



Keeping Warm in March Photographer: Bill DeVoti

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**Hudson NY** by Dawn Dingee

**Hudson** is a city located along the west border of Columbia County. It was named for Henry Hudson and its nickname is the *Friendly City*. This city was founded in 1785. A little known fact is that it came within one vote of becoming the capital city of New York. It is known for its rich architecture and has been called "a finest dictionary of American architecture in New York State." After a steep decline in the 60s and 70s, the city has undergone a significant revival. A group of antiques dealers opened shops on the city's main thoroughfare, Warren Street, in the mid-1980s and it now has over 50 shops.



Warren St. - Lazlo Gyorsok

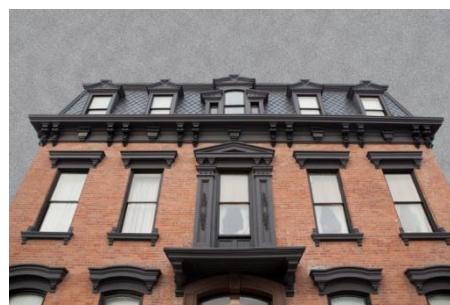
Several movies and television shows have been filmed in Hudson NY including

*The Wonder Years* and *Nobody's Fool*, a movie starring Jessica Tandy and Paul Newman.

This past weekend, several club members – Lazlo, Brian, Rick and Dawn went to Hudson, NY to take photos. We walked along Warren Street for about a mile and were rewarded with a beautiful sunset over the Hudson river. The timing was perfect!



Super Pumper - Brian Wilcox



Gables - Rick Pauline

# Housatonic Camera Club

## Newsletter March 2013

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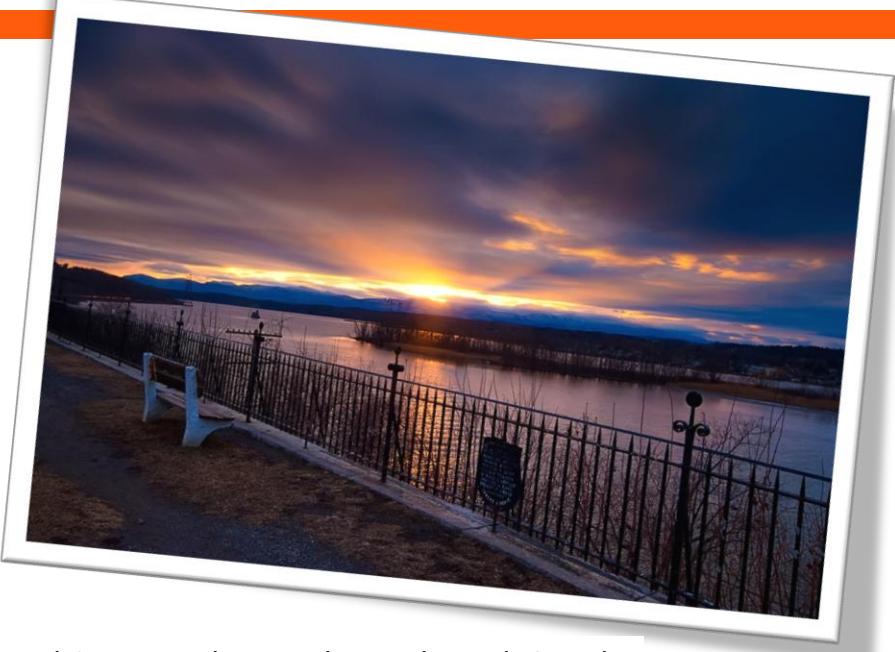
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## March Meeting

Stefanie Giglio will be the guest speaker at our March meeting. Stefani grew up in the Millerton NY area. She has been a professional photographer since 2004. She received her undergraduate degree in photojournalism at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland and now works in NYC. Stefanie specializes in environmental portraiture and human-interest documentary. She is an avid traveler. Stefanie's presentation will be on Malawi.



March Sunset at Hudson, NY Photographer: Lazlo Gyorsok

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH 9TH - Millbrook Library

**Mary Moeller's** photography show opening at the Millbrook Library is March 9th beginning at 5pm.

#### MARCH 20TH NECCC ENTRIES DUE

The NECCC Pictorial and NECCC Nature entries are due March 20th. Please email Lazlo separately for each category. Make sure you size your files to no larger than 1024 pixels wide X 768 pixels tall. Vertical images must be no taller than 768 pixels.

Files should also be saved as JPEGs and be no larger than 350K.

#### SEPTEMBER 2013 - "4 SEASONS OF SMITHFIELD" SHOW

If you are interested, start taking photos right now to capture the coming seasons. It will have to be all new work, so last year's summer shots in the show are not to be included. More details will follow as we get closer to the show.

## Member Profile - Howard Fuhr

I was born and lived in Brooklyn, NY for 24 years before marrying my wife Kathleen in 1967. I was serving our country as an officer in the artillery at that time living in Mainz, Germany. We moved back to the States in 1969 when I started my 20 year career in banking with The Chase Manhattan Bank. For most of that time we lived in New Jersey with the exception of three years on assignment in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1990 I left the bank to join The Pace Gallery, a New York contemporary art gallery, where I remained as Chief financial Officer until my retirement in 2010. We came to Sharon in 2007 after an acquaintance at the gallery kept telling me how much he loved living in

the area. One weekend visit and we were convinced this is where we wanted to spend the rest of our lives. We bought property and finished building our home in 2008.

Our travels have taken us to many places over several continents. In the past 10 years we traveled three times to Africa, visiting Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. Most of my recent photography was inspired on those trips. We also spent a month traveling through Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Viet Nam. Also very inspirational. I would not be surprised if we went back to Africa again, this time either to do a walking safari in Zambia or Zimbabwe or travel through Namibia. We have also

been thinking about travel to South America.

I've owned a camera for as long as I can remember, shooting film most of that time using Konica, Pentax, Minolta and Canon equipment. I have reels and reels of 35mm slides sitting in a closet that I hope to digitize one day. I currently use a Canon 5D Mk II with 24-105mm and 70-200mm lenses. I capture my images as Raw files and primarily use Adobe Lightroom to organize and develop them. I am also beginning to use Photoshop to supplement Lightroom. I enjoy photographing wildlife, landscapes and orchids that I grow. I'm trying to expand the scope of my photographic interests by meeting other photographers and learning from them.



Feeding Frenzy



Okavango Morning Mist



Great Blue Heron

Photos by  
Howard  
Fuhr

## Upcoming Photography Conferences—Big and Small

Here's a heads-up about some photography conferences this month and coming up this spring, summer, and fall.

### March 16, 2013:

**Photography Triple Header** - Noted photographers, **Tony Sweet, John Barclay, and Denise Ippolito**, will present three unique programs at the [Palisades Center Mall](#) in West Nyack, NY from 10:00 to 3:30. The cost is only \$10. Check out the [Ridgewood Camera Club Meetup Group](#) website <http://www.meetup.com/Ridgewood-Camera-Club-Meetup-Group/events/100625432/> for program and registration details.

### May 18, 2013:

The Hudson Valley Photography Network (**HVPN**) to which our club belongs will again be partnering with the National Park Service to present a **FREE** one day photography workshop at the Wallace Visitor's Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Site in Hyde Park, NY. Plans are to have a featured speaker followed by a choice of one or two workshop sessions. In addition, the grounds, including the rose garden, will be open for photographing. You can bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. Watch your email and next month's newsletter for more details.

### July 12-14, 2013:

The New England Camera Club Council (**NECCC**) will hold its annual conference in Amherst, MA on the campus of the Univ of Massachusetts at Amherst. This is a 2.5-day, multimedia, three-ring circus with much learning to be had; vendors and some manufacturers' representatives are also present (conference program will be on NECCC web site soon). Conference brochures will be available at HCC meetings once we receive them. In the meantime, check out the NECCC website, [http://www.neccc.org/New\\_Outline\\_13.htm](http://www.neccc.org/New_Outline_13.htm). Groups of 20 or more typically get a discount. **The West Hartford club (Charter Oak Photographic Society) organizes such a group registration and would appreciate additional registrants -- if interested in the discount rate, please contact Olive Weingart of COPS (omweingart@sbcglobal.net) ASAP.** FYI - Dawn and Rick are registered.

### September 13-22, 2013:

The Photographic Society of America (**PSA**) annual conference is coming to Maine this year. It will be held at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Drive, South Portland, ME. More details will be available after April 1st.

### September 28, 2013:

The **HVPN** is planning an all-day conference featuring noted photographers Art Morris: <http://www.birdsasart.com/> and Denise Ippolito: <http://deniseippolito.smugmug.com/>. The conference will be at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill, NY. The cost and other details will be available in the next few months.

## WINTER 2012 - 2013



**View from Newburgh-Beacon Bridge - Rick Pauline**



**Silos - Rick Pauline**



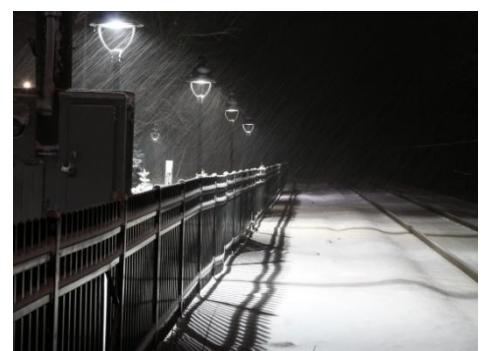
**Ashuelot River, VT - Dawn Dingee**



**Smithfield Farm - Jane Rossman**



**Snowed In - Bill DeVoti**



**During the Storm - Dawn Dingee**

## TRAVEL TIPS BY BILL DEVOTI

Open frequent flyer accounts with your favorite airlines and get credit cards (which offer AS MANY AS 30,000 BONUS MILES, with no fee for the first year) that add miles for every dollar you spend. Use this card exclusively, especially if it's Visa or Master Card (merchants are often not willing to take American Express), and ALWAYS pay it off at the end of the month. You can take advantage of more than one offer for more bonus miles, and you'll be surprised how fast the miles add up.. We are flying to Italy in April/early May via American Airlines (Citibank credit card) for 20,000 miles each, each way.; total cost: 80,000 miles and \$106.00 for the two of us! We have found American Airlines' Citibank card the most generous with free miles and available flights. Other miles earning credit cards often require two and three times this amount for the same itinerary; amount of miles needed for a trip fluctuate according to season. Happy travels

~ Bill

## ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TIPS - FILL &amp; CURVES BY RICK PAULINE

From a picture taken through a store front window, using Photoshop techniques, the *BEFORE* image below was transformed to the *AFTER* image. This involved two separate functions in Photoshop.

**Step 1** - To remove the whitespace at the top left hand corner of the picture as well as the background details such as the radiator, the *Fill* feature was used. On each side of the picture, using the Quick Selection Tool, highlight the left and right portions of the area to be transformed, right click, select *Fill*, choose Black as the color.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

**Step 2** - To brighten the face, the *Curves* feature was used. Using the Quick Selection Tool, outline the area of the face, select *Image*, *Adjustments*, *Curves*. Using the RGB channel, adjust the sliders below the graph to achieve the desired lighting results.

**Step 3** - To add the lighting to the stool seat, the same *Curves* technique from Step 2 was used.



The PSA interclub competitions are conducted 2-3 times a year. For each competition, our club holds an intra-club competition where members can submit multiple photos that are posted on the website's forum page. When voting commences, members can vote on the images. The top 6 photographers will have their photos submitted to the interclub competition to represent the club -- I say top 6 *photographers* and not top 6 *photos* because if one member has more than one photo in the top 6, only one will be submitted. The combined scores of a club's entry are used to determine their ranking within a competition. The combined scores are also totaled at the end of the year to determine overall rankings.

***Below are the club's most recent submissions to the PSA competition.***



**Fox - Lazlo Gyorsok**



**Eagle - Dawn Dingee**



**Glenna - Brian Wilcox**



**Ice Berries - Jane Rossman**



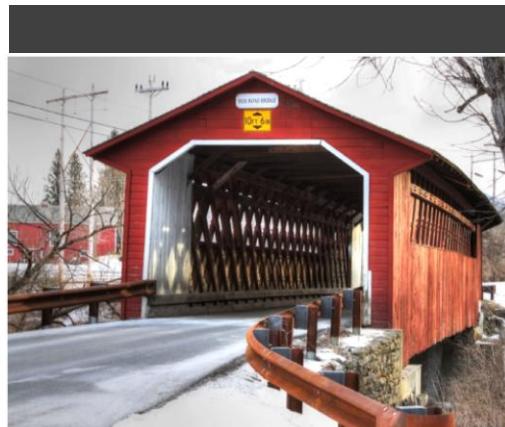
**Veneration - Bill DeVoti**



**Clouds - Howard Fuhr**

## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2012 – 2013 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)



Silk Road Covered Bridge, Bennington, VT by  
Dawn Dingee

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| <b>September 18:</b> | Members Showcase and Discussion (cancelled due to weather)  |
| <b>October 1:</b>    | Member Showcase and Discussion  |
| <b>October 16:</b>   | Presentation by Jonathan Doster, Myanmar/Burma .  |
| <b>November 20:</b>  | Presentation by Lazlo Gyorsok and Fred Orkin, Digital Infrared B&W Photography; Discussion of Competition Images for NECCC & PSA. |
| <b>December 11:</b>  | Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth   |
| <b>January 15:</b>   | Digital Circuit DVD; Discussion of Competition Images for NECCC & PSA   |
| <b>February 19:</b>  | Presentation by Birgitt Pajarola, Sri Lanka; Discussion of Competition Images   |
| <b>March 19:</b>     | <b>Presentation by Stefanie Giglio, Malawi</b>  |
| <b>April 16:</b>     | <b>Presentation by Brian Wilcox, Lighting Using One Flash; PSA Competition Discussion</b>   |
| <b>May 21:</b>       | <b>Presentation by Joe Meehan, program T.B.A.</b>   |
| <b>June 18:</b>      | <b>End of Year Dinner and Members Showcase.</b>   |

## Housatonic Camera Club Membership Enrollment 2012—2013

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

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