

Winter 2020 Inter-club Print Competition

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The winter 2020 inter-club print competition, hosted by the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover, MA. The judges for this competition were Roy Haddock, Guy Lessard, and Sarah Musumeci, MNEC.

Roy Haddock has been a member of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club for the last twelve years. During this time he has served as a member of the Gallery Show Committee, the Executive Committee and the George W. Glennie Memorial Nature Salon committee. Working with the Executive Committee he was instrumental in resolving past legal issues as well as clarifying and adding to the club's image competition rules. He has also served as a volunteer in the Photo-Ops room at the NECCC Conference for the past several years. He and his wife Debbie both enjoy nature, landscape and travel photography.

Guy Lessard is a past president and exhibitions chairman of the Manchester Artists Association and is a certified member of the Professional Photographers of America. He has served as a judge for photographic competitions at area camera clubs and the New England Camera Club Council for many years. While working for Olan Mills Portrait Studios he took (conservatively) more than 1.5 million portraits and trained 45 photographers. He also served as manager of both Ritz Camera and Cardinal Camera in Salem, NH.

Sarah Musumeci is a long time member and former vice-president of the Merrimack Valley Camera Club. Having been involved in photography for many years, she now specializes in architectural, travel and portrait photography. She has had numerous cover photos published and has done work for major hotels in Boston and New York City. A frequent presenter at many regional camera clubs, the NECCC and PSA, she has also served as a Portfolio Reviewer and Videographer for the annual NECCC Conference. She is a much sought after projected image and print competition judge, and most recently is offering instruction in Corel Painter.

A number of club members shared the various tasks involved in holding this event. Harold Roussell loaded prints into the viewing box and Malcolm Anderson removed them, recording the scores on the print labels. Mary Boucher and Deb Sullivan entered scores onto spreadsheets, and Art Vaughan operated the digital scoring system. Fifteen clubs participated in the Winter 2020 print competition, four less than in the fall. Submitted was a total of 113 prints... 40 in class "A" B&W, 14 in class "B" B&W, and 59 in the color division. Ten clubs competed in class "A", four in class "B", and all fifteen clubs in color. A total of 16 prints received awards... 6 class "A", 2 class "B" and 8 in Color. Clubs that entered less than their full allotment of four color and four B&W prints, or that missed the winter competition entirely, are encouraged to submit make-up prints along with their regular submissions for the spring competition to be held Saturday April 4th, 2020 at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, 564 Boston St, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Observations:

Several entries had prints that had shifted position within their mounts as a result of failure of whatever method was used to secure them to the backing. These were carefully coaxed back into position prior to the competition and were judged as their makers intended. Several pre-printed NECCC print labels had been taped onto their prints with tape covering the score box. This creates a problem for the score keeper if the tape used was of the slick, smooth, clear variety. If taping labels results in covering the scoring box, it's better that it be a matte finish (writable) type.

Results of the Winter 2019 competition and cumulative totals thus are:

B&W Class A

Club Name	Fall 2019	Place	Winter 2020	Place	Spring 2020	Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Stony Brook Camera Club	95	1st	101	1st			196	
Flagpole Photographers	92	3rd	100	2nd			192	
Boston Camera Club	94	2nd	97				191	
Manchester Camera Club	87		99	3rd			186	
Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	92	3rd	91				183	
Photographic Society of RI	89		92				181	
Nashoba Valley Photo Club	89		89				178	
Eastern Maine Camera Club	91		86				177	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	90		84				174	
Charter Oak Photographic Society	88		86				174	
Candlewood Camera Club	84		N				84	

> = Number of prints, M=includes make-ups, N= No entry

B&W Class B

Club Name	Fall 2019	Place	Winter 2020	Place	Spring 2020	Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Whaling City Camera Club	85	3rd	91	1st			176	
Quiet Corner Camera Club	85	3rd	82				167	
Springfield Photographic Society	62>3		67>3				129	
Battleboro Camera Club	61>3		40>3				101	
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club	90	1st	N				90	
Milford Camera Club	90	1st	N				90	
Fall River Camera Club	84		N				84	

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Color

Club Name	Fall 2019	Place	Winter 2020	Place	Spring 2020	Place	Total Pts.	Final Place
Flagpole Photographers	97	1st	97	1st			194	
Quiet Corner Camera Club	96	2nd	92				188	
Boston Camera Club	93		94				187	
Cape Cod Viewfinders	91		96	2nd			187	
Stony Brook Camera Club	96	2nd	90				186	
Photographic Society of RI	88		95	3rd			183	
Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc.	86		93				179	
Manchester Camera Club	89		89				178	
Hockomock Digital Photographers	91		86				177	
Eastern Maine Camera Club	89		81				170	
Nashoba Valley Photo Club	82		88				170	
Charter Oak Photographic Society	88		80				168	
Whaling City Camera Club	87		81				168	
Springfield Photographic Society	91		67>3				158	
Brattleboro Camera Club	62>3		80				142	
Greater Bridgeport Camera Club	93		N				93	
Candlewood Camera Club	92		N				92	
Milford Camera Club	89		N				89	
Fall River Camera Club	80		N				80	

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Individual Winners:

B&W Class A

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	27	Boston CC	Tom Hill	Zebra Crossing
1st	27	Flagpole Photog.	Chane Cullens	I'm Looking at You
1st	27	Stony Brook CC	Silvana Della Camera	Magnificent in Flight
3rd	26	Boston CC	David Long	Vestrahorn
3rd	26	Flagpole Photog.	Robyn Abrams	Solitary
3rd	26	Manchester CC	Dick Hudnall	Storm Approaching Over Badlands
Scoring range: 18-27 pts.				

B&W Class B

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	24	Whaling City CC	Richard Castenson	On Time
1st	24	Whaling City CC	Marjorie Joseph	Creepy
Scoring range: 17-24 pts.				

Color

PL.	Pts.	Club	Maker	Title
1st	26	Boston CC	David Long	Berkshire Fall
1st	26	Cape Cod Viewfinders	James Walczak	Exuberance
1st	26	Manchester CC	Dick Hudnall	Approaching Storm Over Madison
1st	26	Phot. Society of RI	Tara Marshall	Passo Giau, Dolomites
1st	26	Quiet Corner CC	Drew Hyatt	Parliament Canal View, Ottawa
3rd	25	Flagpole Photog.	Charles Batchelder	Teakettle and Onions
3rd	25	Flagpole Photog.	Erik Landegren	Flying High with a Splash of Gin
3rd	25	Greater Lynn P.A.	Elaine Sommers	Water Fetch
Scoring range: 18-26 pts.				