

"Exploding Image" Photographer: Bill DeVoti

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Photographing Flowers – A How-to

Given our member showcase topic of "**Flowers**" for December's meeting, I have reprinted an excerpt from an article I found on the web which provides tips to photographing flowers. I plan to try and put some of these tips to use. Hope you find it helpful as well...

Originally posted by: **Elizabeth Halford** from <http://digital-photography-school.com/photographing-flowers-a-how-to/>

"For those finding yourselves photographing flowers often, I offer a few of my tips:

Think like a flower - If a flower is way down low on the ground then you should get down low on the ground, too. Photographing flowers isn't just about documenting the fact that they once existed, if for only a day. It is about telling the flower's story to immortalize it long after it has wilted. Take this photo for instance. This is a typical "oh that's a nice patch of itsy bitsy daisies" photo:



But when I got down on my hands and knees and inspected each flower to find a little gem, I saw this single little lady with her petals sadly pointing downward while all the others were pointing up."

Housatonic Camera Club

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<http://www.housatoniccameraclub.com>

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JUNE MEETING

End of the Year Dinner

- * Print Competition *
- * Member Showcase *

Join us for the end of year dinner, **Tuesday June 17th** at Noble Horizons. Refreshments begin at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm and the regular club meeting at 7:00 pm. Contact Rick Pauline at rpauline@epicor.com to make your reservations.

Don't forget your prints for our print competition. Each member can submit up to 2 prints each. Any size print or mount up to 16" x 20" is acceptable. Prints must be mounted, include a title, and include the maker's name on the back.

Subject can be anything!!



Eagle Photographer: Dawn Dingee



Wood Duck Photographer: Judith Gott

UPCOMING EVENTS

NECCC Photography Conference - July 11. 12. 13, 2014

The 69th annual NECCC Photography Conference will once again be hosted at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It attracts upwards of a thousand people to the UMass campus for a three-day weekend of fellowship, fun, instruction (the Camera College programs), entertainment (the Showcase Theater programs) and hands-on photography in studio set-ups of live animals, models (both indoors and outdoors), still-life, and more.

Don't forget to register. To learn more, visit www.neccc.org.

Goshen Stampede - June 13. 14. 15, 2014

Looking for some action photography? Consider the Goshen Stampede at the Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle Street, Goshen. For more information or to purchase tickets: <http://www.goshenstampede.com/> Photos by Bert Schmitz



A Favorite Place to Photograph -- Come on down and Explore Bull's Bridge and River Rocks in Kent, CT By Brad and Karin Smith

Our favorite area to photograph are the river and rocks at Bulls Bridge in Kent where we have enjoyed wonderful adventures while exploring the grandeur of rocks carved and chiseled by the flow of the Housatonic River. At times these formations can appear "otherworldly" and magical, and there are little treasures to be found when the river is low and exposes the small pools carved over millennia by the elements. There is of course the old wooden Bulls Bridge that towers above and can be approached from different angles and views. The walks are easily accessible but others can be more difficult when approaching rocky areas and will require good slip proof footwear and an agile body. We would advise a tripod, or a monopod, unless you have a fast lens, and steady hand. Best times to photograph would be during the week and either early morning or late afternoon. So, come on down and let us show you around.



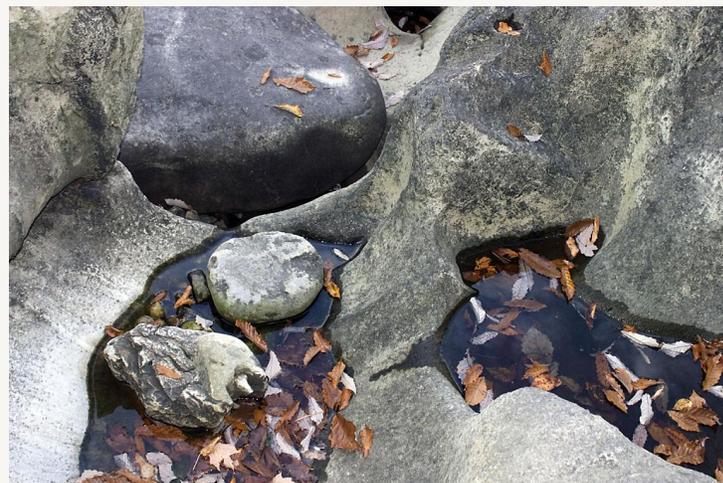
Below Bulls Bridge - Karin Smith



Rocky Landscape - Karin Smith



River Cave - Brad Smith



River Rocks - Brad Smith

Story Behind the Picture by Birgitt Pajarola

A friend, Diana King a legendary educator, called me last Monday and asked me to come over to do a quick portrait of her for a book cover. Her publisher was getting impatient because she did not have a professional, updated photo. Quite frankly I did not feel confident doing the job but since I know her very well and took countless "people" photos over the years, I agreed.

When I walked into her living room, she had just awoken up from a nap: hair tousled, no makeup and a bit confused looking. I immediately saw the perfect frame of which each color coordinated, from the painting in the back ground, reddish pillows on the grey sofa, her grey sweater, jewelry and wonderful white hair and character face.

I took a couple of full frames without thinking and then concentrated more and took more close ups of her wonderful 86y old head. The one which the publisher hopefully will use because this is the Diana I love and respect and who is one of the people I admire most for all she accomplished in life.



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The Vote is In



The Vote is in for the May PSA Digital Competition... unfortunately, none of our 6 photos won an award or honorable mention.



For the 2013 - 2014 year, our club, which is in Group E, scored 161 points which placed us 23rd out of 30 participating clubs, a considerable drop from last year where we placed 9th out of 26 clubs.

You can visit the PSA website to view the winning entries and individual scores.

<http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?pid-interclub-competition>

Birds of Prey Day by Dawn Dingee

Each year for the past 22 years, Green Chimneys in Brewster NY has held their annual Birds of Prey Day. If you love birds as much as I do, you should not miss this next year. More than 100 birds of prey were on hand from neighboring areas...eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons. In addition, the Green Chimneys Farm & Wildlife center is home to 300 animals, including 50 birds of prey year round. Green Chimneys is also a school which specializes in kids with special needs -- the children learn about the animals and taking care of them is part of their rehabilitation. The facility is free to the public on weekends from 10am - 3pm. *We should consider visiting next year as a club function!* Here are some pictures I took last weekend.



Club News

by Dawn Dingee



Photo by Jane Rossman

Don't forget the theme for the **December 2014 member showcase** will be "**Flowers**". Each member will be permitted 3-5 minutes to show their pictures digitally. Try incorporating a theme or technique or style that is intended to enhance the subject, consider adding music, etc. **Since spring is finally here and summer is around the corner, start taking photos now...** 🌸👀

We have also created a new Housatonic Camera Club **flickr** page. This page will be dedicated to the posting and sharing of our member photos. We will use it to post pictures for the "Assigned Topic" as well as use it to share member photos where the photographer **welcomes feedback**. Uploading pictures and making comments is easy. Thank you to Rick Pauline and Lazlo Gyorsok for setting up the page. **Rick will provide tips on how to use flickr at our June 17th meeting.**

We will have TWO assigned topics next season so start taking photos now -- the themes will be "**Home**" and "**Motion**". This term can be interpreted very liberally -- **be creative!** Rick will be creating the topic folders on **flickr** and you can begin posting to them if you'd like after the tutorial.

During the summer months, we would like to arrange some club outings. Some suggestions include *Garden Clubs, Wethersfield, Innisfree, local town fairs* in Goshen or Bethlehem and *Lime Rock Racing* in Lakeville.

We need someone to spearhead some of these outings...any volunteers? 🤔

HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2013/2014 season

President	Jane Rossman
Vice President	Rick Pauline
Treasurer	Judy Becker
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Liaison Representatives	PSA - Jane Rossman NECCC - Bert Schmitz

Members on the Web

Dawn Dingee: <http://dawnphotos.blogspot.com/>

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Rick Pauline:
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Lazlo Gyorsok
<http://www.pictures-by-lazlo.com/>

* New Member *

John Landon

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE!

- ◆Tutorials are listed on the left.
- ◆Photography news is listed on the right.
- ◆Updates are made automatically to the website every 10 minutes. If you find an interesting article, don't forget to bookmark it since the content refreshes.

To all Photo Club members, for future editions of the newsletter, consider submitting:

- Your Favorite place to photograph
- The Story Behind the Picture
- Share Photo Opportunities
- **Share Photo Printing Tips**
- **Share Photography Tips**
- Your photo blog or website URL



Photographer: Rick Pauline

Photography in the Comics...

What The Duck



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<http://www.whattheduck.net/>



©Jim Toomey.

What The Duck



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STERLING AND ANSONIA OPERA HOUSES by Dawn Dingee

A few weekends ago, Rick and I went with some friends to photograph the Sterling Opera House in Derby, CT. The building was built around 1889. The upper floor opera house remained in use until 1945. The lower floor housed the city hall, jail, and mayor's office and was used until 1965. We then went to the next town over to photograph at the Ansonia Opera house which is the oldest opera house in CT built in 1870. The trip was arranged by our friend Ted Roth II which many of you know (he's been our "December" speaker the past two years).

For the Sterling shoot, we were fortunate to have a short tour given by Mark Anthony to learn about the history of the building as well as its planned future. We then had the freedom to shoot anywhere in the building. There is very limited electricity in the building and additional lighting was needed in some areas.

Here are a few shots from Rick:



Here's a few shots I took:



The Ansonia Opera House included the opera house on the 3rd floor above a floor of offices. The ballroom hosted operas for the first 10 years in existence, and then was later used for high school graduations, basketball games and roller skating. Here's a shot I took of the ballroom...if you look close, you can still see the basketball hoops on either side.



HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2013 – 2014 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)



Photographer: Bert Schmitz

September 17	Frank Dispensa - The Science of Exposure/Print Critique
October 15	Lori Adams - Workflow and Lightroom
November 19	Bert Schmitz- Images of South Africa; Competition Image Review
December 17	< CANCELLED >
January 21	Holiday Dinner and Presentation by Ted Roth
February 18	Digital Circuit 2013
March 18	Lazlo Gyorsok - How to Make Montages in Photoshop and Elements
April 15	Fred Orkin - Images of Cuba
May 20	Presentation by Joe Meehan, Thinking Beyond the Obvious
June 17	End of Year Dinner and Member Showcase.

Housatonic Camera Club Membership Enrollment 2013—2014

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 Ph: 860-435-2263

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