



"Brown Pelican " Photographer Dawn Dingee

# Housatonic Camera Club

## Newsletter April 2014

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### Camouflage by Karin Smith



Today really looked as if spring is finally here. And this made me think about a day some years ago in late spring. Clambering down a rather steep and somewhat muddy slope at Stony Batter Pond in Warren I was looking for anything to hang on to, when suddenly I felt something soft and cool and definitely organic underneath my hand where I had grasped a medium size branch . Pulling my hand back, I dared a look at the spot and could not believe my eyes at first. Clinging to the branch, perfectly camouflaged was this little fellow. Had it not been for the eyes blinking or maybe winking at me, I might have missed him altogether. To give you a sense of proportions, he was about 2 inches long at the most. And I apologize for the soft image. The ground I was on was wet and very slippery, a few feet away from steep rocks and the pond below. But to me, a memorable Kodak moment.

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

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## APRIL MEETING

### "Our Man in Havana Cuba"

The guest speaker for April's meeting is our very own Fred Orkin. He will take us on a journey through cities, towns, and provinces of "The Pears of the Antilles". In his own words, "pretending to be a National Geographic photographer, I will give a multi-media presentation of Cuba today as it begins its exciting but challenging evolution from its resource-poor totalitarian state to a market-based economy, highlighting the warmth of its people and its celebration of the arts".



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### PSA APRIL 2014

Please submit your photos for the next PSA competition to Lazlo...**deadline is midnight April 17th**. Image size are to be no larger than 1024px wide by 768px tall and compressed to 350k or smaller...**NO EXCEPTIONS**. Your name and title of image **NEEDS** to appear within the file name.

### Art in the Gallery at the White Silo Farm - April 4 - April 27, 2014

Come support your fellow photographers -- **Brad and Karin Smith** are co-exhibiting with another photographer from the Hartford area, April Aldighier at the White Silo Farm, 32 Rte. 37 E, Sherman CT. Winery and gallery hours are 11am - 6pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and major holidays. Plan a visit to the Winery, take in the show and have a glass of wine and meet the winery staff. It's a family owned business, and very friendly toward the arts.

### HUDSON VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY NETWORK - May 17, 2014

The Hudson Valley Photography Network is hosting its spring conference at Newburgh Hilton Garden Inn. 15 Crossroads Ct, Newburgh, NY (Near the intersection of I-84 & the NYS Thruway) from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Guest speakers are Frank Dispensa and Rick Sammon. To register, go to [http://hvphotonet.org/MAY\\_17\\_2014\\_CONFERENCE.php](http://hvphotonet.org/MAY_17_2014_CONFERENCE.php).

## Submissions to NECCC Pictorial and Nature spring contest

The following photos were submitted to the NECCC Pictorial and Nature spring contest based on club members' voting.



Duck Alert - Alex Kearney



Egret - Lazlo Gyorsok



Ugly Grace - Rick Pauline



Wild Oat - Judith Gott



Take Cover - Birgitt Pajarola



Smokin' - Rick Pauline



Inspected by 33 - Dawn Dingee



Illusions - Bill DeVoti

## Story behind the Picture - "Take Cover"

by Birgitt Pajarola

I had to take this photo at a ranch in Santa Fe during a workshop. It was our assignment to shoot a magazine cover which needed to have space in the picture for content, in other words, sort of empty space to the left or right for titles.

When I saw the horses, I wanted to quit having been thrown off twice and kicked once.

Our instructor told me to use a fence to stabilize the camera instead of a tripod, which in my mind, gave me security. The cowboy knew of my fear and came straight at me and just at the last minute, he galloped to the left. I only hit the shutter once and scrambled away to safety.

I never again attempted to photograph another horse close up!



## Concert Photography

by Rick Pauline

Being a concert photographer can be very exciting. As a passionate music lover, this seems to be heaven and indeed this is a close description of how it can feel. These are some recent captures of Steve Hackett - Genesis Extended Tour at a concert in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

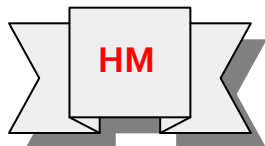


"Nad the Scribe" (Nad Sylvan)



"Blonde on Blonde" (Nad Sylvan and Nick Beggs)

# Announcements



CONGRATULATIONS TO LAZLO GYORSOK FOR RECEIVING **HONORABLE MENTION (HM)** FOR *BLACKSMITH* IN THE MARCH 2014 PSA COMPETITION.



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**



Ansonia Opera House - Lazlo Gyorsok

## Members on the Web

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

Ann D. Wilkinson - <http://www.stonefoxphoto.com/>

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

Rick Pauline -  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dupreesparadise/with/13514707843/>

**\*\*\* NEW HCC Website address \*\*\***

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

**\*\* Remember to submit your PSA pictures to Lazlo by April 17th.**

## NECCC Photography Conference - July 11. 12. 13, 2014

The 69th annual NECCC Photography Conference will once again be hosted at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It attracts upwards of a thousand people to the UMass campus for a three-day weekend of fellowship, fun, instruction (the Camera College programs), entertainment (the Showcase Theater programs) and hands-on photography in studio set-ups of live animals, models (both indoors and outdoors), still-life, and more.

Don't forget to register. To learn more, visit [www.neccc.org](http://www.neccc.org).

If you haven't signed up yet and want to take advantage of Group Rates, contact Ollie at ([omweingart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:omweingart@sbcglobal.net)) of Charter Oak.

## Print Competition - June 17th

We are planning on having a **print competition** at our last meeting of the season which is to take place on **June 17th** which is also our End of Year Dinner and Member Showcase. These types of club competitions are designed to honor members for their photographic achievements and to provide members with feedback regarding their work and offer ideas for improvement. Why participate? Because you want to improve, because you want recognition from your peers, or simply because you want to be supportive of your fellow photographers.

### Competition Rules:

1. Any size print or mount up to 16" x 20" is acceptable.
2. Members may submit up to TWO (2) images.
3. Prints must be mounted.
4. Prints must have a title. The title, together with the maker's name must appear on the back of the mount. Maker's name should not appear on the front of the print.
5. Subject can be anything!!
6. Club members will serve as judges. Pictures will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10.

## South Beach Miami by Dawn Dingee

Want to feel old - visit South Beach in Miami. Rick and I recently visited South Beach the first week of April and soon realized it was "Spring Break" for thousands of college students. The streets were quiet and empty in the morning hours but after 5pm, it's a whole different world!! The bars were full, the streets were full, the restaurants were full...all until **5am** when all goes back to being quiet and calm. The music was so loud that even earplugs didn't help. When still trying to fall asleep at 3am with music blasting and streets full of young college kids, I realized that I am just too old for South Beach...



## 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)



"Harmony Sail" - Photographer Judith Gott

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 < CANCELLED >
January 21	Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth
February 18	Digital Circuit 2013
March 18	Lazlo Gyorsok - How to Make Montages in Photoshop and Elements
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Fred Orkin - Images of Cuba</b>
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

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