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# Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

## September 2018

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## President's Message

by Dawn Dingee  
Jeff Breitman

So we begin another year! The HCC Committee met several times to discuss programs, presentations and education for the upcoming season. We are always looking to bring quality events and educational opportunities to the club. We are still finalizing the schedule but so far, we have put together a schedule which we hope you find interesting and helpful. We are looking for you to help fill those gaps – by asking for volunteers from within the club to do a program / presentation or by recommending a resource that we can contact. This is your club – we need your input! See page 10 for details on what we have come up with so far.

For our first meeting, we will go over club business and review the schedule for the upcoming season. We will also host our annual "Member Showcase". This is a nice way to start off the season as well as show off what we did over the summer or simply share our love of photography. The showcase should be no more than 5 minutes and can be a slideshow, video or just random pictures...anything goes.

As we have done in past years, we will once again participate in the PSA and NECCC Travel, Nature and Pictorial competitions this year so start gathering your submissions now. The first of the competitions start in October so it is just around the corner. See pages 6-7 for more information on these two organizations.

Our summer field trips were not well attended. ☹ We would like to schedule a few outings for the fall and we welcome your feedback on locations and dates. YOUR input is critical if we are to plan field trips that YOU are interested in.

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# September Meeting

THE HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB

Will Begin  
Our 2018-19 Season

with a  
**MEMBER SHOWCASE**

For new members who don't know what the **Member Showcase** is ... once or twice a season, **HCC club members** participate in a digital member showcase where each member is given up to 5-6 minutes to display their work. This can take many formats – video, slideshow (with or without music), or even a simple presentation of your work with no particular theme – anything goes. It is a good way to showcase your work to other **HCC members** as well as allow you to see their work. From this, we can view different types of photography, with varying subject matters and various post-processing techniques. Each one of us has our own unique style and it is fun to see the world through each other's eyes. **Bring your showcase on a CD, DVD, Thumb Drive or Prints.**

Hope to see you there.

Meetings are Free and Open to the Public at 7:00pm on September 18 at Noble Horizons, (Cobble Bldg) 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT. For more information visit: <http://housatoniccameraclub.com>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Member Showcase – HCC September Meeting (9/18)

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### Connecticut Antique Machinery Fall Festival (9/28 – 9/30)

The CT Antique Machinery Fall Festival will take place September 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 10:00 – 4:00 pm. There will be many steam engines demonstrations, blacksmith demonstrations, presentation of handsaw and ax skills, and sawmill demonstrations which are sure to offer some good photo opportunities. There will also be plenty of food. Adult fee is \$10.

### 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 September meeting to see if there is interest. 😊

# HCC Summer Field Trips

## Hudson, NY – July 2018

We tried scheduling some several social events over the summer but with people's busy schedule and other commitments, we were only able to participate in one outing. On Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, several of us went to Hudson, NY where we took a walking tour down Warren Street as well as tour several side streets. We had nice weather and an enjoyable time. It was as much as social event as a photo op. After walking Warren Street for a bit, we had lunch in a nice café. After lunch, we continued our trip down to the water to visit the *shantytown* which is a cluster of abandoned fishing shacks. Some of the shacks were used as year-round residences by sportsman and commercial fisherman over the years. There is an effort to preserve the buildings. The shacks sit on city owned land on the shore of North Bay and have been vacant since the last known resident vacated in 2012. The site appears on maps dating back to the 1880s!

The City of Hudson is rich with history from 18<sup>th</sup> century Federal buildings to 20<sup>th</sup>-century Arts & Crafts houses. Hudson was the 3<sup>rd</sup> chartered city in New York State and the first city chartered after the Declaration of Independence. A great place to photograph!

Below are some photos from our trip.



Birgitt in Shantytown ©Lazlo Gyrosok



Old Shack ©Dawn Dingee



A Resident ©Dawn Dingee



Little Mexico in Hudson ©Birgitt Pajarola

# HCC Summer Field Trips

## Hudson, NY – July 2018



#5 ©Lazlo Gyorsok



#14 ©Lazlo Gyorsok



Rick and Birgitt ©Lazlo Gyorsok



Oncoming Train ©Dawn Dingee



Untitled ©Rick Pauline



Secret Agent ©Rick Pauline



Store window into mirror ©Birgitt Pajarola

# HCC Summer Field Trips

## Hudson, NY – July 2018



Untitled ©Rick Pauline



Young Kids Shoe ©Rick Pauline



Untitled ©Birgitt Pajarola



Untitled ©Lazlo Gyorsok



PSA pictorial and NECCC nature and pictorial competition entries are due in **October** (more details to follow). Some reminders as we start a new season...

Members can submit up to **two** images per category to Lazlo to have posted on the HCC website. Make sure you size your files to the proper size:



**New sizing requirements for PSA!!**

PSA: **1400 pixels wide x 1050 pixels tall.**  
 Vertical images must be no taller than 1050 pixels.

**\*\* NOTE: Image sizes are NOT the same for NECCC and PSA \*\***

NECCC: **1024 pixels wide x 768 pixels tall.**  
 Vertical images must be no taller than 768 pixels.

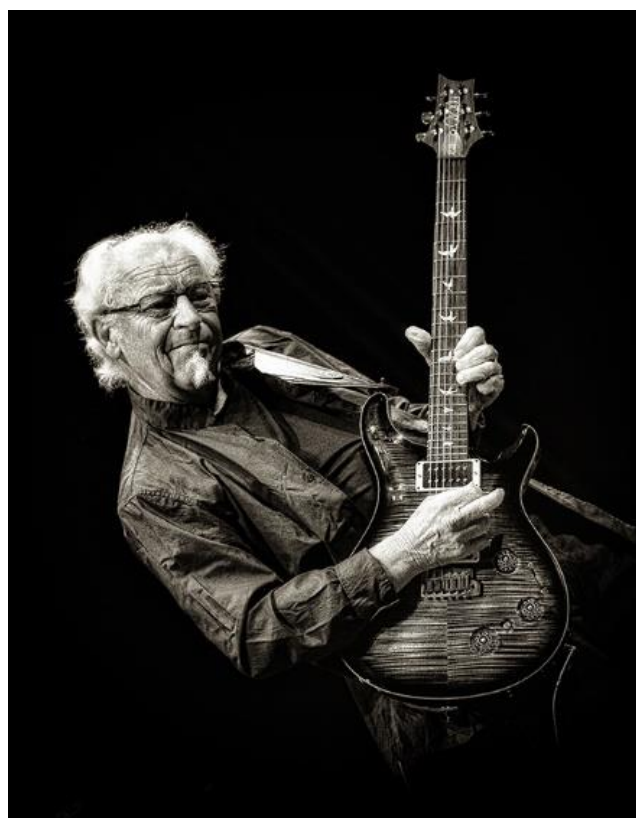


1. For the **nature** category, nothing man-made unless it is an "integral part of the nature story" and no manipulation other than slight color correction. "The story telling value of the photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality."
2. For **pictorial** category, it is open – this means that all subject types as well as a variety of different techniques (both in-camera and computer manipulation) may be entered.
3. You can NEVER re-enter an image OR IMAGE NAME if that image or image name was entered in any PSA competition previously. **This includes past years.** Example – if you had entered image named SUN SET years ago and you named a different image with the same title today the image would be disqualified and also if you entered the same image with a different title, this a



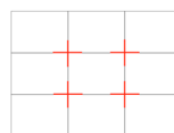
Over the summer, PSA announced a revision to their year-end "Best of the Best" PID competition results. Our club falls into Group E. Congratulations to **Rick Pauline** for receiving **Honorable Mention** in the "Best of the Best" for "Locomotive Breath".

GROUP E				
GOLD	Camorne Redruth Camera Club	Frog Reflection	Wendy	Allard
SILVER	Photography West	Miss Taylor Decked Out in Red	Susan	Cowles, APSA, MPSA
BRONZE	NIHCC	Ballerina	David	Terao
HM	Sun City Texas Photography Club	Broken Wagon	Allen	Utzig
HM	Qudaih Photographers Group	Early Motherhood	Ibrahim	Alqunais
HM	Victoria Camera Club	Fiery Attitude	Gail	Takahashi
HM	Unlimited Vision Photo Club	Fishing Eagle	Wayne	Christensen
HM	Housatonic Camera Club 097631	Locomotive Breath	Rick	Pauline
HM	Victoria Camera Club 104260	Pixie by Starlight	Jonathan	Adams
HM	Photography West	Reaching	Patricia	Casey



**Rule of Thirds**

The basic principle of the "Rule of Thirds" is to imagine breaking down an image into 9 parts.



With this grid in mind, the theory is that you should focus on placing important parts of the image or points of interest on these 4 points when you are composing your image. This will help to give your image balance. It is believed that when viewing images, the eye goes to one of these intersecting points and not the center by default. To use this properly, one

- should consider:
- 1) What are the points of interest?
  - 2) Where am I intentionally placing them?

## PSA and NECCC EXPLAINED



### PSA Membership

The Photographic Society of America (PSA) is a *worldwide* organization for anyone with an interest in photography. Founded in 1934, the society is for “casual shutterbugs, serious amateurs and professional photographers”. PSA offers an Organizational membership for clubs, council of clubs, societies, institutions and groups which have the same interests as PSA. The Housatonic Camera Club is a proud member of PSA. As a member, we participate in several competitions – **Projected Image Division (PID) – Interclub**, the **Photo Travel Division (PTD) – Interclub** and the **Newsletter - Interclub** competitions. As a member, you are entitled to participate – it’s easy! An email notification will go out to all club members announcing the due dates for submissions. There are 4 rounds for PID and 3 rounds for PTD. Within the email are details about the competition, file size requirements and due date for submissions. Each member can submit up to 2 photos per category per round. These will be posted in the HCC website where club members can vote on them. You must have a valid HCC website log in to participate in voting. The top **6** vote getters – by unique photographers – will be submitted to PSA for the competition.

In addition to the competitions, there are many other benefits of being a member of PSA including a copy of the monthly PSA Journal and access to the PSA Program Lending Library.

Visit <https://www.psa-photo.org> for more details. Submissions for the first round will be due in October so start gathering your photos to submit!



### NECCC

The NECCC is a non-profit umbrella group for 70+ camera clubs in the New England states. The council was established in 1937 and incorporated in 1963. HCC is a member of NECCC. One of the council’s highlights is a three-day photography conference held each July at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. Many HCC members have attended and some return each year – it is a worthwhile event for sure! Other benefits of being a member of NECCC is the ability to participate in their digital photo competitions. Each year, our club participates in the Electronic Photograph Interclub Competition in the **Nature** and **Pictorial** categories. Similar to PSA, you will receive an email when submissions are due. HCC members will vote online and the top **4** photos for each category – from unique photographers within each category – will be submitted to NECCC to represent the club (we participate in Class B). There are 3 rounds for each category – Fall, Winter and Spring. Photos for the fall competition will be due in October so start gathering your photos now! Visit <http://www.neccc.org/> for more details.

#### Past Winners



Delicate Flower ©Bert Schmitz



Not Quite Perfect ©Jane Rossman



Lion Blackie Portrait ©Neil Nourse

# Announcements

## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2017/2018 season

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[www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)



[www.neccc.org](http://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.



## ASSIGNED TOPIC

Each month in our newsletter, we feature a topic of the months in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit 2-3 photos to select from. Next month's topic will be:

## Little Things.



## 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14 for actual room assignments and dates. Our first meeting will be held in the Cobble building. 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.

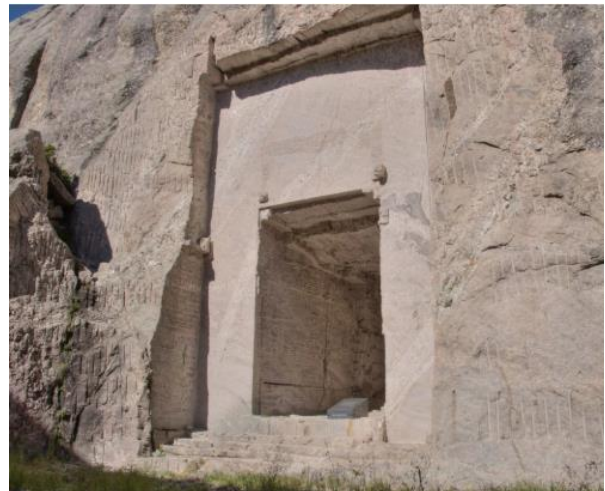
## What is the Story Behind Mount Rushmore? By Dawn Dingee

This summer, my family and I went to Mount Rushmore in South Dakota's Black Hills National Forest. As I am sure you know, Mount Rushmore hosts four gigantic carved sculptures depicting the faces of U.S. Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. What you may not know is that tucked inside Lincoln's frontal lobe in Mount Rushmore is a secret, inaccessible-to-the-public chamber. The vault was designed by the monument's sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, who envisioned it as a room dedicated to the history of the United States. Today, sculpted into a series of porcelain enamel panels, is the story and history of Mount Rushmore, along with an explanation of why Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln were chosen. There are also panels sculpted with the words to the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence, and park officials even included a biography of artist Borglum. They're all kept safe inside a titanium repository behind a giant, 1,200-pound granite slab. The chamber is closed to the public.

Information provided by: <https://nypost.com/2017/02/08/this-secret-room-in-mount-rushmore-is-having-a-moment/>



Mout Rushmore 2018 ©Dawn Dingee



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# HCC Program Schedule

## 2018 – 2019

- September Member showcase (Cobble)
- October 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 Speaker - John Issac – Topic TBA (Wagner)
- December Dinner and member photo share. Talk about your print or digital photo print. (Cobble)
- January 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 Noble Show Review (Wagner)
- March You Tube videos; Topic: TBA. (Cobble)
- April Print critique – bring 1-2 printed photos to be critiqued. (Wagner)
- May Speaker – Joe Meehan – Topic TBD (Cobble)
- June 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

PLEASE PRINT ONLY ... AND CLEARLY!

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