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Perfect Timing

by Anna Hergert, Moose Jaw Camera Club

First, 2017 Sports in Action Print Competition

Prairie Photographers sharing photographic experiences

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From the Chair

by Ann Dies

Spring. A beautiful time of the year. It seems like it has been a long unpredictable winter. It was nice to see some moisture in the form of snow during the last week. Hopefully it will be a slow melt and we will have some much-needed moisture for seeding.

The Board has had no pressing issues over the winter, however we have been answering member inquiries, which is great, and we will continue to do so. It's a much better club when everyone is on the same page. I would like to remind members to re-view the competition entry rules. Please pay particular attention to each individual competition rules and also to what is required for the categories for the club competitions, especially the nature and candid child. Reps should be advising their club members of the requirements, especially new members.

My term as Chairperson will be completed in June of this year. I am grateful for the continuing support of the other Executive members. They have helped me immensely and have made my term a fulfilling one. I am looking forward to stepping back and giving another member the opportunity to learn and to grow the club. New ideas are always welcome. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Chair please let Gwen McNichol or myself know.

I look forward to the Outing this year in Maple Creek. It will be a big contrast to last year's Outing held in Canmore. Variety is the spice of life and a great opportunity for photographers to capture something different.

Thank you all.

Photographically,
Ann Dies, PRPA Chairperson

Here are a few more photos of the Ghosttown Blues facilities.



Dining Lodge in a former church



Walsh Cabin interior

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Competitions Report

by Gwen McNichol

Spring is here with hot and windy weather. We are done seeding and are wishing for the rain to start as it is very dry in our area. I don't envy Newfoundland with more than 30 cm of snow on May 24th, that is definitely not the moisture we want. I was in Calgary April 15th and there was a flock of happy robins perched in a tree enjoying the snow coming down. We weren't enjoying the snow but those robins seemed to be tweeting "bring it on".

The judging results are coming in slowly. There are two competition results from Fall that haven't been submitted and three results from Spring competitions. Please send them to me as soon as you can and thank you to the clubs that have sent theirs already.

At the March board meeting it was decided to make the definition of "Nature" category stricter by removing the phrase "unless a very minor element of the picture". This affects Everest, Gerry Fish and Portfolio competitions. It was also agreed that for these three competitions the category "Portrait" could be of an animal, but that the "Human Portraiture" print competition must be of one or a few people.

Themes for this year's fall Russell Competition are Open/Shut. I encourage everyone to enter this competition, it is interesting to see the many interpretations of the theme.

I will not be continuing as Competition Coordinator for the coming year. It is a very interesting position and quite rewarding and I have enjoyed the challenge. Rella Lavoie from Gleneath Camera Club took over from Eldred Stamp of Ponoka, Alberta, and she held the position for three years. Ann Dies from Gleneath Camera Club took over from Rella and was Competition Coordinator for 5 years then I traded my position of Chair with Ann and I have held the position for 3 years.

I am looking forward to our annual Outing at Ghostown Blues B & B – it is an amazing little gem near the beautiful Cypress Hills.

If you have any questions or concerns please phone or email me at 306-882-2403 or gwenanddale@sasktel.net.

Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

Spring finally seems to be here. I hope everyone has had time to get out and capture the new life! The circuits will not be back in my possession for another month and I have not heard of any major glitches.

Two of the circuits now have seven members and are running well. There is a bit more work but the members also receive more comments and analysis.

This is a good time to send me your contact information if you are considering entering one of the circuits. Circuit #3 can handle another participant if someone is interested. I also like to have a few "potentials" as people do leave the circuits from time to time. Something in writing is probably the best bet, as I cannot be sure I have things straight when I just talk to people.

Our sincere condolences to Kay Mierendorf of Didsbury, Alberta, on the sudden passing of her husband Larry on April 30. Kay has been a member of Circuit 3 since Fall of 2014.

If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me. Detailed information on how the circuits run can also be found on the website.

Competition Rules

In preparing to enter a PRPA competition, please review the rules for that competition and also the general rules for the applicable format (print or digital image). The general rules can be found on pages 8-9 (prints) and page 12 (digital images) in the Handbook which is available on the website.

For the Everest, Gerry Fish and Portfolio competitions please also review the category definitions which are found on page 6 of the Handbook.

Russell Theme for 2018

OPEN / SHUT

Entry deadline November 15.

Sports in Action Print Competition 2017

1. *Perfect Timing*
Anna Hergert, MJCC
Cover photo



2. *"Gotcha"*
Anna Hergert, MJCC



3. *Rapid Runners*
Larry Easton, RePC



HM *Cutting It Tight*
Marlene Andrew, IWPA



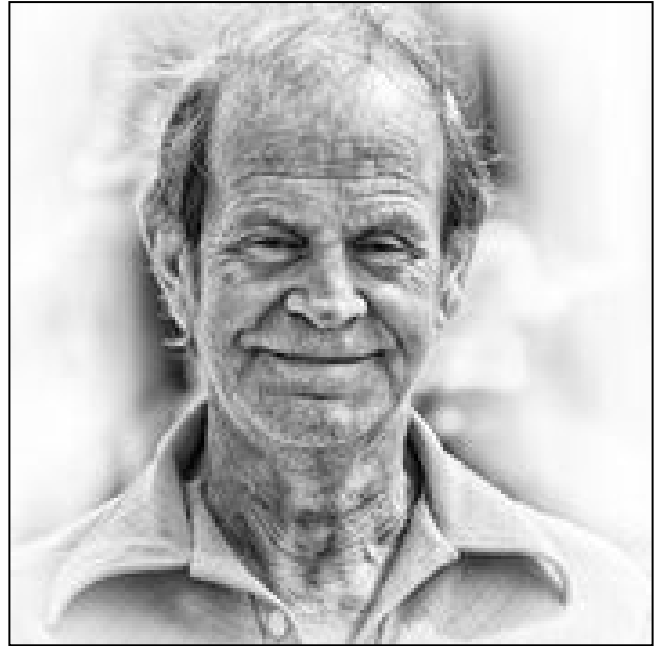
HM *Red Bull Will Give You Wings*
Marlene Andrew, IWPA

Human Portrait Print Competition 2017



1. *Hot and Cold* — Amy Wildeman, SCC [above]

3. *Lady in Red* — Amy Wildeman, SCC [below]



2. *Weathered* — D Marlene Andrew, IWPA



HM *I Love My Shoes* — Carrie Olivier Brown, RoPC

Altered Reality Print Competition 2017

1. *Come Fly Away*
Marlene Andrew,
IWPA [R]



2. *Night Runner*
Rusty Morris, RoPC [L]

3. *Boarding Fashion*
Amy Wildeman, SCC [bottom L]

HM *Disappearing Body*
Marlene Andrew, IWPA [bottom R]



Spring Digital Competition 2017

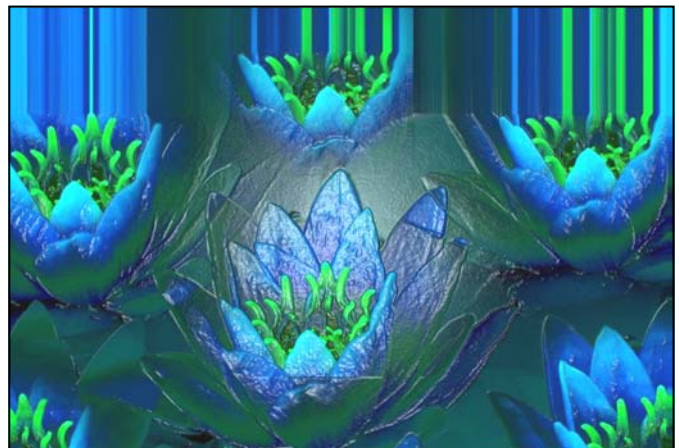


1 *Chaos*
Marlene Andrew
IWPA

2 (tied)
Dancing in the Limelight
Amy Wildeman, SCC



2 (tied) *Taking Flight*
Don Mathieson, RePC



HM *My Avatar Garden*
Helen Brown, SCC

Nalanda Miksang Moose Jaw

by Anna Hergert and Vaughn Taylor

A group of contemplative photographer in Moose Jaw and area have been gathering informally on a monthly basis since October 2016. In May 2017 the core group participated in a workshop lead by John McQuade, a founder of Nalanda Miksang in Canada.

The foundation for an official group in Moose Jaw was laid following the completion of John's workshop. Anna Hergert and Vaughn Taylor have had a strong interest in Contemplative Photography for several years and after pursuing independent studies on the topic were certified as Level 1 and 2 Nalanda Miksang instructors.

Under their guidance the group has grown to 22 active members. Membership to this group is free. The requirement for membership is participation in a Level 1 and 2 Introductory Nalanda Miksang workshop. Meetings take place on the first Saturday of the month. We explore a new topic each month, venture out for a shoot and reconvene to review a selection of images.

Introductory workshops for new members were organized in July 2017 and May 2018. In addition the leaders offer new learning opportunities including camera craft and more advanced Nalanda Miksang topics several times throughout the year.

For more information about meetings and upcoming workshops we invite you to visit our website <https://nalandamiksangmoosejaw.wordpress.com>

Moose Jaw Camera Club

Report by Vaughn Taylor

Moose Jaw finished the club year in June 2017 with 62 active members. September brought a complete new executive board, with many returning and new members; there are 54 members in total this year.

Here is the message from our president Murray Rimmer.

The camera club had many lessons to bring those new to photography and novices to a level where they could understand exposure and lighting to get the shots they wanted.

We started out with the exposure triangle which included shutter, aperture and ISO. Then we had lessons on Lightroom and both on-camera and off-camera flash.

We had a light painting evening at Wakamow Valley Park. Weather was not cooperative but we made the best of it with great success.

We put images in at the Sukanen Ship Museum, Festival of Words, and the Moose Jaw Tourism office, which helps promote the camera club.

Murray



Nalanda Miksang Moose Jaw meeting
at Carol's Café and Catering, May 12, 2018

"Flash of Perception" image by Anna Hergert

**Regina Photo Club
Celebrates 40 Years**
Report by Shirley J. Gerlock

On March 14, 1978 five people namely; Bill Inglis, Jan Cousins, Linda Leahy, Mike Manett, Jerry Bien and Jim Heska called a meeting at the Optimist Arena (Montague St. and Sunset Dr.) for anyone interested in forming a new photo club in Regina to be called the Regina Photo Club.

The membership fees were set at \$5.00 a year. Meetings were held the first and third Tuesday of each month; and over the years the Club has met at The Al Ritchie Community Centre, the Luther College on U of R Campus, the Neil Balkwill Community Centre, The Exchange, the SaskTel Pioneers, SIAST Campus and now at St. Mary's Anglican Church, at 15th and Montague St with meetings at 07:00pm.

Over the years members have participated in partnering with Waskimo to have a photo competition which resulted in the SaskPhoto provincial competition, to guest speakers, to workshops, to field trips.

Many, many people have passed through the doors of the Club over the years. Some came for fellowship, others to learn, others to start their own business, others who turned professional and are still doing what they love: that of creating images from film, slides and now digital.

Many thanks to the dedicated people who have passed through the door and have made it the Club that it is. That September, 1978, I was at my first meeting and have been a member ever since.

Outing 2018 Report
by Michelle Vold

The Gleneath Camera Club is hosting the 2018 PRPA Outing on June 22-24 at Ghostown Blues near Maple Creek.

We have 34 registered guests to date. There are still a few rooms available at Ghostown Blues and Cobble Creek Lodge. Contact Michelle about a reservation at 1-306-463-6374 or email at sorl.bmvold@sasktel.net .



The Vidora Sheep Wagon at Ghostown Blues

A typical prairie scene near Maple Creek



PRPA Board Meeting**March 24, 2018 at Rosetown SK**

Report by Stan Hingston from minutes by Rhea Preete

The Spring Board Meeting was held in Rosetown, Sask., on Saturday March 24, 2018.

In attendance were Ann Dies, chair; Rhea Preete, secretary; Laird Wilson, treasurer and membership; Gwen McNichol, competitions; Stan Hingston, newsletter; Maureen Sinclair, print circuit; Shirley Gerlock, archivist; Marlene Andrew, Moose Jaw rep; and guests Lois Howes, Marilyn Nimegeers and Diane McKinnon all of Image West in Swift Current.

Ann called the meeting to order. The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the last board meeting were read and adopted. There was no correspondence.

In her chair report Ann expressed gratitude for the support of the other executive members during her term. She looks forward to stepping back and giving another member the opportunity to learn and grow the club.

Laird reported we have 74 individual members; and 8 club members with a total membership of 304. The bank balance as of January 31 2018 is \$6,959.16.

Gwen reported that only one judging club had sent her the Fall competition results. She requested the remaining Fall results as soon as possible and the Spring competition results by May 15. The judging coordinators form has been revised to a fillable PDF with a new column for the filename. She reminded the club reps to inform their members that a photo may only be entered once in any competition during the year, including the Fall, Spring and Outing competitions. She announced that this would be her last year in this position.

Maureen reported there are 3 circuits running, two with 7 members and one (Circuit #3) with only 6 members so has room for 1 more.

Stan reported that he prints 30 paper copies of the newsletter for those requesting it. He has a new color laser printer which makes the printing job easier.

There was no website report from Scott and no archives report from Shirley.

The 2018 Outing report by Michelle Vold was read. There are 12 registered so far. There is still room at Ghostown Blues and will likely be some at Cobble Creek Motel later in April. The Friday speaker will be photographer Ryan Wunsch from Leader.

Under Business Arising, the division of profit from the 2017 Outing was discussed. It was agreed that should two or more clubs co-host an outing that PRPA would receive half the profit and the clubs would split the other half.

A motion was made to prepare an instruction booklet for the Outing host clubs. Ann and Gwen volunteered to prepare a draft for the June board meeting.

Jim Turner of the Rosetown club reported that the corporate registration is progressing and he will have a full report for the AGM.

In New Business, the definitions of the nature and candid child categories in the Everest, Gerry Fish and Portfolio competitions (page 6 of the Handbook) were discussed. It was decided to make the nature category stricter by removing the clause "unless a very minor element of the picture".

The candid and portrait definitions were not changed. It was agreed that portraits could be of an animal in these three competitions, but the Human Portraiture print competition is strictly limited to people.

Both Ann and Gwen are at the end of their terms as chair and competitions coordinator. Marlene Andrew of Image West is willing to stand for competitions coordinator. No one has indicated interest in running for Chair position.

Gleneath Camera Club is hosting the 2018 Outing. Group of Ten is next in line to host the 2019 Outing and Image West is next after that.

Lois adjourned the meeting.

Editor's Report

by Stan Hingston

Welcome to the Spring issue. When I started this in mid April, it was still winter here but life got in the way (I will spare you my excuses) and it's now the end of May and summer is just around the corner.

Consider joining the Rosetown Photo Club at our 3rd annual Herschel Dark Sky Weekend August 10-12. A fee of only \$150 covers meals, accommodation, and the Ancient Echoes fees. Enjoy fun, food and photography at some of Saskatchewan's hidden scenic places. See the Rosetown Photography Club website for details.

Hope to see most of you at Maple Creek in a few weeks!



Shooting the Milky Way by Colin Chatfield
taken at the 2016 Dark Sky Weekend

Webmaster Report

by Scott Prokop

Nothing much new to report at this time. Remember you can find the current bylaws and all the competition rules in the Downloads menu at the top right of the home page.

Scott
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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, 2019

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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PRPA	prpa.photography
Foothills Camera Club	foothillscameraclub.ab.ca
Gleneath Camera Club	kindersley.ca/camera-club
Group of Ten Photography Club	groupoftenphotographyclub.com
Image West Photographic Assn.	facebook.com/groups/imagewestphotographicassociation
Lloydminster Photography Club	
Moose Jaw Camera Club	moosejawcameraclub.com
Nalanda Miksang Moose Jaw	https://nalandamiksangmoosejaw.wordpress.com
Rosetown Photography Club	rosetownphotographyclub.blogspot.ca