



Signs of Spring Photographer: Dawn Dingee

Housatonic Camera Club



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Photography that inspires Art by Rick Pauline

In May 2013, Joe Meehan gave a presentation titled "Is it Photography or Computer Art?" In this month's newsletter, I'd like to put a little different spin on that...*Photography that inspires Art*. As most of you know, my most recent passion has been concert photography. I recently posted a picture of Nad Sylvan on my facebook page -- Nad is a very successful prog. rock singer who recently toured with Steve Hackett in the Genesis Revisited II tour. The photo was titled "The Knife". A few weeks later, I got an update on my facebook timeline from an artist, Daniel E. Dankh who lives in Villa Ballester, Argentina. He is also a fan of Nad and he posted "I have here my last work, 'the gentleman illuminated by your destiny', based on a picture of Rick Pauline's".



Lazlo had something very similar happen to one of his pictures taken of a young woman standing in the rain in NYC.

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APRIL MEETING



Housatonic Camera Club presents

HOME



MOTION

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HCC members will share their images of the two assigned topics : **HOME and MOTION**
Accompanied by a discussion and critique of the images.

In addition we will review the **NECC DIGITAL CIRCUIT** entries.

**** NOTE:** There will be a committee meeting for club representatives immediately preceding the April 21st meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Geer Village Show 2015

Our club photo exhibit at Geer Village located at 77 S Canaan Rd (Rt.7), Canaan, CT will continue to run through the end of April. There is no opening reception since the show is running so close to White Silo (see below). Geer Village has a beautiful building to walk through - small, nice, with an inexpensive restaurant (Kristin Marie's Cafe & Grill); many talks and events; all open to the public.

White Silo Farm & Winery - April 2015

The club will be hosting a photo exhibit at the *White Silo Farm & Winery* in Sherman, CT from April 4th - 26th. *White Silo* is a family operated boutique winery specializing in small batch fruit and grape wine production. In addition to wine production, they make gourmet farm products and grow a variety of berries, fruits and vegetables. There will be 11 members participating in the show (entries for this show are closed). Drop off dates are Tuesday, March 31st, Thursday, April 2nd 11 AM to 5; Friday from 11 AM on (hanging will be done Friday mid-afternoon). Don't forget to send the digital copies of your photos to Lazlo for the website. Reception is April 11th from 3pm - 6pm.

HVPN presents George Lepp - May 2015

The HVPN presents George Lepp in an all day photo conference - <http://www.georgeleppimages.com/> Saturday, **May 9, 2015**, at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY from 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM. Cost is \$26 which includes lunch. Regular registration begins in February but if you want to register early, send check for \$26 payable to **Hudson Valley Photography Network** to Thomas Vaillancourt, PO Box 242, Goshen, NY 10924.

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

PSA COMPETITION ENTRIES ARE NOW DUE!

**Accepting entries now up through April 16th for PSA.
Voting will be April 17th - April 24th.**

Send one or 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**.



You can NEVER re-enter a 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 a entered image named SUN SET 1 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 the is a DQ as well.

* Earlier this year, we had an image disqualified because it had been previously submitted



Red Wolf - by Lazlo Gyorsok

Member Profile – Brian Wilcox

I was born in Torrington, CT and have lived all my life in Sharon, CT - in fact, my family has lived in Sharon, CT for five generations -- all on the same road! After High school I went to a trade school in New Castle, PA.

I enjoy visiting places off of the normal tourist destinations and away from populated areas. I look forward to my kayaking trips to Maine where myself and two other friends island hop and camp out of our kayaks for 3-5 days. I have traveled to many places including the West Coast, Southwest, Hawaii, South, US & British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Costa Rico and all the New England states. In addition to kayaking, I enjoy scuba diving (retired instructor), equine photography and copy work & reproduction of Fine Art. I lived in Lake Placid for three winters and luge for the US development team.

My wife, Laurie is a personal assistant/photo organizer and our daughter, Morgan owns her own Day Spa in Sharon, CT called MLW Day Spa. They help me significantly in my photography and endeavors.

It's been too long to remember when my interest in photography began as it seems it has always been part of my everyday life - I'm either taking photos for fun or working on assignments. The type of photography that interests me the most is realism, light painting, sports and drone photography. I primarily shoot with my Canon or my Drone Phantom 2. I have been a member of the camera club for many years and have made some wonderful friendships.

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FARM I GREW UP ON



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Have any photography equipment for sale? Bring your items to MAY'S meeting for our "Photography Equipment Sale".



70th Annual NECCC Photography Conference
Amherst, MA
July 17 - 19, 2015
neccc.org

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

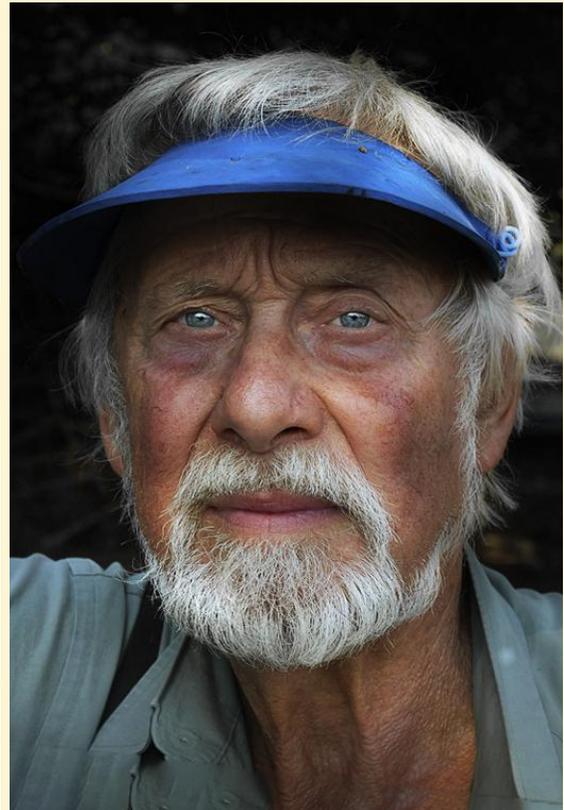
WINNING IMAGES

In last year's digital circuit, **Rick Pauline** won Honorable Mention for his "Last Train Home" picture taken in New Hope, Pennsylvania. We are a little late on reviewing the results -- I know... 😊 Don't miss this month's meeting where we will review the most recent NECCC Digital Circuit results and issue the ribbons that were won. All present and past NECCC Digital Circuit CDs are available in our "library" for viewing.



March PSA PID Interclub competition results were announced. **John Landon** received Honorable Mention for "Above the Clouds" and **Lazlo Gyorsok** received Honorable Mention for "Portrait of a Farmer".

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IMAGE TITLE - MAKER NAME	AWARDS	POINTS
Above The Clouds - John Landon	HM	12
Dance of The Jellies - Jane Rossman		12
Portrait of A Farmer - Lazlo Gyorsok	HM	12
Horizons - Rick Pauline		11
Parking Lot Penang - Birgitt Pajarola		11
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DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY by Dawn Dingee

It's never been easier or cheaper to capture aerial photography or video thanks to drones. Drones have allowed us to view things from a whole new perspective. Today's drones are easier to fly, have longer battery life, come equipped with high quality cameras, have terrific safety features and a longer range than ever. You can even use your cell phone to control your drone.

How to fly safely (and legally)

for you
Brian :)

The easiest way to have fun flying your drone without getting fined by the FAA is to follow a few basic rules:

1. Avoid flying directly over people, or within a couple miles of an airport.
2. Keep the drone in sight and under 500 feet.
3. Don't charge people money for your flights.

As of August 20th, 2014, it is illegal to fly a drone in any of the US National Parks (up to \$5,000 fine!) and it is illegal to take off or land in National Forest Service Wilderness Areas. Fines for breaking any of these rules can result in thousands of dollars and lots of legal troubles!

States want to restrict drone use to preserve personal privacy but people are continuing to find new ways to use their drones, especially commercially. For example, realtors are using drones to record aerial views of their listings.

The FAA predicts there will be more than 7,500 drones flying in the sky in the next 5 years. So watch out above!



ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRIAN WILCOX using his Phantom 2 drone

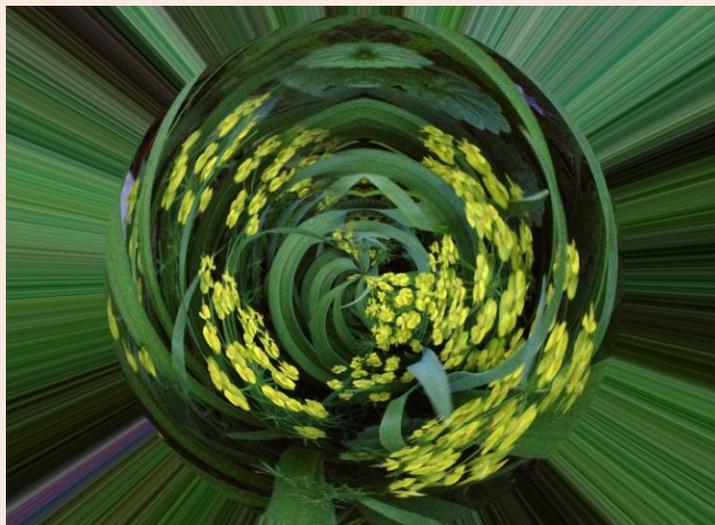


Russian photographer **Fox Grom** captures absolutely breathtaking images of his two Siberian Huskies walking across a giant frozen lake. The two dogs gently make their way over the sheet of ice blanketing the water in this vast and beautiful landscape. The ice is so clear that it's almost like a mirror, showing a pure reflection of the two gorgeous dogs. (from **Distractify** at <http://distractify.com/pinar/jesus-dogs/> -- there are many more amazing images on this website.)



iPhone photography - photoforge review by Dawn Dingee

You no longer have to carry around a heavy DSLR camera, multiple lenses, tripod, filters, etc. to capture great images. With each generation of the iPhone, the camera has improved ...some professionals have even accepted that good quality photos can be created on the iPhone (see link below to a National Geographic photographer who weighs in on iPhone photography and offers some helpful tips !). "The best camera to have is the one that's with you all the time" goes the adage. There are thousands of applications that can be installed on your iPhone for free or for a very small fee - typically \$2.99 - \$3.99 ... not bad considering what we are willing to pay for our hobby when it comes to the traditional camera equipment. One of those applications that I have is *photoforge*. This application has many photo edit options that allow you to get very creative. It can be used for image manipulation, retouching, effects, and color correction, as well as a painter's tool. It is great for creating original artwork, or editing photos on your mobile device.



First you take a photo with your iPhone...then the fun begins. You open *photoforge*, select a picture from your album and then you will have all the traditional editing options to begin. This includes crop, resize, curves, white balance, levels, clarity, brightness/contrast and exposure among others. After that, there are numerous options such as tiny planet (my favorite - shown above), sin city, television, heat map, neon, emboss, black and white, sepia among others. You can add frames like those shown below, add a vignette, even add layers similar to Photoshop. The program is fast and quite intuitive. So when you have a few minutes and you have an iPhone, download the app and start having fun...



http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-tips/iphone-photography-tips/#/hair-washing-iphone-tips_39740_600x450.jpg

Welcome Spring! - Finally (!!)

Photos by Judith Gott



Spring Lamb



Waiting on the Crocuses



Hope

My Little Helper...Larry (trying to be an **OOB** - out of bounds picture) by ~ Dawn Dingee



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of a young woman standing in the rain. In this case, the original photo inspired a "painting" by Judi Baily that was done using Adobe CS6 -- "I have long been an admirer of Lazlo's photography! He is an 'artist' with a camera, while I on the other hand, like to do my art using the brushes and techniques learned in Adobe CS6."



There's an old saying, "Art emulates life". In this case "Art emulates art".

On a side note, this goes to show the power of social media!

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2014 – 2015 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](#)

- April 21:** Review/Discussion of Assigned Topics: Home, Motion Showing of the NECCC Digital Circuit
- May 19:** Presentation by Joe Meehan, program T.B.A.
- June 16:** End of Year Dinner and Recorded Commentary— 30 club images



Lightning by Rick Pauline

Interesting websites:

<http://distractify.com/mark-pygas/bizarre-history-photos/>

<http://www.modernlensmagazine.com/master-your-cameras-histogram-with-this-5-minute-video/>

<http://fb-694.lifebuzz.com/sea-mountains/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekUUuU7whe0&feature=youtu.be&noredirect=1>

Club flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/124371381@N07/>

Housatonic Camera Club

Membership Enrollment 2014—2015

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!

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ADDRESS(ES): _____

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

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