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# Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

## November 2017

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## President's Message

by Dawn Dingee

Jeff Breitman

We have purchased our new laptop computer! Thank you to Rick for installing it with all the latest software. With the new projector purchased last season and the new laptop this season, we are in good shape to host the PSA PID March competition for Group C. The laptop did take a chunk out of our HCC funds. Anyone wanting to contribute to the purchase of the laptop by making a one-time donation can do so by submitting a check to Judy at our next meeting. HCC funds are used to pay PSA and NECCC membership dues, pay speakers, fund office supplies and contribute towards our December and June dinners. Thank you.

We are still looking for field trip ideas before the weather turns too cold. Did anyone go to the InnisFree Gardens *Morning Light* in October? On page 3, I provide information about a favorite place that I like to photograph. This would be a great photo opportunity for those interested.

We are beginning our preparations for the December dinner. We will move up our December meeting by one week so that the dinner is not too close to the holidays. See page 2 for details.

Don't forget our print competition at November's meeting. See page 10 for details.

I am looking for articles for the next newsletter. It's been quite some time since I rec'd an article from one of our members. The newsletter is an important part of our club but that means it's important for members to contribute...it cannot be a *one man (or woman) show*. Please consider doing your part – write a small article, a how-to article or a small write-up of your 'favorite place to photograph' or whatever you think may be of interest to our members.

Hope to see you at the November meeting!

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

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# November Meeting

HCC annual PRINT MEETING  
and MEMBER CRITIQUE dedicated to

# All Things Print

an overview of  
ins and outs of printing today,  
and a member print critique\*

Getting started, the costs, the  
rewards and the learning curve,  
and cost effectiveness.

Where and what are the best deals  
and brands : printers, paper, inks

Paper selection, printer software,  
printing APPS ?,  
using non OEM supplies

HCC Meetings are free and open to the public so please join us.  
Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm (Wagner Bldg)



©Judith Gott



©Dawn Dingee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

~ DECEMBER 2017 ~

### "Holiday dinner in the Cobble"

This year's holiday dinner is at Noble in the Cobble building on **Tuesday, December 12th** – NOTE the change in day from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month - this was done so that the dinner wasn't so close to the holidays when everyone is busy. Social hour will be from 5:00 - 6:00pm; dinner will be from 6:00 - 7:00 pm and the regularly scheduled meeting. **Reservations must be in by December 2nd so please let Judy Becker (judybecker40@att.net) know if you plan on attending.** This year's cost is **\$25** per person.

~ JANUARY 2018 ~

### Annual Salon Show – Noble Horizons

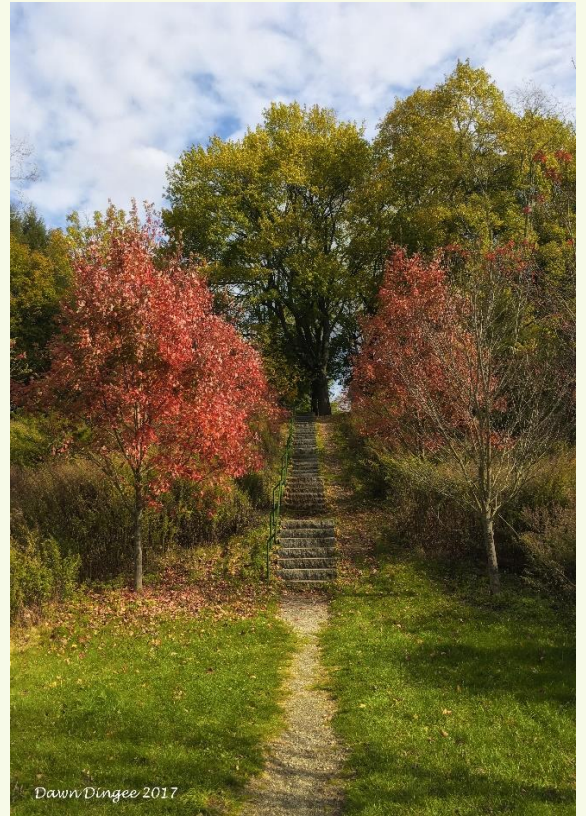
Start preparing your prints. We will once again have a salon show at Noble Horizons. Opening reception will be **Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Pictures must be dropped off at the front desk January 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. The show is open to any and all **new work**... nothing that has been there before can go there again. As usual, all prints should follow the guidelines previously sent to you. Let's fill those walls! We can likely accommodate 3-4 pictures per participant. More details to follow.

## A Favorite Place to Photograph by Dawn Dingee

One of my favorite places to photograph is Dover Stone Church and the best thing about it is it is only about 3 miles from my house. I used to go here as a kid 40+ yrs. Ago (yes, I am old 😊) but to get there back then, you had to trespass across people’s yards, cross under barbed wire, walk through chest high grass, jump over a stream and then try to locate the opening of the cave amongst the overgrowth. Thankfully since then, Dover has purchased the land around Stone Church and made it a tourist attraction for Dover Plains. It is still not exactly easy to find since the beginning section requires you to walk up what looks like a private driveway between two houses but once you find this and get to the top of the small hill, the Welcome sign greets you and from there, it’s a beautifully maintained trail.

According to local legend, the site was a refuge for Pequot Sachem Sassacus and his warriors as they fled from the English Army in the 1600s. In the early 1800 and early 1900s, the Stone Church was a popular local attraction for New York City dwellers to visit and enjoy the fresh air of upstate New York. In 2002, the Town of Dover, the Dutchess Land Conservatory and the Friends of Dover Stone Church joined together to raise private and public funds to purchase the 58 acre property. Since then, and additional adjacent 110 acres has been donated or acquired.

In 2010, the walkway to the cave was enhanced to include a maple-lined pathway and a stone and wooden bridge over the stream. Besides the main trail to the cave, over the years, more *continued next page*

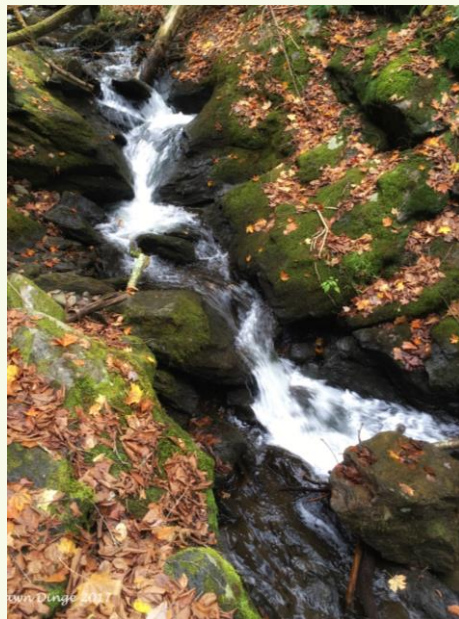


Dawn Dingee 2017

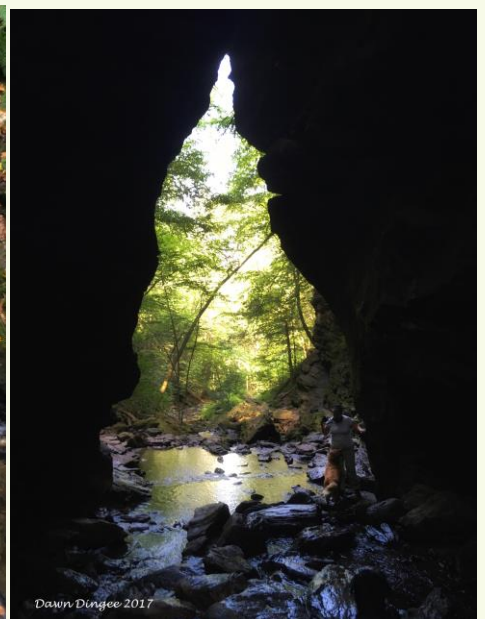
Main trail leading to the Cave



Dawn Dingee 2017



Dawn Dingee 2017



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## A Favorite Place to Photograph (continued) by Dawn Dingee



trails have been added which lead to different overlooks. The Red trail or lower loop is a 1-mile round trip that is not too strenuous but it's probably the least hiked trail so sometimes it gets a little overgrown in sections. The Yellow trail or upper loop is a 1 mile round-trip that does have some hills. The most difficult trail is the Blue trail which is a 1.5 mile round-trip which leads to an overlook offering beautiful views of the town of Dover. Besides the main trail to the cave, the blue trail is probably the second most traveled trail.

The main trail to the cave is sometimes blocked when we have heavy rains because a portion of the trail consists of stones that allow you to walk close to the water as you walk around a stone overhang. When the water is high, the stones become completely submerged and there's no way around them. In the winter, these stones become very icy. Right now in November, the water is low and the cave is very accessible.

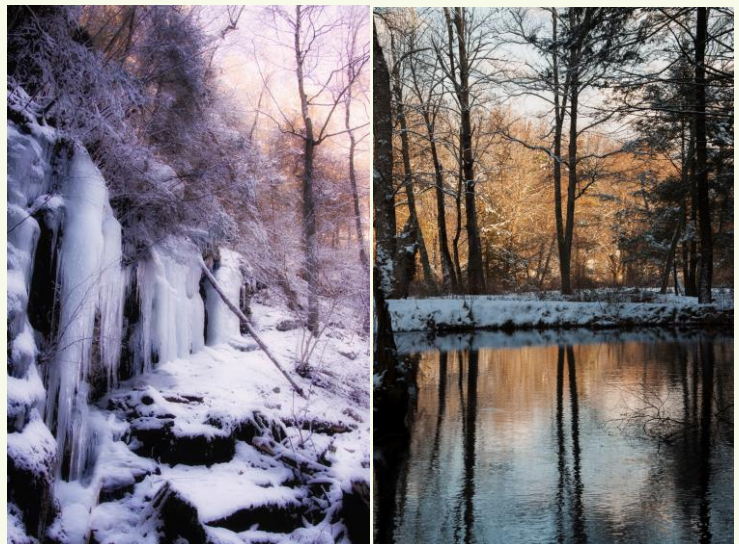
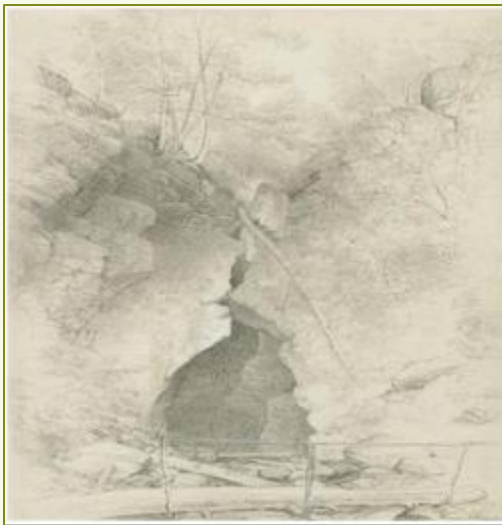
The cave itself has an odd shaped opening that almost resembles a church steeple. Inside the cave is a 30 ft. waterfall fed by the Stone Church Brook, a 10-mile tributary that flows through the preserve. With the water being so low right now, it's the perfect time to visit and hop rocks to go right inside the cave and hear the rushing water all around you. This also gives you a great view of the top of the cave which has a narrow opening that allows the sun to shine down into the cave. During the winter months, this can be somewhat sketchy and dangerous but in my opinion, definitely worth it.

This cave would make for a great club field trip!

A word of caution though...this year the ticks are very bad! So dress appropriately and wear bug spray that is good for keeping ticks away.



Asher Durand, engraver and landscape artist of the Hudson River School of Art sketched the site in 1847





## PSA Submissions

The following photos received the highest club votes and were submitted to PSA to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the Fall PSA PID Interclub Group E competition. Thank you to all who submitted photos and/or participated in the voting.



Death Valley Dust Storm ©John Landon



Guitar Hero ©Dawn Dingee



Sunrise at the Lake ©Lazlo Gyorsok



Delicate Flower ©Bert Schmitz

## PSA Submissions continued



Gypsy Sally Eats Tonight ©Alex Kearney



Lotus ©Rick Pauline

# Announcements

## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2017/2018 season

Co-Presidents	Dawn Dingee Jeff Breitman <a href="mailto:housatonic_camera_club@yahoo.com">housatonic_camera_club@yahoo.com</a>
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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**
- **Share photography and photo printing tips**
- **Your photo blog or website URL**

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.



## Membership Dues

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to pay your membership dues for 2017 / 2018. Fee is \$25 for individuals and \$10 additional for each family member.

## Meeting Locations

All meetings take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month between September and June and will take place in either the Community Room or the Wagner Room with the following exceptions:

- December meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 12 (not 19)

See the program schedule for room assignments.



PSA Travel competition voting is ongoing right now. Voting ends November 12th. Don't forget to vote!

# Competition Results

## New England Camera Club Interclub Electronic Competition Pictorial Class B - Fall 2017



4 Maples Farm ©Brian Wilcox



### Club Scores:

Housatonic	Dingee, Dawn	The Fountain	18		
Housatonic	Gyorsok, Lazlo	The Fiddler	22		
Housatonic	Landon, John	Namib Desert	20		
Housatonic	Wilcox, Brian	4 Maples Farm	23	HM	83

## New England Camera Club Interclub Electronic Competition Nature Class A - Fall 2017



To the Moon and Back ©Dawn Dingee



### Club scores:

Housatonic	Dingee, Dawn	To The Moon And Back	25	HM	
Housatonic	Gyorsok, Lazlo	Couldn't Make It	22		
Housatonic	Kearney, Alex	Heading Somewhere I Have Never Been	20		
Housatonic	Landon, John	Yellow Spotted Mudskipper Meets Crab	20		87



## ASSIGNED TOPIC – Perfectly Timed!

Each month we feature a topic of the months in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit 2-3 photos to select from. This month's topic was "**Perfectly Timed!**".



Conductor ©Steve Hackett



Airborne ©Dawn Dingee



©Bill DeVoti



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### Next month's topic of the month:

Each month we have a newsletter "Topic of the Month". It's a nice way to see each other's work and to show our creative side. Next Month's topic will be: "**Unusual Perspective**". Be creative – shoot from down under, show straight up, turn the camera at an odd angle – be creative!

Members can submit photos to me at [d1295@aol.com](mailto:d1295@aol.com). Submissions should be in by December 1, 2017. About 10-12 pictures will be selected for the newsletter.



## ASSIGNED TOPIC – Perfectly Timed!



Storm ©Judith Gott



Oh Dear! Oh Dear! I shall be so late ©G. A. Mudge

## Print competition – November meeting

Don't forget the print competition at November's meeting. Each member can submit up to 2 photos each. We will look to make voting easier this year. We will discuss the photos and provide our critiques. Guidelines and helpful tips for providing critiques was sent out previously. Rules are as follows:

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). Acrylic, metals and foam boards are also acceptable.
  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.
  7. Ribbons will be handed out for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention.
- Jeff will provide a presentation on printing after the print competition.

# HCC Program Schedule

## 2017 – 2018

<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>	SPEAKER: JEFF BREITMAN TOPIC: PRINTING OVERVIEW + PRINT COMPETITION (1-2 photo ea.) – <b>Wagner Room</b>
<b>DECEMBER 12</b>	SPEAKER: TED ROTH TOPIC: Impelling Photography thru Projects: Brass & Glass; Church & Jail; Stories, Studies & Sixes + DINNER – <b>Community Room</b>
<b>JANUARY 16</b>	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DVDs TOPICS: TBD – <b>Wagner Room</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>	NOBLE CRITIQUE + PSA/NECC COMPETITION CRITIQUE – <b>Wagner Room</b>
<b>MARCH 20</b>	SPEAKER: TBD – <b>Community Room</b>
<b>APRIL 17</b>	3 INTERNAL MEMBERS to give presentation (20 mins ea.) – <b>Wagner Room</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Wilcox (Equestrian photography)</li> <li>• Speaker 2 – TBD</li> <li>• Speaker 3 – TBD</li> </ul>
<b>MAY 15</b>	JOE MEEHAN TOPIC: Infrared Photography – <b>Community Room</b>
<b>JUNE 19</b>	EOY DINNER + Recorded Commentary – <b>Community Room</b>

## Housatonic Camera Club Membership Enrollment 2017—2018

I wish to enroll as a member for one year. Season runs from September through June. 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  
13 Housatonic Ave. Canaan, CT 06018-2421; Email: judybecker40@att.net; Phone: 860-824-0561

PLEASE PRINT ONLY ... AND CLEARLY!

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