



Owl inside Sharon Audubon Society, Sharon, CT
~Dawn Dingee

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Housatonic Camera Club

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2013 - 2014 SEASON at a glance ~ Dawn Dingee

The start of the Housatonic Camera Club 2013 - 2014 season is Tuesday, September 17th ...last season we participated in PSA and NECCC competitions and the club did very well in the PSA competition overall coming in the top 10 overall for Group E. Many members received awards or honorable mention throughout the season including Jane, Lazlo, Alex, Bert and Brian. At our last meeting in May, we elected a new slate of officers for the season (see page 2 for complete list of officers).

We have a great list of guest speakers this year beginning with Frank Dispensa at our first meeting -- note: due to scheduling, we will not have the customary Member Showcase at our first meeting. Guest speakers throughout the season include Lori Adams and Ted Roth as well as our very own Bert Schmitz, Lazlo Gyorsok, Fred Orkin and Joe Meehan.

Our first club event is the Millbrook Library Show beginning October 4th. This is open to those members who presented work at the Noble Show in 2013. The Smithfield "4 Seasons" show has been moved to Saturday, November 2nd during their pre-Thanksgiving dinner where they get about 250 people in attendance. So start getting your prints ready...

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

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

On September 17, the Housatonic Camera Club will present a program by Frank Dispensa, one of the country's most outstanding teachers of portrait lighting, posing, and the science of photography. Frank will provide an in-depth analysis of exposure, an essential element of all photography. He will also conduct a critique session of printed images focusing on how to evaluate and best present photos. **Remember to bring one mounted, un-framed photo for critique.**

For more information about Frank visit <http://www.frankdispensa.com>



HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2013/2014 season

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| President | Jane Rossman |
| Vice President | Rick Pauline |
| Treasurer | Judy Becker |
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| Publicity | Jeffrey Breitman |
| Webmaster | Lazlo Gyorsok |
| Newsletter | Dawn Dingee |
| Competitions | Brian Wilcox |
| Salon Committee | Ann Dillon Wilkinson Bill DeVoti |
| Hospitality | Ann Dillon Wilkinson |
| Liaison Representatives | PSA - Jane Rossman NECCC - Bert Schmitz |

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28

The Hudson Valley Photography Network (HVPN) will present its Fall 2013 Photography Conference at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill, New York. Cost is \$35 (includes lunch) for a full day workshop from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Nationally known presenters include Denise Ippolito, Art Morris, and Joe Brady. For more information, go to <http://hvphotonet.org/>

October 4

Millbrook Library show will have its opening on Friday, October 4th from 4 - 6pm. This is open to those members who presented work at the Noble Show in 2013. Two pieces from that show per person unless the works are small (then equivalent of 2 large pieces).

October 19, 2013 at 6.30am

Morning Light at Innisfree, \$6 per person. The garden will open half an hour before sunrise and photographers, painters and garden enthusiasts are invited to experience the spectacular morning light.

November 2

Smithfield show has been moved to November 2nd. Theme is "Four Seasons of Smithfield". New work is expected except for the bins where previously shown work can be included. Drop off date to be announced.

NECCC Conference 2013 Review ~ Dawn Dingee

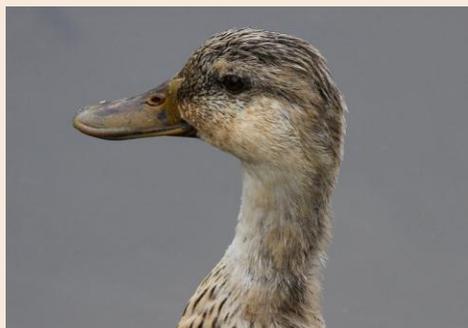
In July, I attended the NECCC 68th annual conference held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Massachusetts with Rick. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the conference under the courtesy enrollment for HCCC as a first time attendee. We stayed off campus but this didn't seem to take away from the experience. The conference offered a wide variety of photographic experiences -- lectures covering night photography, HDR, macro photography, nature-time lapse movies, wide-angle magic, long exposure and digital video among others. There were so many interesting lectures / classes being given over the 3 days, it was hard to formulate a schedule that we could stick to. The campus was very large and we found ourselves going from one side to the other multiple times a day...*comfortable shoes* and an umbrella are recommended to anyone thinking about attending next year's conference! The professional photographers were very approachable after their sessions and it was nice to see some of the lecturers attending other classes.

Most speakers were knowledgeable and very passionate about the topic they were presenting. Speaker's notes were provided at the beginning of the conference so that helped us decide which lectures to attend. NECCC also provided a very detailed hour-by-hour schedule ahead of time so we could decide on our schedule beforehand. The featured presentation was given by [Nevada Wier](#). She presented a lively and interesting talk on her evolution as a travel photographer. She was very inspiring to anyone who wishes they were able to turn their passion of photography into a profession. Other speakers we had the pleasure of seeing were [Mark Bowie](#) who is a professional nature photographer from MA who gave an excellent presentation on night photography; [Stephen Johnson](#) who presented the "12 steps to improve digital photography", [Deborah Sandidge](#) who is a professional photographer from FL who shared travel tips and a presentation on long exposure; [A. Cemel Ekin](#) who is a retired teacher from RI, gave a presentation on "outputting from Photoshop and Lightroom" and [Roman Kurywczak](#), a professional wildlife photographer from NJ presented on 'birds in flight'. Unfortunately, there were a few 'stinkers' in the bunch that I didn't mention but overall, the speakers are expert teachers that made the weekend an excellent, educational experience. This is something we will definitely consider doing in the future.

I wasn't too impressed by the outdoor 'young models' that were available Saturday and Sunday...it was a little annoying to see them riding around in their bikinis on the back of the golf cart from building to building while photography enthusiasts presumably in their 70s and 80s with walkers and canes were struggling to get from building to building across the vast campus. Other photo-ops included small animals from the Lupa Zoo, Civil War character models and high-speed flash setup.

At the vendor tables; Canon, Nikon, Sigma and Tamron had a loaning program where you could leave your driver's license and a credit card, and get use of equipment for 90 minutes. I was lucky enough to borrow the Canon EF 100-400mm lens. The downside was that there was a lot of construction at the campus so photo opportunities outdoors was very limited. I was pretty much limited to the birds and ducks at the pond.

Overall, the conference was very educational and I would recommend it to anyone who hasn't attended!!



A dangerous goat path ~ Birgitt Pajarola

My trip to Tibet a few years back had many stressful, frightening moments but none more than taking this photo.

My guys' needed a smoke break while we stopped at a view point overlooking Yamdrok Tso lake in very high altitude. I wanted to get a closer photo of the emerging ruin in the lake and proceeded to climb a narrow goat path. Out of sight of my guide, I started feeling dizzy, lightheaded and dangerously drawn to the bottomless turquoise water. The path went along a sheer cliff that dropped straight down to the icy water. Before giving in to panic, I just sat on the ground in order to recover all my senses and waited until the guide came looking for me and helped me back to safety.

In all my travels: this was the most stupid thing I did and I know now what fear means.



HCC June 29th Field Trip ~ Fredrick Orkin



In late June a handful of HCC members spent a glorious Saturday afternoon photographing at **Edward Tufte's Hogen Hill Farms** in Woodbury, in the southeast corner of Litchfield County. A retired political-science professor at Yale and international authority on clarity in graphic depiction of data (see <http://www.EdwardTufte.com>), ET (as he likes to call himself) became a sculptor a dozen years ago, creating often very large, space-age metal sculpture from industrial materials and megaliths from the boulders found when excavating his 234-acre property. Representative images may be viewed at the property's website: http://www.edwardtufte.com/bboard/q-and-a-fetch-msg?msg_id=0003uy.

For those who missed the field trip, the 'good news' is that ET is having his 3rd annual open house at his property (100 Weekepeemee Road, Woodbury) on Saturday, October 5, from 11 am to 5 pm.



Rye Playland ~ Rick Pauline



PSA COMPETITIONS

Competition seasons generally run from October through September of the following year so start thinking about entries for next month.

NECCC

The Fall 2013 Interclub competition for NECCC is coming up soon as well. Entries are due October

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 jpeg's and be no larger than 350k.

FALL BBQ ~ Dawn Dingee

On Saturday Sept 7th, several photo club member & friends got together for a BBQ at Rick and Dawn's house -- including Brian, Lazlo, Ann and Jane. Rick & I enjoyed the company and hope to do this again. Ribs were enjoyed by all! (except Rick) Here are a few pics from the day...



What's left of the ribs



Ted Roth, Lazlo, Jane Roth

MEMBER PHOTOS



Rockport Maine ~ Jane Rossman



Hogpen Farm ~ Lazlo Gyorsok



Sterling Opera House ~ Rick Pauline



Red Panda from Trevor Zoo ~ Dawn Dingee

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)



Millbrook Diner - Photographer Rick Pauline

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| September 17 | Frank Dispensa - The Science of Exposure/Print Critique (Bring a print for Frank to evaluate.) |
| 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. |
| January 21 | HCC Members - How I Do That (Show and Tell). |
| February 18 | Digital Circuit 2013 |
| 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
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