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# HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB Newsletter

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## Smithfield Show 2012 - What a **SUCCESS!!**

by: Dawn Dingee & Ann Dillon Wilkinson

The Smithfield Show was quite a success. Several club members participated and we were rewarded with many sales. There were 30 pictures hung and many more available in a bin. Overall, approximately 12 pictures were sold. Given we were tasked with taking photos of only the Smithfield area, it was amazing the variety of photos that were displayed -- farms, cemeteries, landscapes, cats, "shadows" and more. Several of the photos from the exhibit are included in this newsletter. See Smithfield 2012 in User Galleries on the HCC website to see many more photos entered in the show.

**From Ann Wilkinson:** Thanks to everyone who participated to make this a successful event. Many photos were sold. We have been invited to come back next September for a "Four Seasons of Smithfield" show. So if you are interested, start taking photos right now to capture the coming seasons. It will have to be all new work, so this year's summer shots in the show are not to be included. We have been promised that it will be up longer next year. ..It was a lot of work for a short time.

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## October Meeting – Oct 16

Jonathan Doster will be our guest speaker at the next club meeting. He is a native of coastal Georgia, based in Sharon, CT since 1986. In addition to multimedia production, fine art exhibition, cinematography, and freelance commercial work, he has been involved in a variety of projects including a book *Veedor the Condor*, and publication in such periodicals as *Terre Sauvage*, *Atlanta*, *Time for Kids*, and *Yankee Magazine*. Travels with his camera have taken him to Burma, Morocco, Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Canada, and throughout North America. His presentation will be of Myanmar/Burma.



*Homestead Farm - Photographer Rick Pauline*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

#### MILLBROOK LIBRARY

The Off the Wall Gallery at the Millbrook Library is planning a photography exhibit starting October 5<sup>th</sup> entitled *Hudson Valley Farms: Fading and Flourishing* that will explore the many faces of farms and farmers in our region. In addition to the photography show there will be special programs including a panel discussion with local farmers and a presentation about winter greenhouses from the local Winter Bounty Project. Exhibit will include photos from Mary Moeller, G.A. Mudge, LisaM. Dellwo and Ann Dillon Wilkinson.

#### pdn PHOTO PLUS EXPO - NYC

Calling all Photographers . . . 2012 PDN PhotoPlus Expo will be in NYC from Oct 24-27, where discovering the latest in photography will provide endless possibilities! A series of evening events you won't want to miss will extend the fun and networking opportunities.

If you register in advance and receive a free 3-day pass (Oct 25-27) to explore the Expo PLUS receive free admission to special evening events on Wednesday and Friday. Visit [www.photoexpo.com](http://www.photoexpo.com) for more details.

### NOVEMBER

#### A DAY WITH IAN PLANT

Charter Oak & Hunt's Photo & Video are sponsoring an all-day Seminar with Ian Plant on November 17, 2012 (9AM – 4pm). Seminar takes place in East Hartford Community Cultural Center in East Hartford, CT. A full-time professional nature photographer, writer, and adventurer, Ian Plant has been photographing our natural world for almost twenty years. Ian travels the world in order to find rare convergences of light, composition, mood, and moment, looking to transcend mere scenery to produce a compelling view of his nature subjects.



*Catty Corner From the Church - Photographer Victoria Beller-Smith*



*Hammond Farm- Photographer : Lazlo Gyorsok*



*Cemetery- Photographer : Naomi Feldman*

## Photography Conference at FDR National Historic Site

Submitted by: Jane Rossman

The Autumn Landscape Photography Conference sponsored by the National Park Service and the Hudson Valley Photography Network (HVPNet) was a great success with about 150 attendees, including eight HCC members. Tom Doyle presented an informative and entertaining program full of tips on outdoor photography. His presentation was well organized and ranged from a recommended Field Checklist to specific tips on subjects such as backlighting, etc. One thing he stressed trying was to identify and become familiar with five favorite photography places within five miles or so of your house. That way, when that special weather condition or great lighting happens, you know just where to be.

The second presenter, Fred Aquilino, started out his program with a show and tell of useful equipment for photographing in different conditions and followed that with a presentation of some of his favorite images. He also identified and discussed the use of several photography phone apps. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for an article by our own Fred Orkin about cell phone photo apps.)

In addition to the main presentations, there were door prizes. One of was won by club member Bill Devoti!

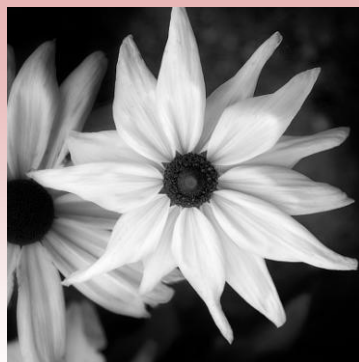


Prior to and following the presentations there was also opportunities to photograph in the FDR Rose Garden. Early birds were able to capture some great dew drop photos, while those photographing after the presentations were treated to a mini workshop by Richard Worthley and were able to find more critters among the flowers.

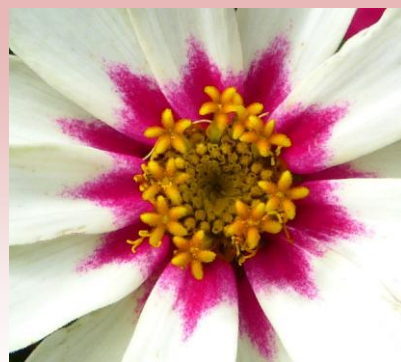
As part of HVPNet, HCC helped with planning and registration. At the conference, we had our own table with information about our club. Brian even had a slide show going during the break. A number of people expressed interest in our club and signed up to be put on our Newsletter email list. We hope to see them at some of our meetings.



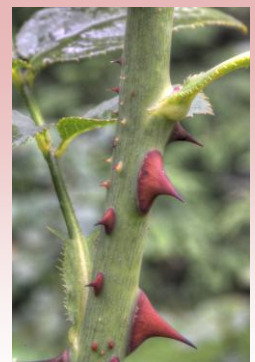
Jane Rossman



Lazlo Gyorsok



Jane Rossman



Rick Pauline

## Smartphone Apps for General Photography

Submitted by: Fredrick K. Orkin

There may be more than a thousand smartphone photo apps available for iOS (iPhone) and Android phones, almost all of which provide some combination of a camera substitute for the phone's camera, image enhancement, and/or sharing functions. A small number of smartphone photo apps have nothing to do with the smartphone but rather help you use your non-phone camera, whether digital or film-based. What follows is an annotated list of the most popular and useful general-photography apps:

### **DOF Master**

For many types of photography, knowing the distance range that will be in focus (hyperfocal distance, depth of field) with a given  $f$ -stop is important in planning the exposure. Gone are the days when brackets indicating depth of field were engraved on the lens barrel; now, even  $f$ -stops markings are absent on many current lenses, and depth-of-field preview buttons are insufficient to gauge critical focus. This app is a simple, highly versatile calculator that generates the depth of field based on setting a sensor size, distance to a focus point,  $f$ -stop, and lens' focal length (focal-length setting if a zoom). Available for iOS and Android; \$1.99.

### **Pocket Light Meter**

With light meters built into most cameras now, gone are handheld models. But, sometimes you want to check lighting to plan an exposure. Rather than reaching for your camera, use this app that simulates an old handheld. You set ISO and  $f$ -stop, and it tells you the shutter speed when you place the screen target on your subject. Available for iOS and (soon) Android; \$0.99.

### **The Photographer's Ephemeris**

Useful for nature and landscape photography, this app provides basic almanac features such as sunrise and sunset, as well as moon position, for any geographic location at any time. It displays how the light falls on an area, so you know what will be in shadow and when. Advanced features include automatic time-zone and elevation detection, height above the horizon, and correction for atmospheric refraction. Since it is map-based, you will know where to place yourself. Available for iOS and Android (also free version for lap- or desktop computer); \$8.99.

### **Sun Seeker Lite; Sun Seeker (3-D version)**

This app provides solar path, its hourly intervals, winter and summer solstice paths, sunrise and sunset times, and a map view showing solar direction each daylight hour based on your geographic location. Available for iOS and Android; free (3-D version, \$8.99).

### **Tide Graph**

You set location, and it displays the tides on any day as a graph. Available for iOS; \$1.99.

### **TimeLapse! Calculator**

This app takes the guesswork out of time-lapse photography: it calculates shooting interval, duration, target output of clip, frame rate, number of frames, required memory, among other features. (A companion app [TimeLapse!] enables time-lapse capture with your smartphone.) Available for iOS and Android; free.

### **Lightning Finder**

In near-real time, this app tells you where lightning strikes are within a 25-mile radius of your location. It can be configured to send you a text message when a strike occurs. Available for iOS; free.

### **Star Walk**

Night-shooters can benefit from this astronomical guide that provides real-time motion tracking of the sky, information about the night sky, help in planning coverage of celestial events, and an astronomical photo of that day each day. Available for iOS; \$2.99.

## 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)

~~September 18: Members Showcase and Discussion~~ (cancelled due to weather)

**October 1:** Member Showcase and Discussion

**October 16:** Presentation by Jonathan Doster, Myanmar/Burma .

**November 20:** Presentation by Lazlo Gyorsok and Fred Orkin, Digital Infrared B&W Photography; Discussion of Competition Images for NECCC & PSA.

**December 11:** Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth

**January 15:** Digital Circuit DVD; Discussion of Competition Images for NECCC & PSA

**February 19:** Presentation by Brian Wilcox, Lighting Using One Flash; PSA Competition Discussion

**March 19:** Presentation by Stefanie Giglio, Subject T.B.A.

**April 16:** Presentation by Birgitt Pajarola, Sri Lanka; Discussion of Competition Images

**May 21:** Presentation by Joe Meehan, program T.B.A.

**June 18:** End of Year Dinner and Members Showcase.



*Smithfield Church Interior - Photographer Rick Pauline*

## COMPETITIONS FOR THE 2012 - 2013 SEASON

### PSA and NECCC Electronic Photograph Interclub Competitions for 2012-2013

Fall entries can be emailed to Lazlo Gyorsok starting **October 1st** and ending **October 19th**. File format is the same as last year - send your name and title of image in the jpeg (just rename the jpeg file. Example **Brian Wilcox Dew Drop.jpeg** ). The file size is the same as always - **1024 pixels wide X 768 pixels high** and no larger than **350K**. To help Lazlo send separate emails for each class and put in the subject line **NECCC Nature, NECCC Pictorial, or PSA**.

**Don't forget to submit photos for the club galleries: Faces, Doors & Windows, Color Green and Farms & Farming.**

### Items of Interest on the Internet:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rule\\_of\\_thirds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rule_of_thirds) submitted by Rick Pauline.

Adobe just release the latest version of PS Elements submitted by Lazlo Gyorsok.

<http://www.dpreview.com/news/2012/09/25/adobe-photoshop-elements-premiere-11>

iPhone-ography article submitted by Lisa Dellwo's from her website:

<http://dellwo.zenfolio.com/blog/2012/3/iphone-ography>

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/28/tech/mobile-photo-tips/index.html?c=tech&page=2> submitted by Dawn Dingee.

\* PLEASE SEND LINKS TO INTERESTING ARTICLES TO SHARE TO [D1295@AOL.COM](mailto:D1295@AOL.COM) FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.



Elder Shadows- *Photographer: G.A. Mudge*

**Membership Dues due.** Anyone paid after March 2012 gets credit for the coming year. All others should send payment to Judy Becker or bring dues to the next meeting.

## 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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