



Sad Puppy – from the Battle Hill Forge Photographer: Jane Rossman

Housatonic Camera Club



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Welcome ! by Dawn Dingee

The start of the Housatonic Camera Club 2015 - 2016 season is **Tuesday, September 15th**. The club meets the third Tuesday of the month from September through June; however, this year, we have to make a slight change in December. Due to a conflict with the room availability at Noble, we need to meet on the 3rd Monday in December instead of Tuesday (I will send a reminder).

This year, we will have our customary **Member Showcase** at the first meeting. So start getting your slideshows or digital images together to share with the club! The theme is *open* so you can showcase anything you want (within reason ☺) Your showcase should be limited to 5 minutes or less so we have time to fit everyone's in. If time permits, we can show more than one per member if anyone has more than one.

We have a great list of guest speakers this year beginning with Sally Delmerico at our October meeting; Ken Kurzweil at our November meeting; and Joe Meehan at our May meeting. We have many talented folks in the club who will be

presenting as well – Jeff, Birgitt, Brad and Karin. As we get closer to the dates, we will provide more information on the topics for each of our speakers.

We have two assigned topics this year – **REPETITION** and **GEOMETRIC** – be creative! We've put time into the schedule to review them in **February** and **March** so there's plenty of time to get the creative juices flowing.

We are a member of the Photographic Society of America (**PSA**) and New England Camera Club Council (**NECCC**) so we will once again participate in the Interclub competitions for both.

Several members have volunteered to take on new roles – refer to the listing of Committee Members found on page 3 of the proposed positions. They will be formally presented to the general club at our first meeting.

Let's take lots of pictures and have a good season!

Welcome to the September 2015 issue of the Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter. The following is included in this month's issue:

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

WELCOME BACK

2015-2016 Housatonic Camera Club Season

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 at 7 PM
Presenting Club Business followed by
a Member Showcase with an Open Theme*

Meetings are free and open to the public so please join us.
Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm (Community Room, Cobble Bldg)
Noble Horizons, Salisbury, CT.

**Open Theme: We generally allow up to 5 minutes per member to present their pictures in any format -- on a thumb drive, within a slideshow (with or without music), video, prints etc. Theme is open which means there is no assigned topic - anything goes.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Picture your best Summer – Noble Horizons

Noble Horizons is presenting an Amateur Photography show titled "Picture Your Best Summer" from Friday, **September 11th** through Sunday, **October 11th**; 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Opening reception is Friday, September 11th; 5-7pm. The show may be viewed weekends 11:00 – 4:00 through October 11th. Show is free and open to the public.

Connecticut Antique Machinery – Saturday, September 26th

The last of our club organized summer activities will take place on Saturday, September 26th. Jeff has done a great job coordinating these photography events throughout the summer. It just so happens that the Connecticut Antique Machinery is having their 31st annual fall event on this weekend.

Millbrook Library Show

The Millbrook Library Show ended on August 30th. If you have not picked up your photos, please remember to do so. Here are some random shots of the show taken with my iPhone...



HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2015/2016 season

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Liaison Representatives	PSA - Jane Rossman NECCC - Bert Schmitz



<https://www.psa-photo.org/>

The Photographic Society of America (PSA) is a worldwide organization for anyone interested in photography. The society include beginners, serious amateurs and professional photographers. The Housatonic Camera Club (HCC) is a member of PSA. As members, we participate in the *Projected Image* Interclub competition each year.

PSA competition entries will be due in October. More details will follow as they are available. Below is a refresher of the *rules*.

Members can submit up to two images to Lazlo to have posted on the HCC website. Make sure you size your files to no larger than **1024 pixels wide x 768 pixels tall. Vertical images must be no taller than 768 pixels.**

Files should also be saved as jpeg's and be no larger than **350k**.

The club will vote internally via the website on the dates provided. Scoring is from **1** to **10** with 10 being the highest score and 1 being the lowest score. For PSA, we select six (6) photos to submit in the *Projected Digital* category. The images with the highest scores are sent to PSA to represent the club; however, all six images must be from different photographers. So, if someone scores highest on more than one photo, only one of the photos will be sent and the next highest scoring image will be sent.



You can NEVER re-enter an image OR IMAGE NAME if that image or image name was entered in any PSA competition previously. **This includes past years.** Example – if you had entered image named SUN SET years ago and you named a different image with the same title today the image would be disqualified and also if you entered the same image with a different title, this a DQ as well. When an image is disqualified, the club receives 0 points for that image which can greatly affect our standings against the other clubs for the remainder of the season

“A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know.”

~ Diane Arbus

HCC SUMMER SOCIAL 2015

This summer, we decided to try something new – a summer filled with various club outings that would provide the opportunity for club members to meeting socially and enjoy their love of photography. Jeff did a wonderful job at coordinating these meetings – Thank you Jeff! The following club outings were scheduled:

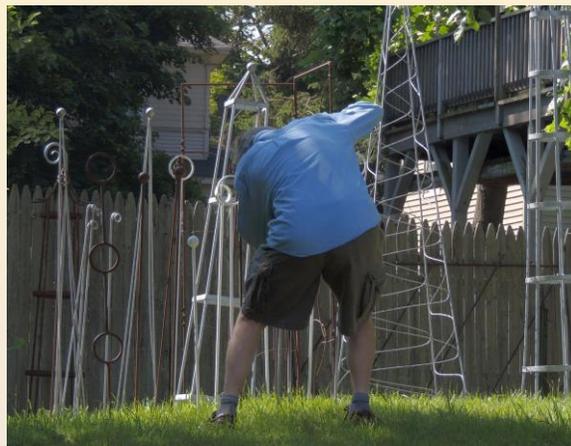
- ▶ July 11th – Battle Hill Forge in Millerton, NY
- ▶ July 18th – Hudson, NY
- ▶ August 1st – Shooting the Housatonic River
- ▶ August 8th – Kent, CT
- ▶ September 26th – Antique Machinery Fair and Sloane Museum, Kent, CT

Below are some pictures from various members of the club who attended.

Battle Hill Forge located in Millerton, NY specializes in one of a kind metalwork, both functional and artistic.



Bert at Battle Hill Forge by Jane Rossman



Guess Who (Jeff 😊) at Battle Hill Forge by Jane Rossman



Battle Forge 2 due 4 by Jeff Breitman



Battle Forge Rusted Iron by Jeff Breitman

HCC SUMMER SOCIAL 2015 continued

Hudson, NY is a city located on the west border of Columbia County. The city went through a significant decline in the 60s and 70s but has undergone a significant revival. A group of antique dealers opened shops on the city's main thoroughfare Warren Street in the mid-80s – there are over 70 shops now. Several movies have been filmed in Hudson – *Ironweed*, *Nobody's Fool* and *Odds Against Tomorrow* to name a few. The day we were there, they had their farmer's market.



The art of tomatoes by Dawn Dingee



Farmer's Market by Dawn Dingee



Dogs by Lazlo Gyorsok



You've Got Mail by Rick Pauline

The town of Kent is located in the scenic northwest corner of Litchfield, CT. Kent has had a history as a farming community and thriving iron ore producer. It is now a rural community of about 3,000 residents with many small hamlets, such as Bulls Bridge, Kent Hollow, South Kent and The Cobble. The downtown area has become an attractive day trip destination for many.



Sad Puppy by Rick Pauline



Gold Finch by Dawn Dingee

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"ASSIGNED TOPIC"

This season, we have two assigned topics. You are encouraged to submit photos that best represent the topic to Lazlo who will post them on a folder on the club website (housatoniccameraclub.com). BE CREATIVE with your interpretation of the topic and let's see what variety we can get. The assigned topics are:

- ① **REPETITION**
- ② **GEOMETRIC**

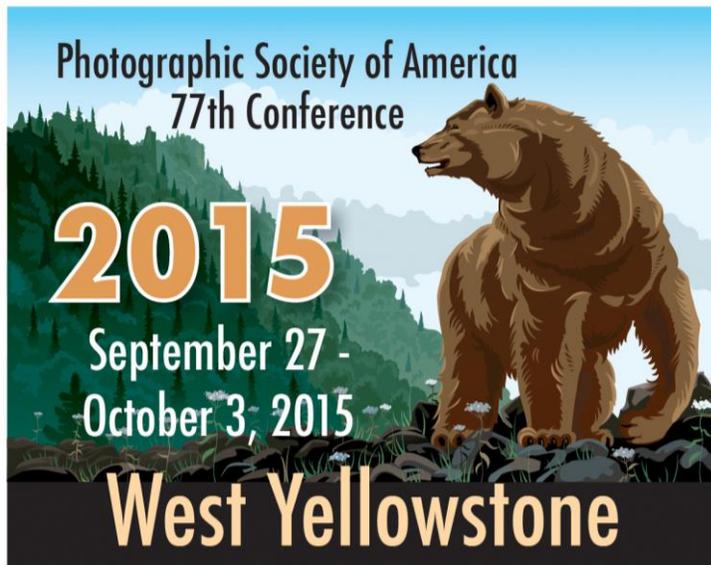
Photos will be reviewed at the Feb/March meetings.

Member Showcase

At our first meeting, we will have a Member Showcase – open theme/topic. Members are encouraged to share their photos – this can be in many formats (video, formal slideshow with music, informal slideshow, etc.). Length should be around 5 minutes or less to allow time for everyone.

Message to New Members

Member profiles are a good way to share information about yourself and your love of photography. If you do not have a current profile on file, please submit one to Bill DeVoti at abundancehill@verizon.net. I know he has reached out to several of you with a "template" to be used to assist you. Also, don't forget to submit a few photos to be used in the newsletter along with your profile.



The 77th annual PSA conference has an exciting lineup of photo tours, workshops, programs, featured speakers and social activities.

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

Holiday Inn West Yellowstone
315 Yellowstone Avenue W.
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

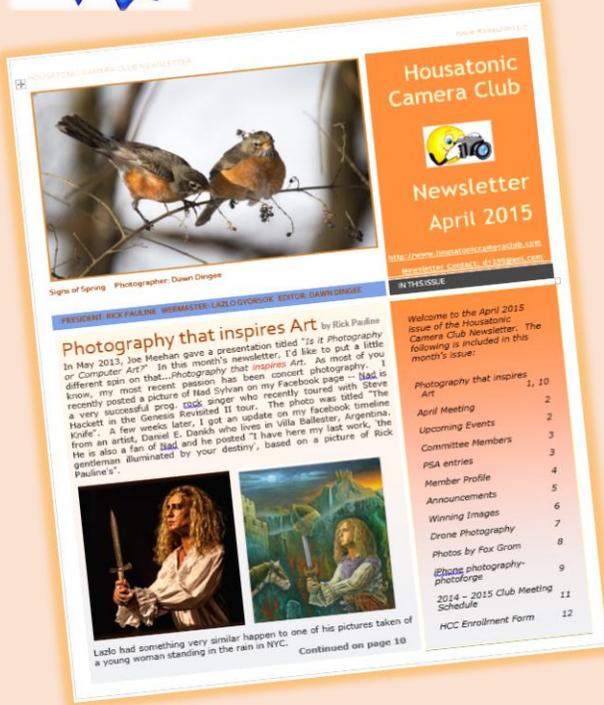
Conference registration begins on April 1, 2015

<https://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?2015-psa-conference>



Yellowstone 2014
Photos by Dawn Dingee

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



PSA NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

Small Clubs (75 or less)			
First	Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter	Housatonic Camera Club	Dawn Dingee
Second	Highlights	Englewood Camera Club	Brenda Frezeman
Third	Crystal Lake Camera Club Newsletter	Crystal Lake Camera Club	Rich Bickham

The Housatonic Camera Club newsletter received **1st** place in the Small Club category!

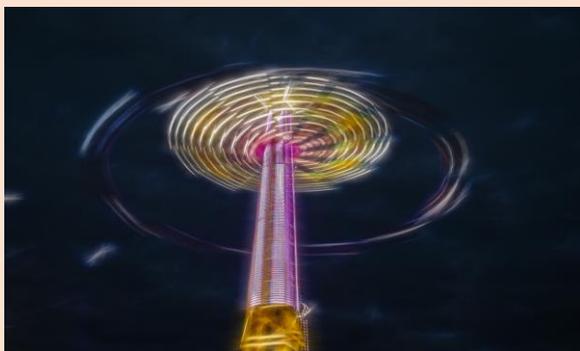
Each year, the PSA has a newsletter competition which is comprised of three categories – Small Clubs, Large Clubs and Chapters/Councils – we fall into the Small Clubs category. One newsletter from the season is submitted to represent the club – last year, April’s newsletter was sent. In addition to **1st place**, we also received an award for **“Best Use of Color”**.

Best Use of Color	Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter	Housatonic Camera Club	Dawn Dingee
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Thank you to all you help to make the newsletter a success!

Newsletter “TOPIC OF THE MONTH”

Each month, we will have a newsletter “topic of the month” – members are encouraged to submit a photo that is a good representation of the topic. I’ve chosen a topic for this month’s newsletter as a sample: **SPEED**



Spinners Photographer: Rick Pauline

★ Topic for October’s newsletter: **INSIDE OUT** ★

Email photos to me at d1295@aol.com. I will select 2 or 3 photos for the newsletter.

PHOTOGRAPHY TIP – DAY TO NIGHT IN A FLASH!

Sometimes you’re out shooting portraits on a bright sunny day and the light just looks too... natural. I often find this is the case when shooting a wedding or engagement when I’m shooting at a park or other outdoor location and I get bored with the same lighting in every shot.

One trick that I really enjoy is to turn up the power on my flash to the max. This will, obviously, make the subject extremely bright. If you change your camera settings to expose for the subject, it will make the background look extremely dark because the flash didn’t hit it.

This makes it look like it is night time even if it is the middle of the day.

<http://improvephotography.com/8806/photography-tricks/>



Summer Gardens by Judith Gott

Summer gardens are really beautiful, and in spite of the dry weather, my own patio garden and several gardens I was able to visit put on quite a show. I was limited to traveling close to home, and had my camera with me whenever I ventured outside. Lesson learned, splendor surrounds us wherever we find ourselves.



Red Admiral – Patio Garden



Japanese Anemone – Patio Garden



Hummingbird Young 'uns and Trumpet Vine – Patio Garden



Yellow Swallowtail and Mexican Sunflower – Patio Garden



Day Lily at Hardy's – Falls Village CT

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2015 – 2016 SEASON

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month (Sept - June)

Where: Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Rd, Salisbury, CT

Time: 7:00 pm (open to the public)

For directions, click here [Google Maps](#)

- **SEPTEMBER 15, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – Season Opener, Club Business, and a Member Showcase with an “Open Theme”**
- **OCTOBER 20, (Wagner Learning Center) – Photographer Sally Delmerico will present a program entitled “Photography - “Drawing with Light.” we will also review October PSA/NECCC Submissions**
- **NOVEMBER 17, (Wagner Learning Center) – Ken Kurzweil New York Photographer with a Global Reach “Exploring Diverse Cultures in Photos”**
- **DECEMBER 14, (Monday), (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – Holiday Dinner, we will also review December PSA/NECCC Submissions, Digital Circuit**
- **JANUARY 19, – (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – HCC member Jeff Breitman will present “Shots Seen ‘Round the World” Photographs that have Changed the World**
- **FEBRUARY 16, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – Digital Circuit, Assigned Topic (Repetition), Review March PSA/NECCC submissions**
- **MARCH 15, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – HCC member Birgitt Pajarola will present a program on “Yemen” also Member Presentations on Assigned Topics**
- **APRIL 19, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – HCC members Karin & Brad Smith will present “Preparing Prints” for Display and Exhibition: Printing, Matting, and Framing will be covered**
- **MAY 17, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – Speaker Joe Meehan (Subject to be Announced), Annual HCC PhotoSwap Meet**
- **JUNE 21, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – Happy Hour; also PSA Recorded Commentary**

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Membership Enrollment 2015—2016

I wish to enroll as a member for one year. Attached is the membership fee of \$25.00 (and \$10.00 for each additional family member).

Please hand or mail this form to the Treasurer, Judy Becker, 432 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, CT 06068-1101 (Email: judybecker40@att.net Phone: 860-435-2263)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

WE WILL SEND YOU OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS, SCHEDULES, AND CLUB INFO.

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