



Focal Point

September 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.

Meetings begin at 7:30PM

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

September 7th at 7:30pm

Program: "What I did on my Summer Vacation"

Scavenger Hunt: Guidelines & topics given out

September 21st at 7:30pm

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

Wednesday night's meeting will start at 7:30

Programs, Field trips & Competitions

September 2011

- 9/7 Program: "What I did on my summer vacation" showcases highlights of member trips or images they would like to share.
- 9/7 Scavenger Hunt: Guidelines & topics given out
- 9/18 Deadline to submit digital images for 9/21 competition
- 9/21 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects "Kid(s) at Play", and "Open"
 - Print Competition subject "Open"
- 9/21 "Open" images collected for club PSA competition
- 9/22 Individual Registration for Hudson Arts Alliance Juried Art Show held at Citizen's Bank. Artwork drop-off 9/24.

October 2011

- 10/1 Registration Deadline for NECCC Digital Competitions

- 10/5 Deadline for payment of 2011-2012 membership dues
- 10/5 Program:
 - “The Alphabet Soup of the AVCC” Maureen Mathieson explains the NECCC, PSA, Quad Club and International Competition.
 - Gadgets & Gizmos, photo processing tips & tools
- 10/16 Deadline to submit digital images for 10/19 competition
- 10/19 Competitions:
 - Digital Competition subjects “Nature“ and “Open”
 - Print Competition subject “Open”
- 10/19 “Photo-Travel” images collected for club PSA competition,
- 10/31 Club Digital Images due at NECCC

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:

Our first meeting will be on September 7th and back at the Hudson Senior Center on 29 Church St. in Hudson. We will be using the entrance at the end of the handicapped ramp on the side of the building away from the post office. I think you will enjoy seeing what has been done to the senior center.

The business meeting will start at 7:30pm. Come early and meet old and new friends and talk about the coming year.

The program will include images you would like to share with the rest of the club. The theme is "What I did on my Summer Vacation" but any images you want to share are welcome. Please bring your digital images on a Thumb drive (flash drive) or camera memory card (CD's also are acceptable) or bring prints. If you would like to share, you can bring as little as one image or up to 5 minutes for the presentation. It would be helpful if you could bring your images in by 7pm, if they need to be downloaded to computer. We will have speakers available if you have sound for the images.

So, come and share pictures or just come and enjoy others' images.

OUR WEBSITE HAS NEW LOOK:

Check it out. Our website has been reworked. If you have any comments or suggestions of any kind, send an e-mail to avcc@assabetvalleycameraclub.org.

REMINDER:

We need everybody's updated email addresses for digital submission and emailing of the newsletter. Please send your current email address to avcc@assabetvalleycameraclub.org
Thank you.

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.

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.

AVCC COMPETITIONS

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."

PRINT SUMMARY 2010-2011

	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
GOLD	Open	Open	Nature	B & W +1	Open	Open	Nature	Patterns	Open	TOTAL
Paul Weisbach	29	24	26	25	23	26	28	25	0	206
Sue Abrahamsen	22	23	24	26	26	26	25	24	0	196
Todd Mathieson	24	25	22	25	21	21	24	23	0	185
Tony Monteiro	22	25	23	23	21	25	21	24	0	184
Cathy Simmons	22	22	22	25	22	21	23	20	0	177
Bob Cooke	28	25	25	23	19	0	21	23	0	164
Linda Gilberti	20	18	22	9	20	23	20	22	0	154
Todd Palmer	24	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	47
SILVER	Open	Open	Nature	B & W +1	Open	Open	Nature	Patterns	Open	
Doris Monteiro	24	23	25	24	21	26	23	21	0	187
Marty Paulausky	23	24	21	21	23	26	19	22	0	179
Drew Simmons	23	19	22	24	19	23	22	21	0	173
Maureen Mathieson	24	19	22	22	22	20	22	22	0	173
Linda Shelales	18	25	22	24	20	25	23	0	0	157
Arnie Schneider	0	0	24	24	19	26	23	25	0	141
Debrale Murphy	23	0	24	24	21	23	0	0	0	115
Murray Drobnis	18	24	22	0	28	23	0	0	0	115
Ann DeCristofaro	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
BRONZE	Open	Open	Nature	B & W +1	Open	Open	Nature	Patterns	Open	
Dave Morin	22	25	23	24	22	24	24	23	0	187
Leigh Grundy	26	24	25	23	20	21	21	20	0	180
Barbara Huntley	20	22	21	22	22	22	21	22	0	172
John Sahagian	19	0	23	24	22	28	22	20	0	158
Trudy Drobnis	21	25	23	0	20	22	0	0	0	111
Ginny Harris	0	22	21	0	18	0	19	21	0	101
Debbie Milliken	28	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Art Phipps	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23

DIGITAL SUMMARY 2010-2011

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	
Paul Weisbach	20	23	26	25	25	22	24	24	28	23	25	29	23	24	25	24	0	0	390
Tony Monteiro	23	22	22	26	22	22	24	23	25	19	25	27	24	21	23	23	0	0	371
Karen Carroll	22	24	22	22	22	24	24	25	21	20	24	25	23	23	26	23	0	0	370
Cathy Simmons	23	20	25	25	20	23	22	24	23	19	24	26	22	23	24	22	0	0	365
Linda Shelales	18	23	24	23	23	21	25	23	19	22	24	26	22	20	23	21	0	0	357
Sue Abrahamsen	20	22	23	23	21	22	24	22	24	16	21	26	24	23	21	23	0	0	355
Todd Mathieson	19	20	23	24	20	20	23	25	19	18	25	28	21	23	24	21	0	0	353
Drew Simmons	23	19	25	25	22	21	22	23	20	18	20	24	24	21	22	22	0	0	351
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	
Doris Monteiro	23	23	21	24	21	21	24	24	24	21	23	26	24	22	21	22	0	0	364
Dean Giolas	19	22	20	22	20	23	26	24	23	21	23	23	21	24	23	23	0	0	357
Jay Solomon	24	20	22	21	24	21	22	23	23	21	21	21	23	24	23	21	0	0	354
Maureen Mathieson	22	22	22	22	20	20	22	25	24	20	23	22	23	22	21	24	0	0	354
Marty Paulausky	19	19	24	23	22	19	23	21	22	20	23	24	22	23	23	24	0	0	351
Dave Reynard	20	22	20	26	22	22	24	21	21	19	21	22	22	20	21	22	0	0	345
Linda Gilberti	20	19	22	9	20	19	23	23	23	22	20	24	24	21	21	23	0	0	333
Debrale Murphy	23	23	22	0	21	21	22	22	22	20	22	21	21	24	0	0	0	0	284
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	
Leigh Grundy	18	20	22	18	22	23	23	23	25	18	22	24	22	22	25	23	0	0	350
Jim Quinn	20	21	22	18	19	18	24	23	24	20	22	20	22	24	21	21	0	0	339
Dave Morin	20	0	22	22	21	21	24	24	21	18	25	25	19	25	21	26	0	0	334
Gary Karagosian	24	20	23	21	19	19	24	21	17	20	21	22	22	19	0	0	0	0	292
Barbara Huntley	0	0	0	21	22	23	22	22	25	21	21	22	19	19	22	21	0	0	280
Kathy Kaminski	21	23	24	20	23	21	21	22	19	19	24	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	258
Debbie Milliken	18	20	22	22	21	21	23	23	19	20	20	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	251
Bob Cooke	19	19	20	19	21	0	24	22	22	18	0	0	0	0	21	20	0	0	225
Ginny Harris	0	0	0	20	21	21	22	19	24	19	0	25	19	22	0	0	0	0	212
Chad Kaminski	16	22	22	22	0	21	23	23	19	17	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	207
Jill Lockwood	21	17	21	19	0	0	23	22	0	0	21	22	19	21	0	0	0	0	206
Robert Beauchemin	17	18	21	20	20	22	22	21	0	0	24	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
John Greelis	0	0	20	9	0	0	0	0	18	17	23	23	19	0	20	21	0	0	170
Todd Palmer	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	18	24	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
Michael Doucette	0	0	20	20	22	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	22	23	0	0	0	0	124
Chris Caissie	0	0	0	0	21	22	0	0	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Tara Sullivan	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	44
Steve Kreth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	0	0	42

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.