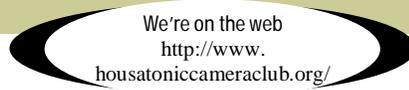


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## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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### President's Corner: *Rita Mathews*

I just got back from a photos trip to the Palouse country. This is a 250 mile stretch of land south of Spokane which also runs into Utah. It is here that big agriculture is the driving force. The word Palouse comes from an Indian tribe but now it stands for big Farms and big agriculture run by huge companies. The tractors are bigger than Hummers. They can do 8-10 rows at a time. There are no fences, just miles and miles of rolling hills all planted into wheat. Our bread basket! There are no small farmers left that farm their land either, they rent it out to the big companies. All that is left is their homes and old barns which are now falling down. They have just kept an acre or two for a garden and sometimes a horse. It is fascinating country for a photographer as the fields are of different colors and forms that conform to the hills. It was a great warm up for summer photography.

We are planning 2 trips this summer for our members and will send you an email to let you know the times and places. June and July have the longest days of the year and give us a long twilight and a long sunrise. Take advantage of the wonderful light that happens at this time of year. Take your polarizer and get the clouds, use it also when you take pictures of water. Otherwise the water reflects the light and causes hot spots or for us digital people the blinkies. In fact if the water is very calm you can photograph the bottom if it is not very deep. If you do a sunset close your lens down to f 22, take a reading on the gray clouds that accompany a sunset and shoot away. You will get a star burst at f22! F22 can be used for a star burst if you catch the sun peeking around a tree or a mountain or whatever! Try new techniques. Try a wide angle photo with something in the foreground like a flower and have the photo in focus all the way from the flower to your subject. This can be done by using a wide angle and closing down again to f22 and focusing 1/3 of the way into your photo. This will make everything in focus from a few feet in front of you to infinity. Have fun and take photos!

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**Highlights of the May Meeting:** Once again Noble served up a tasty meal for us all. Cake and Coffee went down quite well too as we celebrated our 50th year as a club. Club officers were elected by unanimous vote and then several members presented us with shows of their work. Thanks go out to Sergi, Judy, Noni, Jen, Jeri & Bill for sharing their photographs.

### NECCC Season in review

Name	Color Slides	Nature Slides	B&W Prints	Color Prints	Totals
B. Devoti	61	61		66	188
A. Wilkinson	57	58	39	61	215
Lazlo			41	70	111
J. Becker	40	31	19		71
J. Frenzel	22	19	19		60
J. Abbott	20	18			38
R. Mathews				22	22
C. Green	20				20
J. Rossman		20			20
N. Feldman				19	19
A. Brigham	17				17
M.L. Eastbrook	16				16

Highest pointed Color Slides was 22 pt. Bill, Judi and John  
 Highest pointed Nature Slide 21 pts. A. Wilkinson B. Devoti  
 Highest pointed B&W 24 pts. Lazlo  
 Highest pointed Color Print 25 pts. B. Devoti

### PSA: Results for 4th competition

Name	Title	Awards	Points
Sergi Ferdojacenco	Fly By	HM	13
J. Frenzel	Fountain of Youth	HM	13
Rita Mathews	Brown Thrasher		10
Lazlo Gyorsok	Haunted		10
Bill Devoti	Present Past Whitby Abby		9
Brian Wilcox	Stone Church Falls		7

#### Photography Trivia:

What does the "f" stand for in, say, f/22?

Answer on page 4

We have 2 photography excursions planned for the summer, a trip to the Trevor Teaching Zoo at the Millbrook School and a trip to Innisfree Gardens located in Millbrook NY. Date to be determined.



**Rita Mathews and Sid Shore Cutting the cake!**



**Ian McCunn and Nancy Sills serving cake.**



**Judy Becker, Jonathon Warner, Jan Tenney, Ian McCunn, Sid Shore and Anne Brigham**



**Tips for better results with digital photography...**

- 1) If you are using a digital point and shoot or fixed lens prosumer model camera, turn off the “digital zoom” It is really junk (just loses you resolution) and you can achieve much better results in the photo editing software you use.
- 2) To maintain the quality of your images never work on the original files. Always work from a copy. When at all possible, batch convert files to Tiff files. They are larger in size, but do not lose quality with repeated saving. Every time a jpeg file is saved it undergoes some compression, over time this can seriously impact the quality of you photo.
- 3) For smudges on the lens, don’t use a tissue to remove it, this merely smudges it more, look into a product such as “The Lens Pen”. Designed specifically for cleaning optical lenses, this product can be purchased from B & H or Adorama for about \$10.00.
- 4) *This is a biggie*, memory cards can and will malfunction, it is wise not to put all your digital eggs into one memory card basket so to speak. I use several 512 cards when I am shooting a great deal. This way if there is a problem, I’ve not lost all of the pictures I have taken.
- 5) Many digital cameras on the market today have a bracketing feature to aid in getting a proper exposure. If your camera does not off exposure bracketing, but it lets you shoot in camera raw then this can still easily be accomplished. Just open your file, set exposure then open the file again, set a different exposure. Now you have 2 copies of an identical photo which can easily be worked on in the photo editing software of your liking.



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Until Next Season..... Stay healthy and stay safe.