



Housatonic Images



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From The President Jane Rossman

HCC will be starting it's new season on Sept. 21 and it looks like we have a great schedule of programs to come. We will be having several special guest speakers, including outdoor photographers Dan Meade and Sally Eagle, and our own Joe Meehan. We will also be featuring more technical sessions which will be discussed further at our first meeting.

In addition, this year we will be having four special competition meetings at which we will share photos and select images to be entered into New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) and Photographic Society of America (PSA) competitions. These meetings will be held on the second Thursday of October, December, February and April. Having special competition meetings will give us more time to discuss all the photos submitted, as well as free up more time at our regular meetings for discussions and special presentations. More details about the competition rules and submission procedures will be presented at the September meeting.

I hope everyone has had a good summer and I look forward to seeing some great photos at our next meeting. We are starting the year with a members showcase, so please consider participating, either with a few summer celebration photos or a short mini-presentation. For details on how to submit photos to Gisele for presentation at the meeting, please see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 21st.

I wish more people felt that photography was an adventure the same as life itself and felt that their individual feelings were worth expressing. To me, that makes photography more exciting.

[Harry Callahan](#)



Member Profile – Birgitt Pajarola

I was born in Germany; my parents were German. I moved to Davos, Switzerland at age 19 in order to spend a winter season skiing and working at a sports shop in this beautiful resort town in the Swiss Alps. At the end of the season I broke my knee and got married to a local ski racer. Divorced 12 years later (1977) I followed a job offer to New York and came up weekends to Salisbury. Friends I had met in Davos were living here and in 1982 I moved full time buying a clothing store in Lakeville, The Sunflower Shop which I ran for a decade. In 1994 I changed careers and bought a business that also supported my biggest hobby, traveling. I still own Clock Tower Travel and it seems that we are the lone survivor in the neighborhood, the Internet replacing most of the competition. I believe it is our first hand knowledge, advice, experience and honesty that has allowed us to continue successfully. I personally took small groups to some of my favorite destinations in Asia, Europe, and South America. I also took more difficult and adventurous trips alone with my brother to the Himalayas from west to east, Kashmir, Yemen 2 years ago when I could travel freely, Kenya, Chile,

Argentina, and last year to the little known Indian States of Assam, Darjeeling and Sikkim. I am planning a solo trip at the end April driving from Kathmandu on the Tibetan Plateau to Lhasa. Of course all these extraordinary trips I documented with photos and travel logs. I use my own images for advertising in the Moviehouse and newspaper ads, make my own greeting cards, etc. I have given presentations at libraries and the Rotary Club, had two solo shows at the Kent Library and Hotchkiss Library in Sharon.

In order to really become better with the camera, I attended three Santa Fe workshops. One with *National Geographic* photographers (in the field and class room), one just to learn Adobe Photoshop3, and one with Norman Maukopf learning how to photograph people. I was lucky to have a friend/ teacher in California teaching me in a one-on-one session the basics of good exposure. Hanging out in old oak trees for hours, I think I finally got it. My camera is now exclusively set on manual instead of automatic.

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Salon Show Schedule “Get Your Prints Ready!” - Bill DeVoti

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST NOBLE SHOW

~ **Drop off date for Millbrook Library is Sept. 27** and hanging is the 29th As we said before, 2 medium sized photos, @ 16" x 20" + or - (frame size) from the Noble show, per person, or one very large print -- we'd like to have everyone represented.

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP

~ ~ Prints for December show at Cornwall Library (12/15 opening) will be selected at the December meeting -- limited space but we'll try to include everyone.

~ ~ Prints for annual Noble show of new work will be selected at the January meeting. Large show, selections will probably travel after Noble.

WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE SOMETHING FROM EVERY MEMBER IN OUR SALONS --
START PRINTING NOW!!!!

Member Showcase for September

We will be showing the Member Showcase slideshows at our first meeting on Sept 21st. If you are interested in sharing some of your photos, any subject, bring them on a cd to the Meeting and give to Gisele Doyle. They can be in a slideshow format with or without music and effects, or they can just be files on the cd we can browse through. It's totally up to you! Just make sure viewing time is no more than 5 minutes. Contact Gisele if you need help or have any questions Alwaysdrawing@yahoo.com

Member Profile – Birgitt Pajarola - cont. from page 2

My equipment is a Pentax K7(new), Pentax istD (my first SLR), with Pentax lenses 12-24, 18-55, 80-200; A Tamaron lens 28-300 with a converter and an inexpensive fish eye lens for fun. I fight wars with my tripod and broke a monopod in India. I'm a PC user and am just trying to get the hang of Pro Show Gold soft wear. I edit some of my photos in Photoshop but only to make them better for enlargements. I tried once to "distort" some in Photoshop, but had the feeling that I was cheating and it is not my purpose for taking photographs. However, the only image I ever sold was one of these!!!!!! Go figure.....

It was recommended to me to join the club and I like discussing photography with people who know how to take beautiful pictures; some members are so good that I can learn more.

I also like to hear truthful critiques of my own images. I'm a very creative person, colors for me are most important. I painted the inside of my home with bright colors, I knit contemporary sweaters with sometimes 24 different colors looking like Turkish carpets, and my photos are now displayed in groupings. Photography for me became one of the most personal outlets for moods, feelings and curiosity about our world. Fortunately I have the professional research for trips that are not accompanied by tourist hoards, and I try to document a slowly disappearing world.

My friends replaced my small family in Europe due to the geographical distance.

I live with my cat Pasha in West Cornwall in a happy home filled with travel art & memories.

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.houatoniccameraclub.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 - John Atchley
Salon selection for Cornwall Show |
| Dec 9 | NECCC & PSA |
| Jan 18 | Salon Selection for Noble Show
Digital Circuit |
| Feb 10 | NECCC & PSA |
| Feb 15 | TBA |
| 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–May

At 7:00 pm in

The Lifelong Learning Center

(Wagner Building)

Noble Horizons

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HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB

Membership Enrollment 2010–2011



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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