



"Myanmar" Photographer: Bert Schmitz

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# Housatonic Camera Club

## Newsletter March 2016

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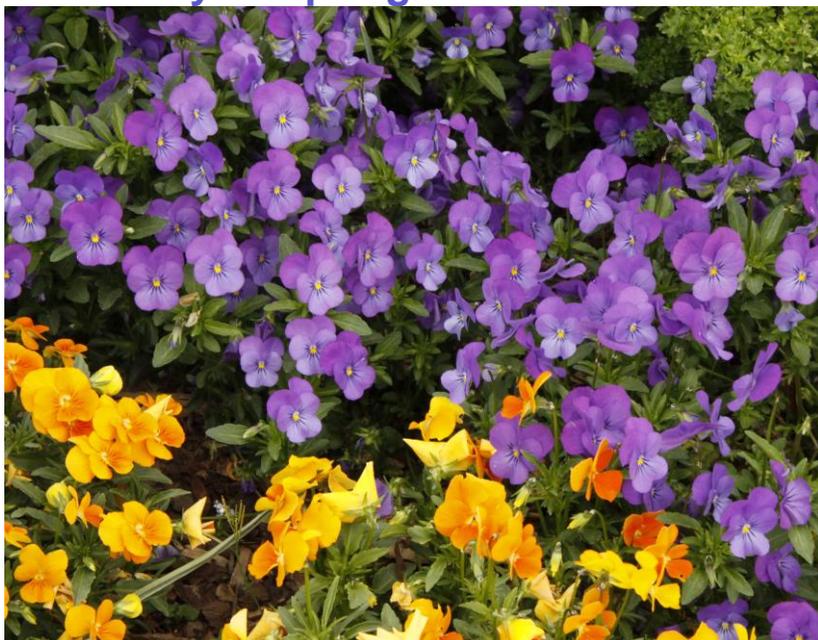
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### Cover Photo - Myanmar 2016 by Bert Schmitz

When we went again to Myanmar in February 2016, there was a new government and a ceasefire between the military and armed rebel groups. We could now go to an area that was in the past closed to travelers. From the town of Loikaw, a two hour car ride and an hour walk, brought us to a village of the Kayan People. With help of the local guide, we could communicate with them and they did not mind that we took pictures and video of their activities. Before we left, they enjoyed seeing themselves on my wife's i-Pad.

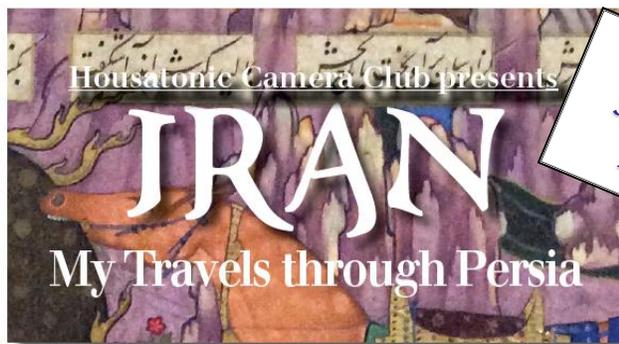
### First Day of Spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>



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

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## MARCH MEETING



IRAN is in the news but for some people controversial. My presentation is about the journey through a country that has been closed for travellers like me for the past 35 years.

Ever since my visit to Yemen in 2007, I have taken a keen interest in Islamic art. I have now visited the Middle East several times and learned much more about its history. Iran, once Persia, became one of the top priorities on my bucket list. Finally, last April, I was able to go there with a small group and spend three weeks exploring the country. Persia has a history that goes back over two thousand years. Standing in Persepolis, visiting a ruin where Alexander the Great had stayed, and admiring the famed Persian courtyard gardens and the impressive,

monochrome-tiled mosques, were for me a dream come true. What I had not expected to find was a society that is sophisticated, highly educated, and warmly welcoming. My show is a testimony to the impact of my journey. Sections include Persian arts and crafts, landscapes and gardens, mosques and ruins, people we saw along the way, and our group on the road.



*I continue to believe that in order to understand what is going on in the world, you have to see the world*  
.....Birgitt Pajarola

## UPCOMING EVENTS

~ April 2016 ~

The show at Geer Village is currently up and will extend through the month of April.

~ May 2016 ~

### Merritt Bookstore Gallery show

The Merritt Bookstore in Millbrook, NY will host the HCC photographers with an opening reception on **Friday, April 29th**, tentatively scheduled for 6 PM to 8 PM. This is going to be an exciting event as there will be an Italian pianist [www.attesti.com](http://www.attesti.com) as well as a DVD presentation of a Mozart concert. It is sure to be well attended.

This show will last for one month and is open all photographers who have exhibited at Noble 2016 with **any two photos** from that show. Deadline to commit is March 31st so please let Ann know if you will be participating. The Geer show will come down at the end of the week of April 25th. You could conceivably pick up your work that week and take directly to Merritt Bookstore on 57 Front Street (next to the Millbrook Post office). The bookstore is usually open 10 AM - 6 PM Monday through Saturday. Please call the bookstore to confirm 845-677-5857. **Deadline for drop off** at bookstore to be announced as soon as Ann has enough volunteers to hang (this is a do it yourself hanging). More details to be provided as they become available.



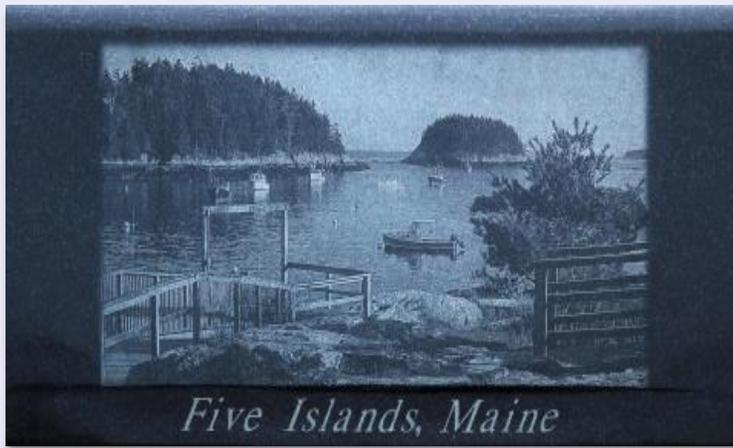
**Hudson Valley Photography Network 2016 Spring Photography Conferences – Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

HVPN is hosting an all-day conference in Newburgh, NY on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. There will be two featured speakers: David Fitzsimmons – *Landscape Photography* and Parish Kohanim- *A Creative Journey*. Registration is \$26. Deadline to register is May 1, 2016. If paid in advance, lunch and 2 beverage drinks are included. If paid at the door, cost is \$26 (lunch not included).

## Carved in Granite By Jane Rossman

We all take pictures for various reasons, and sometimes a photo turns out to be special as a result of how it was created, what it captured, or how it was used. When taking an image we may have no idea where it will eventually end up. Such was the case when I took this picture the first time I discovered Five Islands, Maine.

I would never have imagined it would end up carved in black granite.



So what is the story behind this picture? Several years after first taking the image of Five Islands, I used a cropped version of it as the cover for a calendar which I gave to some people who lived there. Several years after that, I received a call with a special request. The lobsterman whose boat was shown in the photo had been killed and his family wanted to have this image carved on a granite memorial bench. Of course I was happy to supply them with the image and it now is part of this black granite bench.




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*Lazlo has had his images on magazine covers, Birgitt had a travel agency want to use her photo for their advertising, and Rick has had an image or two end up on a rock star's website. What about you? Tell us the story behind one of your special pictures.*

# Announcements

## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2015/2016 season

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## To all Club Members

For future editions of the newsletter, consider submitting:

- **Your favorite place to photograph**
- **The story behind the picture**
- **Places to Photograph**
- **Share photo printing tips**
- **Share photography tips**
- **Your photo blog or website URL**

## 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](mailto:abundancehill@verizon.net). Also, don't forget to submit a few photos to be used in the newsletter with your profile.



## “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](http://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.



*Which of my photographs is my favorite? The one I am going to take tomorrow.*

*~ Imogen Cunningham*



## ASSIGNED TOPIC – Moonshots

The moon is the second-brightest regularly visible celestial object in the Earth's sky after the Sun. Although it can appear a very bright with, its surface is actually dark, with a reflectance just slightly higher than that of worn asphalt. Its prominence in the sky and its regular cycle of phases have, since ancient times, made the Moon an important cultural influence on language, calendars, art and mythology. The Moon is in synchronous rotation with Earth, always showing the same face – amazing that each of these moon shots is unique.



Moon over Miami

Photographer: Dawn Dingee



Untitled

Photographer: Lazlo Gyorsok



Super Moon

Photographer: Jane Rossman



Untitled

Photographer: Lazlo Gyorsok



Moon Clouds Photographer: G. A. Mudge

*“That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.”*

*~ Neil Armstrong*



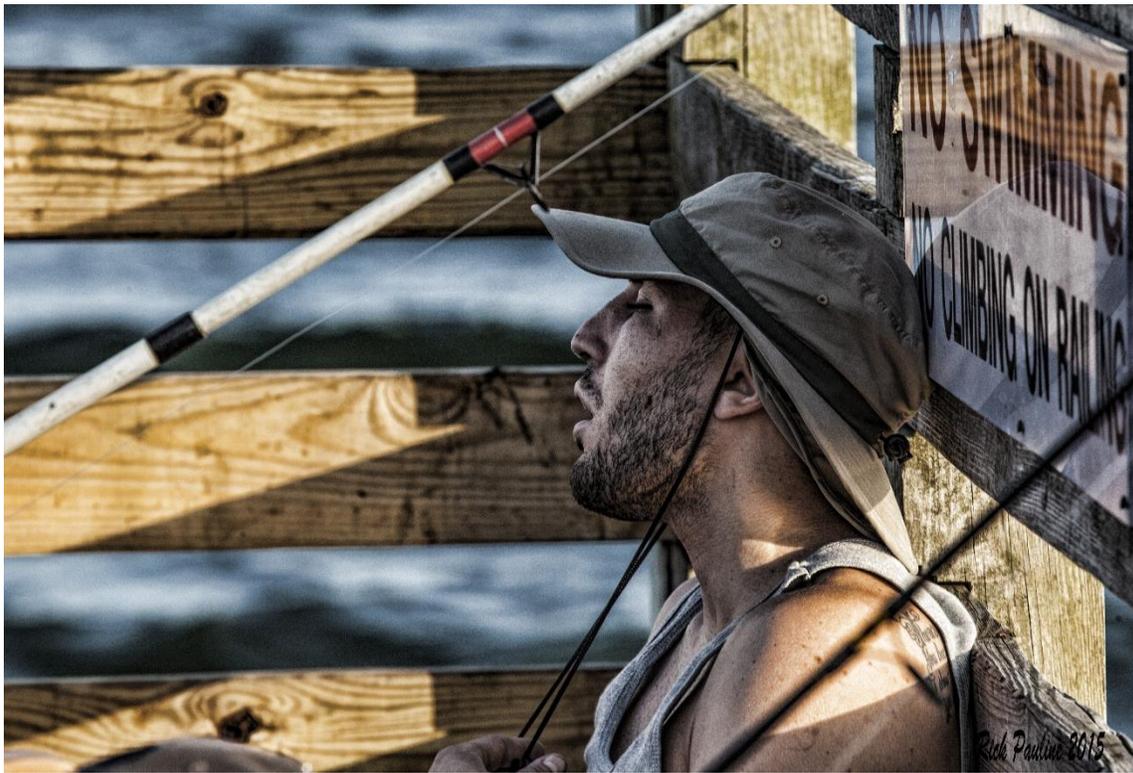
Christmas Eve Photographer: Judith Gott



Stars and Moon Photographer: Rick Pauline

★ Topic for March's newsletter: **Rust** ★

Email photos to me at [d1295@aol.com](mailto:d1295@aol.com). I will select 4 to 6 photos for the newsletter.



Fishing Photographer: Rick Pauline

# NECCC

And the Winners are...

## Winter Pictorial 2016



*Ranching on the Edge* Photographer: John Landon

**Pictorial Class B:**

Club Name	Maker	Title	Score	Award
Housatonic	Landon, John	Ranching On The Edge	27	1st
Berkshire Museum	Bufis, Mike	Autumn Myst	26	2nd
Simsbury	Poirier, Susan	The Burn	26	2nd



*Pipe Dreams* Photographer: Lazlo Gyosok

Housatonic	Gyosok, Lazlo	Pipe Dreams	22	HM	
Housatonic	Keamey, Alex	Arceniel	20		
Housatonic	Landon, John	Ranching On The Edge	27	1st	
Housatonic	Schmitz, Bert	Balconies In Old Opera House	18		87

# NECCC

## And the Winners is...

### Winter Nature 2016



*Incoming Photographer: Scott Whalen*

Housatonic	Kearney, Alex	Blue Bird	18		
Housatonic	Landon, John	Stepping	19		
Housatonic	Rossmann, Jane	Mockingbird And Ivy	19		
Housatonic	Whalen, Scott	Incoming	23	HM	79

Do you know how to size your photos? If you want to know, visit  
<http://www.wikihow.com/Resize-an-Image-in-Adobe-Photoshop>  
 or  
<http://www.photoshopesentials.com/essentials/image-resizing/>

Do you want to know how to photograph moving objects? The art of "panning" produces some great results but requires a lot of practice to get it right. To learn more about "panning", visit:

<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-tips/motion-photography-panning-richardson/>

or

<http://digital-photography-school.com/mastering-panning-to->

## 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](#)

### HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2015–2016

- **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**, – (Wagner Learning Center) – HCC member Jeff Breitman will present “Shots Seen ‘Round the World” Photographs that have Changed the World
- **FEBRUARY 16**, (Wagner Learning Center) – 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 “Iran” 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

# Housatonic Camera Club 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 Ph: 860-435-2263

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