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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee
Jeff Breitman

With only two more meetings for this season, we are already looking forward to next year. The Committee met before last month's meeting to discuss how this season went and to start planning for next season. If you have a specific topic you would like see covered next year, let me know as it's not too late to work it into the schedule. There are no open committee positions this year...all current positions held will be the same for next year.

This past Saturday, several club members met at 10:00 am at the Thorne Memorial School in Millbrook, NY. Lazlo had arranged for us to gain access to the now abandoned building to shoot for a few hours. Afterwards, we had a nice lunch at "Happy Days" diner. Pictures of the day can be found on pages 3-5 and 14.

We would like to plan another spring outing now that the weather is finally warming up. If you have ideas of places to photograph, let me know. We also want to schedule a few outings during the summer months. More details to follow as we get them.

Joe Meehan is our scheduled speaker for May. See page 2 details on his presentation. 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.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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May Meeting

HCC presents
Joe Meehan



Panoramic
Photography in
the Digital Age



A few years ago, shooting a panoramic image required specialized cameras that produced very odd film formats. That has all changed in the digital era where photographers can capture these extraordinary wide views with almost any camera using "stitching" software. In this presentation,



Joseph Meehan (author of the first book on panoramic photography) will begin with a brief look at the development of panoramic photography in the film era. He will then illustrate the three main digital panoramic methods using a variety of natural and manmade landscape compositions.

Joseph Meehan has worked as a professional photographer, writer, teacher and editor since the 1970's. Thousands of his images have appeared in books, magazines, in print advertisements and on the web. Meehan served as Technical Editor at Photo District News for 12 years. He is the former editor of the Photography Yearbook in the UK and has authored 30 books on photographic techniques.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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://hvphotonet.org/MAY_13_2017_CONFEREN.php. Signup can be done until noon on Friday, May 12th.

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. Titles and sizes are due by May 15th. Ann will be providing more details within the coming days.

NECCC 72nd Annual Photography Conference – July 2017

The 72nd Annual Photography Conference for NECCC is being held on July 14, 15 and 16 at UMASS in Amherst Massachusetts. Bryan F. Peterson is the keynote speaker this year. **The Art of Seeing** is based on Bryan's bestselling books "Understanding Exposure" and "Learning to See Creatively". There will be a wide variety of other speakers. The conference is also a good place to try out new equipment as they have a loaner program which features equipment from Canon, Fuji, Lensbaby, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic, Sigma, Sony and Tamron. Registration is discounted if done before June 23rd. Visit <http://www.neccc.org/p/2017-conf.html> for more details.

Field Trip – Thorne Memorial School

On Saturday, May 6th, several club members met at the abandoned Thorne Memorial School located in Millbrook, NY on the corner of Franklin Avenue and Maple Avenue. The school is now closed and decaying. It is a brick structure that was built at the end of the 19th century.

Windows are round-arched on the ground floor. The third story, originally living quarters for the janitor and his family has smaller rooms in the dormers with a central hall lit by skylights. Walls are plaster over clay tile on the interior; floors are original wood strip except for concrete in the basement, which was used for mechanical purposes. Thorne's school was to be state-of-the-art for its era. The new school was fireproof, long before this became common or mandatory.

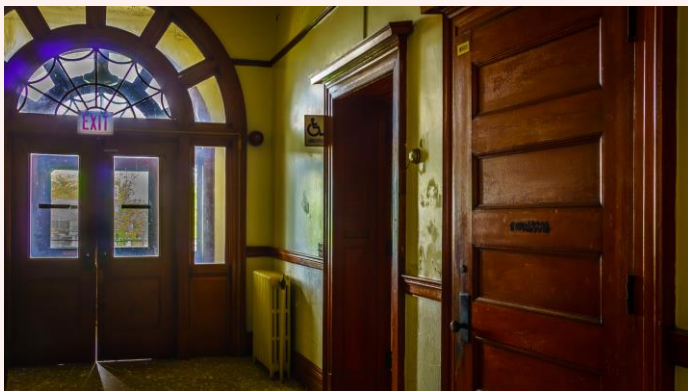
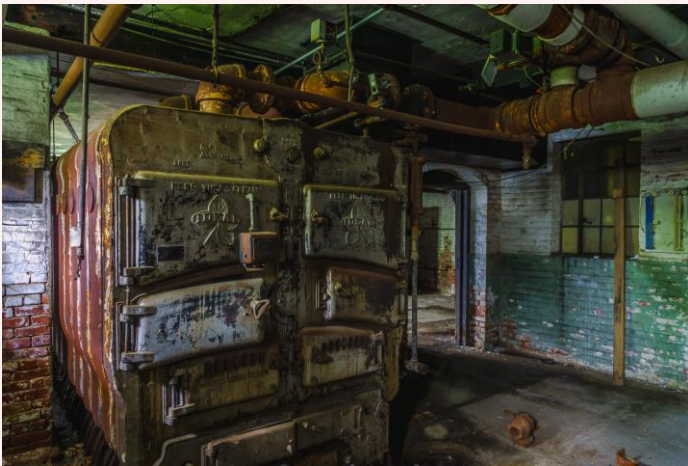
In 1996, the building was added to the National Register of Historical Places.



In one of the rooms downstairs, there were many beautiful watercolors which had been left behind and strewn all over the tables and floors. It was sad to see such beautiful artwork discarded in such a way.



Field Trip – Thorne Memorial School continued



We all went in different directions once inside the building. It seems each of us saw something different to photograph. While I concentrated on the small details, Bert ventured down to the darkness of the basement which contains a kitchen, cafeteria as well as the mechanical rooms. These HDR images really bring out the details and colors in the boiler room.

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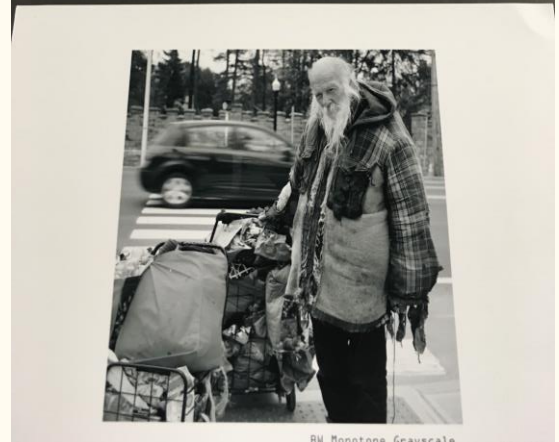
Field Trip – Thorne Memorial School continued



April Meeting Recap by Dawn Dingee

Our HCC April meeting consisted of a presentation on Black and White photography. Jeff along with Rick demonstrated multiple ways to get to a black and white photograph ranging from in-camera settings to post processing within in Adobe Photoshop using various filters from the Google Nik collection, mainly Silver Efex Pro.

We also reviewed "Critiquing Photographs" tips and provided handouts which included links to websites that discuss this topic. We ran out of time to actually review the latest submissions for the PSA Travel category; however, we encouraged members to utilize these guidelines when scoring the travel photos.



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



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NECC Spring Nature Class B Club results:

Club	Score	Place
Flagpole	92	1st
Candlewood	91	2nd
Housatonic	90	3rd
Upper Cape	90	3rd
Whaling City	90	3rd

NECC Year end Nature Class B standings:

Club Name	Total Score	Place
Housatonic	264	1st
NE Shutterbugs	259	2nd
Manchester	255	3rd

The first two clubs in the Nature category Year End standings will now move up to Class A for the 2017/2018 season. The competition in that category will be very tough next year. Visit the NECC website to view past winning images in the Class A category:

<http://neccc14.neccc.org/Interclub/GalleriesFall2016/NatureA/index.html>

NECC Spring Pictorial Class B results:

Housatonic	Dingee, Dawn	Rosebud	19	
Housatonic	Kearney, Alex	Caged Keeled Bill Toucan	18	
Housatonic	Landon, John	Top Of Mt Wellington	23	HM
Housatonic	Summer, Wendy	Young Girl In Refugee Camp Afghanistan	21	



Top of Mount Wellington ©John Landon



Bluebird ©Alex Kearney

NECC Spring Nature Class B results:

Housatonic	Dingee, Dawn	Swamp Thing	20	
Housatonic	Kearney, Alex	Bluebird	23	HM
Housatonic	Landon, John	Painted Stork	24	HM
Housatonic	Wilcox, Brian	Sharon Valley Sunset	23	HM



ASSIGNED TOPIC – “Broken”

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 “Broken”.



Toppled ©Dawn Dingee



Japanese Maple ©Judith Gott



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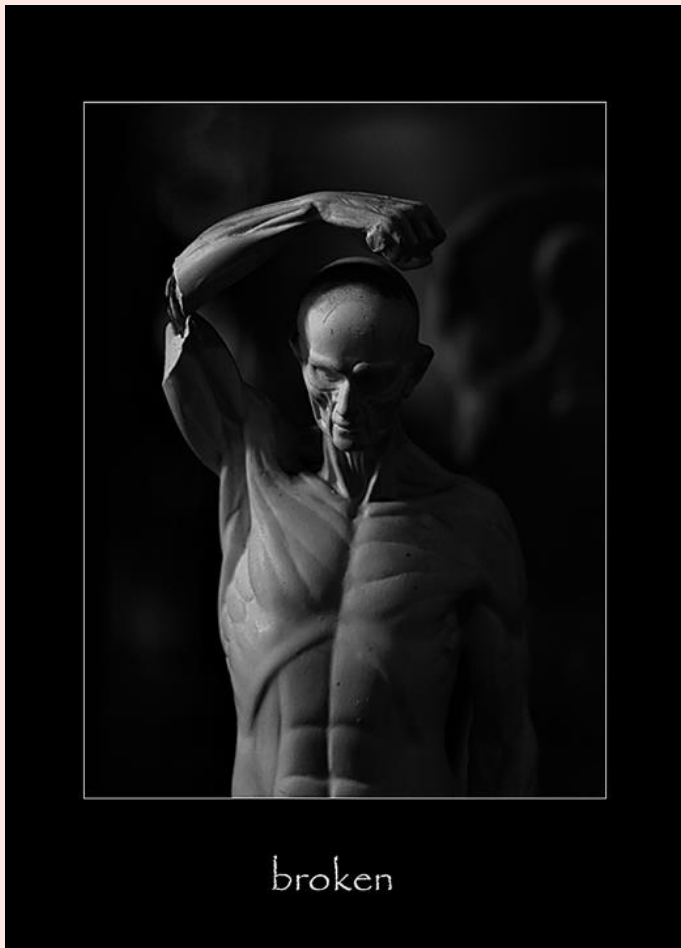
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In need of repair ©Judith Gott



Broken Window ©Dawn Dingee



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***** Next Month's Topic of the Month – Emotions *****
Happiness, sadness, joy, envy...how many emotions can you capture with just a photo?

Story behind the picture

by Jeff Breitman

iPhone pan on the grounds of our Weeki Wachee rental looking downriver towards the Gulf of Mexico about 2 miles away.



by Dawn Dingee

On a recent walk on the Appalachian Trail, I heard the sound of a woodpecker in the woods. I frequently hear these birds on my walks, but I rarely can find the source since the trees are so dense on either side of the trail. On this day, Rick was hiking with me and he saw this pileated woodpecker off in the distance. I started shooting right away with my 100m-400m lens and inched closer and closer, expecting the bird to fly away any second. Surprisingly, this fellow let me get right underneath the tree he was in. He was just too busy enjoying the “treats” within this old, rotten tree.



Favorite Place to Photograph

by Birgitt Pajarola

My favorite place to photograph is a location close to my heart and I pass it every day. Watching the colors of the trees change with the seasons of each year.



Each cycle is different. However, I also noticed changes in the cycle depending on a drought in summer, which affects the fall colors or a frost in spring, which can ruin the spring glow.

These trees are the same: taken in October 2016 and April 2017.

On both days, I purposely used over cast conditions to take the picture. I think the colors are more dramatic. And I do not like to have the sky in them because it is very difficult to get the right exposure. Both pictures are hardly edited.

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](#)

JUNE 20 (Community Room, Cobble Building)

Happy Hour/Dinner followed by NECCC Recorded Commentary.

Field Trip – Thorne Memorial School continued



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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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