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Yellowhead Lake Mount Fitzwilliam

SPRING DIGITAL IMAGE COMPETITION

**1st Place - “*Yellowhead Lake*” - Curtis Lund
Wild Rose Camera Club**

Judged by Rosetown Photography Club—total of 6 entries

Prairie Photographers sharing Photographic Experiences

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2nd Place
“Swans on a Prairie Sunrise”
Don Mathieson
Regina Photo Club

3rd Place
“Gull Over Dark Water”
Don Mathieson
Regina Photo Club



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(current and past member clubs of PRPA)

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Central Alberta Photo Society	http://www.centralalbertaphotographicsociety.com
Foothills Camera Club	http://www.foothillscameraclub.ab.ca
Group of Ten	http://www.groupoftenphotographyclub.com
Northern Image Photographers	http://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
Winnipeg South Photo Club	http://www.winnipegsouthphotoclub.ca

Chair Report

By Shirley Gerlock

Hello everyone! Are you as tired of the snow as I am? We missed the last big blow in Regina, but some of you must have been caught in it. I do hope you didn't have to shovel too much. It will be nice to see the green grass again and hear the songs of summer from our feathered friends.

Good luck with the competitions closing in April and arranging to come to the Outing in June. It will be nice to see everyone again.

Circuit Report

By Maureen Sinclair

These are the results from Print Circuit #3 Spring 2010:

1st	Edna Buck	Groovy Cruise
2nd	Monica Schmidt	Caught in the Rigg'n
3rd	Len Suchan	Polar Bear of Churchill

The results from the other two Print Circuits as well as Slide Circuit #1 were reported in the Winter Prairie Focus as the Fall 2010 Round when they should have been the Spring 2010 Round. Sorry for the mix up and for the lateness of the Circuit #3 results.

Editor Report

By Gwen McNichol

As all of us have noted winter is still here. I am wondering where all this snow is going to go when it finally does warm up. We will be able to take lots of pictures of children playing in mud puddles or ducks swimming on a pond.

Spring is around the corner and with it comes our annual PRPA Outing. I am really looking forward to spending time with the rest of you who attend and taking in the interesting tours that Foothills C.C. has to offer us. It looks pretty exciting so please consider coming and enjoying all the fun. The info and registration is at the back of this issue.

Competition Report

By Ann Dies

I look out my window this morning and see hoar frost on all the trees after a heavy fog. Could be a photo opportunity, but the light is not good...no sun. What a difference the sun's light makes to a photograph. If I've learnt anything from being in a photo club it is this. Being able to judge photographs entered by photographers from all over the Prairie Provinces is a great learning experience and I thank all of you for entering into the competitions so that we may all enjoy viewing your skill, your perspective and perhaps sharing in a small way some of your life experiences. Without this there would not be a Prairie Region of Photographic Arts.

As I stated in my last report I have been on a learning curve this year and I would like to thank you all for your patience and guidance. I have learnt some things, the main one being READ MY E-MAIL IN A TIMELY FASHION. Perhaps this will lead to improvement. LOL.

The deadline to enter the print competitions is April 15, 2011. I have sent the list of judging clubs to your club reps and individual members. If you are still in doubt contact your club rep or e-mail me at dies@sasktel.com. Please remember to attach the print title tags to your entries which can be found in your handbook or download from the website www.prapa.ca. The winners will be announced at the Outing.

The host judging clubs are responsible for bringing the print entries to the PRPA Outing at Drumheller and displaying them. Please arrange to have the winning entries, including honourable mentions, scanned to a disc. E-mail the entries and the results to me as well as the Prairie Focus Editor and the webmaster. I would appreciate it if the results can be forwarded to me by May 31st as I have to print up the certificates before the Outing. Thank you to all the host judging clubs. Your time and dedication is appreciated.

The theme for the Russell Competition for 2011/2012 will be Crowded/Uncrowded.

I am looking forward to viewing the entries and meeting you all at the Outing.

FALL DIGITAL IMAGE COMPETITION
Judged by C.A.P.S. 18 entries



1st *“Missouri River Crossing”*
Larry Easton, Regina P.C.

2nd *“Color in Nature”*
Jean Harris, Gleneath C.C.



3rd *“Red Rock With Clouds”*
Curtiss Lund, Wild Rose C.C.

HM *“Starburst”*
Ann Dies, Gleneath C.C.





1st



2nd



2nd



3rd



HM

THE HAND OF MAN ONLINE COMPETITION

Judged by Dean Watkiss, Anne McIntosh & Lynn McCaslin 17 Entries

- 1st *Midway and Fireworks*
- 2nd *Christ Anglican Cathedral-Victoria*
- 2nd *Storm at Cochin Lighthouse*
- 3rd *Ghost Town Survivor*
- HM *Old Quebec*

- Curtiss Lund, Wild Rose C.C.
- Larry Easton, Regina Photo Club
- Paule Hjertaas, Regina Photo Club
- Helen Brown, Saskatoon C.C.
- Don Mathieson, Regina Photo Club

Club Reports

Saskatoon Camera Club

Our club year is heading into the spring season with a lot of changes looming in the future. We have had a busy winter as usual with speakers, member's nights and monthly clinics. The clinic topics were Geometric shapes, Water, Junked, Texture, Long Exposure and Colour and Contrast. Checkout the club website for the images and vote for your favorite.

We had an excellent turnout for our fun snapshot competition called Treasure Hunt. This year's topic was R, Red, Rabbit, Road and Round. The entrants had to submit one image of each category. Seventeen people entered and results will be revealed at the awards night.

Speakers this year have included Shannon Brunner, Mike and Anna Clancy, Arlene and Robin Karpan, Mandy Harding and John Perret. Larry Easton and Trudy Janssons are scheduled to round out our year. We have had several excellent presentations by members on our Members Nights as well.

To finish the year we will have our AGM, year-end competitions, a summer fun planning meeting and a night at Don's Photos on 8th Street.

Next year is going to be a year for the history books. We celebrate our 75th year in operation and we will be leaving our longtime home at the Mendel Art Gallery. Meetings at the gallery have been sporadic this year. Their administrators now want to further subdivide the auditorium, which will no longer be large enough for our club. The search is now on for a space to meet our needs. In the meantime, we have been at the public library and Mayfair United Church.

We do indeed live in interesting times!

Maureen Sinclair

Regina Photo Club

The Club this year is strong again in memberships and is getting ready with our third In-Club competition.

We have enjoyed talks and images from Jon Bowie the Cowboy Poet and Photographer from the Piapot area and Mike Stobbs and his painting with light images. Our last meeting was a journey across Europe and Asia with Free Lense Photographic.

We are getting ready for our 29th Annual SaskAm Photographic Competition to be held this year from May 6th to 14th.

Shirley Gerlock

Rosetown Photography Club

This is a short update from my last report in the Fall 2010 issue. We now have 25 members, a record for us I think. Seven are PRPA members.

A Beginner Photography workshop was held in Rosetown in November by David Fahie of Saskatoon (www.saskphotoclass.ca). Several of our new members (and a few old-timers like me) attended and found it well organized and very informative.

We had a table at the annual Rosetown Hobby Show sponsored by the Rosetown Museum. Our display included prints mounted on two 4x8 sheets of white paneling which we stood up against the wall behind the table. We also had club members' slideshows running on a large TV monitor. Of particular interest was a member's large portfolio album holding 13"x19" prints (search ad24-13 on www.bhphotovideo.com)

Gallery Club themes have been "Charlie's Yard", "The Color Red" and "Black and White". We plan to have "The Big Snow" for July/August.

At our March meeting one of our members who is the High School art teacher gave us an excellent PowerPoint presentation on "Composition" which she had created.

Our club's 4th annual Members Slide Show is planned for April 13. We show 6 to 8 slideshows of 5 – 10 minutes each on a wide variety of topics. We hold it in a rented hall, have a silver collection at the door, and serve coffee and squares after the show. Last year the hall was packed with standing room only.

Looking forward to seeing you in Drumheller.

Stan Hingston



Presenting . . .

**"FRAME by FRAME
PHOTOFORUM 2012"**
APRIL 13, 14, 15, 2012
Ramada Hotel, Regina, SK
{Limit of 300 people}

	<u>Early Bird Till March 1, 2012</u>	<u>After March 1, 2012</u>
<u>2012</u>		
3 Day Pass	\$145.00	\$160.00
1 Day Pass	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00

Featuring:

- Freeman Patterson
- Mufty Mathewson
- Mike Grandmaison
- George Webber
- Ken Dickson
- Dr. Branimir Gjetvaj
- Dennis Fast
- Mike Stobbs
- Allen Bargaen
- Larry Easton
- Cheryl Pady
- Michael Manett

{Subject to Change}

**For more information contact:
Bill @ (306) 584-1281**

"Note From Your Editor"

Please put the "FRAME by FRAME PHOTOFORUM 2012" on your list of photography events you would like to attend.

I went to this interesting Forum a few years ago and thoroughly enjoyed all of the speakers. It gave me a new look at photography and a kick start to go out and take more pictures.

**Submission Deadlines for the
Newsletter**

Winter: January 15 Summer: May 15
 Spring: March 15 Fall: September 15

Prairie Focus Advertising Rates

• Full page	\$60/issue	\$200/year
• Half page	30	100
• Quarter page	20	60
• Business card	10	30

These rates are for B&W-contact editor for color quotes for ads.

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 \$25 (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

PRPA Annual Outing Drumheller, Alberta, Canada June 10-12 - 2011



Foothills Camera Club PRPA Planning Committee has booked the:

Canalta Jurassic Inn Hotel, 1103 Hwy 9 South, Drumheller, AB

Toll Free 1-888-823-3466

http://www.canaltagroup.com/bestwestern_drum.html

The room rate for PRPA is \$141.45 after taxes.

Registration starts Friday at 2 pm at the Hotel

The Hotel is across the street from the Banquet Center and has rooms for our meetings.

As Drumheller is a very popular spot, please book as soon as possible.

PRPA 2011 OUTING

Hosted by Foothills Camera Club

FIELD TRIP #1

Leaving Drumheller at 8am we will travel by bus to Horsethief Canyon.

Horsethief Canyon is where bright yellow canola fields and giant rocking pump jacks meet the precipice of pure Badlands splendour. Stand at the canyon edge and take in the entire valley or strap on some hikers and venture deep into the canyon itself - just be careful, there are no interpretive signs and it's easy to get lost.

From there we will travel to Rowley for an included lunch, at the famous Sam's Saloon.

Rowley is an amazing ghost town with an undying spirit! It is also a must to visit when traveling through the area.

The community's main attractions include: the Rowley Church (a provincial historic site), Prairie School Museum, and the Yesteryear Artifacts Museum (housed in the original railway station). The most famous stop in Rowley is Sam's Saloon, a well-known local watering hole and meeting place.

There's a lot to see in Rowley, including an authentic General Store, bank building, livery stable and more.

Free camping is available to all visitors right in Rowley. Donations accepted. From Rowley, it is back to Drumheller by 4pm to relax and prepare for the annual banquet.

<http://www.traveldrumheller.com/canyons.html>

<http://www.starlandcounty.com/rowley.html>

FIELD TRIP #2

Leaving Drumheller at 8am we will head east to the Atlas Coal Mine, one of the last mines that were in operation in this area.

Palle Kjar, our local tour guide, will guide our tour to the last wooden tipple in Canada, explore the 210 foot underground conveyor tunnel, hike up to the newly restored Blacksmith Shop and ride on the 1936 Mancha mine locomotive.

Not only his great tales of lore from the area, but his photographic ability will be of great value while trying to shoot in dark tunnels and other haunted places.

Across from the Mine is one of the largest Hoodoos in the area, surrounded by old wagons.

From there, it is across the 11 bridges up to Wayne and the famous Rosedeer Hotel for an included lunch.

After lunch, it is back down the 11 bridges road to the Church at Dorothy and some other photographic surprises that Palle has in store.

We will be back in Drumheller at 4pm so you will have plenty of time to prepare for the annual banquet.

<http://www.traveldrumheller.com/atlas-coal-mine.html>

<http://www.ghosttowns.com/canada/alberta/wayne.html>

PRPA OUTING 2011
Drumheller, Alberta

REGISTRATION FORM

Name..... _____
Address..... _____
City..... _____
Prov and postal code _____
Telephone number _____

____ Registration @ \$135 (includes Friday evening speaker and so-
cial plus one tour Saturday and the Annual Banquet.

____ Tour Choice Number 1 – Canyon and Rowley
OR

____ Tour Choice Number 2 – Atlas Coal Mine & Rosedeer and
Dorothy

____ Number of extra banquet tickets @\$35 each

____ TOTAL

Please make cheque payable to Foothills Camera Club

Mail to:

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Calgary, AB., T2Y3K2

Phone 403-201-3339
Email risdahl@shaw.ca

Registration deadline is June 3rd, 2011

SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION ENTRY

I plan to enter the Showmanship Competition at the 2011 PRPA Outing:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

Category: ____ **Single Projector;** ____ **Multiple Projector;** ____ **Digital Projector**

(Participants are responsible for providing their own projectors)

The mandatory waiver form will be ready to be signed at the registration desk.

The formats for the Outing Competition are: Prints & Digital Image.