



# *Prairie Focus*

Prairie Region of Photographic Arts

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## ***Pelican at Early Morning***

by Don Mathieson  
Regina Photo Club

**First**  
**2018 Spring Digital Image Competition**

Prairie Photographers sharing photographic experiences

*Alberta • Saskatchewan • Manitoba*

## From the Chair

by Dan Sigouin

The polar vortex is behind us and spring has arrived. Hopefully you are all out enjoying the warmer weather and finding interesting things to shoot outside.

Another productive executive meeting was held in March. The PRPA is doing well and we hope to bring exciting opportunities for educational outings and trips to the membership. Several professional photographers have contacted the executive with plans to advertise trips and seminars. We are excited to circulate this information via the Prairie Focus and Facebook to the membership.

The spring print competition packages were exchanged between the PRPA club reps at the exec meeting. I look forward to seeing the results of the competitions in the summer. In my quick scan of the packages, there were many

excellent images submitted this year. Thank you to everyone that entered the spring competitions and I look forward to seeing the results.

In my travels to the executive meeting, I left Calgary a day early and journeyed to Robsart and explored the area around Ravenscrag. It was a pleasant drive with great scenery along the Frenchman River. I had a foggy morning along that route so the sunrise was not as I had hoped. It was great to be back in Saskatchewan and exploring the prairie roads.

Thinking of Saskatchewan and exploring, the 2019 summer outing hosted by Image West looks fantastic. I plan to leave no stone unturned at Doc's Town with my full spectrum converted infrared camera.

Have a great spring and look forward to seeing many of you at the outing.



*Old Ford*  
by Dan Sigouin  
shot infrared at 830nm

Taken near Alsask  
on my way home from  
Kindersley March 23

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## Competitions Report

by Marlene Andrew

I am half way through my first year as Competitions Coordinator and am so pleased that most of the club reps got the Fall Competitions results to me in a timely manner. I now have all but one of the Fall Competitions finalized for the slideshow, for presentation at the Outing.

**Please** have the results and digital files of the winners in the Spring competitions to me no later than **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to guarantee they will be added to the slideshow.

Stan, Gwen and I have spent considerable time going through the Handbook and competition information on the website. Some competition categories are now better clarified, and there should no longer be conflicting information from one document to another. Scott should have everything updated on the website soon.

I've noticed that the category that has photos disqualified the most often is "Candid Child". Remember the definition for Candid Child is *Not posed, informal. Subject is **unaware** of the photographer.* There have been disqualifications from other categories as well, so for the next season please be sure and check the conditions for each competition you are entering.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Outing. So far I have seen some amazing photographs from this season's entries that you will want to see for yourself.

### Club Abbreviations

FCC	Foothills Camera Club, Calgary
GCC	Gleneath Camera Club, Kindersley
GoT	Group of Ten, Assiniboia
IWPA	Image West Photographic Association. Swift Current
LPC	Lloydminster Photography Club
MJCC	Moose Jaw Camera Club
NMMJ	Nalanda Miksang, Moose Jaw
RePC	Regina Photo Club
RoPC	Rosetown Photography Club
SCC	Saskatoon Camera Club
SEPC	Southern Exposure Photography Club, Medicine Hat

The theme for the  
2019 *Russell Competition*

is

*Healthy / Unhealthy*

### Judging Clubs 2019-20

This just lists the club names—the contact information will be included in the Summer issue.

#### Fall Competitions

Deadline: November 15, 2019

**Outing Competitions:** Image West Photographic Association

**Everest Club Competition:** Foothills Camera Club

**Russell:** Gleneath Camera Club

**Fall Digital:** Rosetown Photo Club

**Single Song Slideshow:** Moose Jaw Camera Club

**Hand of Man:** prpaclub@gmail.com

#### Spring Competitions

Deadline: April 1, 2020

**Gerry Fish Club Competition:** Saskatoon Camera Club

**Attanyi Salon:** Gleneath Camera Club

**Human Portraiture:** Image West Photographic Association

**Sports in Action:** Regina Photo Club

**Altered Reality Print Competition:** Moose Jaw Camera Club

**Portfolio Print Competition:** Foothills Camera Club

**Spring Digital:** Rosetown Photo Club

## Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

This will be a short report as the circuits are still circulating. The summer report will be mostly the top images of this round and Circuit #1 from the previous round.

There are a few spaces available in most of the circuits. As I have said before, 7 is the maximum functional member quota and only one circuit is currently at that point.

If you are interested, drop me an email (see Contacts page) or talk to me at the Outing. If you did say something to me at the last Outing and I didn't write it down, you may have fallen through fissures in my memory! So please talk

to me again.

One question I often get is "Can I use a Print Circuit image in a PRPA competition?" And the answer is "yes!" Your fellow circuit members' comments could very well help you improve a good photo into a winning one. And if something is just not working, I am sure they will tactfully bring that up as well!

If there are other questions please do not hesitate to email or call. Hopefully I will see most of you at the Outing in Swift Current!

Happy Spring Photography Season!

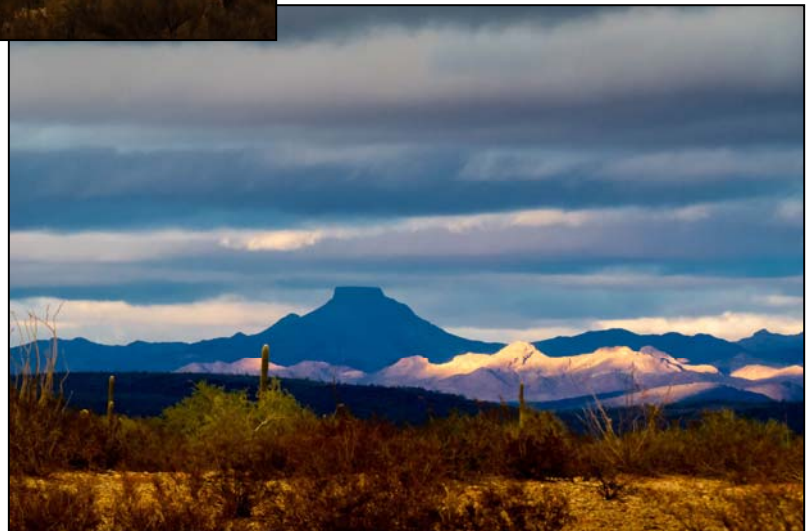
## Spring Digital Image Competition 2018



1. *Pelican at Early Morning*  
by Don Mathieson, RePC  
**Front Cover**

2. *Stormy Sunset*  
by Paule Hjertaas, RePC

3. *Hat Mountain*  
by Paule Hjertaas, RePC



# Curtiss Lund Altered Reality Competition, 2018

1. *Super Bents Moon*  
by Rusty Morris, RoPC

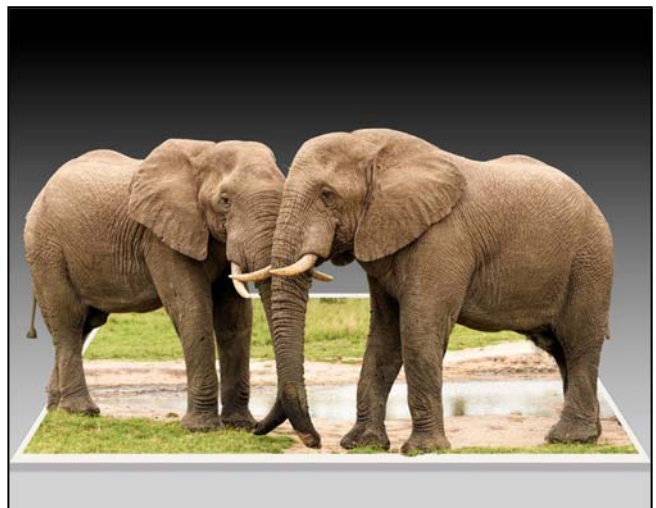


2. *Abandoned* by Larry Easton, RePC

3. *Last Man Standing* by Norm Brown, RePC



HM. *Spring's Promise* by Barry Jennings, FCC



HM. *Old Friends* by Marlene Andrew, IWPA

## Human Portraiture Competition 2018



- 1. *Sunny Outlook*, David Bellerive, RePC [top L]
- 2. *Weathered Wrangler*, Maureen Sinclair, SCC [top R]
- 3. *Game Face*, David Bellerive, RePC [L]
- HM *Zoo Keeper*, Paule Hjertaas, RePC [bottom L]
- HM *Bee Keeper*, Maureen Sinclair, SCC [bottom R]



## Sports in Action Competition 2018



1. *Second Thoughts* by David Bellerive, RePC [above]
2. *Flipping the Calf* by Paule Hjertaas, RePC [top R]
3. *Leaning Forward* by Paule Hjertaas, RePC [R]



HM *Smoked* by David Bellerive, RePC

HM *First Barrel* by Mary Jacobs, Ind.

## Moose Jaw Camera Club

Report by Vaughn Taylor

The Moose Jaw Camera Club has grown by 10 new members. Two are youth members, which is great news to keep the club moving forward.

September 2018 was the start of a new season with new executive and ideas. Members as well as executive are working together on new ideas and education for the club. The program committee had great ideas and workshops.

Monthly meeting were always busy. We viewed images on a monthly theme that we had prepared each month. Education was always part of the meetings with instruction on camera settings and related concerns or questions.

On the third Saturday of every month we met at a venue and had an open shoot. Some of the workshops were how to do portrait with lighting props, balloon breaking, and how to use long exposure. We also learned how flash triggers are used.

Once again, we were honoured to be a part of Festival of Words. Members read a book of their choice by the presenting authors and take a photo relating to that book for public display. We displayed our images in the Mae Wilson Visual Art Gallery in the Cultural Centre for the month

of July. It was a huge success providing great exposure for the club.



*Uncertain Pathway* by Vaughn Taylor  
from the 2018 Festival of Words project

We also helped with one of Moose Jaw's greatest fund raisers - the 15 Wing Fellowship which raises money for military families.

Our club is still involved with Tourism Moose Jaw.

Over all it was a great year and another successful year for the Moose Jaw Camera Club.

## Group of Ten Photography Club

Report by Cath Sinclair

GOT has had a busy year. We have done a lot of in house demos and held a successful 2018 photo competition with a lot of fantastic talented entries. And our new competition—the 14th Amateur Digital Photo Competition and Show—is underway right now (April 23-May 5). Good luck to all who entered!

We have some members who have left the club this year, but we are trying to do some new things to draw in potential membership.

It has been a honor to be the GOT PRPA rep and best wishes to who ever takes it on.



*Group Activity at Wildlife Hall*  
by Cath Sinclair



## PRPA Board Meeting

Kindersley, SK. March 23, 2019

report by Stan Hingston from minutes by Rhea Preete

Chair Dan Sigouin brought the meeting to order at 1:47 pm. Present were: Dan Sigouin, Rhea Preete, Marlene Andrew, Laird Wilson, Maureen Sinclair, Shirley Gerlock, Ann Dies, Gwen McNichol, Diane McKinnon and Theresa Busse.

The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting were presented and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was presented and adopted. Laird gave the bank balance as of April 30, 2018, the revenue and expenditures since then to date, and the current bank balance, as of March 23, 2019.

Laird reported there are 73 individual members. There are 10 member clubs representing 512 members. He noted that there are no individual members for two of the member clubs: Group of Ten and Lloydminster.

In her competitions report, Marlene said there was a delay with the Hand of Man.

Dan Segouin reported that he has been asked to take over as Prairie Zone Director for CAPA as David Ingoe is retiring.

Rhea said she will be unable to attend the Outing so will not be there for the AGM. Gwen McNichol offered to take the minutes.

Shirley still has the archives in her garage. The Saskatchewan Archives is moving—consolidating to Regina—so she thought it best to hang on to our stuff until they get settled.

The corporate registration is not completed yet. Jim Turner expects to have a final report for the AGM.

The Print competition entries were distributed. Shirley picked up the entries for Moose Jaw.

The minutes from the 2018 AGM and agenda for the 2019 AGM to be distributed to members 1 month before the Outing (end of April).

Everyone on the board has agreed to stay on another year.

A motion to limit print entries to 8x10 and have them sent unmounted in a plastic sleeve

was discussed and defeated. The reasoning for the motion was to eliminate the cost and time in matting, make them easier and cheaper to send, and to encourage more print entries. Reasons given against the motion were the mats enhance the photo, and 8x10 is too small.

The Outing plans are proceeding well. There is lots of room in the facility. The deadline to register for the Outing is April 30. That's also the deadline for the rooms held in the hotels for PRPA members.

Group of Ten is next in line to host the Outing for 2020, followed by Moose Jaw in 2021.

The next board meeting will be Sunday June 2 at the Outing in Swift Current.

Laird adjourned the meeting at 4:09 pm.

### CAPA Judging Course

Image West Photographic Association is planning to hold a CAPA Judging Course this fall in Swift Current. The cost will be \$125 plus taxes for CAPA individual members and \$175 plus taxes for non CAPA members. The date will depend on the number of registrants, so if you are interested, please let Marlene know.

See <https://capacanada.ca/judging-course/> for more information on the CAPA Judging course. Here is an excerpt from the website:

*CAPA provides nation-wide courses teaching the fundamentals of judging, so that those who enter our competitions can be assured of consistent and well informed evaluation and commentary of their work. Originally created in Western Canada, instruction courses have evolved and grown to encompass new technology and techniques.*

*CAPA has trained judges ... to provide skilled competent judges and commentators ... [with] a consistent standard of judging across the country. Significant time is spent on image analysis and an understanding of what an evaluator means when commenting on things that can improve an image's impact and score.*

## Rosetown Photography Club

Report by Stan Hingston

The Rosetown Photography Club year is drawing to an end. We meet the first Tuesday evening of the month from September to May.

There are 15 members this year. Our annual membership fee is now \$50. Nine of our club members are also members of PRPA.

We had a fairly busy year just carrying on with our usual activities. At our November and March meetings we selected our entries for the Everest and Gerry Fish competitions. We judged the Russell competition at our January meeting and the Attanyi at our April meeting.

Our first field trip, on September 30, was to a nearby farm to explore and photograph their wonderful yard which includes a large pond, lots of trees, and a log cabin guest house.



We had a very interesting guest speaker at our February meeting. David Mandeville of Saskatoon shared his experiences working for over 35 years as a medical photographer at the U of S and RUH. He and his team would get a call from the OR that the surgeon wanted a photographer, and they would grab a camera kit, don scrubs, cap & mask, and be there in 6 minutes. These days the doctors just ask a nurse to take a picture on their cell phone! He also told stories of making photographic illustrations for professors' textbooks and lecture slides.

A major club activity is the Hallway Gallery in a downtown mini-mall. There are two different exhibits, one on each wall. The Member's Showcase features the work of one member on any topic of their choice. Each member gets a turn every 2 to 3 years. The Club Theme shows 1 or 2 photos per member on a predetermined theme. Themes so far this year have included: Repetition; Purple; Patterns in Nature; and Mini-

malism. Coming up are Song Titles; Architecture; Award Winners; and SASKATCHEWAN.

For this last one, which will be displayed September to October, each member chose a letter and we have to take a photo of something in the shape of that letter. For example part of a ladder could form the letter H. The photos are up for two months then rotated to the Rosetown Hospital for another two months.

At our April meeting we decided not to hold our annual public slide show this year as there were not enough shows ready. We also decided not to hold a Dark Sky weekend at Herschel this August. It was cancelled last year due to low registration and the smoke from forest fires.

A big event coming up quickly is the annual Rosetown Art and Photography Show, co-hosted by the Rosetown Photo Club and the Rosetown Arts Council (I'm on the executive of both). A professional adjudicator is hired and ribbons are awarded. It's open to the public on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This year it is held April 27-28 in the United Church basement.

An important part of the Art Show is the Feature Artist, where a local artist is invited to display his or her work in an adjoining room. Club members (and PRPA members) Jim Turner and Mary Ann Janzen were the feature artists in 2015 and 2017; this year it's my turn. I will be displaying 60 years of my photography (I took my first picture in 1959 at age 5) and 6 years of painting. If you happen to be passing through Rosetown that weekend, be sure to stop in.



*Mary Ann at 2017 Art Show*

Six club members and one spouse (my wife Donna) plan to attend the Outing at Swift Current. We hope to see you there!

## Nalanda Miksang Moose Jaw

Report by Anna Hergert

Our contemplative photography group has had a very productive year under the leadership of Anna Hergert and Vaughn Taylor (certified Nalanda Miksang Instructors). We continue to meet every first Saturday to connect, go out to make photographs based on a specific theme, and reconvene for a short review of select images. No matter the weather, our members are dedicated and never afraid to face even the most extreme cold like we experienced this past winter.

A mini-workshop at Anna Hergert's place in January brought together members from near and far to explore more advanced topics, including a short instructional session on Haiku. These gatherings are relaxed and educational at the same time and there is always some great food involved.

We grow our membership through weekend workshops. Anyone participating in such a workshop gains immediate membership. Last May we had participants hail from Swift Current, Regina, Moose Jaw, Weyburn and Saskatoon. We are currently organizing another Nalanda Miksang Contemplative Photography workshop for the first weekend in May (Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th, 2019). For more information please visit our blog <https://nalandamiksangmoosejaw.wordpress.com/workshops/>



example of Texture by Anna Hergert

## Lloydminster Photography Club

Report by Chantale Forcier

The Lloydminster Photography Club has 22 active members. We are currently in full swing, getting ready to wind down for the summer. Many members have been active entering a variety of competitions, including our club's monthly competitions. A few of the challenges include an open challenge, "Home Sweet Home", and coming up in May, "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles". There have been a few changes to our competitions, including members providing rubric-based feedback on each other's photos.

In the fall, we went out in the wind, to the middle of a canola field to find an old granary for our Halloween photo shoot. We had a dozen members come out for the shoot and had a great time! Some were learning something new, others were honing their craft.



In December, we had a Christmas party which included food and presents! We also had fun on our Photography Bingo Scavenger Hunt.

For the spring, we are looking at some different skills to work on and practice, including painting with light and pet photography. Our final meeting is in June with some summer challenges to prepare for our September meeting.



# Swift Current Outing, May 31-June 2, 2019

Report by Marlene Andrew

There are close to 30 now registered for the Outing in Swift Current. The facility's capacity is 200 so there will be ample room for everyone plus photo displays. We encourage you to bring friends for any or all events i.e. Stephan's presentation and banquet.

We have contacted the Speedy Dawg Agility Club and hope to have an agility show on Sunday afternoon for you to photograph.

A reminder that if you are not already registered the deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> and if you are planning on staying at one of the accommodations listed below, those too must be reserved by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing you in Swift Current on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### PRPA 2019 OUTING ACCOMODATIONS

The following hotels each have 10 room reserved until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Prices do not include taxes.

#### Days Inn (formerly Best Western)

Single Queen - \$119.00; Double Queen - \$129.00  
105 George St. West. Phone: 306-773-4660.  
Book Code: PRPA Photo Group

#### Coast Hotels

Single Queen - \$110.00; Double Queen - \$110.00  
905 North Service Road East. Phone: 306-773-4643.  
Book Code: PRPA Photography

#### Holiday Inn Double Queens - \$119.00

1301 North Service Road East. Phone: 306-773-8288.  
Book Code: PRPA

**Camping** is available at Kinetic Park - \$30.00 power only and \$35 for full hook-up. Phone 306-778-1620.



## Digital Photo Mentor Photography Tours

Peru Aug 31-Sept 13th, 2019  
India Oct 28-Nov 11th, 2019  
Cuba Feb 11-23rd, 2020



[digitalphotommentor.com/tours](http://digitalphotommentor.com/tours)

## Editor's Report

by Stan Hingston

Welcome to the Spring 2019 issue.

In this issue we have five club reports, including the first from the Lloydminster Photo Club, written by club member Chantale Forcier. I always find it interesting to see what other clubs are doing and to get ideas for our own.

I apologize for the long Rosetown Club report, but I had a whole page to fill. It will be Regina and Saskatoon's turn for the Summer issue.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Outing in Swift Current.

## Webmaster Report

by Scott Prokop

Some minor revisions have been made to the general competition rules and the individual competition rules. A few of the entry forms have also been revised. These changes have all been made to the latest (March 2019) Handbook on the website. The other changes will be uploaded as soon as I can get at it, hopefully before the AGM at the Outing.

Remember fillable membership renewal forms for both clubs and individuals are available in the Downloads section.

Note my new email (below).

Scott

prpaclub@gmail.com

### Errata

(fancy name for goof-ups)

Errors in the Winter print edition:

- ◆ caption on page 3 should be "Greg and Candace" (not Dan!)
- ◆ In the Contacts on page 16, the Lloydminster rep is Blain Muzichuk, not Brian

These errors were corrected for the website version. My apologies to those affected!

### Prairie Focus Advertising Rates

The following rates are for B&W or color ads.

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|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| • Full page (175x245 mm)        | \$60/issue | \$200/year |
| • Half page (175x120 or 85x245) | 30         | 100        |
| • Quarter page (85x120)         | 20         | 60         |
| • Business card (85x~50)        | 10         | 30         |

### Submission Deadlines for the Newsletter

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, 2019

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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## Member Clubs of PRPA

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Gleneath Camera Club	<a href="https://kindersley.ca/thingstodo/artsculture/cameraclub">https://kindersley.ca/thingstodo/artsculture/cameraclub</a>
Group of Ten Photography Club	<a href="http://www.groupoftenphotographyclub.com">www.groupoftenphotographyclub.com</a>
Image West Photographic Assoc.	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/imagewestphotographicassociation">www.facebook.com/groups/imagewestphotographicassociation</a>
Lloydminster Photography Club	
Moose Jaw Camera Club	<a href="https://moosejawcameraclub.com">https://moosejawcameraclub.com</a>
Nalanda Miksang Moose Jaw	<a href="https://nalandamiksangmoosejaw.wordpress.com">https://nalandamiksangmoosejaw.wordpress.com</a>
Regina Photo Club	<a href="http://www.reginaphotoclub.com">www.reginaphotoclub.com</a>
Rosetown Photography Club	<a href="http://www.rosetownphotographyclub.blogspot.ca">www.rosetownphotographyclub.blogspot.ca</a>
Saskatoon Camera Club	<a href="http://www.saskatooncameraclub.com">www.saskatooncameraclub.com</a>