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FALL DIGITAL IMAGE COMPETITION

Judged by Rosetown Photography Club

1st Place - *Frosty Rose* - Len Suchan, Saskatoon

Prairie Photographers sharing Photographic Experiences

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Total entries 20

2nd Place *Statuesque*

◀ Kathy Kutschera, Gleneath

3rd Place *First Sign of Fall*

↓ Michelle Lane, Saskatoon



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Foothills Camera Club	http://www.foothillscameraclub.ab.ca
Group of Ten	http://www.groupoftenphotographyclub.com
Northern Image Photographers	http://www.niphoto.ca
Parkland Photography Club	http://www.sknews.ca/parkland_photoclub
Regina Photo Club	http://www.reginaphotoclub.com
Rosetown Photography Club	http://www.rosetownphotoclub.org
Saskatoon Camera Club	http://www.saskatooncameraclub.com
Wild Rose Camera Club	http://www.wildrosecameraclub.com
Winnipeg South Photo Club	http://www.winnipegsouthphotoclub.ca

FROM THE CHAIR

by Stan Hingston

Greetings, everyone. Spring is a wonderful time for photographing nature. The transition between winter and summer, with the blossoming of new life in its many forms.

One of the most important activities of PRPA is the competitions. My thanks to the many members who participate in the competitions – both as entrants and as coordinators and judges. Keep up the good work! The spring competition deadline is April 15.

I encourage you to join us at Nordegg in June. The central Alberta members have planned a super time in a fantastic location. I missed it in 2005 so am looking forward to attending. Details and registration forms were included with the Winter Prairie Focus and again with this issue.

I have only a few more months as Chair but plan to remain active in PRPA and continue to contribute whatever I can to this organization. One unfinished project that I'd like to keep working on is the website. If the proposal for a new position of Website Editor is passed at the March board meeting, I would like to take that on for a while.

There are a few positions on the Executive opening up. Consider getting involved in PRPA and serving on the board. Contact Wilma Gamble to discuss where you might best contribute your talents.

EDITOR'S REPORT

by Gwen McNichol

I am always glad when spring has sprung so that I can look for those first crocuses or that first hint of new growth in my flower garden. Last year I waited too long to go to a pasture to photograph those first crocuses so this year I am going to be prepared.

Our Spring issue has the winning pictures from the digital competitions. They are lovely photos, I know you will enjoy them.

My challenge this past weekend was to photograph my 11 year old grandson competing in running events at a track meet in Saskatoon. I am in awe of the people who enter the Sports in Action competition in PRPA because frankly I can't get an action shot at all. I told my grandson he was running too fast for me to get a good shot, they all came out blurry. Would someone like to write an article on fast action photography and submit it for the next issue.

I have included some interesting photos submitted by Curtiss Lund taken in the area that the June PRPA Outing will be held in hopes that it will entice more people to attend.

Please check out the PRPA Outing information at www.wildrosecameraclub.com; their camera club is working hard to make our annual outing a success.

Please enjoy this issue of the Prairie Focus and let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for future editions.

WEBMASTER REPORT

by Stan Hingston

The website (prpa.ca) has been slowly progressing over the past year. While the information is nearly all up, there is still formatting to be done. It should be looking good soon – thank you for your patience!

The archive of competition winners back to 2002 will be up soon – keep checking. We're missing a few winning images and some of the image files are very low resolution, so if they are yours and you still have them, please submit them to Gil or me.

The outing reports going back to 2002 will also be up soon. Please read these over carefully, especially if your club hosted one of the outings. The information in these was gleaned from Prairie Focus reports and, where available, the outing registration forms. Send any corrections or additional information to me. Also send photos of the outings, particularly showing the meeting facilities or group at the outing. Include information on the photos as to location, identify members in them, etc. If your club hosted an earlier outing (eg Calgary 2000, Kindersley 1999, etc) please consider writing a report on it for the website.

Gil proposed having a members gallery where we can upload our very own photo gallery. Many of us have access to this on our club websites but some clubs don't have a website or a members gallery, and some PRPA members do not belong to a club. If you would like a member gallery on the PRPA website let us know.

At the March board meeting a new position was proposed for "Website Editor" who will work with the Webmaster (Gil) on an ongoing basis. The editor will collect and format the information throughout the year and submit it to the webmaster for uploading.

1st



2nd



**SPRING DIGITAL
IMAGE COMPETITION**
Judged by Foothills Camera Club
9 entries

1st *Tail Fin Reflections*
Valerie Ellis, Saskatoon

2nd *Storm Scene*
Don Mathieson, Regina

3rd *House Finch*
Don Mathieson, Regina



3rd



1st



2nd



3rd



HM

THE HAND OF MAN ONLINE COMPETITION

Judged by Mary Jacobs, Wilma Gamble & Irene Stinson 19 Entries

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|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st | Classic by Man | Valerie Ellis, Saskatoon |
| 2nd | Saskatoon Park Waterfall | Len Suchan, Saskatoon |
| 3rd | CN Tower | Don Mathieson, Regina |
| HM | Pathway to the Dinosaurs | Michelle Lane, Saskatoon |

Print and Slide Circuit Report Spring 2010

by Maureen Sinclair

All circuits are out and about and I hope keeping close to the schedule!

There are two slide circuits with five people in each. Although there is room for six people, five gives the circuits enough time to travel comfortably and arrive back to home base on time. The Fall 2009 round was the retirement round for Earl Hill from Edmonton. Mr. Hill has been a PRPA member for a very long time and has participated in the slide circuit for much longer than I have been a coordinator. I'm sure the members of his circuit will miss his comments and his images.

There are three print circuits currently. One has six members and the others have five each. Oddly, the print circuits seem to take longer to travel around although there are half as many images to judge! One of the circuits got stalled coming back from the Fall round and consequently was a bit later getting on the road for the Spring round. Also, one of the circuits had a scoring glitch which I hope will be completely sorted out by the end of this round.

Thanks to all the participants. The circuit binders were on display for the Saskatoon Camera Club Show, Tell and Sell evening and generated much interest.

The results for the Print Circuit Spring 2009 round are as follows:

Print Circuit Results Spring 2009

Slide Circuit #1

1 st	Jean Harris	Old Barn and Pump
2 nd	Wilma Gamble	Elk
3 rd	Jean Harris	Sandhills Hike

Slide Circuit #2

1 st	Earl Hill	Lupine Design
2 nd	Curtiss Lund	Helmkew Falls
3 rd	Sid Trepoff	Toadflax

Print Circuit #1

1 st tie	Curtiss Lund	Abraham Lake
1 st tie	Wilma Gamble	Giraffe
2 nd	Curtiss Lund	Glen's Tea Sign
3 rd	Sid Trepoff	Abandoned Farm Home

Print Circuit #3

1 st	Monica Schmidt	Baby Boy
2 nd	Monica Schmidt	Long-long time ago
3 rd tie	Len Suchan	Joe
3 rd tie	Eldred Stamp	Sunset

The photo to the right is the winning photo in the
Gerry Fish Club Competition
for **Best Landscape**
entitled "***Morning Mist***"
by Roxanne Paslawski, Gleneath

A photo by Jim Turner of the Rosetown Club was printed in the Winter 2010 issue as the winning photo.
Sorry for the error.



COMPETITION REPORT

By Rella Lavoie

After an enjoyable month in Arizona, it's time to get back into routine and get my report written for the spring newsletter.

As we crossed the U.S. - Canadian border in southern Alberta, we noticed the Canada geese and swans had already beat us back.

Most of the results from the fall competitions are in and I would like to thank everyone who entered as well as the host judging clubs for arranging to get the judging done. Your volunteer hours are greatly appreciated.

Understandably, entries in the slide competitions are slowly declining as the world of digital technology takes over. The following table shows a comparison of entries for the slide competitions over the last few years:

Competition	2003-04	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Everest	133	92	Not Available	37	29
Traveling	38	25	27	28	12
Russell	13 (26)	8 (16)	9 (18)	3 (6) slides 4 (8) digital	5 (10) slides 5 (10) digital

This year the Everest Competition did not receive the full entry of 20 slides from any club. As a result, for the first time since the inception of this competition, there will be no club trophy awarded. The executive will be addressing this issue at the March 27th meeting. Hopefully a motion will be brought forward with a new proposal for membership approval at our annual meeting.

The entries received for the remaining fall competitions are as follows:

Outing Competition: 52 prints, 28 slides
 Fall Digital: 18 entries
 Hand of Man: 17 entries

The names of the winning entrants for all competitions will be announced at our annual Awards evening to be held Sat. June 12th at Nordegg, Alberta, so make sure you are in attendance to receive your certificate and ribbon.

The deadline to enter the spring competitions is **April 15th**. Please remember to attach the **PRINT TITLE TAGS** to your prints. They can be found on the back page of your PRPA Handbook or downloaded from the website at www.prpa.ca

The host judging clubs are responsible for bringing the print entries to the PRPA Outing and displaying them. If your club has print stands, I would appreciate it if you could bring them.

Please arrange to have the winning entries including the HM's scanned to a disc. Email the images and the results to me, as well as the newsletter Editor and webmaster.

I would greatly appreciate receiving the results no later than May 31st, to allow me time to print the certificates.

I am looking forward to your entries and hope to see everyone at the Outing.

CLUB REPORTS

Saskatoon Camera Club
by Maureen Sinclair

As spring is making its way north once again, the Saskatoon Camera Club starts thinking of all the year end activities that have to occur before our May 11 awards night.

The remainder of the year will involve a short road trip to Don's Photo in its new shop on 8th St., a guest presenter, our AGM and a lot of year end judging and winner presentations.

We usually plan about five or six outings for the summer and our last Friday of the month coffee at the Roastery on 8th Street runs all year.

Submission Deadlines for the Newsletter
Winter: January 15 Summer: May 15
Spring: March 15 Fall: September 15

Wild Rose Camera Club
by Virginia McKenzie

Wild Rose Camera Club has been gearing up for the PRPA Outing this June 11 to 13 in and around Goldeye Lake, west of Rocky Mountain House.

We now have a web page that you can go to for information about the Outing, www.wildrosecamerclub.com. You will find this site very informative.

We as a club do photographic outings on our regular meeting day once a month. Sometimes we do sports events or visit plant nurseries weather permitting.

Well that's all for now. Hope to see everyone at Nordegg in June.

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Application for Membership in Prairie Region of Photographic Arts

I hereby apply for membership in the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts (PRPA). Enclosed is my membership fee of \$20 (payable to "PRPA"). Memberships expire June 30.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

I am a member of (photography club) _____

(or) I am joining as an Individual Member rather than through a club ____ .

Prairie Focus is now available in pdf format to members by email and on the PRPA website. Please check your preference: email/website is sufficient for me; I prefer a printed copy.

PRPA may publish a member list which is distributed to PRPA Board Members and Club Reps only.

Date _____ Signature _____

Mail to: Laird Wilson, 127 Merlin Crescent, Regina, SK S4R 3E6

**Come & Experience the Beauty
Of Nature at Goldeye Center
Nordegg, Alberta
June 11 to 13, 2010
For our Annual
PRPA Outing**



2010 PRPA Nordegg Annual Outing

June 11-13

Wild Rose Camera Club will be hosting the 2010 PRPA Outing at Goldeye Center in the beautiful wilderness setting near Nordegg. Activities are planned for all three day and be sure to bring your camera equipment for the surprise entertainment on Friday evening. Tours for the remaining time will consist of visiting Abraham Lake and Crescent Falls, hiking around Goldeye lake, visits to the historical Town of Nordegg and Brazeau Collieries Coal Mining Complex which have significant influence on the development of the West.

There will also be a Silent Auction held during the weekend so bring anything of value that might be of interest to other members.

The Location

The weekend is too short to fully appreciate the beauty of this wilderness area which played a significant role in the discovery of mountain passes to the west coast of Canada. Plan your holiday around our Outing and you won't be disappointed. Picture opportunities are everywhere. Distance traveled each day will be short as every turn in the road means you have to stop to take a picture. This trip and Outing will be a memorable occasion, one you'll never forget.

The immediate area is located in the foothills of the Rockies which is heavily wooded and has many natural species- wild horses, deer, moose, elk, bear, coyotes, mountain sheep, mountain goats, spruce grouse and other birds and many types of flowers and trees. For the outdoorsman, fishing in the area is excellent. Photo opportunities exist at every turn in the trail or road. Dusk and dawn are the time to see wild life so be prepared for photo opportunities at those times. When in a vehicle best pictures will be taken from the vehicle as the animals are quite tame but are leery when you're on foot. The horses are all wild and beautiful so appreciate them for their ability to survive in this wilderness. The area for hundreds of miles is back-country so be prepared to spend more time in the area to fully appreciate this beautiful, awe inspiring country. After the weekend you also have the opportunity to see the Rockies by continuing west to highway 93 and then turn north to the Columbia Ice Fields and then on to beautiful Jasper returning home via Edmonton using the Yellowhead highway or to turn left to visit Lake Louise and Banff and then to Calgary via the Trans-Canada highway.

All PRPA Outing participants are required to sign the following release form.

RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY - PRPA OUTING 2010
I, my heirs and executors, waive and release all claims for damage (whether for personal injury or to property) including those arising from negligence or any other conduct resulting from my activities with the PRPA Outing 2010. Not to restrict the foregoing, I release from liability the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts, their executive and members, volunteers or agents. I acknowledge the risks that I am taking and am voluntarily signing this release. I have read and understand the contents of this statement.
Name (print): _____
Signature: _____
Dated: _____

If you plan to enter the Showmanship Competition, please fill in the following form.

Showmanship Competition Entry
I / We plan to enter the Showmanship Competition at the 2010 PRPA Outing:
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____
Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Projector; <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Projector; <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Projector (Participants are responsible for providing their own projectors)

2010 PRPA Nordegg Annual Outing

June 11-13

Weekend Activities

Friday, June 11

Registration starts at 2:00 pm
Start of Silent Auction 2:00 pm
Supper at 5:00 pm
Surprise Show 6-8 pm
AGM 8-10 pm
Social 10 pm until ?

Saturday, June 12

Early morning hike 6:00 am
Breakfast 8:00 am
Abraham Lake and Crescent Falls Day Tour 9:00 am
Banquet supper 6:00 pm
Showmanship, Awards, Slide Show, Silent Auction Closing 7:00 pm
Social 9:00 - ?

Sunday, June 13

Early Bird Hike 6:00 am
Breakfast 8:00 am
Executive and Club Reps Meeting 8:00 am (Breakfast Meeting)
Nordegg and Brazeau Colliers Coal Mine Site Tour 9:00 am
Checkout 11:00 am
Those interested can make arrangements for a visit to the Ram River Falls area

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration Fee (before 1 June, 2010) - \$110

Late registration (after 1 June, 2010) - \$120

Cancellation fee - \$25

Total Paid to WRCC _____

Fees include all meals and entry fees.

Recommended accommodation: Goldeye Center (goldeye@telusplanet.net or Ph. 403 721 2102) as it is convenient to all the activities. Cost is \$110 per night, double occupancy.

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