

Housatonic Camera Club Newsletter

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West Cornwall Covered Bridge ©Brian Wilcox

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President's Message

by Dawn Dingee

Jeff Breitman

Happy New Year! Did you make any new year's resolutions? Did you break them yet? Hahaha. It's not too late to start anew. Perhaps you can combine your new year's resolution with your love of photography. You could set a resolution to never leave home without your camera; do/don't buy any new equipment this year; don't think too much before taking a photo; or keep it simple and just have a resolution to simply shoot more. Whatever it is, let us choose resolutions or goals that refresh ourselves, recharge ourselves, and discard old baggage. Let's enjoy ourselves and photograph!

We have our Noble Salon Show fast approaching. The bios have been finalized. Drop off date to Noble is the weekend of **January 5th** so hopefully you have done this. A flyer was distributed advertising the show. Consider posting this around town or sharing on social media so we can promote participation of the opening which is Friday, January 11th, 5-7pm.

Please consider contributing to future newsletter editions. Thank you to those who contributed to this issue...it is much appreciated.

Hope to see you at the Noble reception on the 11th and the HCC meeting on the 15th!

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January Meeting

Tuesday, January, 15, 2018 (Cobble room)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Noble Horizons Salon Show (January 2019)

The annual salon show at Noble Horizons will take place in **January 2019** and will run through February 19th. Please let Bill DeVoti know if you will be participating and send him titles, sizes and prices as soon as you can. Opening reception is **January 11th**. Pictures must be dropped off at the front desk the weekend of January 5th. The show is open to any and all **new work... nothing that has been there before can go there again**. As usual, all prints should follow the guidelines previously sent to you. Let's fill those walls! We can likely accommodate 3-4 pictures per participant.

If you know of any local events that may be of interest to photographers, please let me know.

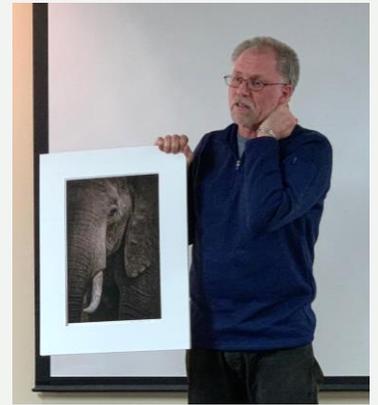
December Meeting Recap by Dawn Dingee

HCC December's meeting was Tuesday the 11th. We had our annual club holiday dinner at the Cobble followed by a presentation by club members. For the holiday dinner, we started off with 'happy hour' of snacks and drinks. We then celebrated with a sub-sandwich and salads provided by the club combined with a pot-luck and desserts provided by members. There was plenty of good food! Jeff provided his 'world famous' Bronx chocolate egg cream drink. Thank you to all who participated and brought goodies!



December Meeting Recap continued by Dawn Dingee

After the dinner, many members shared a photo that they considered their finest / most favorite work. Some photos were digital while most were printed. Many of the stories behind the picture provided insight into the maker's photographic journey. It was nice to hear the "story behind the picture" in person. For those that missed the meeting, consider submitting your 'story behind the picture' to me for the next newsletter. A few short sentences or paragraphs and a picture is all that is needed.





PSA Projected Image Division Competition Submissions

The following photos received the highest scores in the club voting and will represent the Housatonic Camera Club in the PSA PID January (Round 2) competition. The top 6 scoring images are sent to represent the camera club.



Masumoto Castle ©John Landon



Snowy Egret fishing ©Neil Nourse



The Choir ©Brian Wilcox



PSA Projected Image Division Competition Submissions



Weaving at the Window ©Bert Schmitz



Fisherman and his Net ©Wendy Summer



Winter Sunrise at the Farm ©Lazlo Gyorsok

Photographing Nature

by Dawn Dingee

Nature offers us unlimited opportunities to hone our photography skills. The great thing about photographing nature is that you often don't need to travel far from home. Sometimes you only need to go as far as your backyard and every day brings something new. There are an endless variety of shapes, colors, and textures...you just have to look for it. Even weeds can be beautiful! I find winter to be the most challenging month to photograph when there isn't snow on the ground...everything appears so brownish grey and dreary. Don't let the cold and snowy weather keep you inside. If you challenge yourself, there is always something beautiful to photograph. Below are some subjects to consider photographing during the long winter months.

- Flowers / seeds / pods
- Trees
- Water / Ice
- After the rain
- During / after a snow storm
- Snails / bugs
- Birds and other wildlife

These are some images I took recently about a mile from my house.



Dawn Dingee 2019

Photographing Nature continued by Dawn Dingee



Announcements

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2018/2019 season

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The New England Camera Club (NECCC) will be having their annual conference July 12, 13 and 14, 2019 at UMASS Amherst MA. There are over 90 sessions to choose from. Each year, member club receives 2 courtesy enrollments to attend the conference. This year there is a \$40 co-pay due with the application. Candidates must be a member of an NECCC member club whose dues are paid for the current year. Candidates must also have never attended a previous NECCC conference. **If you qualify and are interested, please let myself or Bert know.**

Club flickr site:

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

Photos submitted to the club flickr site appear on the Housatonic Camera Club website on the HOME page.



To all Club Members

For future editions of the newsletter, consider submitting:

- Your favorite place to photograph
- The story behind the picture
- Share photography and photo printing tips
- Your photo blog or website URL

Meeting Locations

All meetings take place on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** between September and June and will take place in either the Community Room in the **Cobble** building or the **Wagner Room**.

See the program schedule on page 12 for actual room assignments and dates. Our January meeting will be held in the Cobble room. Hope to see you there!

Announcements



Please submit your images for the NECCC Nature and Pictorial competition.

All entries must be emailed to Lazlo, sized correctly and easily identified with a title and your name. A suggestion is to send Lazlo two different emails each one labeled for, NECCC Nature, and NECCC Pictorial.

We will accept two images from each member in each category.

The images should be in by **Sundown, Thursday 10th January.**

Your name and title of the image **NEEDS** to appear within the file name. (Please put Title first and then your name.)

Image size is to be no larger than **1024px wide by 768px tall.**

Wish House Salon Show

By now, you should have picked up your pictures from the Wish House / Souterrain Gallery. If you haven't picked up your photos, please do so soon. Thank you.



QUICK TIP

from Ann Wilkinson

If you are an Amazon Prime member, Amazon offers free photo backup storage. I have used two other backup companies which are not free and have had issues with them. So I am presently backing up three external hard drives which takes days. Hope this one is better.

Next month's newsletter topic of the month:

Consider sharing your photos with fellow club members. It's a nice way to share our work and to show our creative side.

Next month's topic will be: **"FIRE"** Be creative!

Members can submit photos to me at d1295@aol.com. Submissions should be in by January 6th, 2019.



Photos by Steven Balkin



Assigned Topic – Winter Blues

Each month we feature a topic of the month in the newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit 2-3 photos to select from. This month's topic was **"Winter Blues"**. Below are some of the photos received from our members.



Winer Blues #2 ©Judith Gott



©G.A. Mudge



Christmas Light Blues ©Dawn Dingee



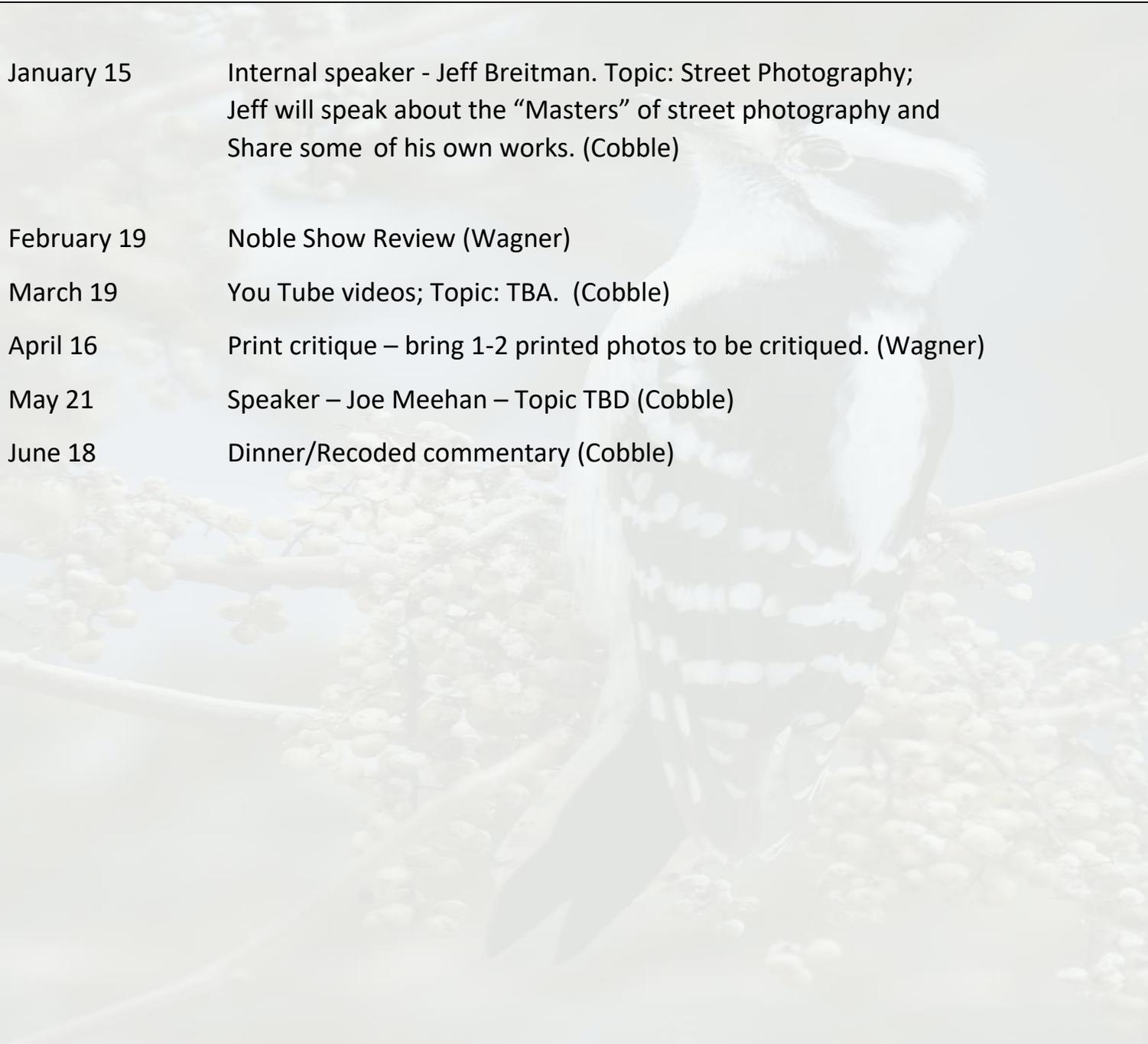
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Winter Blues #1 ©Judith Gott

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2018 – 2019 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](#)

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- January 15 Internal speaker - Jeff Breitman. Topic: Street Photography; Jeff will speak about the “Masters” of street photography and Share some of his own works. (Cobble)
- February 19 Noble Show Review (Wagner)
- March 19 You Tube videos; Topic: TBA. (Cobble)
- April 16 Print critique – bring 1-2 printed photos to be critiqued. (Wagner)
- May 21 Speaker – Joe Meehan – Topic TBD (Cobble)
- June 18 Dinner/Recorded commentary (Cobble)

Housatonic Camera Club

Membership Enrollment 2018—2019

I wish to enroll as a member for one year. Season runs from September through June. Attached is the membership fee of \$35.00 (and \$15.00 for each additional family member).

Please hand or mail this form to the Treasurer, Judy Becker
13 Housatonic Ave. Canaan, CT 06018-2421; Email: judybecker40@att.net; Phone: 860-824-0561

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