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Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee
Jeff Breitman

Our first salon show at North Elm Home – a home furnishing store in Millerton, NY ended this past week. A total of 3 pictures sold. Thank you to those who volunteered to hang and to those who participated in the show and reception. We hope to be invited back!



Picture by Lazlo Gyorsok

At our March meeting, we handed out the first edition of our "HCC Handbook". This will be a great tool for our new members so that they can more quickly come up to speed on the salon show guidelines, competition guidelines, and learn about other areas of the club. We hope this goes a long way in making our new members feel welcome and included ☺. See recap of March meeting on p14.

Don't forget our annual Swap Meeting during **May's** meeting...it's not too early to inventory your photography gear and books to see if you have items you would like to sell or swap with your fellow photographers.

Spring is almost here! And with it will likely come more photo opportunities!

NOTE: the date and program for April has changed. New date is Wednesday, April 19th. Please see page 2 for details.

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April Meeting

RESCHEDULED Wednesday April 19th

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB PRESENTS

An Overview on Creating BW Conversions and Duotones in Photoshop and an Introduction to the Amazingly Free Nik's Silver Efex Pro 2.

and A Critique Workshop of our NECCC Submissions. Some ideas on Constructive Criticism of our photographic images.

Meetings are free and open to the public so please join us **Wednesday, April 19** at 7:00 pm (Community Center, Cooble Bldg) Noble Horizons, Salisbury, CT. For more information visit us at: housatoniccameraclub.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HCC Committee Meeting – April 19, 2017 (6:00pm)

We will have a HCC Committee Meeting in the Cobble Building, promptly at 6:00pm before our regularly scheduled meeting (we will meet in the same area as our meeting). We will discuss the season so far, positions for next year, next year's schedule and possible field trips. Pizza will be served for those that want it. Bring your own drinks ☺.

Photo Shoot – Millbrook School – May 6, 2017 (10:00 am)

Lazlo has arranged to do a photo shoot at the old Millbrook School at the corner of Franklin Ave and Maple Ave. If you are interested in taking pictures in old, crumbling placeswell this is it.

Hudson Valley Photography Network – May 13, 2017

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, HVPN will host a conference with CANON Explorer of Light Eddie Tapp. The conference will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Center on the grounds of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Museum and Library in Hyde Park, NY. For more details, go to http://www.hvphotonet.org/MAY_7_2016_CONFEREN.php

Wish House Gallery – June 10, 2017

Wish House/Southern Gallery show will open June 10 and run through July 9. The gallery is located in West Cornwall, CT. There is room for 30-40 entries which photographers may select from Noble 2017, Sharon Historical Show 2017 or North Elm 2017. More details will be provided as the date gets closer.

Member Profile – Olivia Markonic

[Q] Who or what brought you to the Housatonic Camera Club (HCC)?

[Olivia] Lazlo suggested that I join the club.

[Q] How long have you been with the club?

[Olivia] Just joined.

[Q] Where is your favorite place to photograph?

[Olivia] Anywhere in our neck of the woods! Our area that we call home is quite beautiful.

[Q] What do you want to learn from the club and its members?

[Olivia] I would love to learn about Photoshop, studio lighting and hoping to learn how to build a photography website. I am not computer savvy at all!

[Q] What else do you want us to know about you?

[Olivia] I am a mom of 3 daughters, ages 21, 20 and 17. Soon I will be an empty nester as all three will be in college. I love to cook, I love the outdoors and I am very passionate about photography!

[Q] Camera equipment you currently use?

[Olivia] I use a Nikon d7100.



Niagara Falls

by Dawn Dingee

Since 1925, the Niagara Falls Illumination Board has provided nightly illumination of Niagara Falls for all to enjoy. This illumination includes a range of colors that alternate throughout the evening and shine over all of Niagara Falls. Winter is a beautiful time to visit the falls – if you can brave the cold. I was there in March and the temperatures were in the teens. I was determined to see the falls despite the cold so these photos were taken with my iPhone around 11:30 pm when the temperature was around 11 degrees! These were taken at the ‘Horseshoe Falls’ on the Canada side.



The following day, I was able to capture a few images with my iPhone as we were on our way out of town. The drive home is about 7 hours so we got an early start. My next visit is already scheduled for August 2017!



Some facts about Niagara Falls State Park:

- Niagara State Park is the oldest state park in the US – established in 1885.
- Niagara Falls State Park stretches over 400 acres, with close to 140 acres of that under water.
- 3,160 tons of water flows over Niagara Falls every second.
- The water falls at 32 feet per second over the Falls.
- Niagara Falls is capable of producing over 4 million kilowatts of electricity, which is shared by the United States and Canada.

Announcements

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2016/2017 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**
- **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.



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

Registration for the conference begins May 1, 2017.

During the Annual Conference registrants can participate in photo tours, classes, workshops, and photo shoots. There is an Opening Meeting of the Society with award presentations, an extensive Print Exhibition, a variety of programs, featured speakers in the evenings, social events, a vendor area with product demonstrations, numerous photographic activities, and a Banquet on the last evening.

WINNING IMAGES



Bert Schmitz' photo titled "Footbridge at Sunset" received Honorable Mention in Round 2 of the PSA Travel Division Inter-club Competition.



Full Club Results for Round Two:

Housatonic Camera Club	1	Just another day in New Orleans	9		Dawn	Dingee
Housatonic Camera Club	2	Shoes of in Samarkand	9		Birgitt	Pajarola
Housatonic Camera Club	3	Sulawesi Stroll	10		John	Landon
Housatonic Camera Club	4	The Hoe	9		George	Mudge
Housatonic Camera Club	5	The Streets of New York	7		Lazlo	Gyorsok
Housatonic Camera Club	6	Footbridge at Sunset	14	HM	Bert	Schmitz

Visit <https://psa-photo.org/> to view all winning images in both Round One and Round Two.

Don't forget we have copies of current and past editions of the PSA Journal available at each meeting. You can also follow PSA in Facebook – search @Photographic.Society.Of.America in FB and then 'Like' or 'Follow' to keep up on PSA events and competitions.



ASSIGNED TOPIC – ABC Project – Letter “S”

Each month we feature a topic of the months in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit 2-3 photos to select from. There were two ways you can tackle this project – Members could photograph something that starts with the letter “S” or they could photograph something that looks like the letter “S”.



Sign and Vine ©Jane Rossman



Snowy Egret ©Jane Rossman



Sunset Sail ©Judith Gott



Swan ©Judith Gott



ASSIGNED TOPIC – ABC Project – Letter “S”



©Lazlo Gyorsok



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Cups ©Dawn Dingee



Sakae ©Dawn Dingee



©John Landon

Next Month's Topic of the Month – “Broken”



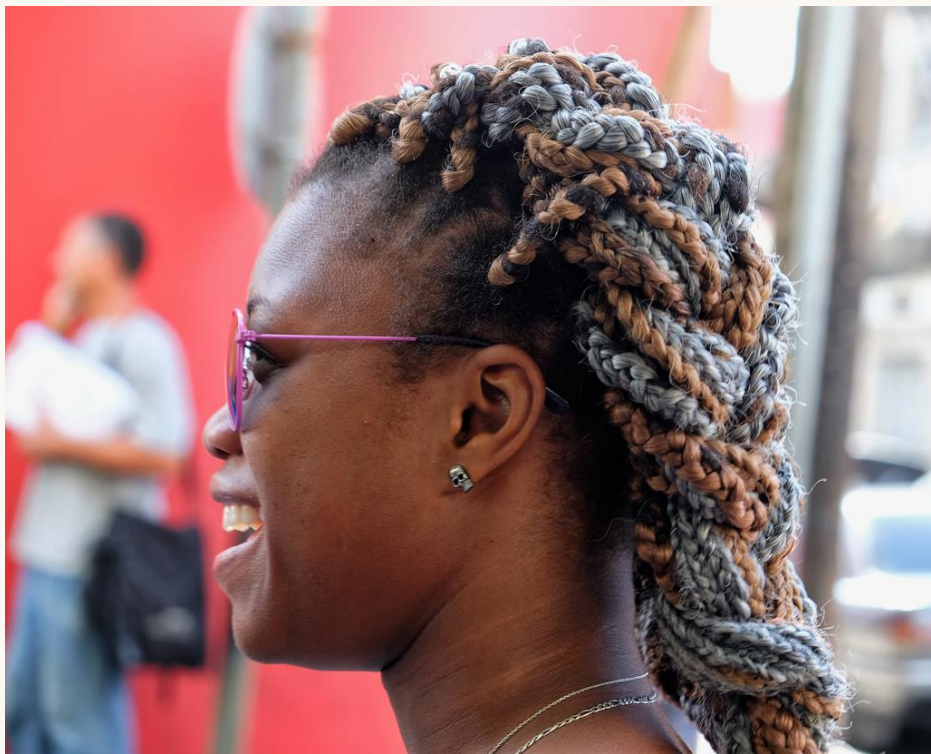
Judith Gott has provided the website -- <https://casanctuary.org/about/> -- as well as a few pictures from her visit to the Catskill Animal Sanctuary. Located in Saugerties, NY, the Catskill Animal Sanctuary is a 110 acre refuge for 11 species of farmed animals and champions veganism. Perhaps a sprint field trip in late May? We will discuss future field trips in our next HCC Committee Meeting in April. If you have other ideas for field trips, please send them to me at d1295@aol.com. ☺



Story Behind the Picture

by Birgitt Pajarola

Taking photos with permission in Rousseau, Dominica of locals, I was admiring the thick creative hairdo of the girl. When I looked closer at my photo, I noticed that it was not all her own hair and she used colored fabric twine.



by Jeff Breitman



Though I had 3 others cameras along in Florida, the only one available was my I-phone as the Manatee cruised by our dock headed down the Weeki Wachee River towards the Gulf of Mexico.

This mammal is about 7 feet long, very docile feeding on grass and algae as they are vegetarians. The Spanish explorers thought they were Mermaids - too much Rum.

Early American Architecture by Judith Gott

I am inspired by (colonial) architecture. Probably my Dutch roots guided me toward the forms and sturdy dwellings of early Dutch, Jewish, French and German immigrants.

I love to explore the Hudson River Valley with my camera, a good map and guidebook!

The Gomez Mill House (1714), on the West side of the river in Marlboro, is the oldest extant residence of a Jewish family in the U.S. (Printer, Dard Hunter lived in the house during the early 20th century).

The Van Wyck Homestead was built in 1732, and served as headquarters to a major military supply depot during the Revolutionary War.



Van Wyck Homestead 1732 Fishkill, NY - beehive oven detail



Gomez Mill House 1714, front door detail

Beacon, Fishkill, Red Hook, Tivoli, Germantown, and Kinderhook on the East side of the Hudson; New Paltz, Kingston, Saugerties and Catskill on the West, offer up some extraordinary early, rich history and architecture.

- New York State, Moon Handbooks Guide
- Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains an Explorers Guide Joanne Michaels
- Architectural Traditions in the Hudson River Valley, Map and Guide Series
www.hudsonrivervalley.com
- Hudson River Heritage -
www.hudsonriverheritage.org
- Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture –
www.hvva.org

Early American Architecture continued by Judith Gott



Interior structural beams, Red Hook, NY



Red Hook, NY



Brinkerhoff Pudney Palin

Story Behind the Picture

by G.A. Mudge

"The *Sherman Monument* honors Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman. Mounted on a spirited horse, the stern and determined general follows Lady Victory, who strides forward barefooted while holding a palm frond, the symbol of victory or peace. The head of Sherman is based on a bust that the sculptor made of the general. Facing south, where Sherman triumphed during the Civil War, the ensemble of man, horse, and woman dominates the entry to the park through the coordinated movement of their quest to end war and find peace." *From Alice in Central Park -- Statues in Wonderland* by G. A. Mudge. www.aliceincentralpark.com.

The photograph of the *Sherman Monument* was made at night on August 26, 2004. In 2011, the trees in the background were severely damaged in a snowstorm and have been removed, and the monument has been regilded. The exposure information is Canon 10D camera, 70-200 mm telephoto lens; photograph made at 95 mm focal length, ISO 1600, 1/4 second exposure at f 2.8 with a monopod. The statue by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens was dedicated in 1903. President Bush was visiting New York City on the evening of August 26, 2004. Immediately after making the photograph, the photographer was instructed by the Secret Service to put his camera away because the President was in town.

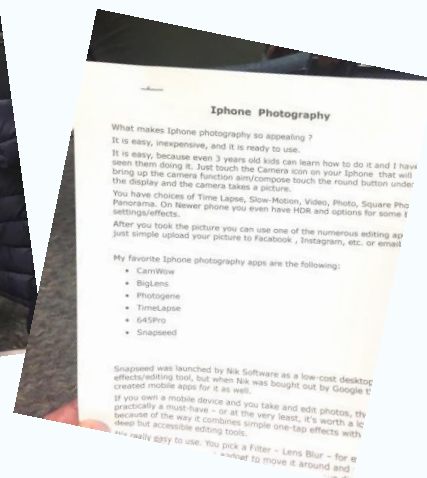


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March Meeting Recap

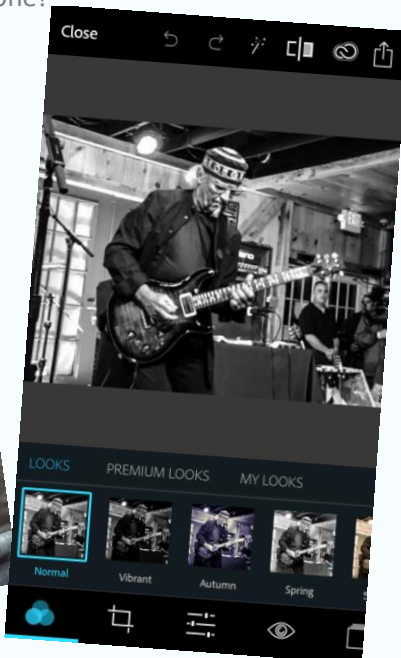
by Dawn Dingee

Our scheduled speaker for our March meeting had to cancel at the last minute. Drawing on the talents of our members, we were able to put together a presentation quickly – thanks to Lazlo Gyorsok and Jeff Breitman – so that we could still cover the same topic – iPhone photography. We’ve all heard the saying “the best camera you have is the one that is with you.” In today’s world of cell phones, tablets and iPads, this has never been truer. I read that the iPhone is currently the most popular camera used in Flickr.



Lazlo and Jeff presented some tips on how to take pictures which included the basics such as zooming and focusing. Once the picture was taken, he then demonstrated some of the in-camera editing capabilities including cropping, brightness, contracts, etc. To finish it off, he went into a number of downloadable, free apps that can be used to provide additional editing capabilities. Many apps are free but even for the ones that aren't, the cost is minimal (typically running around \$3.99 - \$4.99). Lightroom for the iPhone is a great editing tool that I have found useful!

A hand-out was provided so if anyone missed the presentation and would like a copy, let me know and I will provide one to you. After Lazlo's presentation, Jeff shared prints from photos taken on an iPhone. The prints were quite large and one could not tell the photos were taken on an iPhone!



We also saw two National Geographic tutorial DVDs covering:

- Aperture and Depth of field
- Composition 1

If you missed the meeting or would like to see the videos again, the discs are available on loan.



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](#)

MAY 16 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Photographer Joe Meehan will present **Panoramic Photography in the Digital Era**. We will also have our annual Swap Meet.

JUNE 20 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Happy Hour / Dinner followed by NECCC Recorded Commentary.



Lazlo and Brian - Lost ©Dawn Dingee

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
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