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# Housatonic Camera Club

## Newsletter June 2016

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### What's happening? by Dawn Dingee

Before our last club meeting, the HCC Committee met to review the past year and to plan the year ahead. **The next meeting will be a very important one in that we will nominate and vote on several key positions within our club!** Rick Pauline has decided to step down as President – a position he has held for 2 years. On behalf of the entire club, I want to thank Rick for the great job he has done in moving our club forward. During his term, we have increased membership, gained 2 new salon show venues and had the pleasure of listening to some great speakers over that time – both internal and external. Some big shoes to fill! Besides the President position, we will nominate and vote on the following positions: Vice President, Secretary and Hospitality.

We have planned the schedule for next seasons with only a few small items to wrap up. We've even secured some of our speakers for next season. It looks to be an exciting season already!

We hope to put together some photo field trips this summer. If you know of any places you think would be good to visit, please email Jeff at [sylvan4570@comcast.net](mailto:sylvan4570@comcast.net). Last summer's field trips include Battle Forge in Millerton, NY; Hudson, NY and Kent, CT among others. We can look to repeat some of these for those that couldn't make it or select new venues. For June, I've listed some possible venues in the *Upcoming Events* section.

Don't forget that we will have a happy hour before our next meeting. Please plan on bringing snacks or drinks to share. HCC will provide a 4ft. sub sandwich and salads for dinner. After dinner, we will review the Recorded Commentary which consists of 30 photos from our club, critiqued by a professional. Ribbons will be given out for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and two Honorable Mentions. This will be our last meeting of the season so hopefully you can attend!



Cake and photo courtesy of Brian Wilcox from our December dinner

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

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## JUNE MEETING

THE HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB presents

Year End Meeting Tuesday, June 21st

6:00 - 7:00 Social hour  
HCC will provide deli sandwiches and deli salads. Please consider bringing beverages and snacks.

2 Super raffles will be conducted.

7:00 - 7:15 Club business

7:15 - Recorded Commentary

Meeting and Presentations at 7:00pm  
on June 21, 2016

at Noble Horizons, (Cobble Bldg)  
17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT.

For more information visit: <http://housatoniccameraclub.com>



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Merritt Bookstore Gallery show

The Merritt Bookstore in Millbrook, NY is hosting the HCC photographers through June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Merritt Bookstore is located 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. Pick up starts after June 20<sup>th</sup> during the regular library hours.



#### FLAG DAY Hudson Flag Day Parade – Hudson, NY

This Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, festivities begin at 10:00 am with vendors and music at the 7th Street Park. Parade Lineup begins at 12:30pm in the vicinity of the Hudson City Centre and continuing down Green St. and step off is 2:00pm. From 10:00am-12:00pm is the Bike Rodeo for Children which may be a fun thing to photograph. Rick and I are planning on attending so contact us if you wish to go and meet up someplace or carpool.

#### Goshen Stampede – Goshen CT

The Goshen Stampede is June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Gates open Friday at 2:00pm – 10:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 10:00pm and Sunday 10:00am – 8:00pm at Goshen Fairgrounds, Route 63. There will be plenty of events to photograph: 2 demolition derbies; tristate tractor pull; the lock, stock & barrel race; kid's rodeo, nitro RC car racing and 3-day music festival. Parking is \$2 and there is an entry fee - visit <http://www.goshenstampede.com/> for details.

# Announcements

## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2015/2016 season

President	Rick Pauline <a href="mailto:housatonic_camera_club@yahoo.com">housatonic_camera_club@yahoo.com</a>
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Liaison Representatives	PSA - Jane Rossman NECCC - Bert Schmitz

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[www.neccc.org](http://www.neccc.org)

## 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. I look forward to hearing from some of our newest members:

**Stuyvesant K. Bearns** **Donna Urie** **Arthur Doiron**

**Mary Jane Winkler** **Heather Chapman**

Club flickr site:

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

Photos submitted to the club flickr site appear on the Housatonic Camera Club website on the HOME page.



## NIK Collection by Google now FREE! \$0

The Nik Collection is comprised of seven desktop plug-ins that provide a powerful range of photo editing capabilities -- from filter applications that improve color correction, to retouching and creative effects, to image sharpening that brings out all the hidden details, to the ability to make adjustments to the color and tonality of images. Starting March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Nik Collection is free.

<https://www.google.com/nikcollection/>



71st Annual  
PHOTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE  
JULY 15, 16, 17, 2016  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, MA

Art Wolfe, renowned  
photographer, will be the  
keynote speaker  
Saturday night.

<http://www.neccc.org/p/next-conference.html>

# Announcements

## Attend the 2016 PSA Conference

September 10-17, 2016

A great way to meet people, have personal encounters with known photographers, and renew longtime acquaintances.



<https://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?2016-psa-conference>

- Participate in photo tours
- Attend classes, workshops and photo shoots
- Award Presentations
- Print Exhibition
- Variety of programs
- Featured speakers
- Social events
- Product demonstrations
- Vendor area
- Banquet

Questions about registration? Contact PSA Conference Registrar, Jan Todd at [registrarpsa@aol.com](mailto:registrarpsa@aol.com)

## Dragonflies by Rick Pauline & Dawn Dingee

Hiking near the woods and swamps gives ample opportunity to capture photos of dragonflies. They have such beautiful colors and can often be taken for granted. Many dragonflies have brilliant iridescent or metallic colors making them conspicuous in flight.

### *Facts about dragonflies*

1. A bee flaps its wings about 300 times per second, but a dragonfly flaps its wings at only about 30 beats per second.
2. A dragonfly is a very strong and good flyer, and can fly at speeds up to 36 miles per hour.
3. There are 450 species of dragonflies in the US and 5,000 species worldwide.
4. From the time a dragonfly egg hatches, it can live anywhere from six months to six years, but only two months as an actual dragonfly – most of their life is spent as a nymph.

<http://www.dragonfly-site.com/dragonfly-facts.html>



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# ASSIGNED TOPIC – A Day in the Life



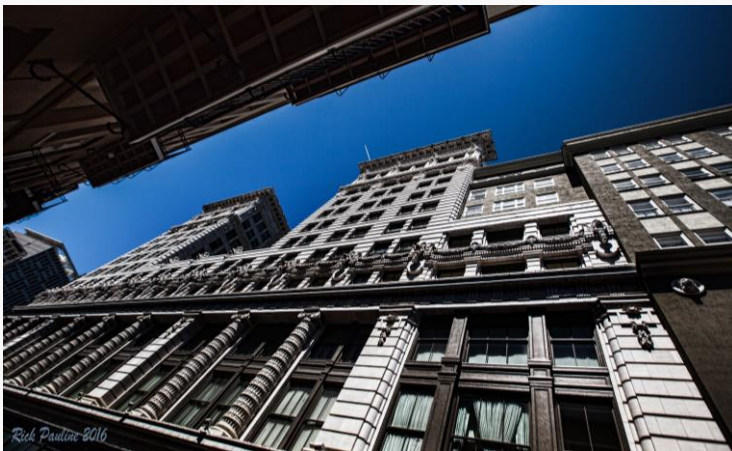
“Violin Magic” ©Judith Gott



“A stroll in NOLA” ©Dawn Dingee



“Taking a Break” ©Mary Jean Winkler



“Scrapers” ©Rick Pauline



“Uni-Cycling” ©Dawn Dingee



“Heirloom Iris” ©Judith Gott



“Life Goes On Happily Ever After” ©Ann Wilkinson



# ASSIGNED TOPIC – A Day in the Life CONTINUED



“Life Goes On” ©Ann Wilkinson

*“enjoy the little things in life for one day you’ll look back and realize they were the big things.”*

**Kurt Vonnegut**



“A Day in the Life of Sadhus” ©Birgitt Pajarola



“A Day in the Life of Chinese Retirement” ©Birgitt Pajarola



“Hand of Man” ©Alex Kearney



“Chinese Fish Market” ©Mary Jean Winkler

★ Topic for September’s newsletter: **Song Titles** ★

Email photos to the editor at [41295@aol.com](mailto:41295@aol.com). 10 to 12 photos will be selected for the newsletter.

# HCC User Galleries

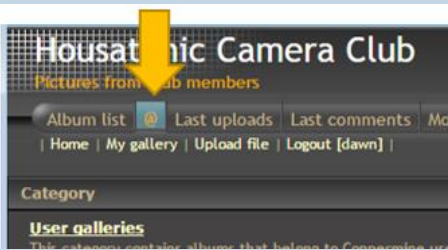
By Dawn Dingee

Don't forget our club website has User Galleries where members can post pictures to share.

It's easy to create a User Gallery. First, you have to get a username and password for the site which is issued when you become a member. If you have forgotten your username or password, please contact our webmaster Lazlo Gyorsok at [lazlo1@optonline.net](mailto:lazlo1@optonline.net).

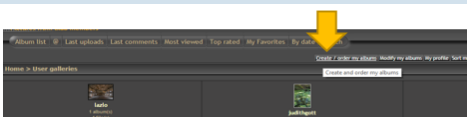
Once you have a username and password, you go to the website at: <http://www.housatoniccameraclub.com/>

Once at the website, you must log in. Go to the first menu option "Gallery". Once on the Gallery page, click the @ symbol and you will be prompted for your username and password.



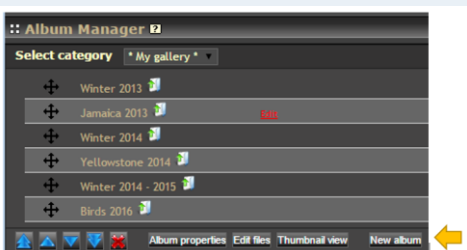
Once you are logged in, you will see "Logout[your name]" on the menu bar – this means your login was successful.

1. Click User galleries
2. Click "create"

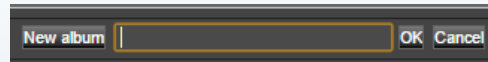


The Album Manager will appear. If you've added any previous albums, they will be listed. To create a new album:

3. Click "New album".

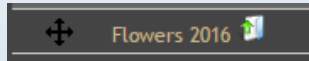


A prompt will appear where you can type the album name.



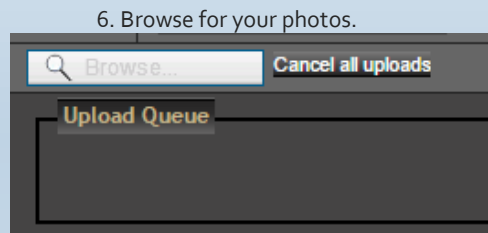
4. Input album name and click OK.

In this example, I have created an album titled "Flowers 2016".

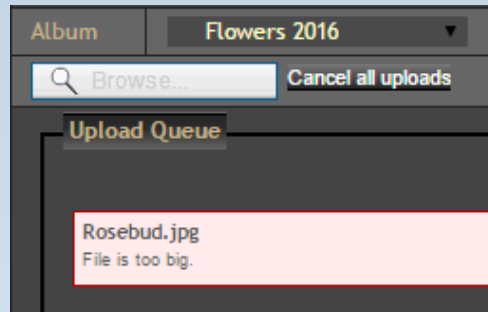


Once you have created your album, you are ready to load your images. Recommended image size is the same as competition – 1024 X 768 pixels.

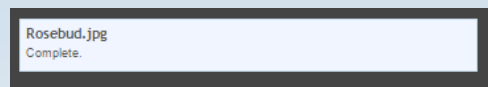
5. Click the upload button.



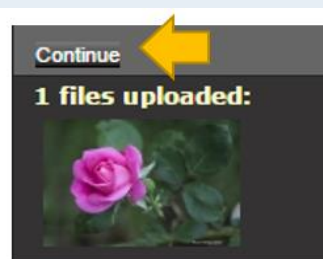
**NOTE:** If your file is too big, you will get an error.



If your file loaded successfully, you will get a message that the file upload was Complete.

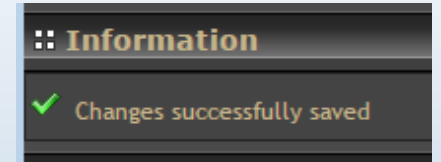


You can load multiple files at once by multi-selecting multiple files at once when browsing photos, then press ENTER. They will load one by one. Once all your files have been loaded, click Continue.

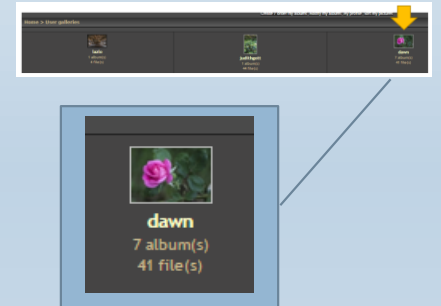


On the next page, you can add a Title and a Description for your album but it is not required since you named it earlier.

When complete, click "Apply changes" and you will get a confirmation message that changes have been saved.



Now your album is ready to be viewed by others. You can click Home on the menu bar to go back to all User galleries. Your new album should now be visible.



Visit User Galleries at:

[www.housatoniccameraclub.com](http://www.housatoniccameraclub.com)



Window Treatment ©Judith Gott



Salisbury Town Hall ©Ray Shine

## Photos have the power to Inspire! By Dawn Dingee

Photos have the ability to inspire and move people...they can transport people to a far-away land, they can inspire people to write a song, to sing, to paint, to feel emotions – the list is endless. I think as photographers, we all hope to achieve this in our photos. One of the first steps (well – after the photo is taken) is to SHARE your photos. We are fortunate to be members of a photo club that allows us to do just that through our website, flickr page and salon shows. Another great vehicle to share your photos is social media. Social media is not for everyone but if you participate, there's no doubt your photos have the potential to be seen by people all over the world. Both Rick and I have experienced this.

As most of you know, Rick loves what we've come to call "Concert Photography". It took a while but once I finally picked up my camera at a concert, I found I actually enjoyed the music more. Last year we were fortunate to go to something like 9 concerts in a two week period. At a concert, we will typically take 300-400 images or more. When we get home, we aim to find a dozen or so photos that we can process and share with our friends. We are members of various music Facebook groups that allow our pictures to be seen by thousands of people across the world. Below are two examples of how photos can inspire people.



A friend of Nad's added a "Rembrandt" look to the photo and then Nad sent me the photo to approve the processing. I loved the effect and gave my permission. You can view the static video and take a listen to Nad's single "Carry Me Home" from his "Courting the Widow" album at [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=nad+sylvan](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nad+sylvan). The song has had 3,972 views so far and counting.

For those not familiar with Nad Sylvan, he is Prog rock singer who currently lives in Sweden. In the last 4 years, he's been touring with Steve Hackett for the Genesis Revisited II tour and the Steve Hackett Acolyte to Wollflight tour.

<http://www.nadsylvan.com/>

I took this photo at a small venue in Fairfield, CT. The place only held about 300-350 people. While shooting, we had access to about 270 degrees of the stage. There was no back stage area. During a guitar solo, the lead singer Nad Sylvan had no backstage to retreat to so he quietly stood at the back of the stage waiting for his turn to sing. It was at that time that I was at the right place at the right time and I snapped this photo. After some processing, I shared this photo on my Facebook page and tagged Nad. Nad "liked" the photo and that was that...so I thought. A few months later, I got a personal message from Nad asking if he could use my photo in a static video for one of his songs. I have to admit that I excitedly said yes even though at the time, I didn't even know what a "static video" was. Now I know 😊



The original picture - "A Quiet Moment".



Rick had a similar experience with one of his photos. Interestingly enough, it also involved Nad Sylvan (Nad has a LOT of fans!). A few weeks ago, a Nad Sylvan fan, Frank Grabowski reached out to Rick through Facebook and asked if he could use one of Rick's photos as inspiration for a painting he wanted to do of Nad - the painting was to be a birthday gift for Nad. Frank lives in Mindelheim Germany, showing once again the power of social media. Rick agreed and the results are amazing.



The original picture - "Avast Matey!!!"

## Winning Images



## 2015-16 PID Interclub, Round 4 Awards

The PSA Round 4 2016 interclub digital image competition results are in!



Not Quite Perfect  
©Jane Rossman



<u>Maker</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>BEST OF SHOW</b>			
Jane Rossman	Not Quite Perfect	Housatonic Camera Club	14
Housatonic Camera Club	Not Quite Perfect	Jane Rossman	14 BOS
Housatonic Camera Club	Anybody seen Eve	Bert Schmitz	12 HM
Housatonic Camera Club	Eagle Landing	Dawn Dingee	8
Housatonic Camera Club	Millerton Sunset	Lazlo Gyorsok	10
Housatonic Camera Club	Into the Woods/Fiordland	John Landon	9
Housatonic Camera Club	Spring Bloom	Brian Wilcox	10
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Overall for the 2015/2016 season, the club came in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Group E category which is our highest score in recent memory.

One of the many benefits of the PSA membership is being able to participate in numerous competitions and contests. We participate in the **PID interclub competitions** where the club registers by October 1<sup>st</sup> and then we send entries in 4 times per season. For each competition, photos are posted in the HCC website and members vote. Top 6 scoring photos are then submitted to PSA – the 6 photos must be from unique members so if a member has 2 or more photos in the top 6, then only the top scoring photo is sent.

Visit the Housatonic Camera Club Gallery to view past submissions - <http://www.housatoniccameraclub.com/gallery/index.php>

We also participate in the small club **Newsletter competition**. In 2015, the HCC newsletter won **First Place** overall in the **small club category** and also won "Best Use of Color". The results for 2016 won't be posted until August. Last November's newsletter was sent in for the competition. You can view past newsletters on the HCC club Home page.

<http://www.housatoniccameraclub.com/>





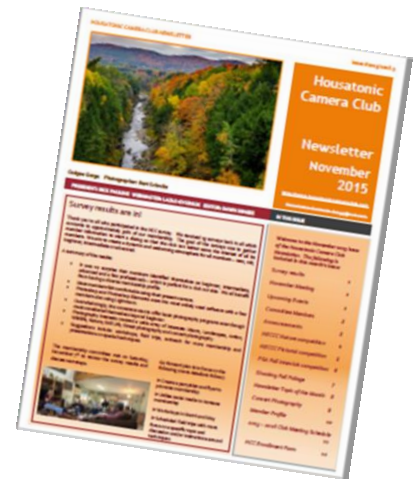
Anybody Seen Eve  
©Bert Schmitz



**CONSIDERATION FOR NEXT SEASON** – our club is fortunate to have so many members who travel all over the world and they often share their photos with us in the PID submissions; however, PSA has a special category for **Photo Travel** photos that I think may be beneficial to our club members. Below are the details. *Let's discuss at our next meeting.*

### PHOTO TRAVEL INTERCLUB ESSENTIALS

<b>Summary</b>	 PSA Photo Travel Division (PTD) Interclub Competition is open to all PSA-member clubs. Individual club members submitting images for the PTD Interclub Competition are not required to be PSA members
<b>Director / Email</b>	 <b>Greg Duncan, EPSA</b>
<b>Clubs Register by:</b>	November 1. Email the following information to the Director: complete Club Name, Club PSA membership number, Club Contact Name (the Rep), Rep's full postal address, Rep's phone number, Rep's email address. <i>The Representative is the club member who is responsible for sending in the club's entry, receiving the results back and then communicating those results to the club members</i>
<b>Rounds Per Year / Dates</b>	Three: November 15, February 15, May 15
<b>Groups &amp; Entries / Round</b>	Two Groups: 6 images by 6 members. Images cannot be re-entered in a subsequent round. Digital JPEG only (max 1024 by 768 pixels).
<b>Entry Method</b>	<a href="#">Upload Images</a>



*From the Archives...*



Housatonic Camera Club 2004

*Recognize some of these folks?*



Housatonic Camera Club 2008

Photos courtesy of Brian Wilcox and Jane Rossman

## A Great Place for Photographers\*

by Bert Schmitz

In the early part of September my wife and I spent five days on Monhegan Island, Maine. We used to go there in the nineties, but had not been back in 12 years. Monhegan is a small, rocky island ten miles from the nearest mainland and scarcely a square mile in area. It is accessible only by boat and there are no cars or paved roads on the Island. We noticed that there were more trucks for hauling supplies and also more people were using golf carts to get around than was the situation 12 years earlier. The economy of Monhegan was ruled by those who make their living from the sea, fishing and lobstering, but today it is mostly from tourism. In the winter, the population has seldom exceeded 65 in recent times. There's a one-room schoolhouse for grades K-8 with one teacher; there are currently four children going to school.

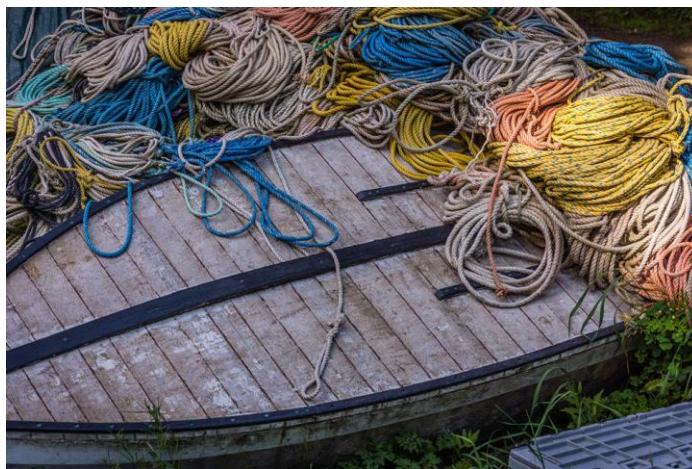
For more than 100 years, Monhegan has been a summer haven for artists and other visitors who appreciate its isolation, the beauty of its wilderness areas, its quiet relaxed atmosphere, and its unhurried pace. The summer months bring artists and tourists on several daily ferries, from three ports in Maine: Port Clyde, New Harbor, and Boothbay Harbor.

Monhegan Associates was founded in 1954 to preserve and protect the wild lands of the island and its "simple, friendly way of life". It is responsible for the protection of the undeveloped parts of the island outside the village and harbor. About 12 miles of trails, often steep and strenuous, lead through wooded areas and over rocky ledges up to the highest ocean cliffs on the Maine coastline. We hiked on a different trail each day of our stay on Monhegan sometimes walking near the ocean and sometimes through the forest.

<http://monheganwelcome.com/>

### Getting there:

Monhegan can be reached from three ports in Maine: Port Clyde, New Harbor, and Boothbay Harbor. Parking for all cars is available at each port. (There are no car ferries to the island)



## 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](#)

- JUNE 21, (Community Room, Cobble Bldg) – Happy Hour;  
also PSA Recorded Commentary



Choices ©Rick Pauline

*Stay tuned for the 2016/2017 program schedule*

# Housatonic Camera Club Membership Enrollment 2016—2017

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

PLEASE PRINT ONLY ... AND CLEARLY!

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WE WILL SEND YOU OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS, SCHEDULES, AND CLUB INFORMATION