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Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee
Jeff Breitman

Last month we kicked off our new season! After going over the club business, we spent the remainder of the evening reviewing the member showcases that were presented. Many members participated and made a great effort to make the presentations creative, unique and interesting. We 'traveled' to Cambodia on the bamboo train, to Greece and back to the US to such places as Maine, South Dakota, Nebraska and then places more local right here in NY and CT. Several of the showcase cases mixed video with still photography which was very creative and different than the usual slideshows 😊.

As discussed at our last meeting, we are looking for some field trip ideas. Olana has been suggested as a field trip. Olana is the home, studio and designed landscape of Hudson River School painter Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900). It overlooks the Hudson River. With the leaves starting to change, this would be an excellent time to visit if we can coordinate it quickly. At our last meeting, I suggested a visit to Stone Church located in Dover Plains, NY (about 40 minutes from Salisbury) which offers a natural cave and a 30 ft. waterfall in the interior. The trail to the cave is about a mile and easy to traverse. There are several ponds along the trail as well as a several trails totaling about 5 miles for those who want to do a more strenuous hike. When at the cave, you feel like you are a million miles away from civilization. Let's discuss some possible dates at our next meeting.

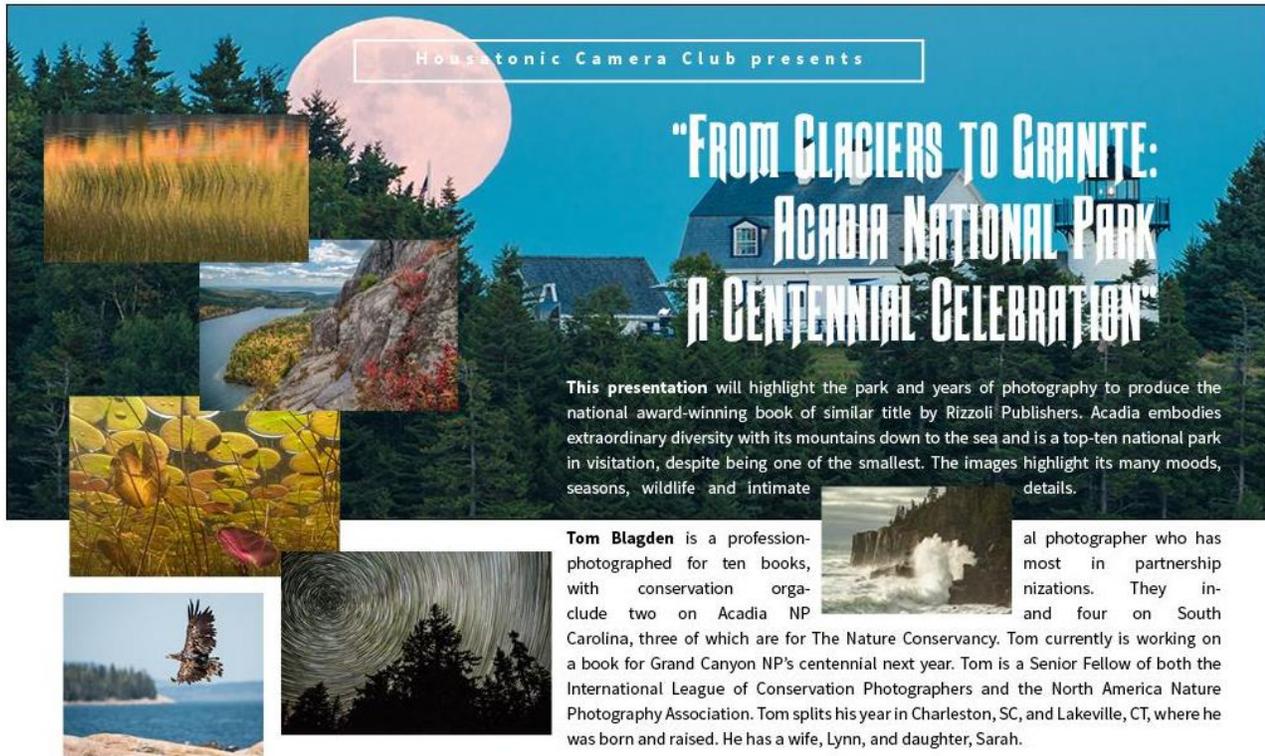
The next upcoming event is *Innisfree Gardens – Morning Light* held Saturday, October 20th. See page 2 for details. Please let us know of any other events you know of in the area where you think there may be good photo opportunities.

We have a very good speaker, Tom Blagden for our October meeting. Hope to see you there!

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October Meeting



Housatonic Camera Club presents

"FROM GLACIERS TO GRANITE: ACADIA NATIONAL PARK A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION"

This presentation will highlight the park and years of photography to produce the national award-winning book of similar title by Rizzoli Publishers. Acadia embodies extraordinary diversity with its mountains down to the sea and is a top-ten national park in visitation, despite being one of the smallest. The images highlight its many moods, seasons, wildlife and intimate details.

Tom Blagden is a professional-photographer for ten books, with conservation organizations. They include two on Acadia NP and four on South Carolina, three of which are for The Nature Conservancy. Tom currently is working on a book for Grand Canyon NP's centennial next year. Tom is a Senior Fellow of both the International League of Conservation Photographers and the North America Nature Photography Association. Tom splits his year in Charleston, SC, and Lakeville, CT, where he was born and raised. He has a wife, Lynn, and daughter, Sarah.

al photographer who has most in partnership organizations.

HCC meetings are free and open to the public so please join us. Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm (Wagner Bldg) Noble Horizons, Salisbury, CT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wish House Salon Show (10/13)

The Housatonic Camera Club will host the "The Magic Corner Captured and other Fantastic Imagery" at the Wish House Gallery located in West Cornwall CT. The show will feature "local themes and landscapes". The opening reception will be **October 13th** from **3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. 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!

Innisfree Gardens – Morning Light (10/20)

October 20, Innisfree in Millbrook, NY will open about one hour before sunrise (6AM) for photographers and other artists, birders, and anyone else who would like to experience the garden bathed in spectacular golden (or silvery) light. Cost for non-members is \$8.00. This could be a great opportunity to go this as a club event for those that don't mind getting up early. We can review at our October meeting to see if there is interest. 😊

What I did on My Summer Vacation by Dawn Dingee

Some members of my family – me included – have a guilty pleasure on Friday nights....we like to watch **Gold Rush** on Discovery channel. 😊 The show started out with 8 or 9 guys who were down on their luck and decided to travel to Alaska to pan for Gold. They didn't find much gold the first several years but the show took off anyway and became a big hit. My family and I went on a recent trip to South Dakota and decided we wanted to try *our hand* at gold mining. But we didn't want to just buy a bag of dirt and pan it...we wanted an "authentic" gold mining experience. So I did my research and found a Gold Mine located in Keystone, SD which offered an "authentic" gold panning experience. For a small fee, you could trek into the woods, stake your claim and pan for gold...and keep whatever gold you found. This was exactly what we were looking for. We were told it was an "easy hike" – only about ¼ of a mile. So my mom, sister and I decided to give it a try.



Well, the start of the trail was very deceiving...it was a nice smooth trail, easy to walk. But then about ¼ mile in, it all changed...the trail became very narrow, hilly and rocky! Yikes! I had my 70+ year old mother with me. But, she was a trooper and made her way down the trail to the mine site. On this hike, we had to carry our buckets, shovels, sluice boxes, etc. When we got to the site, the first thing we did was "stake our claim". My sister and I decided to dig into the hillside near each other. What we didn't think about was the distance we then had to carry the dirt to the river to sluice it! So after filling 5 gallon buckets with our "pay dirt", we had to trudge down to the river to begin the sluicing process. First, we had to screen out all the big rocks. This proved much harder than I would have thought.

The next step was to setup our sluice box. The guide was surprised that I knew the sluice box had to be at a 33 degree angle to catch the gold – something I learned watching **Gold Rush** 😊 BUT, about an hour in the thunder came! My mom decided she wanted to get out of there and fast before the rain came and washed out the trail because she remembered how narrow and rocky it was coming in and with the rain, she anticipated it would get flooded fast. So she and I began the walk back. We barely made it before the skies opened up. I walked the ¼ miles back to the site but by this time, it was pouring rain. The guide said it was too dangerous to stay so we had to leave immediately. So we gathered up our tools and left without ever actually sluicing our dirt that we so laboriously gathered and screened. And the trail was indeed flooded out!! By the time my sister and I got out of there, we were drenched!



We were able to go back to the Gold mining site later in the day and the guide and his helper had sluiced our dirt for us and it was waiting for us to pan it. So we panned our pay dirt...for 3 hours. When all was done, we had a **few flakes** of gold. I am not sure our gold would have totaled \$10 had we combined it all together. They make it look so easy on TV. We did not get rich but we created a lot of memories and had fun despite the rain!



Photo by Charlotte Dingee – taken through the car window through the rain drops which caused the picture to look a little "wonky"



Assigned Topic – Little Things

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 "Little Things".



Pup in Provincetown ©Dawn Dingee



Hopper ©Rick Pauline



Desktop Clutter ©G. A. Mudge



Newt ©Dawn Dingee



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Little Thing ©Birgitt Pajarola



Little Things on Dead Tree ©Birgitt Pajarola

Random Shots by Max Ule

Some photos I took a few weeks ago from a boat trip I took on the CT river from Haddam to the marsh area just north of I95 to see the hundreds of thousands of swallows before they migrated to Costa Rica. The boat is from Essex and is trotted out for special occasions from the museum up there. The night shot is of the Haddam Bridge with the Goodspeed Opera House to the right. And just to make it interesting the snow shot is taken outside my window as a reminder of what happened last winter.

All photos taken with the Nikon N70 that I picked up from the grab bag last year with a 28mm F/2.8D lens and Kodak 400 film. Needless to say the only way I could see the swallows was with binoculars.



Announcements

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2017/2018 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.



ASSIGNED TOPIC

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PETS



Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2018-2019 are for September 2018 to June 2019 and are due. Anyone wishing to join or renew can pay their membership dues at the September or October 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.**

Announcements

Meeting Locations

All meetings take place on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** between September and June and will take place in either the Community Room in the **Cobble** building or the **Wagner Room**.

See the program schedule on page 10 for actual room assignments and dates. Our October meeting will be held in the Wagner room. Hope to see you there!

Fall Field Trips

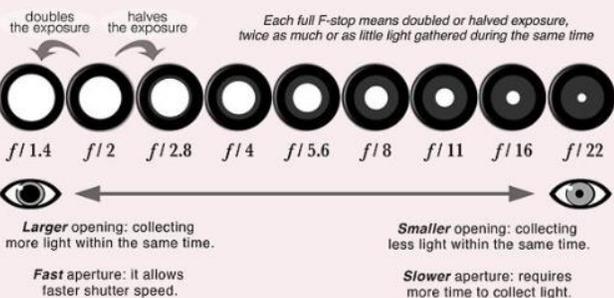
We would like to schedule some field trips for the fall. With the leaves soon to be changing color and the hot sticky weather behind us, we should be able to find some great photo opportunities that all can attend. If you know of good places to photograph for this fall, let us know. Perhaps we can combine the field trip with education and have some of our more experienced photographers provide instruction to our beginners or amateurs.



Mount Graylock ©Rick Pauline

Aperture

Aperture: The size of the opening of a lens to gather light.
F-stop: a ratio (focal length divided by diameter of aperture), "smaller" number = larger aperture.



Photography Tips

METERING



Shotrockers.com

<http://www.tracydeephotos.com/photography-stops/143-best-tips-for-beginners-images-on-pinterest-photography-stops/>

Shooting Fall Foliage by Dawn Dingee

Fall is one of the most beautiful times of year in the North East. From early September to late October, we are blessed with magnificent colors everywhere. One of my favorite subjects is the mirror-like reflections of the leaves in still water. Just a few tips for photographing fall foliage:

1. Take advantage of the **variety of colors** – try getting pictures that have a wide range of hues and textures.
2. Take advantage of **scattered leaves** that can add beauty throughout an already beautiful landscape.
3. Take advantage of the **combination of water and foliage** – whether it be fog among the trees, reflections in the water or leaves in a stream.
4. Take advantage of the cold, crisp mornings – **frost** on the leaves can be beautiful.
5. Take advantage of the **light on the leaves** – leaves still on the tree, leaves on the ground, or leaves floating in a stream – the light reflecting off the warm tones can be breathtaking.
6. Don't be afraid to try **black and white**.



Leaf in Flight ©Lazlo Gyorsok

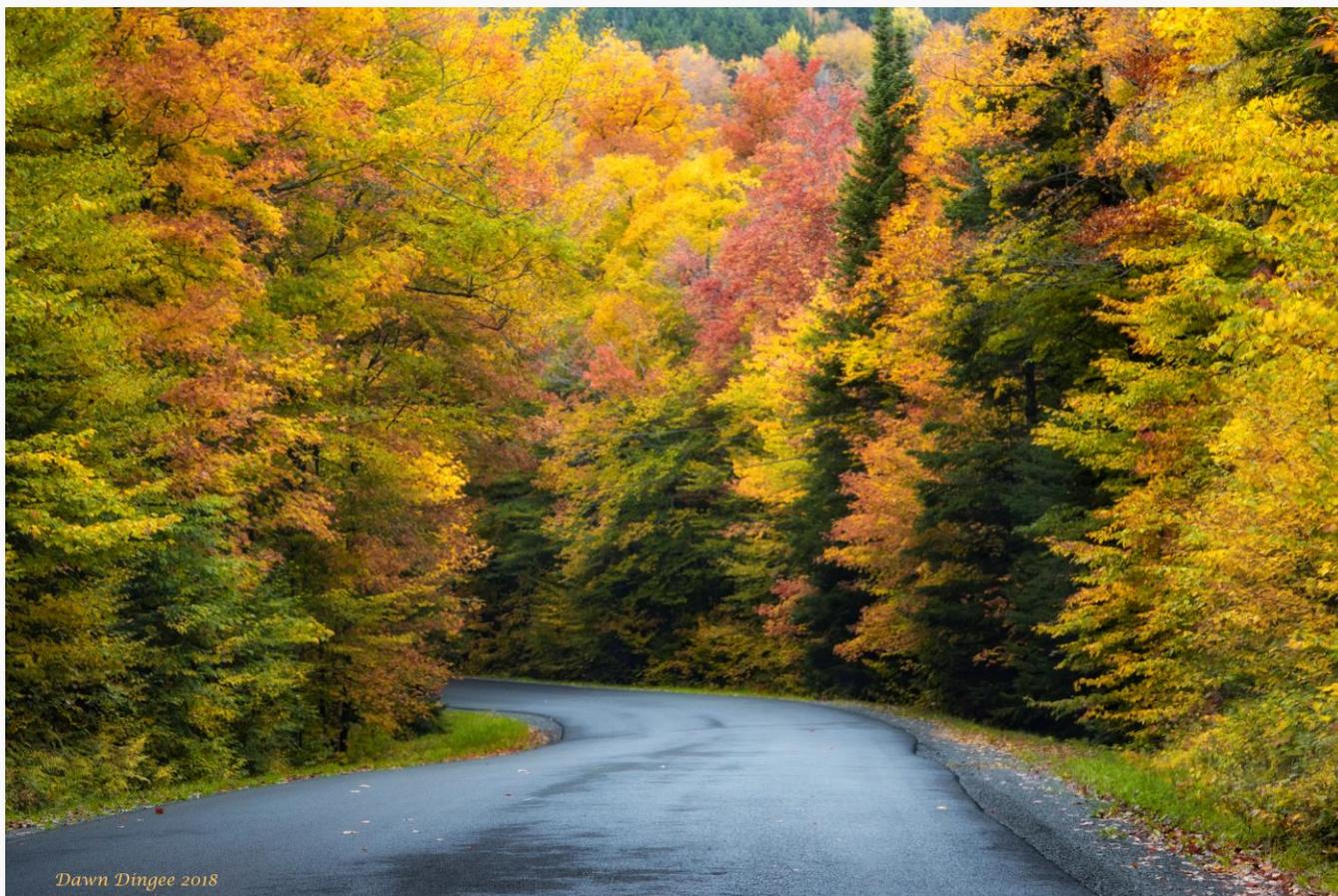


Leaves ©Dawn Dingee



Fall Foliage in Long Lake, NY ©Dawn Dingee

Shooting Fall Foliage continued by Dawn Dingee



Dawn Dingee 2018

Looking on down the road ©Dawn Dingee



Dawn Dingee 2018

Reflections ©Dawn Dingee



Falls in New Hampshire ©Bert Schmitz

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](#)

- October 16 Speaker – Tom Blagden Jr., Author of *Acadia National Park: A Centennial Celebration*. Topic: Acadia; Tom will lead a discussion Of Acadia and his book. (Wagner)
- November 20 Speaker - John Isaac – “The Art of Seeing” (Wagner)
- 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/Recoded 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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