

Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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Ice Cold ©Jane Rossman

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee

Jeff Breitman

Last month we had John Isaac as our featured speaker. He is an award winning photographer and author. John served as a chief photographer for the U.N. up until the late 1990s. He has traveled to over 135 countries, documenting the wars and human rights crisis. It was a fantastic presentation. Thank you Jeff for securing such a fascinating speaker – one of the best we have ever had!! For more details about the meeting, see page 3.

The weather has turned much colder over the last few weeks. Mother Nature is not sure what she wants to do...as I write this today, the temperature got up to 50 degrees today but we've already had our first taste of snow before the official start of winter. And more cold is on the way! This month's topic of the month was "Cold as Ice". Beginning page 9, you can see the wonderful pictures submitted by our members.

We were unable to get to the required-20 to have our annual sit-down catered dinner. So instead we have opted to do a less formal dinner at our December meeting. We hope you still will attend. We will have food, fun, raffles and more. Hope to see you there!

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HCC HOLIDAY DINNER

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

RAFFLES & GIVEAWAY

MEMBER PRESENTATION

THE HOLIDAY DINNER IS UPON US!!!

MY FAVORITE PHOTO
BRING A PHOTO PRINT (MOUNTED OR NOT) OR A FILE OF AN IMAGE YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR FINEST/FAVORITE WORK (CURRENT OR VINTAGE). AN IMAGE THAT DISTILLS YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY OR REPRESENTS A HIGH POINT IN YOUR CREATIVITY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC MASTERY. PLEASE SHARE THE REASONS YOU HAVE CHOSEN THIS IMAGE AND SOME TECHNICAL DETAILS.

Our annual holiday dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at Noble Horizons (The Community Room, Cobble Bldg.). 5 pm Happy Hour + 6 pm Dinner + 7 pm Program. We have opted for Plan B (\$5.00) the Sub with members contributing side dishes, dessert and beverages.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wish House Salon Show (October - December)

The Housatonic Camera Club has a salon show going on right now at the Souterrain Gallery at the Wish House in West Cornwall, CT. The show is titled "The Magic Corner Captured and other Fantastic Imagery" and features "local themes and landscapes". **The show will run through the holiday season.** Invite your family and friends to see the show and visit the shop above the gallery that offers "eclectic gifts, clothing, and home accents made by craftsman from around the world and just down the road". The Covered Bridge which was recently under construction is now complete!

Noble Horizons Salon Show (January 2019)

Start preparing your prints! The annual salon show at Noble Horizons will take place in **January 2019** and will run through February 19th. Please let Bill DeVoti know if you will be participating and send him titles, sizes and prices as soon as you can. Opening reception is **January 11th**. Pictures must be dropped off at the front desk the weekend of January 5th. 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.

November Meeting Recap by Dawn Dingee

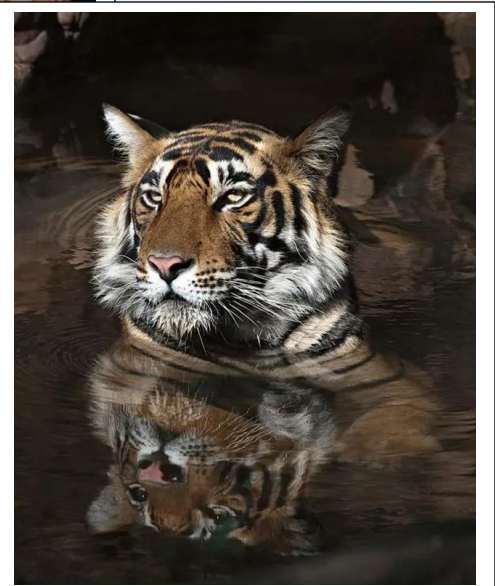
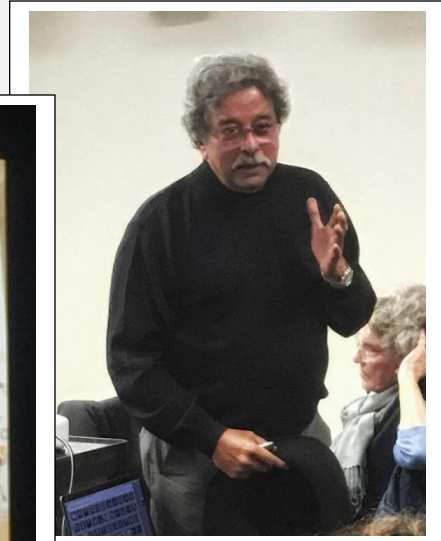
HCC November's meeting was Tuesday the 16th. Our guest speaker was award-winning photographer and author John Isaac. He served as an official photographer for the United Nations. Isaac began his career at the U.N. as a messenger and then moved on to become a dark room technician and eventually a photojournalist, a position he held for over 20 years. During this time, he photographed the many conflicts in the Middle East. The stress of photographing death in war-torn countries took its toll and led Isaac into a deep depression and he quit photography for a time.

He is also known for his free-lance work with celebrities like Audrey Hepburn who he met during his work with the U.N. when she served as Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF. They became close friends and she referred to him as "Johnny" and her biography has a chapter dedicated to their friendship. He also became an official photographer of Michael Jackson.

After some time had passed, he began a second phase of his career after the U.N. photographing wildlife and now spends his time photographing tigers in India's Ranthambore National Park. To see more works by Mr. Isaac, visit his website at <https://johnisaac.com/>



John Isaac spent 4 years in India doing research for his book *The Vale of Kashmir*. He is currently searching for a publisher for his work in photographing the tigers of India.





PSA Travel Division Interclub Competition Results

The following scores were given to the photos submitted to PSA to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the PSA Photo Travel Division interclub competition. We received no honors but the Club scored 6th overall.

1	Santorini - Greece	11	Birgit	Pajarola
2	Blind Afghan Woman in Refugee Camp	12	Wendy	Summer
3	Hiding from Elder	10	Neil	Nourse
4	Weaving by the window	10	Bert	Schmitz
5	isle of Lewis	11	John	Landon
6	View of the Hood	10	Nancy	Zaninni



Blind Afghan Woman in Refugee Camp ©Wendy Summer



NECCC Fall Nature Interclub Competition Results

The following scores were given to the photos submitted to NECCC to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the NECCC Fall Interclub Nature competition. We received no honors.

Housatonic	Gyorsok, Lazlo	New Preston Waterfall	21
Housatonic	Landon, John	Marikeet Confusion	23
Housatonic	Pajarola, Birgit	Morning Mist	20
Housatonic	Rossmann, Jane	Hanging Web	22

NECCC Fall Pictorial Interclub Competition Results

The following scores were given to the photos submitted to NECCC to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the NECCC Fall Interclub Pictorial competition. **Congratulations to Lazlo for receiving Honorable Mention!**

Housatonic	Dingee, Dawn	Graceful Deer	22	
Housatonic	Gyorsok, Lazlo	Morning Rush	24	HM
Housatonic	Schmitz, Bert	White Smoke	22	
Housatonic	Wilcox, Brian	Unknown Destinations	20	



Morning Rush ©Lazlo Gyorsok



PSA Pictorial Division Interclub Competition Submissions

The following scores were given to the photos submitted to PSA to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the PSA Pictorial Division interclub competition. We received no honors but scored very high overall. The club is in 9th place after the first round.

PSA PID Interclub Competition - Round 1				
Host scoresheet for Group D Competition				
Award Score	Club Name	Image Title	Photographer	
11	Housatonic Camera Club	Lion 1	Niel Nourse	
9	Housatonic Camera Club	Afghan Child with Mother	Wendy Summer	
10	Housatonic Camera Club	Graceful Deer	Dawn Dingee	
11	Housatonic Camera Club	Eagle Pair	Bert Schmitz	
10	Housatonic Camera Club	In a Blur	Lazlo Gyorsok	
9	Housatonic Camera Club	Curves	John Landon	



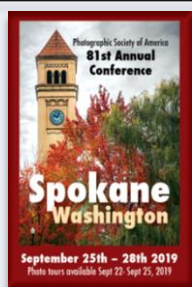
Lion B&W Young King ©Neil Nourse



Eagle Pair ©Bert Schmitz



Graceful Deer ©Dawn Dingee



The Photographic Society of America's (PSA) week-long International Annual Conference offers you the opportunity to improve your photographic skills by participating in a myriad of activities. The conference is an educational and networking experience held each year in September or October in a different US city.

The PSA 2019 conference will take place from Sunday, September 22, 2019 through Saturday, September 28, 2019. More details can be found here: <https://psa-photo.org>



The New England Camera Club (NECCC) will be having their annual conference July 12, 13 and 14, 2019 at UMASS Amherst MA. There are over 90 sessions to choose from. Each year, member club receives 2 courtesy enrollments to attend the conference. This year there is a \$40 co-pay due with the application. Candidates must be a member of an NECCC member club whose dues are paid for the current year. Candidates must also have never attended a previous NECCC conference. **If you qualify and are interested, please let myself or Bert know.**

Washington DC

by Dawn Dingee

With the recent passing of our 41st president George H. W. Bush, there's been a lot of talk about the current state of politics and the lack of civility that exists today in both parties. It was nice to see that in times such as this, politics can be set aside to honor a man who played such an important part in our history. The recent imagery on the news made me think back to the many times I have visited Washington DC, most recently in 2017. For me, DC is a magic place filled with so much history that it boggles the mind – so many monuments, memorials and free attractions which celebrate that history.

Washington DC has tons of places to capture great photos – the White House, Lafayette Park, Washington Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, US Capital, Library of Congress, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial...the list can go on and on. We typically visit for 4 days and squeeze as much as we can in that time. If you are looking for short trip that offers endless photo opportunities, consider DC. There are many photo tours available or you can travel on your own. We bring our bikes to use as our main source of transportation but the bus is a good option as well.

Some photos from our time spent in Washington DC.



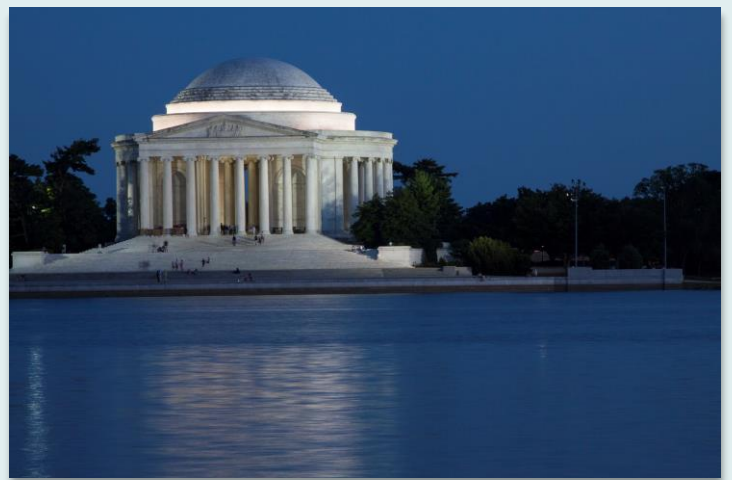
Fountain at the WW2 memorial



Department of the Treasury



Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial



Jefferson Memorial at Night

Announcements

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2018/2019 season

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Membership Dues

Reminder

Membership dues for 2018-2019 are for September 2018 to June 2019 and are due now. Anyone wishing to join or renew can pay their membership dues at our December meeting...please see Treasurer Judy Becker. You can also mail a check to Judy at 13 Housatonic Ave. Canaan, CT 06018-2421. **Dues are \$35 / person and \$15/person for each additional family member.**

Individuals with dues not up-to-date as of December will be removed from the HCC membership list.

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.



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

Meeting Locations

All meetings take place on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** between September and June (December's meeting is the 2nd week to avoid the holiday rush) and will take place in either the Community Room in the **Cobble** building or the **Wagner Room**.

See the program schedule on page 15 for actual room assignments and dates. Our November meeting will be held in the Wagner room. Hope to see you there!

MEMBER PROFILE – JEFF BREITMAN

JEFFREY BREITMAN is an artist and photographer who has relocated with his wife to Sharon, CT from New York City metro area. "I retired from teaching Art and Photography in a Yonkers, NY high school in 2010. Before that I was an art director for several ad agencies in the metro area and ran a full service photo studio. I majored in photography at Cooper Union, and subsequently in an MFA program. I have had a lifelong fascination and love of photography as both an art form and a recorder of history."

Though I do not favor one photographic style or subject over another. I definitely go through phases....portraits then landscapes, color then black and white, you get the idea.



Jeff Breitman ©Dawn Dingee



Winsock Winter Weeds ©Jeff Breitman



Steam Engine ©Jeff Breitman

I get more out of the creative process when I do my own post processing and printing. That part of the process is as essential for me as taking the photo. It gives one a depth of appreciation when viewing the work of the masters or anybody else's photographs for that matter. One can work at a print until you are satisfied. Taking into consideration, cropping, size, contrast etc.

In the past it was B&W darkroom and even color printing. Many, many hours spent in the darkroom both as a teacher and for my own work. After my transition to digital around 2003 it was the digital workflow, upgrading equipment and software as digital technology improved. Something however has been missing for me. For the past year I have replaced straight digital for my personal work. Replaced by film to digital/hybrid process meaning film developed then scanned. I use medium format film which is absolutely gorgeous and now have even revisited 35mm.

The cameras I have been using have been recently acquired via eBay and are over 60 years old (I had them all before digital sold them off back then). They are battery-less, meter-less mechanical masterpieces capable of producing stunning images that require an absolute minimum of post processing and cropping.



Assigned Topic – Ice Cold

Each month we feature a topic of the month in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit 2-3 photos to select from. This month's topic was "Ice Cold". Below are some of the photos received from our members.



Ice ©Dawn Dingee



Blue ice ©Dawn Dingee



© Lazlo Gyorsok



© Lazlo Gyorsok

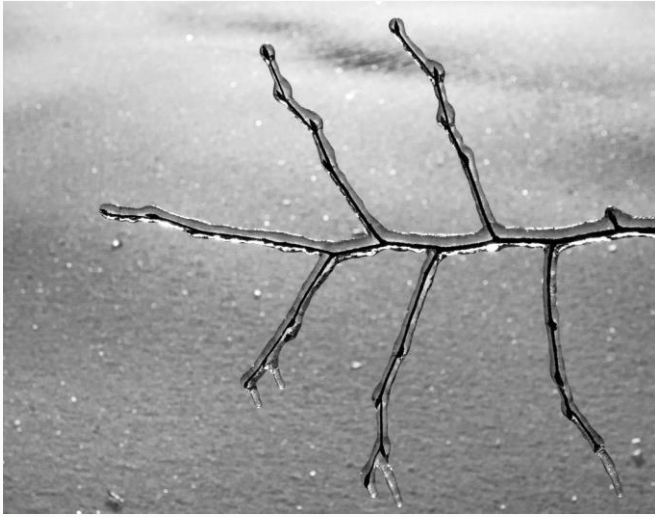
Next month's newsletter topic of the month:

Consider sharing your photos with fellow club members. It's a nice way to share our work and to show our creative side. Next month's topic will be: "**Winter Blues**" Be creative!

Members can submit photos to me at d1295@aol.com. Submissions should be in by January 6th, 2019.



Assigned Topic – Ice Cold



Freezing Rain ©G. A. Mudge



Winter Walk ©Jane Rossman



River Ice ©Jane Rossman



Ice Slice ©Jane Rossman



©Bert Schmitz



Winter Cardinal ©Bert Schmitz



Winter Evening ©Bert Schmitz



©Bert Schmitz



Frozen Oranges ©Nancy Zannini



Frozen Flower ©Nancy Zannini



Inside / Outside ©Nancy Zannini




Learning to Ski ©Nancy Zannini



The Jaws of Ice ©Dawn Dingee

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018 – 2019 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](#)

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- December 11 Dinner and member photo share. Talk about your print or digital photo print. (Cobble)
- January 15 Internal speaker - Jeff Breitman. Topic: Street Photography; Jeff will speak about the “Masters” of street photography and Share some of his own works. (Cobble)
- February 19 Noble Show Review (Wagner)
- March 19 You Tube videos; Topic: TBA. (Cobble)
- April 16 Print critique – bring 1-2 printed photos to be critiqued. (Wagner)
- May 21 Speaker – Joe Meehan – Topic TBD (Cobble)
- June 18 Dinner/Recorded commentary (Cobble)

Housatonic Camera Club

Membership Enrollment 2018—2019

I wish to enroll as a member for one year. Season runs from September through June. Attached is the membership fee of \$35.00 (and \$15.00 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

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