

"Frozen Bubbles" Photographer Brad Smith

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# Housatonic Camera Club

## Newsletter February 2014

<http://www.housatoniccameraclub.org/>

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### Noble Show 2014 by Dawn Dingee



The reception for the 2014 "Noble Horizons" show was Friday, January 17th. In attendance were many club members, friends, family and a reporter from The Lakeville News. The newspaper article can be found online but you must have a membership to view it (<http://www.tricornernews.com/node/33673>). There are over 40 pictures hung representing works from 17 camera club members. Yes, Polly's photo was in fact upside down! Congratulations to Birgitt and Jeff who each sold a photo the night of the reception! The exhibit will be open weekends 11:00am-4:00pm through February 23, 2012.

Pick up dates for the work are: Monday Feb 24th 9:00-5:30, Wednesday Feb 26th 12:30-5:30, Thursday Feb 27th 9-noon and Friday Feb 28th 9-5:30.

NOTE: Please remember to send the digital photos from the show to Lazlo so he can post them on the website. So far, we only have 31 photos posted.

Welcome to the February Issue of the Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter. The following is included in this month's issue:

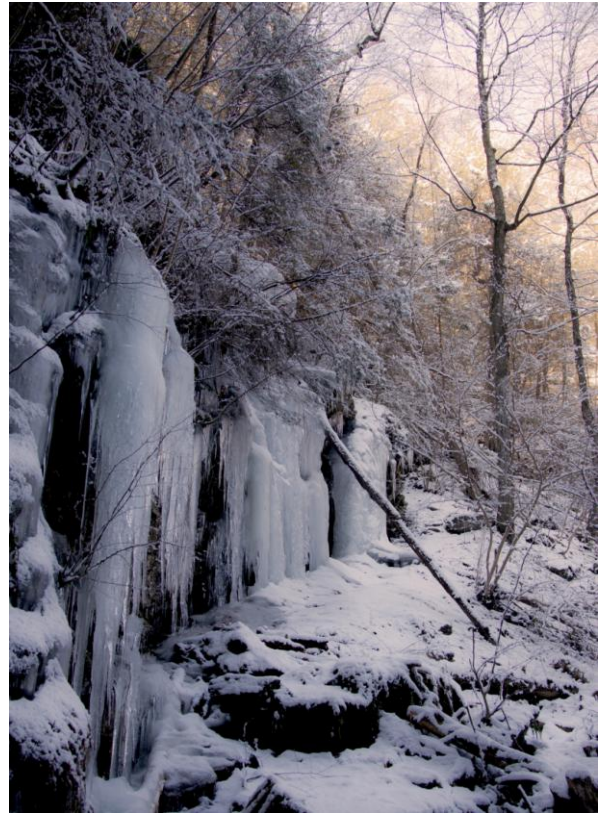
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## FEBRUARY MEETING

There is no guest speaker for February's meeting. On the agenda is Digital Circuit which includes a critique of club photos, including a few photos by our club members, by an expert judge. Perhaps we can use the meeting to discuss other club business such as:

- voting process for competitions
- future club outings
- print competitions
- photo assignments / club challenges
- newsletter

There's been interest shown by many club members in revitalizing the club -- getting more members involved, doing more group outings, sharing and critiquing each others work, etc. The goal of any photo club is to encourage growth of artistic and technical photographic capability -- let's think of new ways to do this!!



"Ice at Stone Church" Photographer Dawn Dingee



"Thirds"  
Photographer Rick  
Pauline



"Morning Dove" Photographer Jane Rossman

### UPCOMING EVENTS



## PSA FEBRUARY 2014

Please submit your photos for the PSA March 2014 competition to Lazlo...**deadline is midnight February 18th**. Image size are to be no larger than 1024px wide by 768px tall and compressed to 350k or smaller...**NO EXCEPTIONS**.

### Creative Crossings

Dedicated to All Aspects of Art presents **Landscapes Interpreted** seen through the brush-stroke of a painter and the lens of a photographer. **Ann D. Wilkinson** and **Daniel J. Gliubizzi** at Grange #808, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, NY.

Saturday, February 15 - Sunday, February 16

Saturday, February 22 - Sunday, February 23

noon to 5:00 pm

Artist's reception **Saturday, February 15 5:00 - 7:00** at The Red Devon

## Message from the President by Jane Rossman

In January, after two failed attempts, HCC members finally got to enjoy our “holiday” meal and a great program presented by Ted Roth. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the dinner or program. Now it is time to look ahead to the rest of our year. We are hoping to step things up by revising some current practices, bring back some past ones, and/or adding some new things.

Holding more club outings is one of our ongoing goals. Birgitt Pajarola is currently offering to arrange a photo trip to Vietnam, open to HCC members and friends. Please contact her if you or someone you know might be interested. Jeff Breitman offered to lead an eagle photo trip which had to be cancelled due to weather, but we may be able to do this another time. Fred Orkin just volunteered to possibly help organize and lead a NYC trip to visit some galleries and maybe do some photography. If there is interest, details will be sent by email and/or appear in a future newsletter. If *you* have an idea for a day trip, or perhaps an overnight or multi-day trip, let me know. Perhaps you have a favorite place to take pictures, or have a place you have always wanted to photograph. You do not have to take responsibility for running the trip, although that would be great. Additionally, we all should be on the lookout for local photo ops and events in the upcoming months and share them with our club membership.

We also want to provide more opportunities for us to improve our photo skills, especially by sharing and learning from each other. Our February Digital Circuit program will start us off by allowing us to discuss an expert judge’s critiques of some photos from various camera clubs including ours. We are also looking for ways interested members can share and discuss photos in a non-competitive setting, perhaps online or through informal get-togethers. If you would be interested in this and/or have any ideas on the best way to do this, again, please let me know. For now, we are planning to revive our club challenges in which one or more subjects will be assigned, and then photos will be reviewed online and at several scheduled club meetings. Please consider adding photos to our 2012 assigned topic folders online. The topics were “Faces”, “GREEN”, “Farms/Farming”, and “Doors and Windows”. New topics and “due dates” for next year will be announced later this season if enough people are interested. We can demonstrate how to upload pictures and make comments to the Forum at our next meeting. Lazlo can help with any problems and with getting new members started.

Along the same lines, we have had an increase in the number of people who have commented on photos for our NECCC and PSA competitions. Our current judging system does not allow any chance to edit entries based on these comments before they are voted on and winners are submitted. We are considering revising our selection process to allow for this. If you have any thoughts on how we might be able to do this without the process becoming too cumbersome, please send me your ideas.

Lastly, please consider contributing to this Newsletter—photos, articles, suggestions, favorite photo links, etc. Dawn does a terrific job, but she can’t do it all!



Winter Wildlife Photographer Jane Rossman

## Cantonese Food Delights by Birgitt Pajarola

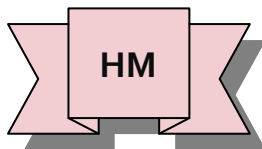
It is not for the picky eater, that's for sure. Nor for somebody who likes to eat well but does not want to know how fowl and meat got on the dinner table?

On my last excursion to China, I was introduced to the "real" Cantonese food shared with Chinese in their restaurants. Everything on the menu was in pictures showing the prepared food. However, when I was asked to select my meal while it was still living in cages, fish tanks and baskets displayed on the sidewalk, I got the idea and lost my appetite. I ordered soup thinking it was safe ... instead it contained chicken fee, whole heads with a plume and unimaginable other things floating in the broth. The fish swam in fish-sauce and was cooked whole and the snake was cut into pieces but looked like chicken.

I went on a rice diet and after two luncheons and one dinner, I left my companions and ordered frozen pizza in my hotel. I can still smell the feast and for once, was glad that everybody smoked in the restaurant!



# Announcements



CONGRATULATIONS TO LAZLO GYORSOK FOR RECEIVING **HONORABLE MENTION (HM)** FOR *POTTER'S HANDS* IN THE JANUARY 2014 PSA COMPETITION



## HCC Website

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**\*\* Please submit your pictures for the Noble Horizons show to Lazlo to be posted on the website so we can document the show on our website.**

## Members on the Web

Dawn Dingee - <http://dawndphotos.blogspot.com/>

Ann D. Wilkinson - [stonefoxphoto@aol.com](mailto:stonefoxphoto@aol.com)

Birgitt Pajarola - <http://www.birgittpajarolaphotos.com/>

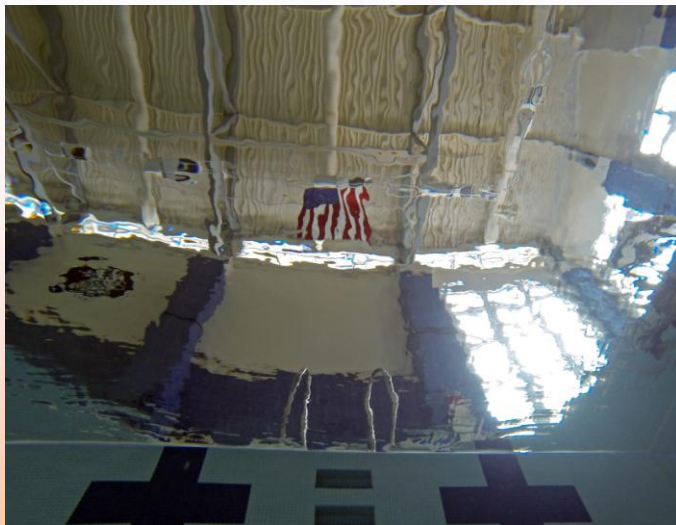
Rick Pauline - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/dupreesparadise/with/122759>

To all Photo Club members, for future editions of the newsletter, consider submitting:

- Your Favorite place to photograph
- The Story Behind the Picture
- Share Photo Opportunities
- Share Photo Printing Tips
- Share Photography Tips
- Your photo blog or website URL

(Q) How was this photo taken?

Photographer: Brian Wilcox



(A) From the bottom of Hotchkiss pool looking up

## Story Behind the Picture

On a chilly, bleak day I was wandering alone in Riverside Park, NYC. There was no one in sight until I saw a group of teenage boys approaching. I feared they would harass me and maybe swipe my camera. So I walked up to them with a smile and asked to take their picture. They seemed pleased and arranged themselves like this. I wonder if the cat survived the day.

Victoria Beller-Smith



## A Place to Photograph by Bert Schmitz

On Saturday February 1st, Lazlo and I met up at the Great Falls of the Housatonic. The falls are located near Falls Village about half a mile from the Iron bridge. The bridge is closed for almost 2 years already and to drive to the falls you have to be on the Salisbury side of the river. The falls look nice this time of the year when the weather is freezing for some time, but that makes it also difficult to find a good vantage point, as it is very difficult to go to the edge of the river to shoot the falls from the bottom up.



## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2013 – 2014 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)



"Bull's Bridge Flow" Photographer Rick Pauline

September 17	Frank Dispensa - The Science of Exposure/Print Critique
October 15	Lori Adams - Workflow and Lightroom
November 19	Bert Schmitz- Images of South Africa; Competition Image Review
December 17	Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth < <b>CANCELLED</b> >
January 21	<del>HCC Members - How I Do That (Show and Tell).</del> Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Digital Circuit 2013</b>
March 18	Lazlo Gyorsok - How to Make Montages in Photoshop and Elements
April 15	Fred Orkin - Images of Cuba
May 20	Presentation by Joe Meehan, program T.B.A.
June 17	End of Year Dinner and Member Showcase.

# Housatonic Camera Club

## Membership Enrollment 2013—2014

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  
432 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, CT 06068-1101; Email: judybecker40@att.net Ph: 860-435-2263

PLEASE PRINT ONLY ... AND CLEARLY!

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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