



Housatonic Images

HDR & Exposure Fusion Techniques in Photography

A New Era or Just a Fad? By Joseph Meehan

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Photographers have always had to deal with one major limitation when setting the exposure for a scene. Film and digital cameras can only record a limited brightness range. The outcome can be a loss of details in shadows, highlights or both. Recent advances in digital methods now allow the capture of a much wider brightness range often resulting in a very different "HDR look." This HDR look has stirred controversy among photographers ranging condemnation as a passing fad to those who feel it represents a whole new era in photography.

Professional photographer Joseph Meehan will review these new methods and consider their impact on photography using many examples as well as material from his just published book, "Advanced Imaging" at our next Camera Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m., Noble Horizons Learning Center, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Ct.

Joseph Meehan has been a professional photographer, writer and teacher for over 30 years. Over a thousand of his images have appeared in books, magazines and on Web sites all over the world in a style characterized as "alive with color and sparkling with light" (*New York Times book review*). In addition, Meehan was Senior Technical Editor of *Photo District News* for 12 years and his work has been profiled in many photography magazines including, *Popular Photography*, *Outdoor Photography*, *View Camera Magazine*, and the *British Journal of Photography*. Meehan is the former editor of the UK publication, *The Photography Yearbook* and has written 25 books on photographic technique, several of which have received awards as well as being published in multiple languages.

Joseph Meehan received his baccalaureate degree with honors from Columbia University and a Masters of Arts degree from Manhattan College. He and his wife Lynn have lived in Salisbury, Connecticut, since 1979.



Sample Photos above and below by Joseph Meehan



To think creatively, we must be able to look afresh at what we normally take for granted.

~ George Kneller

President's Message - Jane Rossman

BIG FINISH—HCC will be ending its 2010-2011 season with two great membership meetings. On May 17, Joseph Meehan will present another one of his exceptional and enlightening programs. The theme for this year's program is high dynamic range photography. Getting good pictures in situations where there is a high degree of contrast between light and dark areas can be a problem. Come to the May meeting and learn some ways to overcome this challenge. You can find more details about this special presentation elsewhere in this newsletter.

In June, we will end our year with our second annual summer dinner meeting and member showcase, which this year falls on the summer solstice, June 21. We will meet at Noble Horizons for a summertime supper featuring fried chicken and pasta, followed by fresh strawberry shortcake. (Full details of the menu and cost will be emailed to all members shortly.) The program portion of the meeting will feature mini photo presentations by members, a discussion and look back at photo challenges, and, possibly, selection of pictures to be entered into next year's digital circuit. We will also be highlighting summer photo ops and maybe some club outings and/or workshop sessions. If you have ideas for any of the later, please email me with your suggestions.

It's A Spring Thing ! - Gisele Doyle

Here are 2 examples of Spring photos from Gisele Doyle for this month's Club Assigned Topic (See info on next page). If you would like to see your photos in one of our newsletters, please send them to Gisele stating your permission to use in a newsletter at Alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com

Your photos can be from an assigned topic or just something you would like to share with other club members. They will be used where appropriate or when space allows.

If you have a story to go with a photo, we will happily include both!



HCC Photo Challenges Are Back !

Each month we will have one or more new assigned topics (ATs) and all club members are encouraged to submit photos based on the given topic(s). This is not meant to be a competition and photos won't be scored, but rather they will be discussed at meetings and posted to the forum where we can make comments and receive feed-back on submissions. It's a chance to be creative, share a special photo, do something different, and have some fun. Topics for the rest of this club year are listed below so you can begin to work on them now. Pictures are due by the regular meeting each month, so start to send in your pictures now. Size them as you would for a competition, with the horizontal being no larger than 1024 and the vertical being no longer than 768. Try to keep the file size less than 350.

Send pictures to Gisele, alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com, and to Lazlo, lazlo1@optonline.net, so he can post them on the forum. Both of them will be happy to help you if you have any questions or problems with emailing.

ASSIGNED TOPICS:

March.....What A Winter! (Wintry images from this or any other winter)

April.....Black and White; Creative Transformation 1

May.....It's a Spring Thing

June.....Transformation 2--Before and After (An original and one or more modified versions);
Member Showcase

**June will also be when we select photos for the Digital Circuit, if we decide to participate in it again.

Competitions and Salon Contacts

PSA & NECCC entry rules and directions will be sent out to everyone via e-mail, as there is too much information to be included in the newsletter. Please check the club website at www.houstatoniccameraclub.org or contact **Gisele Doyle** at Alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com if you did not receive them or have any questions on preparing and submitting your entries.

All Digital entries for both NECCC and PSA need to be titled, re-sized, and e-mailed to **Gisele Doyle** at Alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com at least 3 days before the meeting they are due—see schedule.

For any questions regarding participation and/or preparation for the scheduled *Salon Shows*, please contact our Salon Committee Chair, **Bill DeVoti** at abundancehill@verizon.net

Club Meeting Schedule 2010–2011

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| Sept 21 | Member Showcase |
| Oct 14 | NECCC & PSA |
| Oct 19 | Tibet w/ Birgitt Pajarola |
| Nov 16 | Travel / Outdoor Photography
w/ Dan Meade & Sally Eagle |
| Dec 7 | Dinner -
Salon selection for Cornwall Show |
| Dec 9 | NECCC & PSA |
| Jan 18 | Salon Selection for Noble Show
Digital Circuit |
| Feb 10 | NECCC & PSA |
| Feb 15 | Digital Circuit |
| Mar 15 | Tech Night - Digital Art using Photoshop
w/ Gisele Doyle |
| Apr 14 | PSA |
| Apr 19 | Aerial Photography w/ Sergei Fedorjaczenko |
| May 17 | Joe Meehan |
| June 21 | Dinner - Member Showcase
Year End Wrap-up |

Housatonic Camera Club

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from September–June

At 7:00 pm in

The Lifelong Learning Center

(Wagner Building)

Noble Horizons

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HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB

Membership Enrollment 2011–2012



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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