



*Malletts Bay Colchester V - Lake Champlain*      *Photographer Brian Wilcox*

# HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB Newsletter

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### Welcome ! by Dawn Dingee

The start of the Housatonic Camera Club 2014 - 2015 season is **Tuesday, September 16th** . This year, we have brought back our customary Member Showcase for the first meeting. So start getting your slideshows or digital images together to share with the club!

We have a great list of guest speakers this year beginning with Frank Dispensa at our October meeting; Catherine Noren at our February meeting and Joe Meehan at our May meeting. We've allowed more time this season for in-house speakers who will include Lazlo, Rick, Brad and Karin.

We've also selected two *assigned topics* for the season and allotted time in the schedule in April to review the submissions. The assigned topics are **Home** and **Motion** - be creative with both! Also, for our December meeting, instead of a guest speaker, we have scheduled another Member Showcase but this one has a theme - **Flowers**. When setting up the schedule for the upcoming year, the goal was to provide more opportunities to showcase our work, review our photos with each other and allow time to provide constructive feedback.

Our first club event is the Millbrook Library Show beginning October 1st. This is open to those members who presented work at the Noble Show in 2014. So start getting your prints ready...

At our last meeting in June, we elected a new slate of officers for the season (see page 5 for complete list of officers).

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## SEPTEMBER 16TH MEETING

Our September 16th meeting will include a member showcase (open theme). Members are encouraged to share their digital photos - bring a CD, DVD or flash drive and showcase some of your work. Showcase should be between 3-5 minutes in length. The more people who participate, the better our Member Showcase will be!

We will also discuss the club Flickr site, the NECCC Recorded Commentary opportunity and review the assigned topics for the year.



*Down by the water* Photographer Dawn Dingee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

#### **HPVN - Understanding Exposure and Learning to See Creatively" with Bryan Petersen- September 27, 2014**

The Hudson Valley Photography Network will be hosting an informative day with Photographer and Lecturer **Bryan Peterson** on **Saturday, September 27** from **9:00 AM to 4:30 PM** at the Garden Plaza Hotel, 503 Washington Avenue, Kingston. Bryan Peterson has been a successful commercial photographer for over 30 years. He is Co-Founder of The Perfect Picture School of Photography and the author of 8 best-selling books. Registration is \$47 and covers entry fee, buffet lunch, and beverage breaks. A detailed program description and registration information are available at [www.hvphotonet.org](http://www.hvphotonet.org).

#### **INNIS FREE - Northeast Dutchess Community Day - September 27, 2014**

To celebrate its neighbors, Innisfree will offer free garden admission and discounted tickets for the September Curator's Tours to residents of the Northeastern Dutchess County communities of Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic and Wingdale and their hamlets. Please bring proof of residency. A second Community Day will be held on October 18. General admission is \$7. Hours are **11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**.

### OCTOBER

#### **MILLBROOK LIBRARY SHOW - October 1, 2014**

The Millbrook Library show is open to all photographers who participated in the Noble Show of 2014. Two entries per person from that show are welcome. The date of the show is October 1 with drop off anytime week of September 22nd but no later than Saturday the 27th. The Opening Reception will be from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM on Wednesday October 1st. More details such as the length of the show will be provided at our first meeting.

Please send your selection information to Ann Dillon Wilkinson s no later than September 22. Information should include: Your name, print Title, Size and Price.

## HCC Field Trip - OPUS 40 by Dawn Dingee

*For the Family Album - Rick and Dawn  
taken by Lazlo Gyorsok*

On 26th August, we held a Housatonic Camera Club outing at Opus 40. Start time was noon. Participants included Rick, Dawn, Judith and Lazlo. Hopefully we can plan another club outing soon. The same day, there was also a Holistic Music and Energy Festival. For those that were unable to come, here's a little history about Opus 40.

Opus 40 is a sculpture garden and museum which was the dream of Harvey Fite. Harvey Fite was a sculptor of wood and stone. In May of 1938 he found the perfect place to work: an abandoned bluestone quarry in the middle of the woods in the tiny hamlet of High Woods, N.Y He bought this twelve-acre paradise of natural materials from the widow of the last quarry master, and built his house and studio on the eastern lip of the quarry. The following spring, he started clearing the woods and rubble and started what would become Opus 40. It consists of ramps and walkways that lead to individual sculpture works, doing all the work by hand, employing the traditional hand tools that had been used by the local quarrymen before him: hammer and chisel, winch and boom. There's a museum on site which showcases many of the tools he used. For more about the history of Opus 40, visit their website at <http://www.opus40.org/harvey-fite/>.



Dawn



Judith



Rick

**From my backyard...**

photos submitted by Bert Schmitz



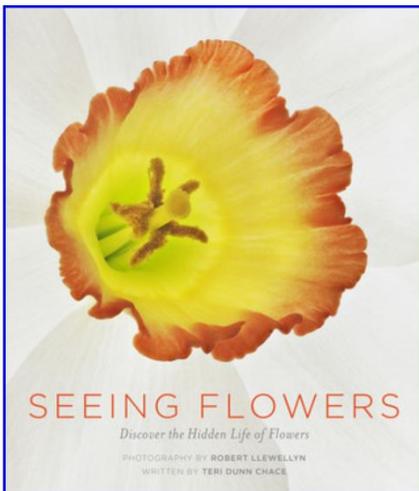
***Every animal  
knows more  
than you do***

- Koyukon Indian proverb

## News from Our Members

**Marsden Epwoth:** I am running a photo gallery every week in the Lakeville Journal's A&E section and inviting all camera club members to submit an interesting shot for publication. Interested photographers may call me at 860-435-9873 ext 111 for details.

**Judi Gott:** Required reading for all who love flowers, photography, and gardens, a 2013 book published by Timber Press, *Seeing Flowers*, text by Teri Dunn Chase, and photography by Robert Llewellyn, gives an intimate and close up view of the "Hidden Life of Flowers". Don't miss it!



**Rick Pauline:** Board Meeting is scheduled for September 11th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room at Noble Horizons. We also have the learning center booked from 7:00 PM - 8:00PM so that we can try to calibrate the computer and projector.

**Dawn Dingee:** Please consider submitting a article, interesting website, tutorial information or pictures to share with your fellow club members in the upcoming newsletters. We want the newsletter to be informative, helpful and interesting to read each month...it takes everyone!

## HOUSATONIC CAMERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVES for 2014/2015 season

President	Rick Pauline
Vice President	<i>Open</i>
Treasurer	Judy Becker
Membership/Dues	Judy Becker
Publicity	Jeffrey Breitman
Webmaster	Lazlo Gyorsok
Newsletter	Dawn Dingee
Competitions	Brian Wilcox
Salon Committee	Ann Dillon Wilkinson Bill DeVoti
Hospitality	Judith Gott Karin Smith
Liaison Representatives	PSA - Rick Pauline NECCC - Bert Schmitz

*I tried to keep both arts alive,  
but the camera won. I found  
that while the camera does  
not express the soul, perhaps a  
photograph can!"*

*~Ansel Adams*



### PSA COMPETITIONS

Competition seasons generally run from October through September of the following year so start thinking about entries for next month.

## NECCC

The Fall 2014 Interclub competition for NECCC is coming up soon as well. Accepting entries up to October 17th. Voting will start on the 19th.

Send your images to Lazlo to have posted on the HCC website. Please include PSA or NECCC in the subject line along with the category (*Pictorial* or *Nature*). Make sure you size your files to no larger than **1024 pixels wide x 768 pixels tall**. Vertical images must be no taller than 768 pixels.

Files should also be saved as jpeg's and be no larger than **350k**.



*Eastern Yellow Swallowtail* Photographer  
Judi Gott



## ***Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Flower Photography, a Passion!***

by Judi Gott

During a short trip to Maine in July, I had the good fortune (and sense) to visit the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. The gardens were in full bloom, and the theme was “Pollinators”. The place was buzzing with pollinators of all species, and butterflies. Camera in tow, I set about taking photos of the brightest blossoms I could find. Thrilled to inspect up close (or close up) and personal details of the plants and blooms, I actually went back a second day! I recommend this treasure to all who love the outdoors, and the secret life of plants and critters! A “jewel”, it sparkles and casts magic on all who enter the garden.

“In 1996, after a thorough search for an appropriate site, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens purchased 128 acres of pristine land with 3,600 feet of tidal shore frontage in Boothbay. This was possible due to the unhesitating willingness of some Directors to use their own homes as collateral. With steadfast commitment to the organization’s vision, these members and hundreds of volunteers established a foundation of insightful planning, which helped to make Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens a jewel of rare quality among North American gardens”.

From “A Maine Garden”, 2014.

*Cultivated Columbine*



*Rudbeckia and Bee*



*Pollinator Sculpture*



*Poppy Pollinator*



*Rose*

## HCC LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The club would benefit from more aggressive and stylish promotional materials. Where better to start than a **new logo**? This logo would be used on signs at Noble Horizon to announce our meetings while in session, etc. It could also be used for a banner to be hung during our monthly meeting and at any events the club might attend. As well as for new promotional materials such as business cards, stationery, and a brochure about the club.

The logo should be adaptable to all these uses, both in a vertical (portrait) and horizontal (landscape) format.

For the competition the logo can be done in any software as long as it can be converted into a PDF or jpeg. Photoshop files can be sent as is or as PDFs. Final instructions regarding the submission of the files for production may vary.

**Send all submissions** to: [smithmonochromes@charter.net](mailto:smithmonochromes@charter.net) (Karin and Brad)

The business card should incorporate the HCC initials, the full club name and address of our meetings -- 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury CT and our website address -- [housatoniccameraclub.com](http://housatoniccameraclub.com) at the minimum.

In one of our upcoming meetings, we will vote on the submissions and select a winner!



### New Nature Photography Definition effective January 1, 2015

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archaeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation. **The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality.** Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects, like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves. Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible. Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

No techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content, or without altering the content of the original scene, are permitted including HDR, focus stacking and dodging/burning. Techniques that remove elements added by the camera, such as dust spots, digital noise, and film scratches, are allowed. Stitched images are not permitted. All allowed adjustments must appear natural. Color images can be converted to grey-scale monochrome. Infrared images, either direct-captures or derivations, are not allowed. Images used in Nature Photography competitions may be divided in two classes: Nature and Wildlife. Images entered in Nature sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with the subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.

**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](#)

- September 16:** Members Showcase and Discussion
- October 21:** Program and Print Critique by Frank Dispensa. Bring up to TWO (2) prints per member.
- November 18:** People Photography, by Lazlo Gyorsok. Review of competition photos.
- December 16:** Holiday Dinner and Member Showcase - *Flowers*
- January 20:** Print Competition; Explanation of Raw Conversion in Photoshop and Photoshop Elements by Rick Pauline
- February 17:** A Photographic Journey by Catherine Noren
- March 17:** Fine Art Photography by Brad and Karin Smith. Review of competition images.
- April 21:** Review/Discussion of Assigned Topics: Home, Motion Showing of the NECCC Digital Circuit
- May 19:** Presentation by Joe Meehan, program T.B.A.
- June 16:** End of Year Dinner and Recorded Commentary— 30 club images



The Opera House - Photographer Lazlo Gyorsok

# Housatonic Camera Club Membership Enrollment 2014—2015

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!

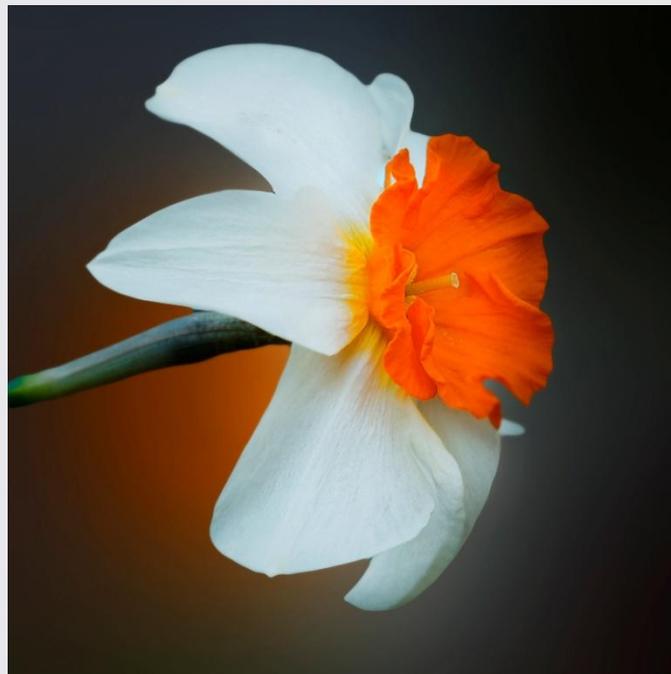
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WE WILL SEND YOU OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS, SCHEDULES, AND CLUB INFO.

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*Narcissus*

*Photographer Lazlo Gyorsok*