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The Mill

by Ian Sutherland, Saskatoon Camera Club

Best Landscape and Best of Show
2014 Everest Competition

Prairie Photographers sharing Photographic Experiences

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From the Chair

by Ann Dies

Welcome back for another eventful year in PRPA to all new and not so new members. I am looking forward to the year in my new capacity as Chairperson. Gwen McNichol has taken on the role of Competition Chair and I know that you will all endeavour to provide her with the information that she requires in a timely manner. Good luck Gwen. I know that you will enjoy the position, as I did.

The Candle Lake Outing, hosted by Gleneath Camera Club was a great success in all manners; participation, camaraderie, location, venue and weather. Couldn't have asked for too much more than that. Now to see the results of the weekend in picture form...

Entries are closed for the Fall competitions. Thanks to all who entered. I imagine that the judges are having a hard time deciding on the winners. We will be able to view the winners at this year's Outing hosted by Rosetown Photo Club, with help from Saskatoon Camera Club, being held in the Duck Lake area. Keep an eye out for updates and registrations in future issues of the *Prairie Focus*.

Hope to have a great year. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

photographically,

Ann Dies



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Outing 2015—Candle Lake

Reports by Michelle Vold and Stan Hingston

Well another outing is in the books and I believe it was a success. The weather cooperated and the rain stayed away until all the tours were done. The only thing really to contend with were lousy neighbors at the picnic - thanks to fearless Alice for the picnic table, not sure how that was gonna play out! ☺

There were a lot of entries in every category of the outing competition this year, with some over 100 - thanks to all who judged.....it's never easy. Also a shout out to those who entered the newer categories—the Ann Dies Digital Slideshow and the Portfolio Print—they're fun and easy, don't be intimidated.

We thought we'd try to jazz up the awards part of the evening with some trivia questions about Candle Lake and area and hand out some prizes that were donated by members of Gleneath CC; I think it was well received.

Hosting an outing is a bit of a job, but a fun job shared with fellow members of your club. A profit was realized this year with 29 registrations, so \$586.25 is going to PRPA and \$586.25 going to Gleneath Camera Club (wonder what we'll buy???)

I find myself looking forward to the outing every year, not just because of the photographic opportunities, but also to be with a group of friends that I only get to see once a year who are outside of my regular group of daily living people. See you all next year - Batoche bound!!!!

Michelle Vold, Gleneath Club Rep.

The 2015 PRPA Outing took place June 19-21 at the Candle Lake Golf Resort located on the south end of Candle Lake, Saskatchewan. Accommodation was available at nearby cabins and townhouses.

The weekend began Friday evening with the AGM followed by guest speaker Geoff Payton. Geoff is the president of the Northern Image Photographers in Prince Albert who entertained us with his photos of northern Saskatchewan.

Saturday we were split into two groups to visit and photograph several locations around Candle Lake. Minowukaw Beach on Sandy Bay is a scenic beach backed by forested sand dunes. The Trout Pond is a pretty little lake with a small island. The Aschim Homestead is a well preserved heritage pioneer house with several other log buildings at the end of a long hike through forest and marsh.

We all met mid-day at the picnic grounds on Fisher Creek where we enjoyed a delicious home-made lunch prepared by the Gleneath Club.

A visit to Timberland Gallery owned by local photographer Dennis Chamberlain was well worth the stop. Many members left with purchased scenic or wildlife prints to frame and hang in their homes in addition to the free photo card offered to PRPA members that weekend

The banquet and awards presentations were held Saturday evening back at the Candle Lake Golf Resort. The print entries were displayed on tables all around the room, which we all enjoyed looking at.

Sunday morning had the executive and club reps meeting for the semi-annual board meeting while the rest took some last minute photos, packed and headed for home.

Stan Hingston

Candle Lake Outing photos by Stan Hingston
Minowukaw Beach (below)
Picnic in the Park (previous page)



Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

This is going to be a quick note rather than a chat-ty report! I seem to have very little time to do things or too many things for the time.

The circuits seem to be maintaining a status quo. We have lost three members since this time last year, but have added two. I am hoping the new clubs will have a member or two that might be interested in joining one of the circuits.

In the Summer Prairie Focus issue I only had the results for Circuits #1 and 2 for the Fall 2014 round. Here are the results of Circuit #3 for that round.

Print Circuit #3

- 1st *Snowbirds* Jim Turner
- 2nd *Look Ma, No Hands!* Kay Mierendorf
- 3rd tie *Bursts of Color* Len Suchan
- 3rd tie *Waterton* Jim Barnsley

Have a great winter! If I get some more names this fall, I can add them to the Spring round which starts in January.



Snowbirds — Jim Turner



Bursts of Color — Len Suchan



Look Ma, No Hands! — Kay Mierendorf



Waterton — Jim Barnsley

Competition Chair Report

by Gwen McNichol

It is already November and summer seems long gone especially as snow is forecast or in some areas has already fallen.

This summer we had a wonderful time at the Candle Lake Outing, a big thanks to Gleneath Camera Club for hosting us. At the outing Ann Dies and I switched positions. I have taken over the Competition Chair position and I would like to thank Ann for all the years she has competently done this job. I wish her well in her position as Chair of PRPA. As I look over all the information she has given me I realize that it is a challenging and rewarding job.

The deadline has passed for Fall Competitions to be sent to judging clubs. Thank you to all who have entered these competitions, I know we will have a great selection. The judging information will be sent out soon to those clubs who are judging the competitions and I would ask that you have them judged as soon as it is convenient and send the results and a copy of the winning images to me when you have everything complete. A copy of comments and marks can be sent to each competitor but please don't send the winning results to them as those will be announced at the Outing in June.

The digital entry forms are always a challenge for us to fill out and attach to the digital file we send to the judging clubs. Please have patience as we update the website with all of the fillable PDF entry forms and have them completely ready for next fall. It seems that some times they work and some times they don't. You need the latest pdf program Adobe Reader 11 (or a PDF creating program like Acrobat or Corel Fusion). If your Reader is version 10 or earlier, you can download the latest version free at get.adobe.com/reader/

I am looking forward to this new position of Competition Chair. Please feel free to call me at 306-882-2403 or send me an email at gwenanddale@sasktel.net with any questions, comments or suggestions to improve your experience with the competitions in PRPA.

Judging Clubs for 2015-2016 Spring Competitions

Deadline April 15

Gerry Fish Club Competition: Regina Photo Club c/- Shirley Gerlock, 2471 Broder St. Regina, SK, SK, S4N 3T1

Attanyi Salon: : Group of Ten c/- Cath Sinclair, Box 82, Congress, SK, S0H 0Y0

Human Portraiture: Rosetown Photography Club c/- Jim Turner, PO Box 1448, Rosetown, SK, S0L 2V0

Sports in Action: Moose Jaw Camera Club c/- Anna Hergert, Box 1274, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 4P9

Curtiss Lund Altered Reality: : Saskatoon Camera Club c/- Maureen Sinclair, #216 A – 4040 – 8th Street East, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5L4

Portfolio Print Competition: Foothills Camera Club c/- Jacky Dormaar, 168 Edgemont Estates Drive NW, Calgary, AB T3A 2M3

Spring Digital: Gleneath Camera Club c/- Ann Dies, email dies@sasktel.net

2015 Showmanship Competition Results 6 entries—judged at the Outing

1. Curtiss Lund *Reflections*
2. Larry Easton *Embracing Nature's Boreal Forest*
3. David Thompson Ingoe *Alberta Heritage*
HM Rosetown Photography Club *Our Journey*

Other entries were:

Anna Hergert *Aurora Dancing over Buffalo Pound Lake*

Rusty Morris *PRPA Spring Outing at Waterton*

Thanks to all who entered the Fall competitions. Start planning now to enter the Spring competitions.

Fall Digital Competition 2014



1st *Power Within* – Mary Ann Janzen



2nd *Sitting Pretty* – Paule Hjertaas



3rd *First Light* – Rella Lavoie



HM *Classic Wheel Reflections* – Curtiss Lund

Everest Club Competition 2014



Best Candid Child *A Private Conversation* – Nina Henry, Saskatoon Camera Club [top L]

Best Portrait *Fire Eater* – Arthur Rachul, Saskatoon Camera Club [bottom L]

Best Nature *Pelican Dive* – Linda Hagan, Saskatoon Camera Club [below]

Best Open *Friendly Squirrel* – Gwen Pope, Rosetown Photography Club [bottom R]

Best Landscape and Best of Show *The Old Mill* – Ian Sutherland, Saskatoon Camera Club [cover]

Trophy Winner – Saskatoon Camera Club



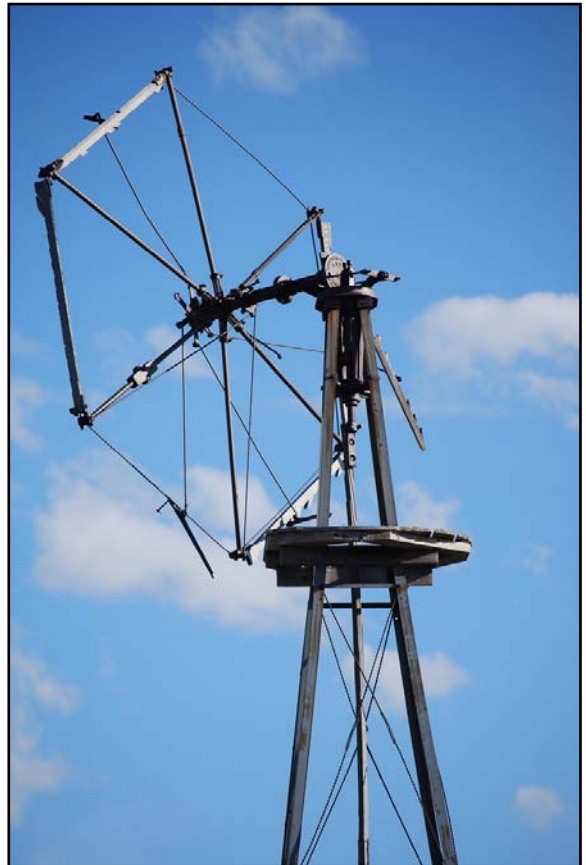
Russell Competition 2014



1st Place

Fragile Paule Hjertaas [above]

The Gardener Paule Hjertaas [below]



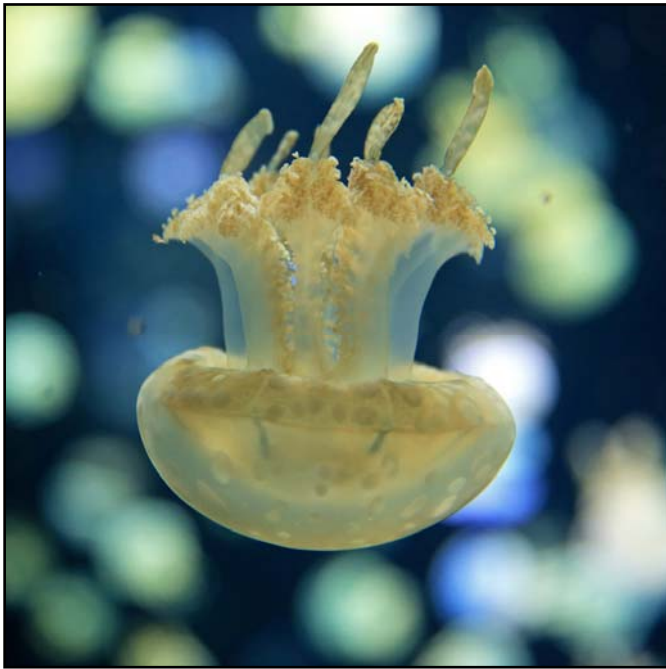
2nd Place

Fragile: Parts Missing – Gwen McNichol [top R]

Sturdy: Line of Giants – Gwen McNichol [bottom R]



Russell Competition 2014



3rd Place
Fragile Jim Turner [top]
Sturdy Jim Turner [above]

H.M.
Fragile: Dragonfly – Maureen Sinclair [top R]
Sturdy: Gatepost – Maureen Sinclair [bottom R]

AGM 2015

Candle Lake, June 19, 2015

report by Stan Hingston from minutes by Shirley J Gerlock

Twenty-eight members and two guests attended the 2015 AGM at the Candle Lake Golf Resort on June 19.

Chairperson Gwen McNichol called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved and the minutes were read and approved with a few minor corrections.

Laird Wilson reported total revenue of \$4,987.16 and total expenses of 7,484.12 for a net loss of \$2,496.96 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The bank balance at year end (April 30) is \$4,848.08 which includes a savings account balance of \$3,322.05.

The membership fees of \$25 for individual membership and \$1 per member for club membership remain the same.

Membership is down this year. Individual membership is 47 and club membership is 460 compared to 58 and 604 in June 2014. Gwen noted that Jackie Dormer is the new club representative for Foothills Camera Club and Cath Sinclair is the new rep for the Group of Ten Camera Club.

Ann Dies reported an increase in competition entries this year, a total of 393. The two new competitions, the Ann Dies slideshow and the Print Portfolio have few entries—they will run one more year and be re-assessed. Ann thanked all the judges and the club reps for their hard work and for getting the results to her in a timely fashion. She thanked the new club of Moose Jaw for entering the Spring competitions.

Maureen Sinclair reported there are three print circuits circulating between Alberta and Saskatchewan, and that they are doing well.

Stan Hingston noted that this is his 11th year as newsletter editor.

Shirley Gerlock reported that there was only one board meeting this year. She mentioned sending a card to the Buck family on Edna's passing and asked those in attendance to sign a

card for Irene Stinson who is recovering from knee surgery.

Shirley is still looking for more information for the PRPA archives. She has spent much time sorting through the boxes of material she already has.

Gwen McNichol announced that she is stepping down from the Chair position. She noted that we lost Wild Rose Camera Club but gained Moose Jaw. She thanked all those who have organized the Outing, all the judges and the club representatives for their hard work.

The 2016 Outing was discussed with suggestions including Okotoks, Banff, Lake Louise and the Ogema Train in southeast Saskatchewan. The Rosetown Photography Club offered to host the 2016 Outing and visit the areas of Batoche and Duck Lake. The offer was accepted and the Rosetown club was thanked for volunteering. This still leaves 2017 open for hosting.

Gwen noted that there are revisions that need to be made to the bylaws. A committee was formed of Gwen, Ann, Maureen and Stan to bring proposed changes to the spring board meeting for approval which will then go to the 2016 AGM.

Ann Dies was elected as Chair and Gwen McNichol as VP/Competitions Chair. Essentially they traded positions! All other executive and chair positions remain the same.

With no other business arising the meeting was adjourned by Curtiss Lund.



PRPA Board Meeting Kindersley, June 21 2015

report by Stan Hingston from minutes by Shirley J Gerlock

Eight members attended the Board Meeting at the Candle Lake Golf Resort on Sunday morning, June 21: Gwen McNichol, Laird Wilson, Ann Dies, Curtiss Lund, Stan Hingston, Maureen Sinclair, Michelle Vold and Shirley J Gerlock.

Ann opened the meeting at 9:10 am.

The minutes of the March 28 meeting at Kindersley were adopted with minor amendments.

Laird reported that 12 members had paid their 2015-16 memberships including three new members. A motion was carried to have a separate financial report for the Outing as well as the full financial statements presented at the AGM.

Michelle reported that there were 29 members registered at the Outing. Brenda and Gwen noted that a bus would be hired for the tours at the 2016 Outing.

Stan noted that the PRPA brochure has been re-written so that it doesn't need to be changed every year. He also noted the judging clubs need to get their results to the Competitions Chair by May 15 so the chair can pass the results on to the editor in time for the Summer Prairie Focus.

Ann is working to get all the competition entry forms fillable online.

Laird suggested PRPA have two members-at-large on the board. These would be in addition to the club reps and might include members who do not belong to a member club. Their travel expenses to board meetings would be subsidized at the same rate as the executive and club rep's are now. A motion was passed for the by-laws committee to consider this and bring a proposal to the spring board meeting.

Gwen stated that she would like the webmaster Scott Prokop to set up the admin area of the website. It will be accessible by password only to board members and would contain meeting minutes and the membership list.

It was noted that PRPA is registered as a non profit organization in Saskatchewan. We have no members in Manitoba and are no longer registered in Alberta.

Stan noted that the Rosetown club will look into putting a rider on their club insurance package to cover the 2016 Outing. It was noted that the waiver signed as part of the outing registration is worthless legally and does not protect PRPA from liability in case of injury.

Gwen displayed two sizes of wooden table-top easels for displaying prints at the Outing. They are made by the husband of a Rosetown club member. Gwen was asked to obtain a quote for 150 and 200 of the larger size easels.

A suggestion was made that all showmanship entrants use the same projector and computer to speed up the process. Stan explained that slideshows work differently on different equipment so it is best to continue with each entrant providing their own equipment.

Maureen suggested using the computer app Drop Box for sharing large files between board members.

Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 10:29.



*Attanyi Salon print display (above)
Portrait Print display (previous page)
Candle Lake Outing, June 2015*

Rosetown Photography Club

Club Report by Stan Hingston

The Rosetown Photography Club is back into another busy season. We meet once a month, the first Tuesday of the month, in the basement of the Rosetown Library. We also try to organize a workshop or outing every month, usually on a Sunday afternoon.

On the evenings of September 11 and 12 a few of us went out for a dark sky shoot. Weather was perfect—not too cold, dark and clear. We found reasonably dark locations near town with a few farm lights and combines providing some light pollution. On Friday we had the bonus of a small aurora display. Several of us also took advantage of the supermoon eclipse September 27 to go out and “shoot the moon”.

Keeping with the night sky theme, we invited Colin Chatfield, founder of the Saskatchewan Aurora Hunters, come to Rosetown on November 6 for a presentation and night shoot. Again the weather cooperated with a cool but calm and most importantly clear night. A nice aurora was a bonus. See our website for photos.

Hans Holtkamp, artist and photographer from Saskatoon, will be the guest at our January 5 meeting. His presentation will focus on seeing and capturing feeling in photography.

We continue to display our photographs in the Hallway Gallery downtown and in the Rosetown Hospital, two months at each location. We were invited to display our photos again this year at the Rosetown antique car show September 27. For this show we choose photos of old cars, trucks and tractors.

The Rosetown club actively participates in PRPA. There are currently 8 club members with PRPA membership. The new PRPA Chair (Gwen) and the old Editor (Stan) are long time RPC members. We judged the Everest competition this fall which, with 6 clubs entering, was a big but enjoyable task.

We have twelve members to date. You can learn more about our little club at our website www.rosatownphotographyclub.blogspot.ca

Outing 2016

Batoche & Wanuskewin

Report by Brenda Winny

The Rosetown Photography Club is hosting the annual outing on June 10, 11 and 12, 2016.

As always, the weekend begins with the AGM, to be held at the Heritage Inn in Saskatoon. Friday night guest speaker TBA.

Saturday morning we travel by coach over Gabriel Bridge to Batoche and possibly other nearby locations. We return to Saskatoon to spend the afternoon at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. These are all important locations in Saskatchewan's history and offer many photo opportunities.

The banquet, Showmanship competition, and awards presentation will take place back at the Heritage Inn on Saturday evening.

Sunday morning will be on your own. We will ask local club members for suggestions of nearby locations suitable for an early morning shoot. A PRPA board meeting will take place that morning at the Heritage Inn for all the executive, committee chairs and club reps.

We invite you to join us on a journey back in time to the early days of our prairie history. Watch for details and registration forms in the Winter Prairie Focus.



Scene from Batoche by Brenda Winny

Editor's Report
by Stan Hingston

My excuse for this issue being late is that we've been having a late fall. As I write this in mid November the ground is still bare and the forecast high for the next few days is in the double digits, so it's technically still fall.

There are no changes to the newsletter format. Over the next three issues I will request a club report from the reps of Foothills, Gleneath, Group of Ten, Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon, not necessarily in that order.

Several of our Rosetown club members have become interested in night sky photography. I've been disappointed in the images from my camera & zoom lens at 18 mm f3.5 on a 2/3 crop sensor. I'm looking at buying a Rokinon 24 mm f1.4. While not as wide as my zoom, it is 2.5 stops faster which should eliminate much of the noise from using high ISO settings. I'm thinking it will prove useful for other low light situations. Anyone have any experience with this lens or the Rokinon 14 mm f2.8? Another lens recommended for star photography is the 11-16 mm Tokina f2.8 but they don't make a Pentax mount for it. I'll let you know what I decide on (or what I can afford!).

Webmaster Report
by Scott Prokop

The website galleries have been updated to include all the competition winners for 2014-15. Be sure to check out the great images and slide shows from our members. From the main menu on our website, go to Galleries > 2014-15.

By the time you read this the Fall Prairie Focus should be up.

Let me know if you spot any errors or changes that need to be made in any of the web pages. webmaster@prpa.photography.

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

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I hereby apply for Individual Membership in the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts (PRPA). Enclosed is my membership fee of \$25 (payable to "PRPA"). Memberships expire July 31, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
Email _____ Cell Phone _____

I am a member of (photography club) _____
(or) I am not affiliated with any club ____ .

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Date _____ Signature _____

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Gleneath Camera Club	www.kindersley.ca/Camera-Club
Group of Ten Photography Club	www.groupoftenphotographyclub.com
Moose Jaw Camera Club	http://moosejawcameraclub.com
Regina Photo Club	www.reginaphotoclub.com
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