

# Newsletter

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Join us for a  
**HOLIDAY  
GET-TOGETHER**

Wednesday,  
December 1, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

## La Casa Vicina

1015 Little Britain Road  
New Windsor, NY  
845-567-1890

**Requires Pre-Paid Registration.** Restaurant cannot accommodate walk-ins.  
Contact Steve if you would like to come: [info@hvppsnys.org](mailto:info@hvppsnys.org)

Don't Forget - Next Month is...

**IMAGE COMPETITION !**

*Prepare now! The New Year will be here before you know it!*



## *A Message from Our President*

Our November meeting featured our Print of the Year competition and guest-speaker Rob Near. The judges had a difficult time selecting the final winner from the many outstanding entries in the Print of the year Competition. Congratulations go to Steve Labkoff for his win with a beautiful close-up image of a praying mantis! Rob Near gave us all plenty to think about when digitally processing our images for black & white. His presentation was inspiring and filled with techniques and tips that were new to many of us.

Instead of our regular meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, we are having a holiday dinner get-together at La Casa Vicina on December 1 at 6 PM. Reservations must be prepaid by check. Members will have their checks returned, uncashed, when they show up at the restaurant. We cannot guarantee seating availability with our group without a prepaid reservation. If you have not already made your reservation and would like to come, please email me at [info@hvppsny.org](mailto:info@hvppsny.org).

I have enjoyed being president of this group for these past seven years but will be scaling down my responsibilities. We also have openings on the board. Without fresh faces, it is difficult to keep the organization running at its full potential. If you would like to serve on the board or in a position of leadership, please let me know.

Due to the above, we will be running 2022 with a reduced meeting schedule. As of now, we will be meeting in January for our Print Competition and will not meet in February or March. In April, we will meet with talented guest speaker Lisa Cuchara. If any of our members would like to organize a meeting, speaker, or outing; please contact me at [info@hvppsny.org](mailto:info@hvppsny.org) and I'll be glad to help get the word out.

This past year, we did not collect dues from anyone as most of our meetings were via Zoom and times were hard for many people. This coming year, we will not be operating at a full schedule and again, will not be collecting dues from our current members. If you were a member this past year, you will still be a member in 2022. The cost of meetings will be going up a bit. Effective January, the restaurant has increased its prices for the dinner and those costs will be passed on to you. Depending on the speaker, we may have to charge a speaker's fee to cover costs; but we will not charge current members for annual dues in 2022. You will be made aware of any meeting fee changes in advance.

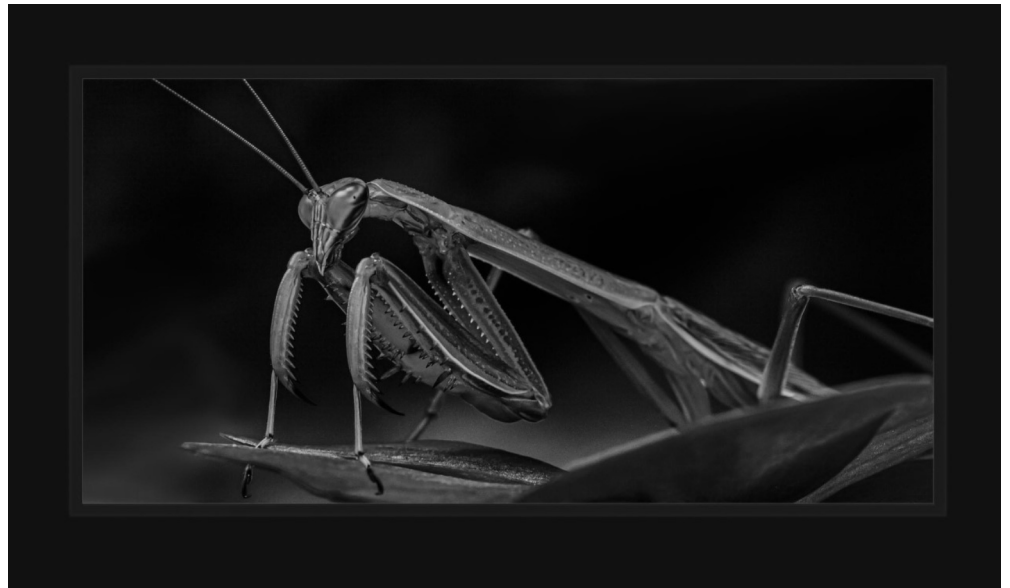
I'd like to send all of you warm wishes for a wonderful holiday season. Whatever holiday you celebrate, I wish you peace, love, health, and happiness. Enjoy your time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you on December 1 and at our January meeting.

*Steve Moses*  
HVPPSny President

# 2021 PRINT OF THE YEAR

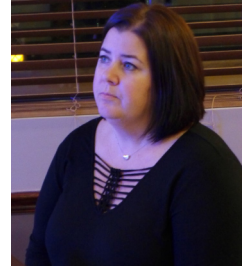
*Congratulations,*  
**Steve  
Labkoff!**

"PRAY, TELL?"



## November Meeting Highlights!

with Robert Near



## 2021 HVPPSNY Scholarship Point

CATEGORY	POINTS	FREQUENCY
Monthly Meeting Attendance	3	per month
Chair a Committee	5	per year
Website/Social Media	5	per year
Officer	5	per year
Print at PPA	3,2,1,3	Blue=3; Red=2; White=1 Loan=3 in addition to blue award of 3
Serve on a Committee	2	per year
Newsletter	5	per year
Board Meeting	1	per meeting
Council Meeting	1	per meeting
TEP Attendance	5	Hudson Valley TEP only
Member PPA	1	per year
Workshop	1	per day at a PPA affiliate school
Attend FocusNY State Conference		1 per day of attendance, if registered - Trade Show only does not count
HVPPSNY Print Competition	1	per print competition entered - not per print
Bring a Guest	1	per guest
Guest Joins	2	Sponsor gets the points
Publish a Photo	1	per publication. Max 3 annually. Publication may be print or digital. Self-promotion not allowed.
Worthy Cause	1	per charitable event up to max of 3 per year
Photography Education	1	per workshop or seminar as either a learner or instructor; up to a max of 5 per year. Must present receipt or proof of attendance.

### SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION

1. Three Scholarships will be distributed to the three members with the highest points.
2. Scholarship awards to be used specifically for PPSNYS Workshop in Geneva, NY
3. If a recipient chooses not to accept the award, the next person with the highest points will be awarded the scholarship until all are awarded.

***Any state scholarships not used will be returned to PPSNYS WORKSHOP for refund.***



## 2021 PPSNYS HUDSON VALLEY

## 2021 / 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OFFICERS

Steve Moses, President  
Gina Babbage, Vice President  
Mark Kovner, Treasurer  
Secretary, TBD

### BOARD

*(includes all officers & committee chairpersons)*

Steve Moses, President  
Gina Babbage, Vice President  
Mark Kovner, Treasurer, Past President  
Secretary, TBD  
Klaus Kretschmer, Past President  
Lynn Kovner, Past President  
Eli Sloves, Past President

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Eli Sloves, Image Competition  
Eli Sloves, Scholarship Committee  
Gina Babbage, Web Editor  
Sherrie Fryxell, Newsletter Editor  
Klaus Kretschmer, Parliamentarian  
TBD, Photographer Committee  
TBD, Special Events  
TBD, Charitable Initiatives  
TBD, Membership

### PAST PRESIDENTS

Mark Greenstone  
Lea Bedinotti  
Liz Ferrara  
Frank Bulfamante  
Lou Bedinotti  
Maureen Gates  
Aaron Pepis  
Susanne Pepis  
Klaus Kretschmer  
Lynn Kovner  
Eli Sloves

**Dec 1:** HV Holiday Get Together at La Casa Vicina

**Jan 16-18 2022:** PPA Imaging USA Conference, National Harbor, MD

**Jan 19:** HV Image Competition

**Feb:** HV No Meeting at this Time

**Mar:** HV No Meeting at this Time

**Apr 20:** HV Meeting with Guest Speaker Lisa Cuchara

### Top 12 Hudson Valley Scholarship Points for 2021

Gina Babbage	42
Mark Kovner	41
Steve Moses	41
Klaus Kretschmer	37
Eli Sloves	35
Rich Collins	23
Sheila Almond	21
Gary Ditlow	15
Clark Thompson	15
Steve Labkoff	14
Vickie Muller	12
Steve Lynch	10

*Remember: It is YOUR responsibility to inform Eli of any activity which may qualify you for points.*

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### January's Newsletter

Members: Kindly respond with information **no later than Wednesday, December 29, 2021**, but sooner would be very much appreciated. Send it directly to Sherrie: [sefryx@hotmail.com](mailto:sefryx@hotmail.com).