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Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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March was a busy month for the HCC. On Sunday March 18th, the club was the host judge for the Spring PSA Projected Image competition (Group C). The day was very successful. The PSA scoring methodology should be something we consider using for our internal voting when deciding on which photos to send to PSA or NECCC to represent the club. The scoring is simple and ensures uniformity across all those judging. Be on the lookout for an email from me shortly with the scoring information. See page 3 for more information about the day.

Our regular club meeting took place on Tuesday March 20. Our guest speaker was Theo Coulombe who also happened to be one of our judges for the PSA images. Theo took us on a journey from his beginnings into photography to present day where he is the owner of a studio in Sharon, CT. See page 9 for details and pictures from the meeting.

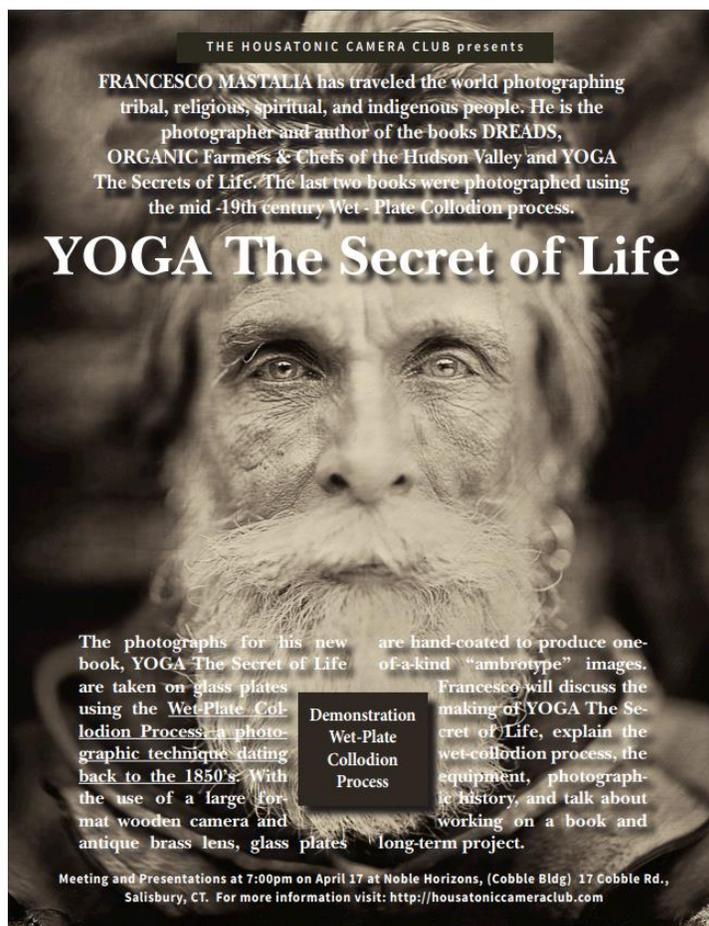
We also concluded our show at the North Elm. Cindy the proprietor seemed very happy with how the show went. We sold 4 pictures overall. We do not currently have any other shows scheduled.

Which bring me to some very important points worth noting here. The end of our season is fast approaching – we have 3 meetings left. Jeff and I feel that there are several very crucial and unresolved issues pending – issues which will affect the future of HCC. We hope to get input from members *new* and *old*. At our next meeting, we will discuss the state of things. There are things we need to address immediately as planning for next season's program schedule, salon show venues and dates, etc. needs to begin soon. These things don't happen on their own. They require a dedicated team to take responsibility for small pieces so that together, we can come up with a dynamic schedule, expand our speaker pool, find new venues for salon shows, and promote our club to get new members and to KEEP our existing members...a very important meeting indeed so hopefully you are able to come. Hope to see you there!

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April Meeting



THE HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB presents

FRANCESCO MASTALIA has traveled the world photographing tribal, religious, spiritual, and indigenous people. He is the photographer and author of the books DREAMS, ORGANIC Farmers & Chefs of the Hudson Valley and YOGA The Secrets of Life. The last two books were photographed using the mid-19th century Wet-Plate Collodion process.

YOGA The Secret of Life

The photographs for his new book, YOGA The Secret of Life are taken on glass plates using the Wet-Plate Collodion Process, a photographic technique dating back to the 1850's. With the use of a large format wooden camera and antique brass lens, glass plates are hand-coated to produce one-of-a-kind "ambrotype" images. Francesco will discuss the making of YOGA The Secret of Life, explain the wet-collodion process, the equipment, photographic history, and talk about working on a book and long-term project.

**Demonstration
Wet-Plate
Collodion
Process**

Meeting and Presentations at 7:00pm on April 17 at Noble Horizons, (Cobble Bldg) 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT. For more information visit: <http://housatoniccameraclub.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS

~ APRIL 2018 ~

The daffodil viewing at Innisfree Gardens is scheduled for Saturday April 21st and 29th. Regular admission rates apply (\$8 per person). It may be chilly but hopefully you are able to visit on one of those days. If anyone is interested, we could do this as a club event. Just let Jeff or Dawn know.

~ MAY 2018 ~

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome 3rd Annual Spirit of the Aerodrome Gala takes place May 19, 2018. The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome will open at 10:00 am on May 19th and charge air show admission of \$25 for adults (18-64), youth (6-17) \$12, Military (active or retired with Military ID) \$20, Seniors (65 and over) \$20 and Children (5 and under) will be admitted for free. The museum's current air show line up will be on display and select aircraft will perform aerial demonstrations throughout the day. Biplane rides will be available weather permitting. This may offer some great photographic opportunities.

~ JUNE 2018 ~

North Haven Camera Club will present a full-day nature photography seminar called Roamin' with Roman, with professional nature photographer and author Roman Kurywczak, on Saturday June 9 at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Dr., Hamden. The morning session, from 9:00 until 11:30, will include topics "Photographing the Nighttime Landscape", and "Taking Your Macro Photography to the Next Level". Afternoon topics, from 1:00 to 4:00, will be "Photographing Wildlife: From Portraits to Flight", and "For the Love of Landscapes." Cost for the full day seminar is \$30 for North Haven Camera Club members, and \$40 for non-members. Perhaps a good idea for a field trip?

PSA Host Club Judging by Dawn Dingee

Last summer, the club received an email from PSA requesting we be a Host Club to judge one of the competitions for the 2017/2018 season. The Committee took a vote and agreed to do it although we knew it was new territory for us and we were not exactly sure what we were signing up for. We started preparing in October 2017 even though the judging wasn't scheduled to take place until the spring. Many members volunteered to do bits and pieces and we put a plan in place do the judging on a Sunday afternoon in March 2018. The first task was to secure judges. We decided to have 2 outside judges and one internal judge. It took some time but several members reached out to their network of photographer friends and we were able to line up the judges pretty quickly. Things were running smoothly as the date approached – we secured the venue, arranged for refreshments, prepared promotional material, calibrated our projector, etc. - and then one of our outside judges had to cancel at the last minute! Ugghhhh! Several members quickly reached out to their network once again and we were able to secure a judge who just so happened to be our March speaker ☺ Phew! Until February, we didn't even know how many photos we would be judging so things were a little stressful.

Then the information started coming in – 104 photos, score sheets, voting instructions, etc. There were still many unknowns. Thank you to Brian and John for taking the lead on preparing the pictures and developing a scoring method. All this up-front work allowed the meeting to go off without a hitch. Brian even had a back-up system in place in case the pictures got out order as they were identified only by a number and thankfully he did because lo and behold, we needed it ☺

Our judges were Jeff Breitman, Frank Galitiero and Theo Coulombe. A huge thank you to the judges for taking the time on a Sunday afternoon to help us out! We did four rounds of judging and came up with the final selection of 8 Award and 10 Honors. The whole experience was very enlightening. We are planning to share what we experienced and learned in a future meeting.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA
PID INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS
JUDGING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervising Club: Housatonic Camera Club
Judging Date: March 18, 2018
Current Competition: No. of Clubs: 17 Make-ups: 1 No. of Total Images: 104

Supervisor: Dawn Dingee
Tabulators: John Landon
Assistant:

Judges: 1. Jeff Breitman
2. Theo Coulombe
3. Frank Galitiero

GROUP C AWARD IMAGES

Maker	Title	Club	Points
Suzanne McMahon	Innocence	Palmerstown Camera Club	14
AWARDS: HONORS			
Ejanne Hyldgaard	Bathub 9278CVT	Stella Polaris Photo Group	11
Frank Nien	Days Gone By	Billings Camera Club	12
Nancy Hassman	Family Portrait	Schaumburg Area Photographic Society	11
Tair Melamed	Film Noir	Boston Camera Club	12
	Rolling Boxer	Le Conte Photographic Society	11
	Hags with the Bags	Palmerstown Camera Club	11
	Little Lily	F67 Camera Club	11
		Boston Camera Club	11



Innocence Suzanne McMahon, Palmerstown Camera Club



Muslin Boy, Jozef Aerts, Photoclub FKD Diepenbeek



Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, a rainbow of color! By Judith Gott

Essex County, Montclair New Jersey: On Mother's Day weekend several years ago, I packed up my Nikon and Panasonic Lumix, and my sister and I visited Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. The rain stopped, the sun filtered through the clouds, people wandered the gardens, picnicked, listened to music, played with hula-hoops and took photos, lots and lots of photos. Serious photographers had equipment I never knew existed; many used tripods and monopods, though I hand held my camera(s), and others used iPhones to get the perfect picture of - **a flower!**

The iris gardens are a memorial to, and honor Frank H. Presby, the founder of The American Iris Society. In 1927, Katherine Inness (first curator of the Montclair Museum) proposed this way of giving a collection of his favorite flower, to Montclair's Mountainside Park.

The largest public iris garden in the US and listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Sites, the vision of the gardens and grounds took my breath away. The garden contains nearly 14,000 irises, and 1500 varieties, including Heirlooms from the 1500's and early 1900's, to present day varieties.



The name Iris, with its showy flower, comes from the Greek word for "rainbow". Irises grow from "rhizomes" and colors range from deep (almost black) purple to pink, white and every hue in between.

The iris stands in history as a symbol for European Coats of Arms, think "fleur-de-lis"; organizations, think Boy Scouts; and great works of art, think van Gogh.

I enjoyed viewing and photographing these fascinating and colorful flowers in "the rainbow on the hill". Yes, the "Garden State" lived up to its nickname!

Judi Gott

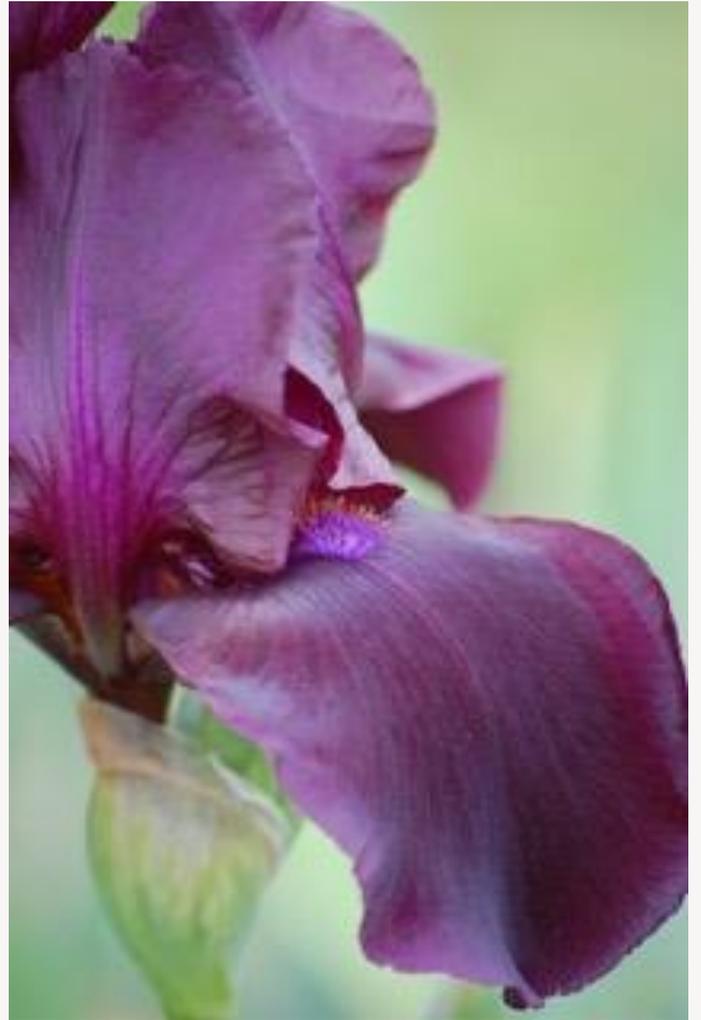
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<http://presbyirisgardens.org>



Presby Memorial Iris Gardens (continued)

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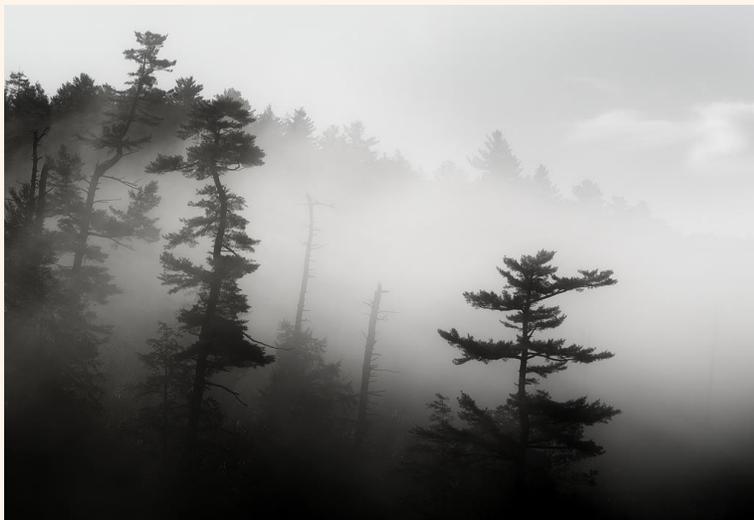


NECCC Spring Interclub Nature Competition Submissions

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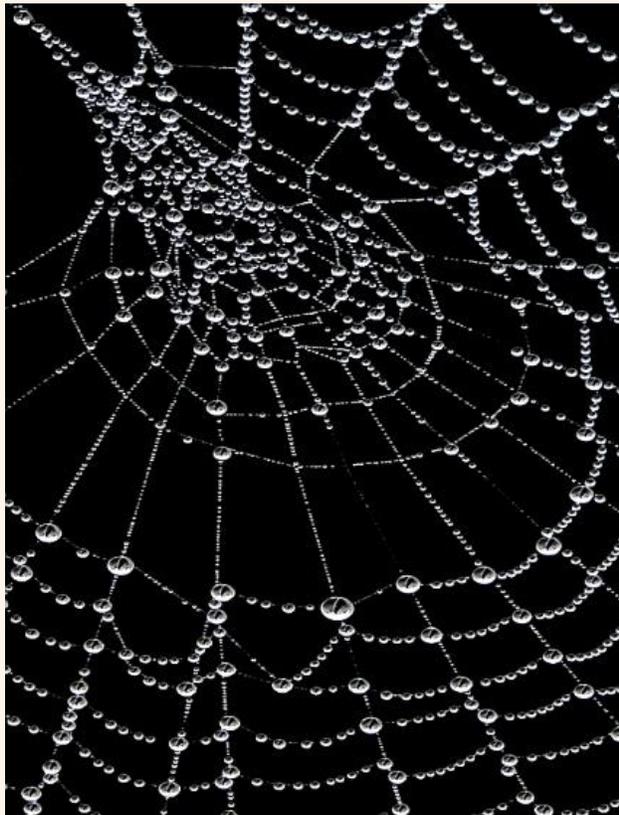
Coopers Hawk ©John Landon



Twisting in the Fog ©Lazlo Gyorsok



Cattle Egret ©Neil Nourse



Web of Pearls ©Jane Rossman



NECCC Spring Interclub Pictorial Competition Submissions

The following photos received the highest club votes and were submitted to NECCC to represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the Spring Interclub Pictorial 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.



White Sands Yucca ©John Landon



Stissing Reflection ©Jane Rossman



Water Lily ©Dawn Dingee



Leopard Stalking ©Neil Nourse

Announcements

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2017/2018 season

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www.psa-photo.org



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.



NECCC 2018 Photo Conference

Save the date!
July 13-15 2018
www.NECCC.org

- LOTS to do, shoot, and learn!!
- Attend photography programs
- Interact with photographers
- Trade Show – vendors! demos!
- Camera/lens loaning
- Participate in hands-on workshops
- Photograph models
- Photograph animals, glass, props, photo-ops galore!
- Image reviews & competitions

PSA Annual Conference of Photography

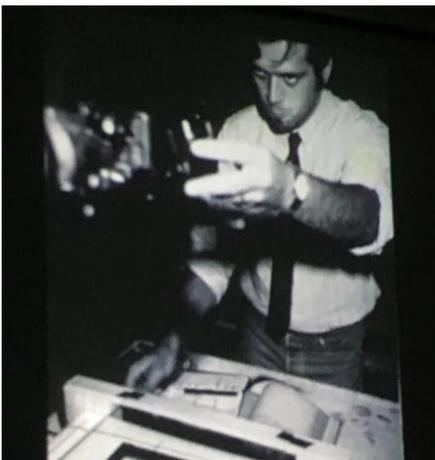
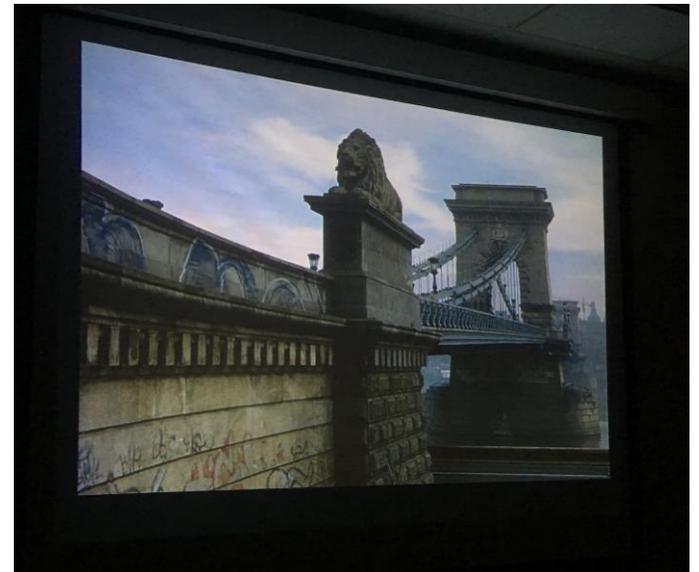
September 30 -
October 6, 2018

Salt Lake City, Utah
September 30 - October 6, 2018

PSA Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah

MARCH MEETING

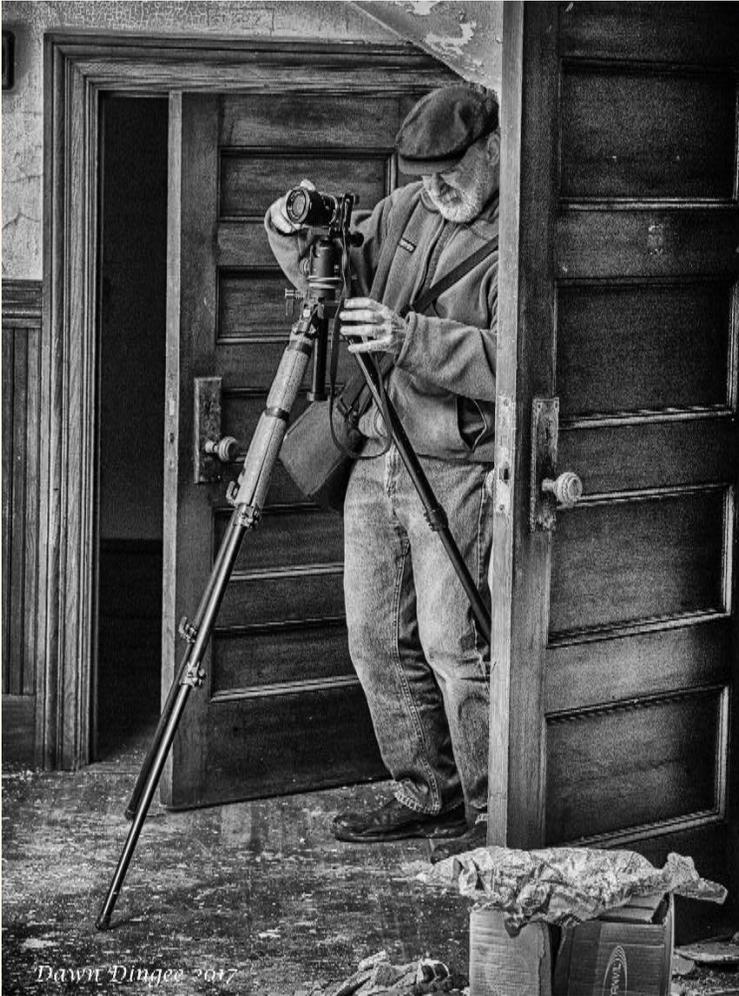
At our March meeting, Theo Coulombe was our guest speaker; a local photographer who is owner of an art and photography studio in Sharon, CT - Standard Space. He presented a program titled "A Changing Focus: From One Side of Photography to the Other...and Back Again". Theo presented his changing perspective on photography by sharing with us his journey from making Super 8 movies as a kid to being the owner of his own studio and everything in between. What an interesting journey it was.





ASSIGNED TOPIC – Black & White

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 "Black & White".



The Photographer ©Dawn Dingee



Keith ©Dawn Dingee



©Lazlo Gyorsok



©Lazlo Gyorsok



ASSIGNED TOPIC – Black & White



©Rick Pauline



©Lazlo Gyorsok



©Rick Pauline



ASSIGNED TOPIC – Black & White



Geometric Shadows ©Judith Gott



Preening Vulture ©Judith Gott



Sculpture ©Judith Gott

Brazen Grit: Images of Brass Valley Photographs by Lazlo Gyorsok & Emery Roth II



Exhibition: March 20 – May 5
Cornwall Library - 30 Pine Street, Cornwall CT

Spring 2018 *at* HCC

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

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

The Land & People of the Arctic - Experiences as an Expedition Photographer for
[the Study of the Arctic Narwhal](#)

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
13 Housatonic Ave. Canaan, CT 06018-2421; Email: judybecker40@att.net; Phone: 860-824-0561

PLEASE PRINT ONLY ... AND CLEARLY!

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INFORMATION