Gill	24	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Steve Kreth	0	0	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Stephanie Gill	23	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
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.