



Housatonic Images

Holiday Dinner & Meeting

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The December meeting of the Housatonic Camera Club will be our annual holiday dinner. We will meet in the Community Room at Noble Horizons on Dec. 15 for drinks and socializing at 5:00pm, and dinner will begin at 6:00pm followed by our meeting. The program will consist of

judging pictures for PSA and NECCC competitions, as well as viewing our fall photo challenge pictures. The dinner menu will feature chicken marsalla and stuffed sole as entrees. The cost will be \$17.50 per person and can be paid at the dinner. We need to let Noble know how many will

be attending by Dec. 8, so please call or email your reservation to Judy Becker, judybecker40@att.net, **no later than Monday, Dec. 7.** Once we have sent in our final number, we will not be able to accept cancellations. This should be a fun night of photography and fellowship.

Presentation Schedule Change



Because of the amount of photo competitions that need to be judged, and the club challenges will also be shared at the December 15th meeting, Bill DeVoti will be making his presentation at the April 20th meeting instead. Please note the change on your calendars. If you have not already sent in your photos to Rita for both NECCC and PSA, she has generously agreed to accept them throughout the weekend.

For NECCC you may enter up to 4 photos for each Pictorial and Nature. Each Photo must be named in this manner: XC#\$Club name\$Last Name,First Name\$Title.jpg X is the category either P for Pictorial or N for Nature. C is the class of competition we are in Class B. # will always be 1,2,3, or 4. to designate the round in which each photo will be judged. \$ Club name will be Housatonic\$Last Name, first name\$ Title of photo.jpg

For PSA we will need 6 photos from 6 different makers so each person please send me 4 photos each of which we will select one from each person. The naming will be: 1-Housatonic-Rita Mathews- this the name of my photo.jpeg

For both contests all photos must be 1024 pixels wide and 768 pixel high for a horizontal photo while a vertical photo must be 768 tall.

Gisele will be accepting all club challenge photos throughout the weekend also. Please send up to 3 photos per topic for a total of 9 photos. They need to be sized the same way as for NECCC and PSA, but may be named with the photo title and your name. The topics are Falling Water, Selective Focus, and Patterns. E-mail addresses for both Rita & Gisele are on page 3 below the club calendar.

Photography, as we all know, is not real at all. It is an illusion of reality with which we create our own private world.

[Arnold Newman](#)

Salon Show at Noble Horizons

Here is the schedule for the next Salon Show: Drop off photos at the regular meeting on 1/19, where they will be reviewed and selected by the Salon Committee.

All photos must be suitably mounted for presentation, and WIRED for hanging. There is no room for reworking or late entries here – the show will be hung on the next day or so and the opening will be on Friday, 1/22.

Anyone who can't make the meeting should leave their prints earlier in the back of the Noble classroom (where we regularly meet) standing against the wall.

Bill DeVoti would appreciate numbers and frame sizes whenever possible so that we can encourage filling the walls – roughly about 80 photos; He'd rather cull for space on the 19th than fall short.

The show will run at least until 2/28.

We should be looking for places to send it (all or part) for the following 11 months - please keep your eyes and ears open!

Please contact Bill DeVoti at abundancehill@verizon.net or catch him or one of the other Salon Committee Members at a meeting if you have any questions.

Member Showcase ~Judy Becker, HCC Treasurer

I was born in New Rochelle, NY but my family moved to Rock Fall Ct (near Middletown) when I was about 1. My father was caretaker at the Boy Scout camp in Wingdale NY from 1947-1953. Then to Salisbury. Biology major at Trinity College, Washington DC, two graduate degrees at Rutgers after which I decided that I really would rather grow plants.

Cameras - a few pictures with a Brownie Instamatic. Photography was inspired when I started to give talks about plants. It was not always possible to borrow slides, and not always possible to rearrange them to agree with the talk I was organizing. It was also much easier to identify a plant when I had taken the picture. First camera was a borrowed Pentax in 1984 - I had a plant society convention in San Francisco and 10 days after that to mosey down the California coast, seeing nurseries and occasional touristy things, to the San Diego area. If some of those slides are in soft focus, blame it on the new photographer, no tripod, and morning fog that sometimes doesn't burn off until 5 pm. Somewhere after that I joined the HCC - Oliver Eldridge had taught

English at HVRHS, and a really friendly group of people.

My first camera was a Ricoh SLR, then a Pentax, then to a Fuji Finepix a few years ago. Now I need to practice enough to have it be second nature. Even digital photography requires a certain amount of energy to look through the view finder. I can listen to lectures, see a demo, but until I have done things myself it doesn't stick. I keep hoping for osmosis to work and manage at times to have occasional flashes of brilliance.

My usual subjects are plants and flowers - even when I was at the San Diego Wild Animal Park; I could get closer to them and they stayed still.

Where I'd love to be for my 70th birthday January 30 next year? South Africa or New Zealand or Brazil - all places where it is summer. That only requires two things that I don't have, time and money. A greenhouse is not something to be left casually so maybe I'll substitute going to California again or to the New York Botanical Garden right next to what used to be called the Bronx Zoo.

People who intend to exhibit should right away send me titles and frame sizes, **copy to Ann Wilkinson** (I will be away from 12/27 to 1/17) of photos you intend to enter.

WE HAVE TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ENOUGH ENTRIES TO FILL THE WALL SPACE.

Enter as many as you care to, and we will cut back equally at the meeting, if necessary.

Thanks, Bill



Club Meeting Schedule 2009–2010

December 15	Dinner (Cocktails-5pm, Dinner-6pm, Meeting-7pm) <i>Club Challenge – Falling Water, Patterns, Selective Focus</i> NECCC—digital PSA - digital
January 19	Rita Mathews “Framing” NECCC - print
February 16	Brian Wilcox “How to Sell Online” <i>Club Challenge – Holiday Roundup, Textures, Perspective</i> NECCC - print NECCC—digital PSA – digital
March 16	Joe Meehan
March 20	Workshop with Gary Stanley “From Picture to Digital Print”
April 20	Bill DeVoti "The Siena (Italy) Palio, Winning a Horse Race No Matter How!" PSA—digital
May 18	Dinner Member Showcase <i>Club Challenge – Children, Shadows, Reflections</i>
<u>Salon Shows</u>	Noble Horizons <i>January 22 - February 28</i>

Don't forget to bring your images on a CD or DVD and give to Gisele Doyle. They will be shown when time permits at our regular meetings.

Also, your “Member Showcase” slideshow should be no more than 10 minutes long.



Competitions, Challenges and Salons

PSA, NECCC and Club Challenge entry rules and directions have been sent out to everyone via e-mail, as there is too much information to be included in the newsletter.

Please check the club website at www.housatoniccameraclub.org or contact Gisele Doyle at Alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com if you did not receive them or have any questions on preparing and submitting your entries.

All Digital entries for both NECCC and PSA need to be titled, re-sized, and e-mailed to Rita Mathews at explo-mat44@yahoo.com at least 3 days before the meeting they are due—see schedule.

All print entries for NECCC need to be properly labeled (contact Judy at judy-becker40@att.net with questions) and brought to Judy Becker at the meeting they are due—see schedule.

All digital entries for the Club Challenges need to be titled, re-sized and e-mailed to Gisele Doyle at Alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com at least 2 days before the meeting they are due –see schedule.

For any questions regarding participation and/or preparation for the scheduled salon shows, please contact our Salon Committee Chair, Bill DeVoti at abundancehill@verizon.net

Housatonic Camera Club

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from September–May

At 7:00 pm in

The Lifelong Learning Center
(Wagner Building)

Noble Horizons

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB

Membership Enrollment 2009–2010

I wish to enroll as a member for one year. 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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PLEASE PRINT ONLY ... AND CLEARLY!

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WE WILL SEND YOU OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS, SCHEDULES, AND CLUB INFO.