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Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee
Jeff Breitman

On Friday, January 12th, we had our opening at **Noble Horizons** that featured photos from 16 HCC members. The reception was well attended as usual. Noble Horizons did a nice job as usual in hanging the show and providing refreshments. We sold 5 photos on opening night and last count was 9 overall! The show was reviewed by several newspapers. Two of those reviews from The Lakeville Journal and The Sunday Republican can be found on page 3-4. The show runs through February 20th if you haven't had a chance to stop by yet. For those that participated, please send a digital copy of your photos to Lazlo if you have not done so already so that we can record the show on our website.

The arrangements for the PSA judging are coming along for a Sunday in March. I sent copies of the information we have so far to the judges which explains how the judging works. More to follow as we get additional details from PSA. The judging will take place on **Sunday, March 18th**. Reserve the date and stay tuned for more details as we get closer. This will be a unique experience…consider sharing it with friends or family – all are welcome!

It's time to sign up for the North Elm Salon Show if you are interested in participating. The show will be in March so start preparing prints now if you wish to participate. See page 2 for details.

We are currently accepting photos for the PSA Travel Interclub competition. Please send up to 2 entries to Lazlo by sundown February 7th.

See you at the next meeting, ☺

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February Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

~ FEBRUARY 2018 ~

Salon Show – Noble Horizons

The salon show at Noble Horizons will end on February 20th. So far, 9 photos have sold which I think is the most we have ever had. For those of you who sold photos, please be sure to provide Noble Horizons with the commissions on your sales (details in an email sent out recently).

~ MARCH 2018 ~

Salon Show – North Elm

The salon show at North Elm will be held from **March 3rd through March 31st**. Reception will be the evening of Saturday **March 3rd**. Please do what you can to promote the show to family, friends, co-workers. Drop-off dates will be February 2th through March 1st. Send list of photos with title, price and size to Jeff by **February 7th**. We can likely accommodate up to 3-4 photos per person but this will ultimately depend on how many photographers want to participate. Thank you Jeff for coordinating the show!

PSA Judging – Noble Horizons

On Sunday, March 18th, the camera club will be the Host Club for the Spring PID Interclub competition (Group C). This is a great opportunity to see what goes into the judging of your photos once they are submitted to PSA. We will not be judging our own photos, but will be judging 100-125 entries from other clubs. Stay tuned for more details!

Noble Horizons Salon Show Review – The Lakeville Journal

A12 THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL, Thursday, January 25, 2018

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Events

Jan. 25-31, 2018

PHOTOGRAHY: LEON GRAHAM

Camera Club Holds Annual Exhibit

The only real surprises in this year's edition of the annual Housatonic Camera Club member show at Noble Horizons are Brian Wilcox's four pictures taken from his drone. Expansive images of farms or fallow fields, and printed on metal, the pictures are saturated with intense color. Best is "Oblong Valley Gold," with an out-of-season furrowed field laid out on a downward sloping hill, above the verdant valley with hills and wisps of clouds in the distance.

Elsewhere in the show are the expected images of flowers, travel scenes, animals and lots of skies.

Harriet Weiss' two photos from last year's Dale Chihuly show at the New York Botanical Garden focus on details of Chihuly's sinuous and sensuous coils in an outdoor blown glass sculpture. One picture is printed in black and white, one in color.

If you love animals, then Dawn Dingee's simple, black and white pictures of barnyard denizens may be for you. Cows stand in a snowy pasture, and "Some Pig" rests its magnificent head in repose. For cat fanciers, it would be hard not to smile at Jane Rossman's "Barn Cat," with a little feline sitting in a small, square open window in the side of a red barn. Rossman is also showing a dramatic image of dark clouds layered horizontally above the sun setting in the horizon.

Three pictures from Marsden Epworth (who writes for this publication) are the wittiest in the show. "Two-Eggplant Martini" riffs on the appalling popularity of flavored martinis: A full martini glass holds a purple baby eggplant instead of an olive. Lazlo Gyorsok shows three images, "Cape Cod Dunes 1, 2 and 3," that are so desaturated that the sand looks like snow. "Dunes 2," captures roiling clouds and a dramatic burst of lightning.

Birgitt Pajarola's manipulation of her travel photos

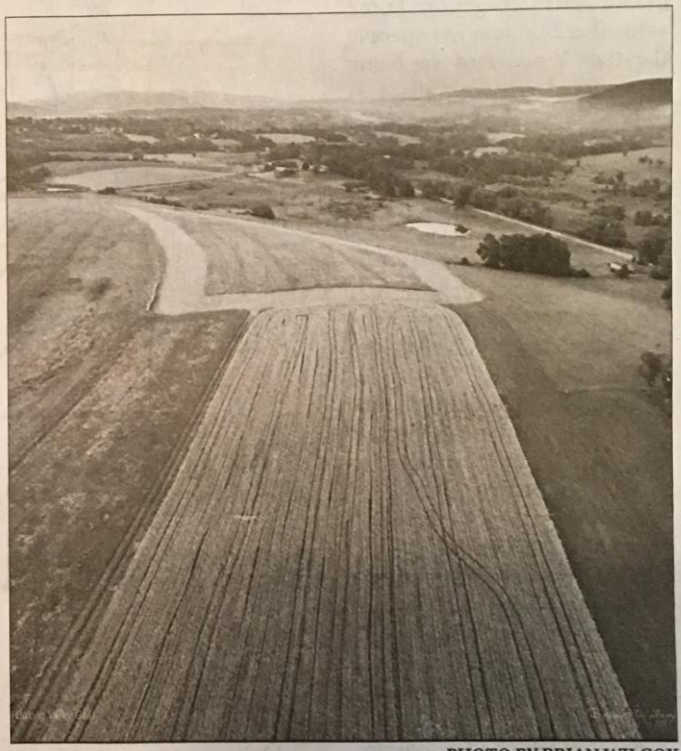


PHOTO BY BRIAN WILCOX

"Oblong Valley Gold"

are demonstrated in two images of an overloaded, primitive ferry and one of a long boat on the mighty Brahmaputra River. All of the photos are drained of color, sky and water becoming one, as if under an intense, glaring sun. The boats are barely brown, reflected in the pale water. The figures are almost ghostly.

The Housatonic Camera Club show continues weekends through Feb. 14 in the Main Building at Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury.

Noble Horizons Salon Show Review – The Sunday Republican

Camera fans gather for annual show

The Housatonic Camera Club held its annual show and sale on Jan. 12 at Noble Horizons in Salisbury. The group gathers monthly to share photographic hints and to see photo presentations of members and guests.

PHOTOS BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Caroline Burchfield, left, and Rosemary Farnsworth, both of Salisbury.

Joni Hinchman, left, of Cornwall, and Jane Rossman of Millerton, N.Y.

Digby Brown, left, of Salisbury, and G.A. 'Moby' Mudge of Wassaic, N.Y.

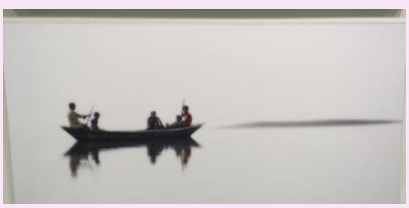
Maura Wolf, left, and Harriet Weiss, both of Salisbury.

From left, Jean Saliter, Rick Barton and Mary Barton, all of Salisbury.

Debra Akin, left, of Pawling, N.Y., and Brian Wilcox of Sharon.

Opening Reception – Friday January 12, 2018

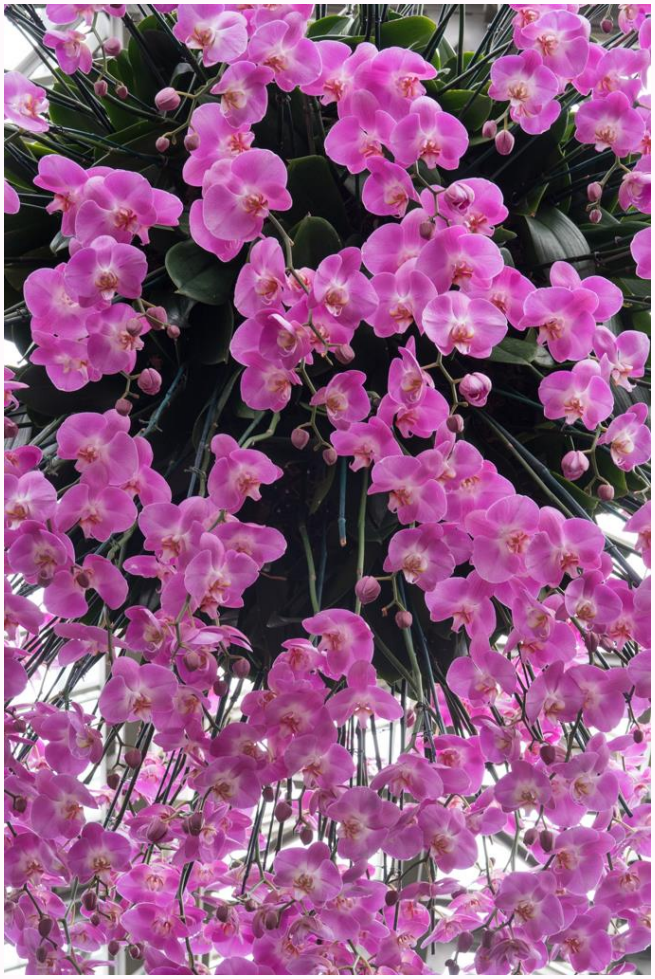
Show ends February 20th

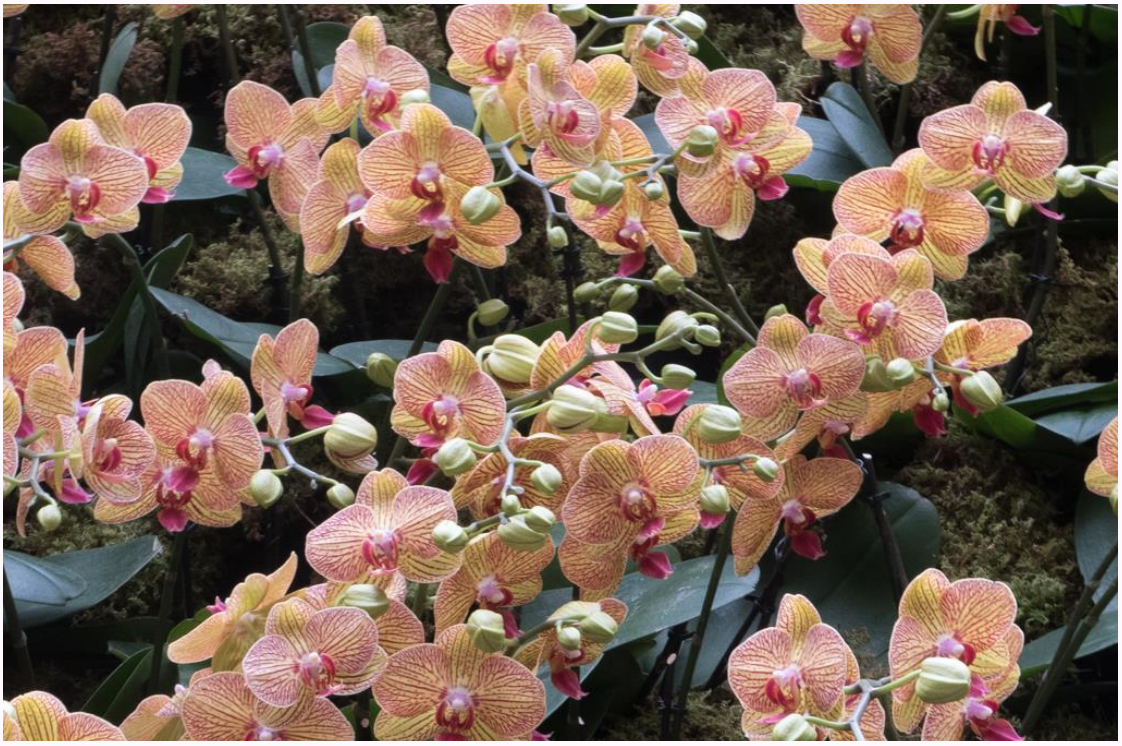


Orchid Extravaganza by Ann Dillon Wilkinson

Recently I visited the orchid show at Longwood Gardens, summer home of Pierre Dupont, in Kennett Square near Philadelphia. Though it is not the scope of the New York Botanical Gardens orchid show, it was lovely as the Conservatory is an architecturally beautiful building. I tried to capture the overall scene rather than focus on close-ups of specific flowers. In addition to the orchids there were alleys of lilies, amaryllis, cyclamens, palms and ferns, etc. The show runs until March 25. For more information go to: Longwoodgardens.org.

New York Botanical Garden Orchid show March 3 - April 22, 2018.





NECCC Nature Interclub Competition Submissions

The following photos received the highest club votes and were submitted to NECCC to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the Winter Nature Interclub competition. Thank you to all who submitted photos and/or participated in the voting. The top 4 scoring pictures by 4 different makers is selected for each category.

Keeping watch during the storm ©Dawn Dingee

Snowy Owl ©John Landon

Perfect Landing ©Lazlo Gyorsok

What's up Dad ©Neil Nourse

NECCC Pictorial Interclub Competition Submissions

The following photos received the highest club votes and were submitted to NECCC to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the Winter Pictorial Interclub competition. Thank you to all who submitted photos and/or participated in the voting. The top 4 scoring pictures by 4 different makers is selected for each category.

Amboseli Guardian ©Neil Nourse

Sunset over Lake Waramaug ©Lazlo Gyorsok

L'accordeoniste Doug Short ©Sylvie Daigneault

Fishing on the lake ©Bert Schmitz

Announcements

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www.psa-photo.org

New England Camera Club Council
www.neccc.org

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/

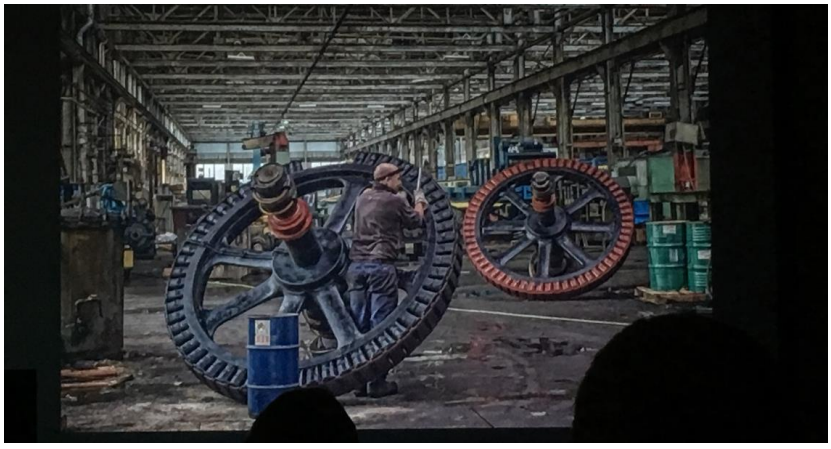
Photos submitted to the club flickr site appear on the Housatonic Camera Club website on the HOME page.

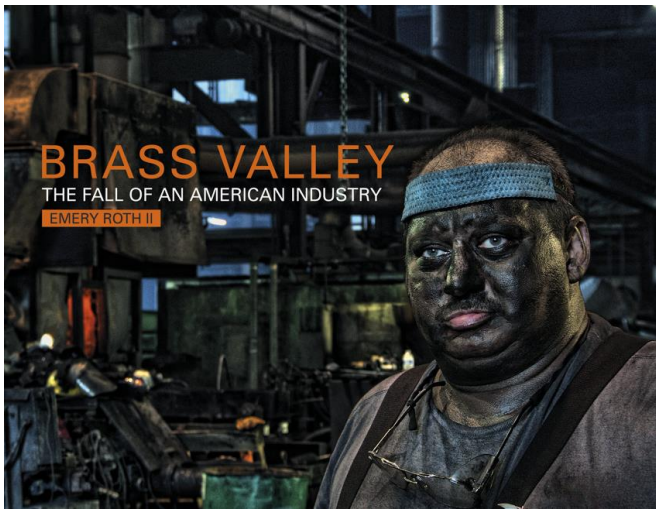
HCC January Meeting by Dawn Dingee

After several cancelled meetings due to the weather, we were able to have our January meeting on January 23rd. This was not our original scheduled date so attendance was light but as the saying goes…"a good time was had by all" ☺

Our guest speaker of the night was Ted Roth. Ted has presented for the club on three other occasions. His presentations always offer a lot of history as well as background to his photographic process so there's always a lot to learn. Ted has spent many years photographing Connecticut's Naugatuck River Valley, and has published a book on the same - *Brass Valley: The Fall of an American Industry.* Many of Ted's trips included none other than one of our own members Lazlo Gyorsok. One of my favorite photos of the night was the one of Lazlo sitting on a couch that was outside in the cold weather – a classic ☺

Ted's pictures are so vibrant and moving as you see the soot covered workers in last days of the plant's operation and then the eventual destruction of the massive machinery into flying bits of sparks and metal as it is being salvaged for scrap metal.





Many pictures were from his book but he also mixed in some more recent photos. Ted also discussed his photo techniques, using such tools as NIK and Topaz.

We also celebrated the club's 62nd anniversary…no particular reason but we missed a celebration for our 60th so it seemed like a good idea ☺

ASSIGNED TOPIC – Faces in Unusual Places

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 "Faces in Unusual Places".

Red Rock Canyon ©Dawn Dingee

New Orleans ©Dawn Dingee

©John Landon

©John Landon

Snow Smile ©Judith Gott

Open Wide ©Judith Gott

ASSIGNED TOPIC – Faces in Unusual Places

Paranoid ©Rick Pauline

At the top of my career ©Birgitt Pajarola

"A camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera."

- *Dorthea Lange*

★ **Topic for March's newsletter: Still Life**

★ Email photos to me at **d1295@aol.com**. I will select 10-12 photos for the newsletter

WINTER 2018 It's been a cold, ICY winter in the Northeast!!

Housatonic River Ice Jam 2018 ©Brian Wilcox

Ice on Top ©Dawn Dingee

Got the Blues ©Dawn Dingee

Walking in a Winter Wonderland!

©Lazlo Gyorsok

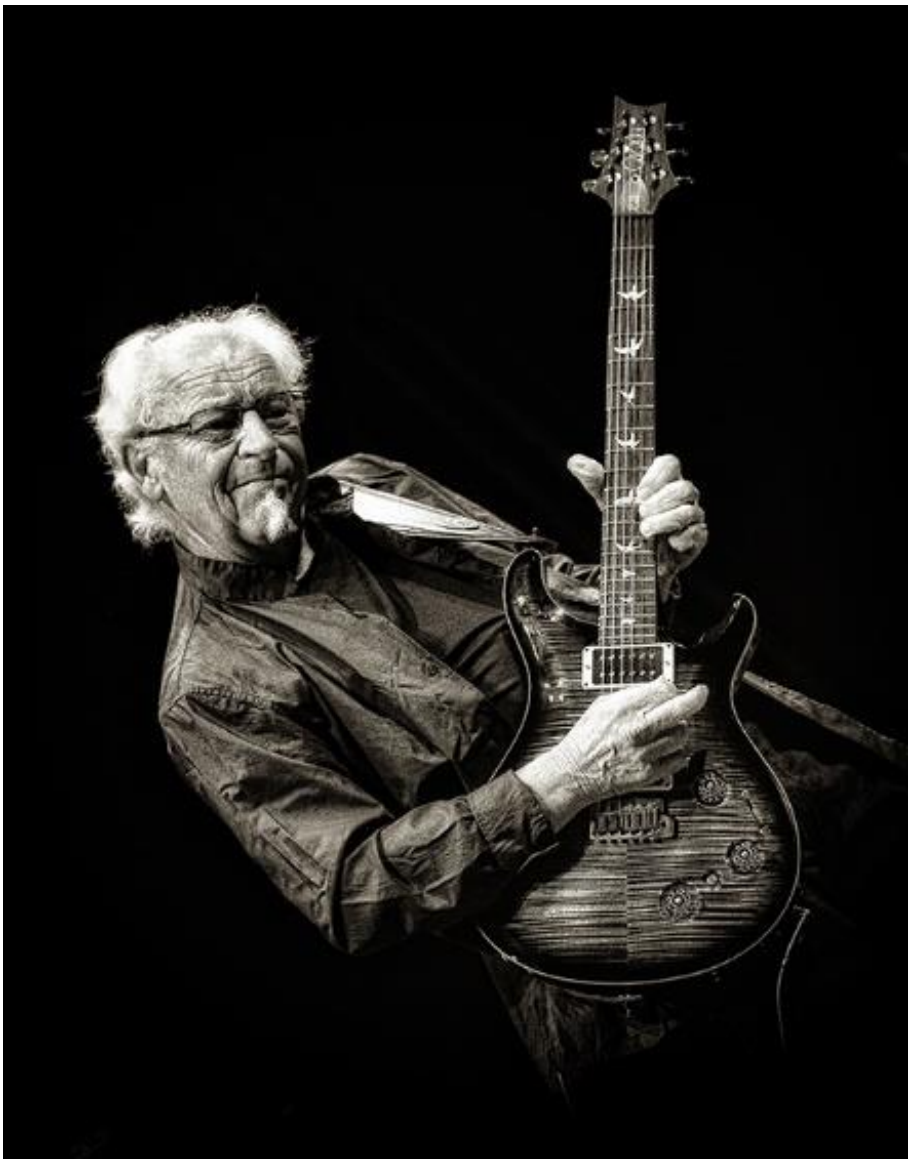
©Lazlo Gyorsok

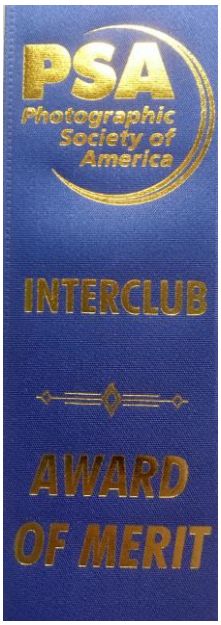
Cornwall Covered Bridge ©Rick Pauline

Winter covers the world with crystal white magic!

Carolyn Roehm

Competition Results





Congratulations Rick!

PSA PID 2017-18 Results for Group E

Club: Housatonic Camera Club 097631	Total	62
IMAGE TITLE - MAKER NAME	AWARDS	POINTS
Twisted - Lazlo Gyorsok		11
Delicate Balance - Bert Schmitz		9
Locomotive Breath - Rick Pauline	AW	12
Masai Fire Starter - Neil Nourse		9
Yemeni Children Before the War - Birgit Pajarola		11
Water Lily - Dawn Dingee		10

Viewing Bald Eagles in New York State by Dawn Dingee

There are over 150 eagles along the Hudson River in NYS. The upcoming **Teatown Eaglefest 2018** on **Feb 10th** at Westchester's Croton Point Park is just one place to view the many eagles around NYS. Eagles begin arriving in December; their numbers peak in January and February and most are headed back to their nests by mid-March.

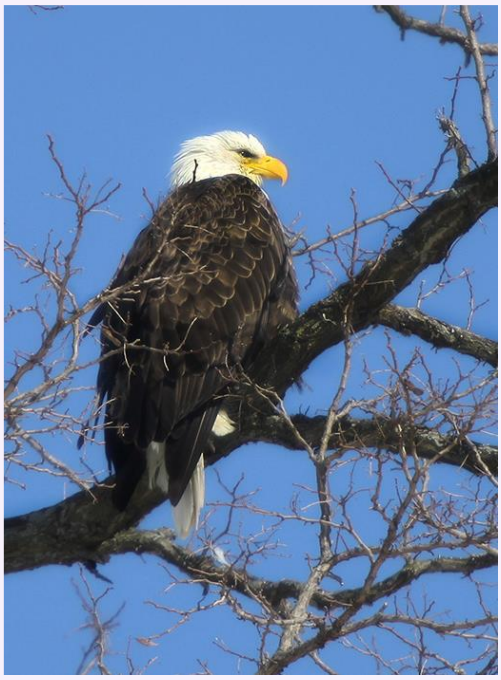
- Arrive early between 7:00 am – 9:00 am or stay late between 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm when eagles are most active.
- Bring binoculars or a viewing scope.
- Scan tree lines for eagles perched high up in the tree tops.
- Search for ice flows for eagles "sunning themselves".
- Respect private property.
- Be quiet.
- Be patient – the key to successful viewing is patience!

There are many sites available on line to research eagle sightings. Here are a few:

1. http://www.baldeagleinfo.com/eagle/directory/NY.html
2. http://www.battaly.com/hook/

Popular eagle viewing sites along the **Hudson River**:

- Norrie Point State Park, Hyde Park
- Constitution Island from North Dock, West Point
- Route 6/202 overlook above Iona Island
- Riverfront Park, Peekskill
- Charles Point/China Pier, Peekskill
- Verplanck waterfront
- George's Island Park parking area, Montrose



Taken at EagleFest 2014

More locally, I have seen them about 1 mile from my house at the **Ten Mile River Preserve** in Dover Plains, NY. I would be happy to take anyone there if interested!

Taken at Ten Mile Preserve

Spring 2018 at HCC

Housatonic Camera Club Presents
Spring 2018 Meeting/Exhibit Line-Up

January 16.... Presentation by Ted Roth "Work in Progress"
An exploration of creativity and motivation. Ted will offer useful hints on ways to begin new work and keep growing.

January 12 - Feb. 18.... Annual HCC Exhibition at Noble Horizons

February 20.... Noble Show Critique + PSA & NECCC Competion Critique

March 3-31....HCC Photography Exhibition at North Elm Home, Millerton NY

March 20.... Presentation by Photographer Theo Coulombe.....Topic "To be announced"

April 17..... Presentation by Francesco Mastalia "YOGA The Secret of Life"
Photo Essay taken on glass plates using the wet-collodion process, a photographic technique dating back to the 1850's

May 15.... Presentation by Photographer Joe Meehan "Exploring Infrared Photography"

June 19.... End of year festivities, and review 'Recorded Commentary'

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
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