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Hit it Boys!

by Jake Zondag, CAPS

First Place

2015 Sports in Action Print

Prairie Photographers sharing Photographic Experiences

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From the Chair

by Ann Dies

Spring is here. Crocus blooming, tulips growing, trees starting to bud and the robins enjoying themselves. It seems a little early this year, but I'll take it. Mother Nature at her best. Now I just need time to go out with my camera and enjoy!



Storytime with Granddaughter Darby, Down Under

The Spring competitions will now be in the hands of the judges. I would like to thank them for their dedication and remember to fill out the reporting forms and get it and copies of the winners to Gwen. She will then do her magic and present the winners at the Outing.

Preparations for this year's Outing are well underway. A registration form is attached to the back of the Winter *Prairie Focus*. Please take the time to fill it out and send to the Rosetown Photography Club as soon as possible. If you have a slide presentation for Showmanship don't forget to fill out that form as well and send in with your registration. I would like to thank the Rosetown Photography Club for their hard work organizing the venue.

The AGM will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2016 at the Heritage Inn, Saskatoon. If you are considering taking a position on the board, this is your chance. Everyone welcome – new members or not so new ones. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Gerlock.

Enjoy the rest of the Spring and looking forward to catching up at the Outing.

Yours Photographically,
Ann Dies
PRPA Chair

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Competitions Chair Report

by Gwen McNichol

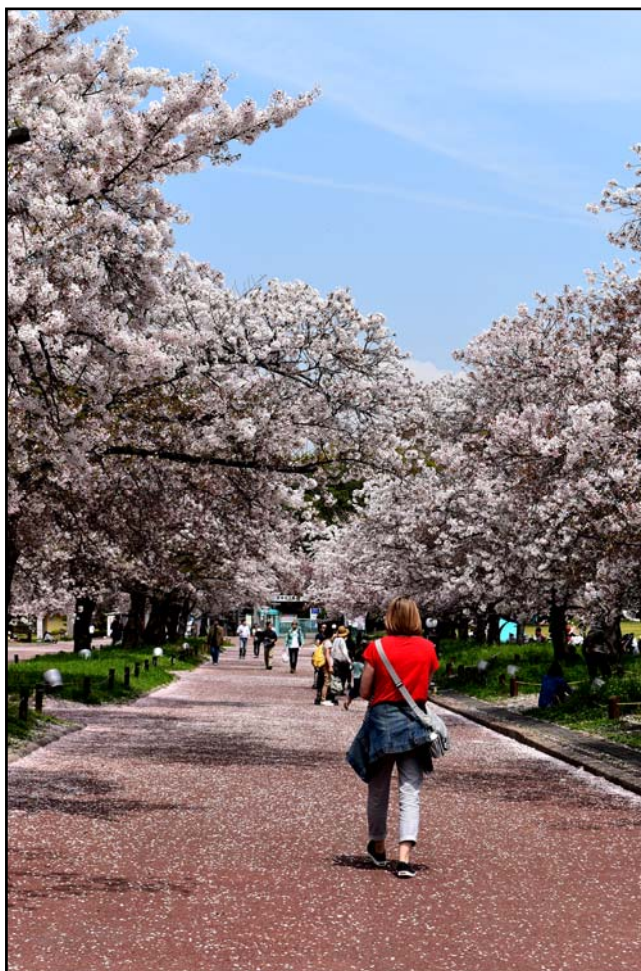
I have just returned from a wonderful trip to Japan, have jet lag and a bad cold but my trip was well worth it. Unfortunately the weather was very overcast so my pictures did not turn out as well as I had hoped.

Definitely spring is here, cool, windy and brown, brown, brown everywhere. I am not a spring person, give me fall with all the wonderful autumn colors.

Our Spring competitions are coming up, hopefully we have many entries to judge. Just a reminder again to judging clubs that I would really appreciate the results as soon as you can get them to me. I also need a digital copy of the winning photos. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 306-882-2403 or email gwenanddale@sasktel.net.

June is coming fast and with it our annual PRPA Outing. I look forward to catching up with those of you who are attending our outing in Saskatoon. All the winning print photos will be displayed and a slide presentation of all the winners will be presented on Saturday evening.

Below are two of my photos from Japan.



Cherry Blossom Time in Japan

Farmer's Market, Japanese Style

Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

As all of the circuits were back in time for a complete round of photo results to be printed in the last *Prairie Focus*, there are no outstanding images to publish in this issue. In the past, at least one circuit was just late enough to miss a print deadline!

All circuits are out on the Spring 2016 round with minor adjustments made for holiday issues. There is space in each circuit for at least one more member and I would be happy to accept new people to begin in the Fall. You have to be an Individual Member to participate.

This is an excellent way to receive feedback, especially if you are not part of a camera club. Catch me at the Outing or send me an email or phone call and I'll be happy to explain how the circuit works and how you can join in the fun.

Outing Update

by Stan Hingston

The registration forms are trickling in already for the 2016 Outing. The form can be found on the back of the Winter *Prairie Focus*, and in a fillable pdf format on the website.

Plans are being finalized. We will be traveling by coach to Batoche Saturday morning, having lunch at the "Sixth and Railway Grill" in Rosthern, and spending the afternoon at Wanuskewin. The banquet and awards presentations will be back at the Heritage Inn that evening.

Sunday morning we'd like to have a few of the Saskatoon club members lead mini tours to different scenic areas of the city. Email me at sghingston@sasktel.net if you would like to lead a tour. There will be a sign-up sheet at the registration desk on Friday.

Reminder that rooms at the Heritage Inn are being held for PRPA members until May 10. Call 306-665-8121 to make your reservation.

Bylaws Report

by Stan Hingston

At the June board meeting at Candle Lake, Gwen McNichol, Maureen Sinclair, Stan Hingston and Ann Dies were appointed to a committee to review the PRPA bylaws. The committee met on Dec. 12 and March 19, both times at Gwen's home in Rosetown (thanks to Gwen for providing delicious lunches!).

The current bylaws were somewhat disorganized with bylaws on a topic almost randomly distributed throughout the document. I found a template based on Robert's Rules of Order at this website http://westsidetoastmasters.com/resources/roberts_rules/chap20.html and used it to reorganize the bylaws into relevant Articles and Sections.

Robert's Rules included some sections that weren't covered by the old bylaws so these were added based on past and current procedures, and in a few cases a new policy was proposed. The Committee Chair positions were added (and renamed to "Appointed Positions") as they make up part of the Board and hadn't been included in the bylaws.

One of the mandates the committee was given was to create a new position of Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors. The Club Membership category had not been included before so was added. Oh, and lunacy was finally eliminated as a reason for removing an Officer from office.

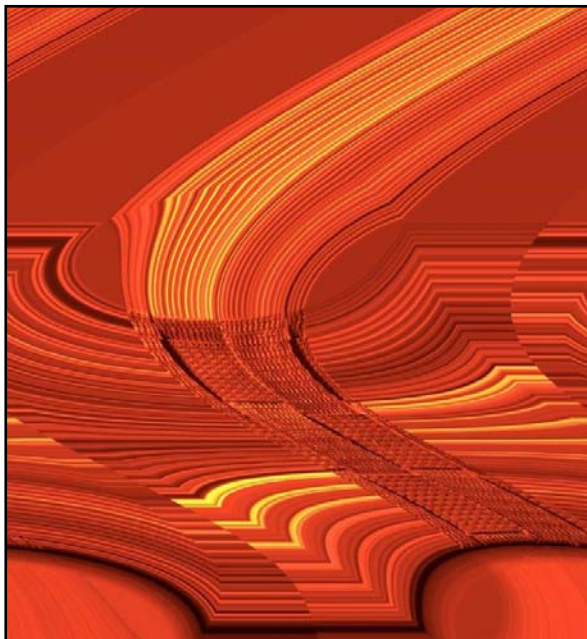
At the April 16 meeting, the Board will be reviewing the committee's draft, and no doubt amending it somewhat, to be taken to the membership at the June AGM. A copy will be sent out to each Individual Member in advance so you can review it and bring any questions and concerns to the AGM.

*Thanks to all who entered the
Spring and Fall competitions.
Good luck at the Awards
Banquet in June!*

Curtiss Lund Altered Reality Print Competition 2015



1st *Sheep at Waterton* — Don Mathieson



2nd *A Tisket, A Basket* — Helen Brown



HM *Electrifying Rose* — Mary Ann Janzen



3rd *When I'm With You, Time Stands Still*
— Amy Wildeman

Human Portraiture Print Competition 2015



1st *Winter's Mystical Maiden* — Amy Wildeman



2nd *Jade* — Paule Hjertaas



1st *Jessica & Dustin* — Shirley J. Gerlock



HM *Black and White* — Michelle Vold

Sports in Action Print Competition 2015



1st *Hit it Boys!* — Jake Zondag [cover]

2nd *Go! Go! Go!* — Paule Hjertaas



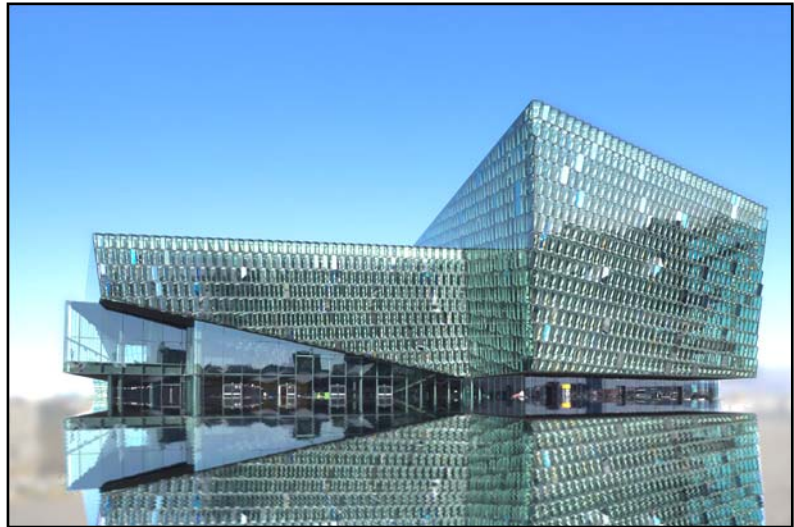
3rd *Grit Your Teeth* — Jake Zondag

HM *Rough Ride* — Mary Jacobs

HM *Home Stretch* — Curtiss Lund



Spring Digital Competition 2015



2nd *Iceland Opera* – Curtiss Lund

1st *Leg. and Fountain* – Don Mathieson



3rd *Decorations* – David Thompson Ingoe

HM *Paradise* – Amy Wildeman



Moose Jaw Camera Club

Club Report by Anna Hergert

Moose Jaw finished the club year in June 2015 with 47 active members. September brought renewed enthusiasm with many returning and new members. There are 54 active members registered as of April 4th, 2016.

Workshops, outings and special programmes, as well as many hands-on activities ensured the membership had choices to participate and volunteer. Highlights included "Introduction to Digital Photography" workshops in October and January under the tutelage of Anna Hergert and Rob Harden and an intermediate workshop titled "Getting Off Auto" by Anna Hergert in March.

An advanced portrait workshop with a strong focus on posing and lighting the model as well as processing images in Photoshop in February was fully subscribed. This workshop was lead by Brian Easton of Pilot Butte.

Outings included a photowalk around historic downtown Moose Jaw, the World-Wide Photowalk at Buffalo Pound Provincial Park, light painting in the Wakamow Valley at night, and a visit to the round barn in Drinkwater.

Moose Jaw Camera Club is organizing their first ever retreat which will take place July 22 - 24, 2016 at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster. John Perret has been hired to lead up to 12 participants during sunrise/sunset photoshoots as well as a full day classroom session on the Saturday. Registration is brisk with only two spots remaining at the time of this report.

Recently the Moose Jaw Camera Club voted on accepting a Member Handbook outlining the objectives of the club and roles and responsibilities of the executive. A merit system to encourage increased volunteerism in the club has been introduced. Members

earn points toward a special pin with the Moose Jaw Camera Club logo. Merit points are retroactive to September and the first pins will be awarded in May during an awards ceremony following the elections of the new executive for 2016/2017.

Moose Jaw Camera Club has been honored to be part of the PRPA. competitions as both judging club and the opportunity to submit images for judging. The Everest Competition yielded 52 submissions from club members for the 20 images selected to represent the club by a panel of jurors. In October a judging session was organized consisting of three members to judge the entries of the Digital Competition. The club is looking forward to their next challenge, judging the "Sports in Action" Competition.

This will be the second year that MJCC is participating in the Saskatchewan Festival of Words. A list of authors is supplied by the FoW organizers early in the year, it is then up to those interested in selecting one or more books. Once the club member has read their selected title(s) he or she will embark on interpreting the material with a photograph. In 2015 a total of 34 images were submitted and exhibited. The programme director is looking forward to an even greater response in 2016.

With the submission of images and interest in exhibiting, the club has secured a venue, Carol's Cafe & Catering, to show their work. Three exhibitions a year keep the imagery current and the membership challenged to participate.

The Moose Jaw Camera Club meets every first Monday, September through June, from 7 to 9 pm at the Cosmo Senior Center, 235 3rd Ave. NE in Moose Jaw. Membership is open to anyone interested in photography. Annual membership fees are \$40 for Individual; \$60 for Family; \$20 for Youth (14-18); and \$20 for Students.

Archive Report

by Shirley J. Gerlock

Last issue I gave you some excerpts from the very first Prairie Focus, Volume 1, No. 1, 1968. This time. We jump ahead 11 years to 1979. It's only Volume 8 though so there must have been some missing years.

1979 Prairie Focus, VIII, #3

This Spring edition listed the Executive as Isabel Hill, Chairperson; Beryl Woodworth, Vice-Chairperson; Helen McArthur, Secretary; Marian Goldstrom, Treasurer; Earl Hill, Membership. The editors were Peter Marryat and W.T. Brown of Red Deer.

The editorial noted that spring is here with snow gone and the flowers beginning to show. They also noted that their tomatoes were beginning to ripen.

It was noted that Medicine Hat is hosting the annual Outing in June from the 8-10th, 1979.

They go on to mention the first Outing was organized by the Alberta and Saskatchewan Camera Clubs in June 1964 by Helen McArthur, who was the Regional Director for the Alberta Clubs. The locations were listed for all Outings to date:

- 1964 Drumheller
- 1965 Medicine Hat
- 1966 Edmonton
- 1967 Seebe
- 1968 Claresholm where the PRPA organizational meeting was held.
- 1969 Calgary
- 1970 Red Deer
- 1971 Medicine Hat
- 1972 Edmonton
- 1973 Brooks
- 1974 Claresholm
- 1975 was cancelled as PRPA had sponsored Camera College in Banff
- 1976 Calgary
- 1977 Red Deer,
- 1978 Kindersley (first time in Saskatchewan)
- 1979 Medicine Hat (note: this was the first PRPA Outing that I attended—Shirley)

It was noted that Sid Bradshaw of Bragg Creek formed a camera club there.

The results of the Russell competition were judged by the Saskatoon Camera Club, with judges as Larry Scarfe, Reuben Willems and Bill Kornicke from the Club doing the honours.

It was noted that Charlie and Olive Everest are hosting a 28 day tour of Africa this coming September and an itemized itinerary was listed for those interested in going.

A message from the Chair, Isabel Hill was printed. She noted that a slide clinic was held in January was a success. She thanked Donald Hinde for information on the Solar Eclipse and for donating a copy of his slide set to the Club.

Isabel noted the new members added. She encouraged members to take advantage of the upcoming Freeman Patterson seminars in Calgary on April 7th, Edmonton on April 8th and Saskatoon on April 14th.

She noted with regret the resignation of the editors of the PRPA Prairie Focus.

In Member news: Bill Inglis was noted as producing a slide set of the eclipse for distribution from the Regina Photo Club members. Joe and Faith Dann are doing well after Faith's car accident. Edith Gardiner is on a tour and would be home in mid April. Hazel Hudson is recovering nicely from back surgery.

There was a short article on Freeman Patterson and his photographic history.

The minutes and Financial Report of the Director's Meeting of January 21, 1979 were published.

Then at the back was all the information for the upcoming Outing in Medicine Hat.

Editor's Report
by Stan Hingston

This issue was cobbled together quickly to get it ready for the April 16 Board Meeting.

In the Fall issue I promised to let you know about the lens I was looking at for astro photography. I did order the Rokinon 24mm f1.4 lens and it arrived February 2. On almost every clear night since then I have been out playing with it.

Being a manual focus, I found it very difficult to find the sharpest focus setting for infinity. The screen on my Pentax F20D is not the best, so using live view and zooming in, or even playback and zooming in, didn't help much. I had to make careful notes and compare them on my computer screen later.

I was hoping the lens would double for low light indoor but the difficulty focussing and the shallow depth of field make it useless for that.

The other problem with the lens is the coma — comet like tails coming from the brightest stars. Apparently this is common with this lens. I haven't decided yet if I should return it on warranty or just live with it.

Hope to see you at the Outing in June.

Webmaster Report
by Scott Prokop

Not much new this time.

A good source of information on PRPA history can be found in the archived newsletters. They go back to Volume 44, Fall of 2003. Click on "Prairie Focus Newsletter" in the green menu in the title bar and select the issue you want to look at. Did you know there were 15 club reps listed in Fall 2004? We have less than half that many this year.

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

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

Application for Individual Membership in *Prairie Region of Photographic Arts*

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 ____ .

Prairie Focus is sent by emailed PDF to all members. It is also available to Individual Members by mailed paper copy. Please check ✓ your preference: ___ email only; ___ email & printed copy. PRPA may publish a member list which is distributed to PRPA Board Members and Club Reps only.

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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