



The Viewfinder

Newsletter of the Peterborough Photographic Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY GEORGE DIMITROFF

The Joy and Benefits of Photography

Hello PPS!



"The aims of the Society shall be to encourage and develop the skills and increase the expertise of the members in photography and provide fellowship and support for people with similar interests".

Why do you enjoy photography? I've already described how getting involved in the flow of creating an image can be positive for your emotions. As we get outdoors and hike to some locations, photography can also contribute to physical health. Some of you take regular walks with camera in hand and there are many health benefits as you immerse yourself in the surroundings. I don't use a camera when I cycle but I love the ride to Lakefield, especially in the fantastic colors of this autumn with the sun's glow on the river. I have met a few PPS members on the trail and they almost always have their cameras. We live in a tremendously beautiful area.

At the last PPS meeting, several guests informed me that they were preparing to retire and were considering purchasing DSLRs and getting into photography "for the sake of the brain cells". When I purchased my first Nikon in 2006, I was often self-conscious walking around with a honking big camera when everyone had small pocket cameras at tourist sites. These days, there are many smart phone and tablet photographers but also a preponderance of DSLRs when you travel to iconic sites. Photography is big business as millions of boomers age into retirement and look for a hobby that is meaningful. Acclaimed psychiatrist, Dr. Stan Kutcher, told me that brain development in older folks occurs best when multiple regions of the brain are stimulated at the same time. A great example of this is trying to learn ballroom dancing which may be as complicated as trying to figure out some of the settings on your new camera (with that 500 page manual).

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OUTINGS BY DAVE DUFFUS**Lang Village & Jackson Park**

The December outing will take place at Lang Village on Dec. 6 from 5 to 9 PM during the Lang Pioneer Christmas display.

The cost is \$10 per person. This will be a great time to shoot some images for our club's Lang Hang.

The December breakfast outing will take place on Dec. 13 at Jackson Park at 8:30 AM. Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for The Starlight Diner. For further information, please contact Dave Duffus at: outings@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com.

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Our November Breakfast Outing took place at Nichols Oval. It was one of the cooler days this fall and was overcast with light flurries. A total of four people showed up, although Claude didn't make it in time for the photo. We spent 2 hours shooting and then went to the Nichols Oval Restaurant for breakfast. Lydia joined us at the restaurant where we had a great discussion about Africa and mirrorless cameras.

This is a good time to remind everyone to check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. ***It's the difference between a great photo shoot & just wanting it to end.***

The November Outing took place at Warsaw Conservation Area. Seven members attended and all had a great time. We were all dressed for the weather, but it didn't even rain! It did start to snow, and by noon there was an accumulation. There were lots of photos to be had. We did split up and follow different trails for a while. When I headed back to the parking lot just after noon, Paul Starr was standing there waiting and said he was starting to think he should call the police, since I was the last one out. ... I do like to wander around!

President's Message by George Dimitroff

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I've found that photography can be so encompassing that it can turn into a solitary activity as you spend too much time with camera or computer either trying to learn something new or working on the endless images you brought back from your latest travels or outing. That's why it's good to get together with other photographers at PPS meetings, outings or coffee times. Thanks to Vice President Fred Norton for taking the initiative to create a group learning environment for Photoshop and to new member Christine Wilson for offering to provide instruction. The Executive is looking for other members to share their skills in any area either at PPS meetings, small group get-togethers or even brief question and answer sessions. Please consider sharing, for any length of time. Thanks to five volunteers for stepping forward to describe their Joy of Photography images at the December meeting. The turkey dinner is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy PPS fellowship with good food.

Our exploration over the last few months has shown us that Photography is good for Emotional, Physical, Brain and Social health! That's not too bad for a hobby!

Why do you enjoy photography?



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

BY SUZANNE SCHROETER



At its regular monthly meeting on November 5, the executive committee of PPS came up with and decided to look into a number of ideas which should provide better service to the membership.

Some of the suggestions include the following:

- making "Question & Answer" opportunities available to members; these could be via email or a suggestion box at meetings; answers could be provided in *The Viewfinder* and/or at the general meetings
- reviewing the membership surveys that are collected with member applications to see what members want to get out of their club membership
- adding links on the club website to instructional videos and photography courses; the PPS Facebook page will continue to provide these links to this type of information
- trying to pair new photographers with experienced ones at outings so that wisdom can be shared
- providing two short instructional videos at each meeting, one for beginner and one for advanced photographers; these are to be shown before the member slideshow

December Outings

December Outing:
Dec. 6, Lang Village,
5 PM

December Outing:
Dec. 13, Jackson Park,
8:30 AM

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*** PPS Launches New E-mail for PPS Image Submissions ***

All image submissions for the various member slideshows should now be sent to: ppsimages@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com with same labels as before. See the last page of this issue for details on labeling your images. This month's Photographer's Choice theme is "Out of Your Comfort Zone/Try Something New."

PROGRAM NOTES BY MARGARET HAMILTON**December Photographic Joy & November Guest Speaker**

If you've ever taken a particular photo and it was like a 'light bulb' moment for you, then you experienced what we call 'the Joy of Photography'. When you work at capturing the exact image with the light and placement just right there is such a personal sense of satisfaction and pleasure ... and yes, joy.

"Joy of Photography" is also the program feature for the December PPS club meeting (after the Christmas turkey dinner). Five club members will speak about a moment in their lives with represents the joy of photography for them. They are: Lydia Dotto, Brian Crangle, Barry Killen, Fred Norton, and Lawrence Wicks.

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Our meeting in November featured Robert Boudreau as the guest speaker. Robert is one of the founding members for the SPARK Photo Festival held in Peterborough. SPARK is a relatively new venture for the City of Peterborough. 2015 will be the third annual festival to allow city and county photographers to exhibit their work.

Robert has an extensive resume pertaining to both his personal photography and supporting others in their photography journey. Unfortunately, time did not permit Robert showing any of his personal works the night of our meeting. His personal work tends to use the theme of impermanence and decay or contrasts between nature and the man made.

The SPARK PHOTO FESTIVAL is a celebration of photography and the enthusiasts behind the camera lens and what they are passionate about .

Every year, the month of April will mark the arrival of numerous photographic exhibits and artists, workshops, lectures and other related photographic events and activities in locations throughout the Northumberland, Peterborough, and the Kawartha Lakes regions.



Robert Boudreau, one of the founding members of the SPARK Photo Festival, spoke at the November meeting of the Peterborough Photographic society, encouraging all members to exhibit their work. --- photo by Robert Boudreau.

New for 2015 is a cap of 75 total exhibits based on first come basis. Please note the registration deadline for 2015, is December 31, 2014.

Robert encouraged any and all member of PPS to consider participating either with a personal show or as part of a group.

He also wanted to encourage members to give thought to entering the juried part of the SPARK photo festival. The theme for 2015's juried exhibit, as chosen by exhibit curator Allen Rothwell is "Parallels". There will be 30 pieces picked from all the entries to be part of the SPARK Festival. The deadline for entry is February 1, 2015.

If any member is interested in participating in the PPS SPARK group exhibit, please contact Claude Denis at: ckdenis@cogeco.ca

December Program

Christmas Turkey Dinner;

Cash bar opens 6PM

Member Presentation: Joy of Photography

Tuesday December 2, 7:15 PM, Lions

Centre, 347 Burnham St.

Peterborough ONT K9H 1T5.

PPS 2014-15 "My Best Scenic Shot" Photo Contest

Remember to keep an eye out for a great scenic shot to enter in the 2014 - 2015 PPS Photo Contest, "MY BEST SCENIC SHOT."

The organizers have made some changes to the contest this season by adding a theme, "MY BEST SCENIC SHOT." They say that this change "will give you something to shoot for." Most people shoot some scenes at one time or another, so the theme shouldn't be an obstacle.

The new guidelines are published later in this edition of *The Viewfinder*.

Future Program Events & Guest Speakers

December – Christmas
Dinner/ Joy of Photography
January – Arnold Zageris
March -- Member Slide
Show

Theme Challenge Photographs

December: Out of
your comfort zone /
Try something new!

BUY & SELL



For Sale:

Nikon D3100 Digital SLR with nearly new 18-55mm lens

14.2 MP DX Format
Auto Focus and Vibration Reduction
UV filter and circular polarizer filters
2 batteries and charger
Like new condition. **\$500**

Nikon AF-S DX 55-300mm Lens

Super Telephoto Lens with Auto Focus and Vibration Reduction
Hoya circular polarizer filter (worth \$100) plus UV filter. Lens hood and end caps
No marks or scratches. Velvet carry bag. **\$350**

Sigma OS 150-500 F5-6.3 Telephoto Lens with 86mm circular polarizer

Only used once
Optical Stabilizer and Autofocus
Original box and padded carry bag
Lens hood and front and rear caps
Tripod mounting bracket
New cost \$1200 plus tax. Will sell for **\$850**

Lowepro Flipside 400 AW Camera Backpack

Smart Olive Green colour. Lots of pockets and adjustable dividers for customizing
Tripod holder. Adjustable, well padded shoulder and waist straps. All weather cover. **\$120**

Everything is well cared for and in excellent condition. To view and try, please call Fred Norton at **705-745-0626**

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Tamron Lens AF28-300mm F/3.5-6.3 XR Di VC Macro with Nikon mount. \$200. This lens is brand new. See **George Dimitroff** for details.

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300mm F4 Nikon Afs lens. This prime is one of the sharpest Nikons. Excellent birding/wildlife lens. Full frame or DX. Also works great with a 1.4 TC for an effective super sharp 420mm. Comes with a 77mm UV and case. Henry's is selling these used at \$1000 + tax. All boxes and receipts included. Only one year old. Asking \$900 cash. Call **Brian Crangle** @ 705 876 9121 or email: brian.crangle@cogeco.ca

P.P.S. MY BEST SCENIC SHOT PHOTO CONTEST 2014 – 2015

**ONLY DIGITAL IMAGES TAKEN BETWEEN JAN 1, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015
MAY BE SUBMITTED**

Contest is open to paid up Peterborough Photographic Society members only.

One image only may be submitted by each member.

Please leave meta-data attached to image.

Meta-data may be viewed to comply with the above time frame.

Your submitted image may have been previously shown at P.P.S.

Judging will be by qualified non members of P.P.S. None of the judges will be aware of the photographer's name or the circumstances of the photograph. Judging will be based on technical excellence, composition, originality, and overall impact.

Prizes to be announced.

Deadline for submission April 7, 2015 night of P PS meeting

**CATEGORIES ARE NOVICE PHOTOGRAPHER AND
EXPERIENCED PHOTOGRAPHER**

The category you enter will be decided by yourself using the guidelines below.

First, second, third and honourable mention winners in each category will be announced and their images shown at the general meeting on May 5, 2015.

Your image must be sent as a JPG. In 1024 x768 pixels.

Type My Best Scenic in the e-mail subject box.

In the e-mail text include your Name, Title of photograph and the Category.

Please send to:

mybestshot@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com

CATEGORY GUIDELINES

Novice Photographer – New to photography or may be one who uses the basic or auto controls of their camera and is gaining knowledge in photography and wishes to learn more.

Experienced Photographer - A person with more advanced knowledge of photography and has a more intimate understanding of their equipment and the art of photography.

HOW TO SUBMIT IMAGES FOR THE MONTHLY SLIDE SHOW

George Giarratana has taken over Projectionist duties from Terry Carpenter.

Members are welcome to submit up to two images each for the monthly theme and photographer's choice slide show, as well as one image for image review, and up to five images for each outing.

The deadline for submitting your images is always midnight the Friday night before the meeting. To submit, you must now **e-mail your images to a new e-mail address:**
 ppsimages@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com

Before doing so:

- they must be named and resized as instructed below.
- images must be in JPEG format
- please ensure your images are sent as an attachment with your e mail

When re-sizing your horizontal or landscape JPG image, re-size the width to 1024 pix, and let the height adjust automatically.

When re sizing vertical or portrait JPG images, adjust the height to 768 pix, and let the width adjust automatically.

CATEGORY INITIALS WOULD BE:

C FOR IMAGE REVIEW
P FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOICE
T FOR THEME
O FOR OUTING **(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)**
OB FOR BREAKFAST SHOOT **(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)**

NUMBERS WILL BE 1 OR 2 FOR EACH IMAGE IN CATEGORY AND 1 TO 5 FOR EACH OUTING, DEPENDING ON HOW MANY IMAGES YOU SUBMIT PER OUTING.

Only one image can be entered for the image review category. Please ensure a space is placed between the number and your name.

FOR MEMBERS NOT WISHING TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON IMAGES PLEASE REPLACE NAME WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER /E P1 SPACE 1234 or P2 #####

SAMPLES OF THE NAMING SYSTEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

P1 TERRY CARPENTER OR P2 TERRY CARPENTER (FOR PHOTOGRAPHER'S CHOICE)

T1 TERRY CARPENTER OR T2 TERRY CARPENTER (FOR THEME)

C1 TERRY CARPENTER (FOR IMAGE REVIEW) Only one image can be entered for the image review category.

O1 TERRY CARPENTER UP TO O5 TERRY CARPENTER (FOR EACH OUTING)
(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)

OB1 TERRY CARPENTER UP TO OB5 TERRY CARPENTER (FOR BREAKFAST SHOOT OUTING)
(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)

After resizing and renaming your photo(s), please send JPEG images as an attachment to your e-mail and send to:

ppsimages@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com

Thanks for submitting your images and we look forward to viewing your pictures.

Member Slideshow Challenge Themes

December: out of your comfort zone / try something new

January: low light/night

February: white on white

March: macro/close-ups

April: speed

May: reflections

June: bokeh/blur