



Housatonic Camera Club



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Graffiti - *Art through vandalism* by Dawn Dingee

When you see the graffiti at the old gristmill near Madame Brett Park, some may view it as *vandalism* and some may view it as *art* -- the location does have posted signs so I guess you could say it is illegal either way but I would say it fits both descriptions. Many consider this form of 'art' a nuisance but it can be very beautiful to photograph. On Saturday, May 23rd, Rick, Lazlo and I visited the site in Beacon, NY. The old mill is often frequented by skateboarders. There were none the day we were there but there was still lots to see...



The Head Photographer: Rick Pauline
(more photos on pages 6 and 9)

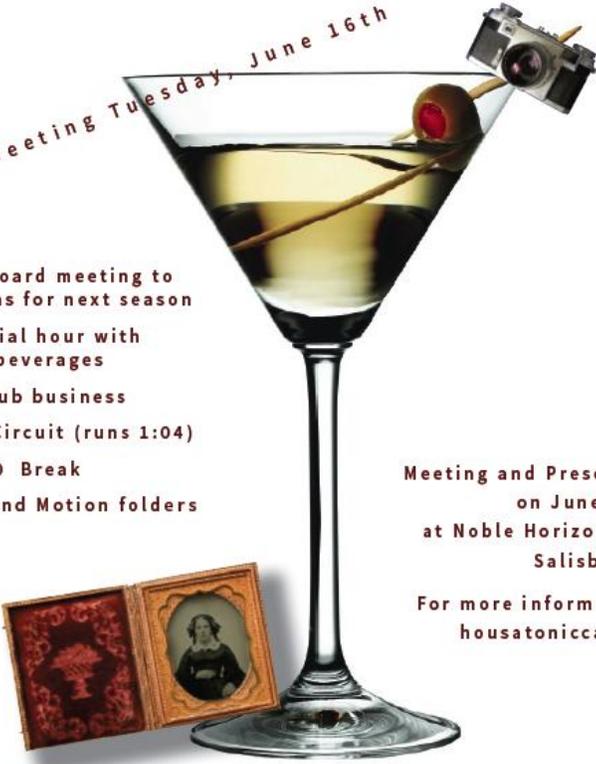
Welcome to the June 2015 issue of the Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter. The following is included in this month's issue:

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JUNE MEETING

THE HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB presents

Year End Meeting Tuesday, June 16th



5:00 - 6:00 Exec board meeting to finalize our programs for next season

6:00 - 7:00 Social hour with snacks and beverages

7:00 - 7:10 Club business

7:10 - 8:15 Digital Circuit (runs 1:04)

8:15 - 8:30 Break

8:30 - Final: Home and Motion folders

Meeting and Presentations at 7:00pm on June 16, 2015 at Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT.

For more information visit: <http://housatoniccameraclub.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dutchess Heritage Days - June 13 - June 14, 2015

The Dutchess Heritage Days will be celebrated in Boyce Park in Dover, NY. This event is free and open to the public and will feature infantry marching and firing demonstrations among other events. On Saturday evening, there will be a showing of the last episode of Ken Burns' *Civil War* at 6pm. Visit <http://www.theharlemvalleynews.net/?p=7692> for more details.

Executive Board Meeting - June 16, 2015

We will have an executive board meeting before our regularly scheduled meeting on June 16, 2015 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. We will finalize the program for next season so if you volunteered to schedule a speaker for next year, please attempt to confirm the date prior to this meeting.

Millbrook Library Salon Show - July 1, 2015

Our annual Millbrook Library Salon show will begin on July 1st this year and will remain up for two months. Drop off is at the Millbrook Free Library at the corner of Friendly Lane and Franklin Avenue between June 25th through the 29th at any time library is open - please check directly with library for hours of operation as they are different every day by calling 845-677-3611 or visit their website at Millbrookfreelibrary.org.

Reminder that this show is open to those who exhibited at Noble Horizons and only works in that show will be accepted for this show. Three per person unless we have small turnout. Titles, prices and sizes to be emailed to both Bill DeVoti (abundancehill@verizon.net) and Ann Dillon Wilkinson (stonefoxphoto@aol.com).

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2014/2015 season

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INNISFREE MORNING LIGHT By Dawn Dingee

On Saturday, May 30th, Rick and I decided to get up at 4am in the morning to get to Innisfree gardens for the "morning light" event. Innisfree opened one hour before sunrise for photographers, birders and anyone else crazy enough to get up at that hour of the morning. Sunrise itself was a bust due to the cloudy, cold weather but overall, it was a nice (early) start to the day and we were still able to get some nice pictures.



Member Profile – John Landon

I was born in Minneapolis and grew up in a small Wisconsin town, then lived in Atlanta and Chapel Hill, NC before moving to NYC for work in banking. In 1997 my wife and I bought a house in Salisbury and came as weekenders for 3 years before retiring and moving up full time in 2000. We keep a small apartment in New York and spend about 20% of our time there. I love to travel independently to remote places and over the years have visited 49 countries and every state and Canadian Province except Hawaii and Nunavut. I like long road trips with the longest covering 15,000 miles over 9 weeks, driving from CT to Alaska via the Yukon and NW Territories. The most recent trip was 4 weeks in Chile; most of that trip was backpacking and hiking in Patagonia with long stretches (1,000 miles) of driving on potholed, washboard gravel roads. Places I would like to visit include Turkey, Botswana, Namibia, Madagascar, Ecuador, New Zealand and the Galapagos.

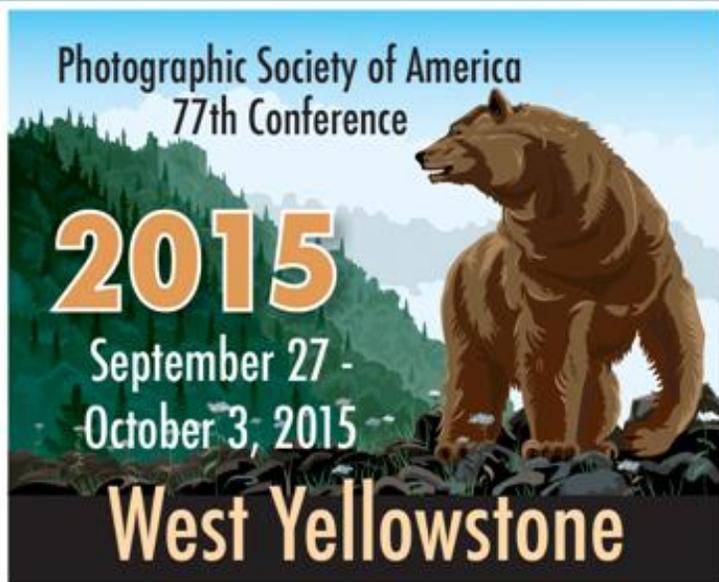
My first camera was a Kodak Brownie, my first 35mm camera when I was 18, and my first SLR, a Canon EOS 650, in 1987. After a number of years I switched to digital and thought I needed something more compact for traveling, trying a high end compact, the Minolta A2, and then an Olympus 4/3rds; but I was never happy with the quality. My current camera, which I have had 4 years, a Canon T3i, is not great in low light but is compact and light which is important when I am carrying it along with 2 lenses a flash and sometimes a tripod, all day for weeks at a time. Also I like the 1.6 crop factor for wildlife work. Combined with my 70-200mm and 1.4 extender it gives me an effective 448mm range. I have been using Lightroom to process and organize my photos for the last 5 years. I hope to learn Photoshop in the future. My biggest subject interests are landscape and nature photography and I have been lucky to travel to interesting locations. Last year I had my first real photography instructions during a 4 day landscape workshop with Tom Bol in Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. That was a great experience although getting up every day at 4:30 to be in position for sunrise was tough. Over the last few years I have also attended many of B&H's free 2 hour classes on topics like Lightroom, lighting, night photography, street photography and printing.



I am an active hiker, camper, downhill skier, gardener and edible mushroom forager. In the last year I have taken up kayaking. One of my other interests is land conservation. I am a board member of the Salisbury Land Trust and a Trustee of its parent organization, The Salisbury Association. In 2014 I was appointed to the Salisbury Conservation Commission. I joined the camera club last year to meet fellow photographers and to inspire me to take more photographs and improve my skills.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 77th annual PSA conference has an exciting lineup of photo tours, workshops, programs, featured speakers and social activities.

CONFERENCE HOTEL:

Holiday Inn West Yellowstone
315 Yellowstone Avenue W.
West Yellowstone, MT 59758

2015

Conference registration begins on April 1, 2015

<https://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?2015-psa-co>

PSA 77th annual Conference

September 27 - October 3, 2015



70th Annual NECCC Photography Conference
Amherst, MA
July 17 - 19, 2015
neccc.org

Message to New Members

Member profiles are a good way to share information about yourself and your love of photography. If you do not have a current profile on file, please submit one to Bill DeVoti at abundancehill@verizon.net. I know he has reached out to several of you with a "template" to be used to assist you. Also, don't forget to submit a few photos to be used in the newsletter along with your profile.



June 19th, 20th and 21st

Connecticut's Best Event - the 10th annual Goshen Stampede - 3 days of fun featuring 2 huge PRCA rodeos, 2 wild demolition derbies, 3 day music fest featuring the Cadillac Three, the Tri-State Truck Pulls with amateur and professional drivers, fireworks, free petting zoo, great food, vendors and so much more...visit info@goshenstamped.com for more information.

GOSHEN FAIR GROUNDS
116 OLD MIDDLE STREET
GOSHEN, CONNECTICUT
UNITED STATES-06756

WINNING IMAGES



The Falls Photoarapher: Bert Schmitz

PSA -
May 2015
Honorable
Mention

SCORING REPORT

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Housatonic Camera Club	The Falls	Bert	Schmitz	11	HM
Housatonic Camera Club	Horned Lark With Attitude	Jane	Rossmann	9	
Housatonic Camera Club	Housewives of Tibet	Birgitt	Pajorola	10	
Housatonic Camera Club	Praying to the Volcano	John	Landon	10	
Housatonic Camera Club	Humming bird Clearwing Moth	Alex	Kearney	7	
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Graffiti continued



Inside Out Photographer: Rick Pauline



Tools of the Trade Photographer: Dawn Dingee

Food

This month's photo challenge was food - hope you weren't hungry before looking at these(!) - you probably are now!



Continental Breakfast Photographer: Karin Smith



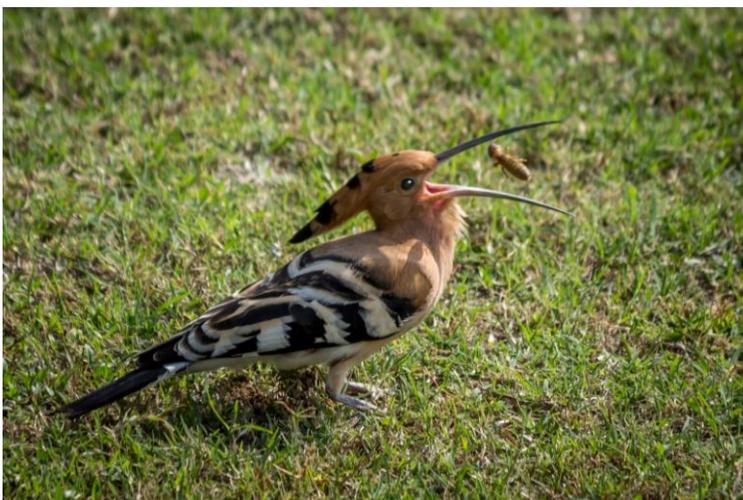
May's Bounty Photographer: Judith Gott



YUM Photographer: Judith Gott



The Fixin's Photographer: Rick Pauline



Photographer: Bert Schmitz

Hoopoe's Afternoon Snack Photographer: John Landon

Travel Journal - Ancient Persia Modern Iran ~ Birgitt Pajarola

Recently, Birgitt was able to complete an item on her bucket list -- a trip to ancient Persia which is now known as modern day Iran. I had the pleasure of receiving frequent updates from Birgitt as she traveled the country. She left in early April for Tehran via Dubai and toured the country for eighteen days in the company of 14 congenial, experienced travelers along with their tour manager Farzaneh. Birgitt has given me permission to share some of her stories and pictures which I am sure you will enjoy as much as I did. (there were many beautiful and interesting pictures which I will share in future editions).

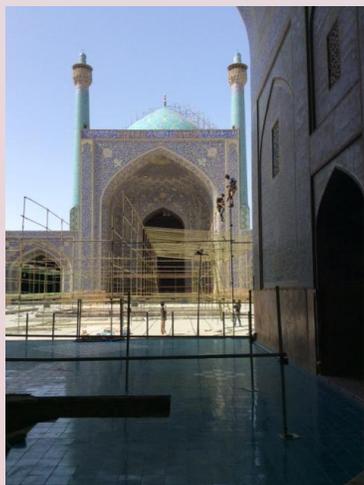
April 17, 2015

Photos of the day. Persepolis, the Citadelle in Shiraz, naranjestan Ghavam garden and museum. Unfortunately we do not have enough time here in Shiraz, it is green and beautiful. Persepolis was a disappointment because it is vast and almost totally destroyed. Everything is scattered on a vast plain and hard to imagine the past. And ...too many visitors. It is Friday, Iranian Sunday.



April 21, 2015

We are in Estafan and it is truly a beautiful city. For the 1st time, we encounter a lot of tourist groups mostly European. Our Hotel Abbasid is part of the history but unfortunately, our rooms are facing the street not the beautiful gardens. Yesterday's drive from the new established town of Yasuf in 6-thousand feet altitude and view to snowcapped mountains, brought us through some really spectacular scenery. It was a less travelled road void of trucks and heavy traffic winding through lush valleys and high passes. The green was a feast for the eye after all the dust choked (and littered) other drives we endured. Lots of Nomads passed our road and we stopped in one of their permanent settlement ... as I was looking for suitable cover behind a building a little distance away, I did not count on vicious guard dogs (one had puppies). I got in serious trouble, ran to a small road and stopped a passing pickup truck for help. My moment of living dangerous on the entire trip. We are all happy to be back to a bit of more comfort, enjoy great hospitality, shopping, eating and a little rest in the gardens.



HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2014 – 2015 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)
 For directions, click here [Google Maps](#)

June 16: End of Year *Happy Hour* and Recorded Commentary— 30 club images



Graffiti Panorama Photographer: Lazlo Gyorsok



Toast Photographer: Rick Pauline

Interesting websites

***** NEW LINKS *****

What is bokeh? <http://www.mnn.com/green-tech/gadgets-electronics/blogs/what-is-bokeh-blurry-photography-effect-explained/>

Creating frame templates in PhotoShop: <http://davrophotofx.co.uk/creating-frame-template-elements-photoshop/>

<http://fb-694.lifebuzz.com/sea-mountains/>

<http://davrophotofx.co.uk/resizing-selective-sharpening-photoshop-elements/>

Histograms explained: <http://www.modernlensmagazine.com/master-your-cameras-histogram-with-this-5-minute-video/2/>

Club flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/124371381@N07/>

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Membership Enrollment 2015—2016

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 Phone: 860-435-2263)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS(ES): _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

WE WILL SEND YOU OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS, SCHEDULES, AND CLUB INFO.

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