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Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee
Jeff Breitman

We have a lot of exciting things happening at HCC.

After much consideration and almost two years of discussions, we have moved forward with purchasing a new projector. Our project plays in integral part in our club by allowing us to share our photos, view presentations by some wonderful outside speakers, view the digital circuit results, view recording commentary...the list goes on and on. Jeff took on this task and really threw himself into it to find the best possible projector for our price point. So thank you Jeff for your hard work and dedication with this endeavor.

A few weeks back, we held a macro photography workshop at Innisfree Gardens in Millbrook, NY. Relatively speaking, we had good weather though it was a little windy for macro photography. We had a nice turnout. See page 10-11 to view some images taken that day.

Hopefully you enjoyed last month's speaker, Avery Danziger. I think he gave a wonderful presentation filled with unique pictures from his Harlem Valley/Wingdale project and his Gates of Hell project. He also explained his technique and materials he uses to exhibit his work. See page 9 or a recap of his presentation.

Don't miss November's meeting where we will have our very own Birgitt Pajarola present photos from five years of travel to some very unique places before the masses found them including China, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Yemen among others. At our November meeting, we will also have a print competition. I encourage you to take this opportunity to share your prints and get valuable feedback. I know cost may be a consideration of some but we do have a number of salon shows scheduled for the coming months where our club members will have the opportunity to show our work and maybe even sell a few pieces so those prints will come in handy.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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November Meeting

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB PRESENTS

“When Travel Was an Adventure”

Ladakh

Myanmar

China

China

Kashmir

Yemen

Ladakh

My presentation will cover trips taken between 10 and 13 years ago before the masses found these destinations. Most are actually changed beyond recognition, Yemen because of war, Kashmir is closed to foreigners, Laos, Myanmar, China, Vietnam and Ladakh have become a major attraction for tourism and have changed drastically. I hope you will enjoy.

This Presentation will be Followed by Our Print Competition*

Meetings are free and open to the public so please join us. Tuesday, November 15,
at 7:00 pm (Wagner Learning Center) Noble Horizons, Salisbury, CT.
Please visit us at www.housatoniccameraclub.com

* for details visit the HCC website

UPCOMING EVENTS

Photography Show at Kent Art Association – November 10-27, 2016

On November 12, the opening reception for the *Photography Show* will take place from 2pm – 4pm at the Kent Art Association. The show will run from November 10th – 27th. This exhibit includes an incredible selection of photographic works and techniques. The KAA Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

45th Train & Hobby Show – November 13, 2016

On November 13, there will be 20,000 sq. feet of operating scale model train layouts at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie, NY. Show runs from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00.

HCC Print competition – November 15, 2016

At our November 15th meeting, we will be having a print competition. Each member is encouraged to submit up to two photos each. The following rules will apply:

1. Any size print or mount *up to 16" x 20"* is acceptable.
2. Members may submit up to TWO (2) images each.
3. Prints must be mounted or matted (no framed pictures).
4. Prints *should* have a title. The title, together with the maker's name must appear on the **back** of the mount.
5. Maker's name should *not* appear on the front of the print - if embedded in the print, it is okay to cover it up.
5. Subject can be anything!!
6. Club members will serve as judges.

Pictures will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10. Club members will provide comments which will be shared with the maker and we will also discuss the prints. Why participate?

- Engage with your fellow HCC members by sharing our passion and love of photography.
- Improve upon your finest work.
- Earn recognition and admiration 😊 from your peers.
- Gather critiques and advice for your work to help you select photos for the upcoming salon shows

Noble Horizons Salon Show – January 2017

Our annual Noble Horizons Salon Show will take place from **January 20, 2017 – February 21, 2017**. Opening reception will be January 20th 5-7pm. Drop off dates are January 14th and 15th. Ann sent out bios we have on file – please review and provide feedback to Ann by November 30th if you plan on participating in the show. Caroline at Noble has requested a few photos for the promotion of the show so if you have a photo you would like considered, please contact Bill at abundancehill@verizon.net. Stay tuned for more details as the show gets nearer.

If you are aware of any upcoming photo opportunities, shows, events etc., please forward the information to me at d1295@aol.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Announcements

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www.psa-photo.org



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. 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.

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.



New Projector!

On Tuesday, November 1st, several members met at Noble Horizons to test out our new projector. It came with a 14-day return policy so it was important to compare and contrast it against our existing projector. We decided to meeting at our regular location so that we could see it work in action under the normal circumstances – same laptop, same screen as our regularly scheduled meetings.

The results were impressive – so much more brightness. The projector is an Epson Power Lite Home Cinema 1040 1080p 3LCD projector – 3000 lumens (our old project ran 2000 lumens) which runs on HDMI. Picture quality was definitely improved but we ran into some issues with the audio. Thanks to Jeff who contacted the manufacturer the following day, he was able to diagnose the issue and get it working. So we are the proud owners of a new projector.

PSA and NECCC Competitions Submissions



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

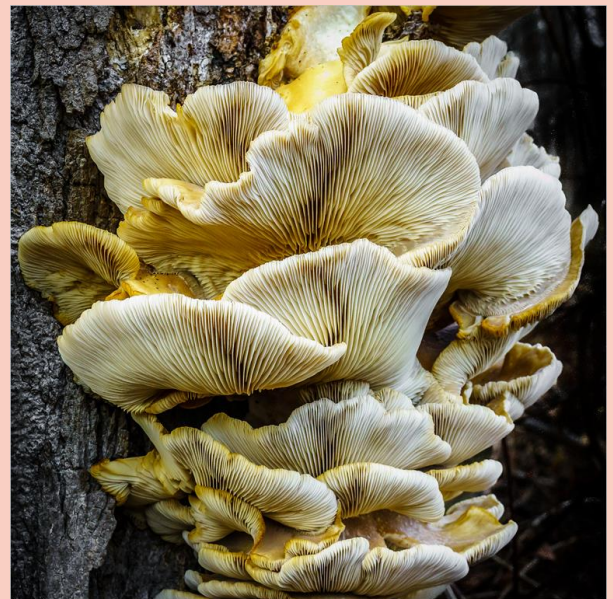
<http://www.neccc.org/>

PSA pictorial and NECCC nature and pictorial competition entries were submitted and voted on by the club last month. Below represents the photos that were *selected to represent the club in these competitions*. We should ask ourselves - why do we have fewer and fewer submissions? Why do so few vote? Do we not give enough time to submit photos? Do we not give enough time to vote? Are you unsure of how to resize your photos? Please let us know so that we can increase participation.

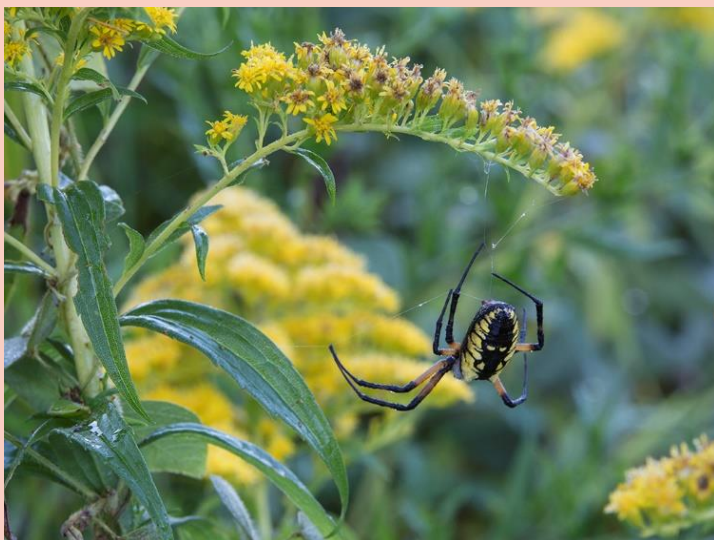
NECCC NATURE



Pink Sunset ©Dawn Dingee



Growing Wild ©Bert Schmitz



Making the Web ©Brian Wilcox



Silvereye on Seaweed ©John Landon

PSA and NECCC Competition Submissions (continued)

NECCC PICTORIAL



Elk Silhouette ©Dawn Dingee



Quiver Tree ©John Landon



Stuart Strike ©Scott Whalen



Cat Lover's Delight ©Bert Schmitz

PSA and NECCC Competition Submissions (continued)

PSA PROJECTED IMAGE



Mt. Taranaki ©John Landon



Red Fox Pup ©Brian Wilcox



Peek-A-Boo ©Bert Schmitz

PSA and NECCC Competition Submissions (continued)

PSA PROJECTED IMAGE



Porsche Panning ©Scott Whalen



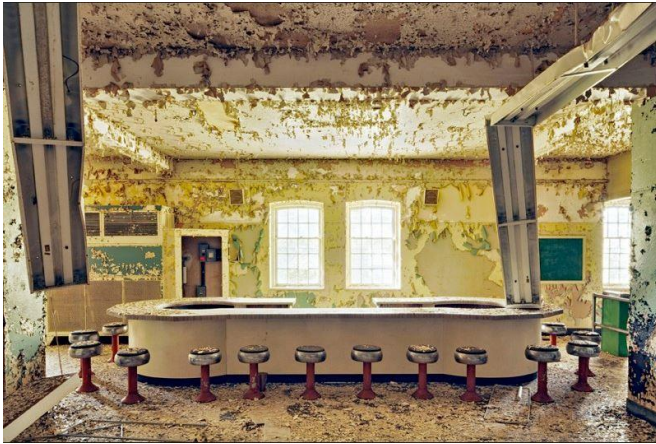
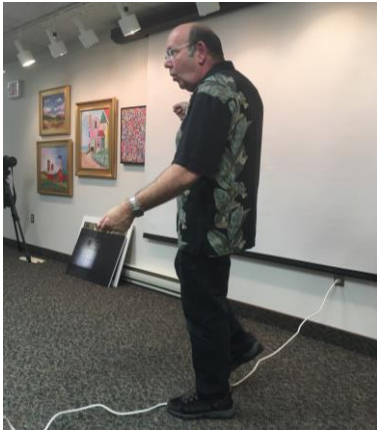
Morning Walk ©Jane Rossman



Local Farm ©Lazlo Gyorsok

Last Month's Guest Speaker – Avery Danziger

At our October meeting, we had Avery Danziger as a guest speaker. Mr. Danziger is a local award-winning photographer, artist and filmmaker. During his presentation, he shared some of his photos from his exhibit three years in the making – the decaying Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center. This exhibit came about after Mr. Danziger was out getting barbeque at Big W's in Wingdale, NY and the decaying ruins of the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center caught his eye. He had his camera with him so he stuck his camera through some of the broken windows and snapped a few shots. When he got home and viewed the pictures, he was fascinated by them because it showed the "terrible beauty" and a "complete chaos of colors". The video at the beginning of the presentation showed how Mr. Danziger entered the building and it described his process for selecting the subjects he did while in the building. At the end of his presentation, Mr. Danziger shared with us the printing materials and process he uses to prepare his pictures for exhibits which are usually very large in scale. Sample materials were provided.



Mr. Danziger also shared his photos and described the process of photographing "The Gates to Hell", the name given to the 230-foot wide flaming crater, situated in the vast, sparsely populated Karakum desert in northern Turkmenistan.



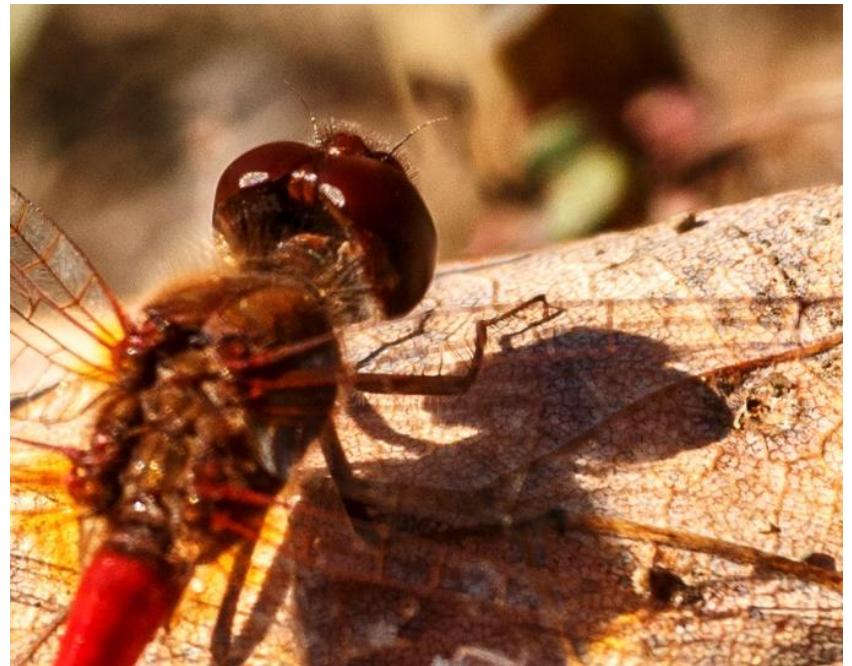
Visit <http://www.chronogram.com/DailyDose/archives/2014/10/29/gate-to-hell-2277061> for more information for more information about "The Gates to Hell" and Mr. Danziger's experience there ... an interesting read.

HCC MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

By Dawn Dingee

On Saturday, October 15, we held a macro photography workshop at Innisfree Gardens located in Millbrook, NY. The weather was good except for a slight breeze that is not favorable to macro photography but despite that, we came away with some good photographs. There was still some color left on the trees and although there wasn't much small "wildlife" to photograph, we did find a few bugs and dragonflies.

Jeff began by handing out some macro photography tips that he had put together. While going over the tips, Jeff had multiple macro lenses on the table that we were able to handle. After the tutorial, we all went off in different groups in directions, meeting up from time to time. Here are some photos from the day.



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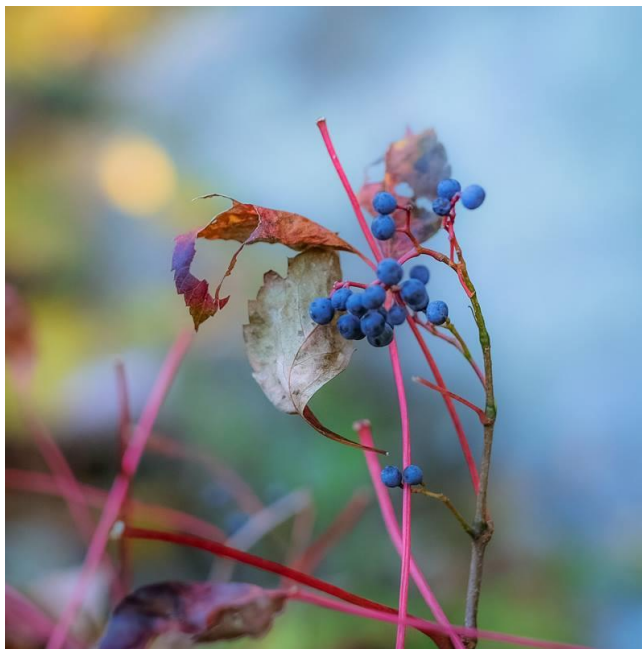
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Photography is generally recognized as "macro" when you are increasing the size of an object in your picture from about half life-size, as represented on the image sensor, to five times life-size.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-tips/macro-photo-tips/>



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Travelogue - Uzbekistan

By Birgitt Pajarola



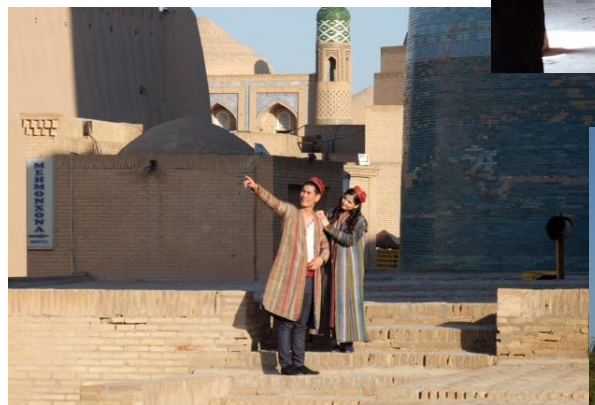
9/30/2016 - Bukhara

Leisurely exploring Bukhara. Beautiful, as you can see. Too much time for shopping and we had to find a bank which gave us money on our CC cards. Running low. Mia was on a search of a real Uzbekistan carpet and it was a lengthy negotiation. But fun. Having a wonderful time.



10/02/2016 - Khiva highlights

The perfect movie set; it is almost too perfect. Another wonderful day in Uzbekistan. Tiles, Wooden pillar mosque, wedding couple, Harem and Tombs.



10/04/2016 - Tashkent

We just arrived back in Tashkent, the capital, to do last minute sightseeing. All very new and Russian architecture. Impressive Boulevards with very little traffic. Leaving 5am tomorrow for the long flight via Istanbul back home. All went very smooth and the 3 of us had a great time.



ASSIGNED TOPIC – SILOHOUETTE

Each month, we will have a newsletter “topic of the month” – members are encouraged to submit photos that are a good representation of the topic. This month’s topic was “SILOHOUETTE”. A silhouette is the image of a person, animal, object, or scene represented as a solid shape of a single color, usually black, with its edges matching the outline of the subject. The interior of the silhouette is featureless.



Sunset at Inle Lake ©Bert Schmitz



Ethan Allen Highway ©Judith Gott



Untitled ©Birgitt Pajarola



Lighthouse at Great Point ©Judith Gott



Sunset Sunflower ©Jane Rossman

★ December’s Assigned Topic ★
Say Cheese!



ASSIGNED TOPIC – SILHOUETTE



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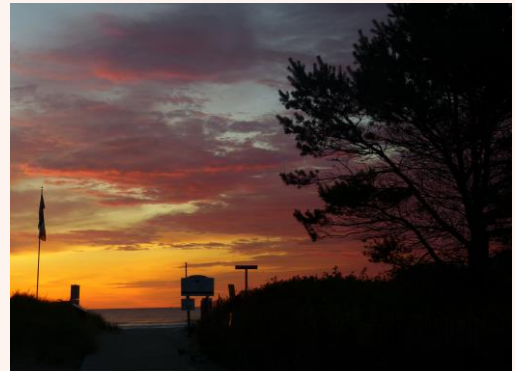
Monument ©Rick Pauline



Factory ©Dawn Dingee



Five Island Sunrise ©Jane Rossman



Dawn at Moody Beach ©Jane Rossman

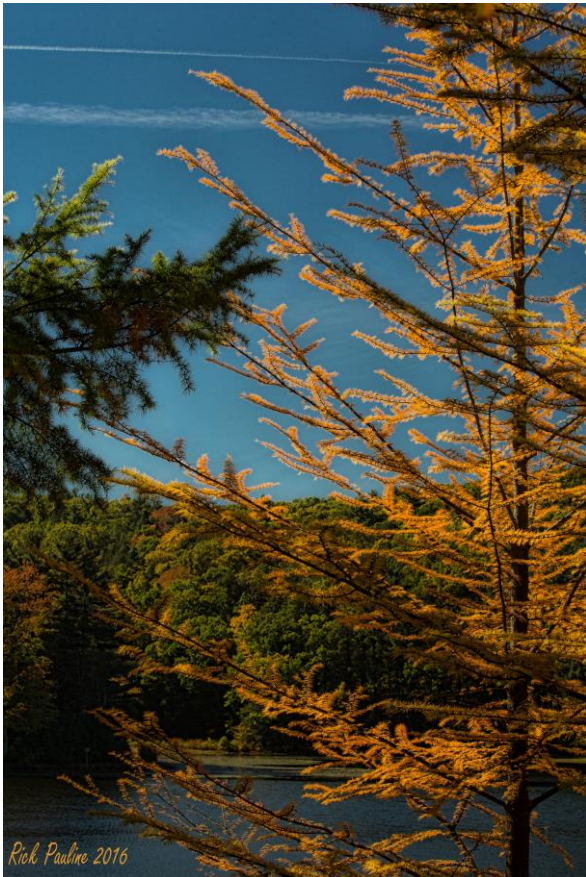
Random Shots!



Late Afternoon Catch ©Judith Gott



Explosion ©Dawn Dingee



Rick Pauline 2016

Lit Tree ©Rick Pauline



Leaves ©Lazlo Gyorsok

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2016 – 2017 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](#)

NOVEMBER 15 (Wagner Learning Center)

HCC Member Birgitt Pajarola will present “Unique Destinations” which was compiled from 5 years of travel before the masses found these very unique destinations including China, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Ladakh (India), Kashmir, Yemen, among others.

We will also have a **Print Competition** (up to 3 submissions per member will be accepted).

DECEMBER 20 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Holiday Dinner followed by a review of Digital Circuit.

JANUARY 17 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

HCC Member Jeff Breitman – Topic TBD.

FEBRUARY 21 (Wagner Learning Center)

Noble Show Critique; 3-4 Internal Speakers - speakers TBD*
 * 3-4 speakers on varying topics for approx. 15 minutes each on a chosen topic. Topics TBD.

MARCH 21 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Photographer Anne Day will present “iPhone photography”.

APRIL 18 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Digital Circuit, Review Competition submissions.

MAY16 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Photographer Joe Meehan will present “Infrared Photography”. We will also have our “Annual Swap Meet”.

JUNE 20 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Happy Hour/Dinner followed by NECCC Recorded Commentary.

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

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