



# Prairie Focus

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## *View from the Wier*

by Anna Hergert, Moose Jaw Camera Club

First Place, **Landscape**

2015 Outing Competition, Digital Images

*Prairie Photographers sharing Photographic Experiences*

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## From the Chair

by Ann Dies

Another successful year has come to an end culminating in the Annual Outing.

This year the Outing is being hosted by the Rosetown club and I would like to thank the committee members for all their hard work in organizing the event. The Gleneath club hosted last year so I know firsthand what a large commitment, it is especially for a small club like ours, but when it all comes together you have a great sense of achievement. I'm sure that we will all have a terrific time this year. Take time to thank Gwen, Brenda and Stan for their hard work.

The board has been busy this year revising the Bylaws of PRPA. As they haven't changed very much since the inauguration of the club over forty years ago it was time to have a look at them and bring them into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I hope that you have all had a chance to look the proposed changes over as we will be discussing and voting on them at the AGM.

I would like to thank all the board members for their dedication to maintaining PRPA and keep it running smoothly. They make my job quite easy. A lot less headaches than being the competition chair. Thanks Gwen for taking on this large role.

The club reps play an important role as well, relaying information to their local club members, coordinating PRPA competitions within their clubs, organizing judges and forwarding the required forms and images to Gwen.

Finally I would like to thank you the members. Without your support, participation in the competitions and attendance at the Outing we wouldn't have a club. Keep up the good work.

I am looking forward to networking with you at the Outing and seeing all the winning images from this last year at the banquet and awards presentation.

Have a great summer and keep your cameras handy. You never know when that perfect photo will present itself.



*Grandma Ann  
with Oscar (2) &  
Darby. Our third  
grandchild is due  
any day now.*

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## Competitions Chair Report

by Gwen McNichol

This completes my first year as Competition Coordinator and it has been an interesting and challenging one. I commend all the previous people who held this position as it must have been an even greater challenge before computers were routinely used.

This year our entries increased by 123 from 393 to 516. The main increase was in Everest Club Competition with 6 clubs competing for a total of 120 entries. Hand of Man increased to 65 from 23. The 2015 Outing Competition had 81 digital and 40 print entries for a total of 121, down from 148 the year before. The Fall entries totaled 238 up from 116 last year and our Spring entries totalled 157, up from 129.

There were 6 entries in the Ann Dies Slideshow and 5 in the Print Portfolio. We will continue to offer these competitions and encourage everyone to try them out.

Thank you to Ann for guiding me through this year, there were a lot of texts and emails back and forth between us and I appreciate her knowledge and support. Also a huge thank you to all the club reps who promoted our competitions and for some competitions had to gather everything together to send to the judging clubs. They also had to find judges, fill out forms and return all of the info along with images to me. I appreciate their patience as I think I emailed every rep many times and mentioned that I was in panic mode a few of those times. The judges also deserve a big thank you as they are given the responsibility of judging, scoring and then adding comments to all of the entries.

The Awards Presentation showcases the many talented photographers in PRPA and adds to the enjoyment of belonging to this organization. My thank you to everyone.

Some housekeeping issues:

- A few years ago we started requesting digital files for the print images that placed in the competitions for the awards presentation. Please make sure you keep track of where you store those files, it is sometimes hard to remember what "Hint of Spring" looks like.
- Please remember to label and size your entries according to the criteria in the Handbook which is also on the website – [www.prpa.photography](http://www.prpa.photography)
- The 2016-2017 competitions with their judging clubs are listed in the Summer Prairie Focus. Club reps please contact me if you have any questions.

**The theme for the RUSSELL competition this year is Pleasant/Unpleasant.**

For those that attended the Outing, I hope you enjoyed the weekend. For all of you, have an enjoyable summer full of photography!!

### Judging Clubs for 2016-2017

#### FALL COMPETITIONS

Deadline November 1

**Outing:** Rosetown Photography Club c/- Jim Turner, PO Box 1448, Rosetown, SK, S0L 2V0.  
Email [jturner@sasktel.net](mailto:jturner@sasktel.net)

**Everest Club Competition:** Saskatoon Camera Club c/- Maureen Sinclair, #216 A – 4040 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5L4. Please burn club entries on a disc.

**Russell (Opposites) Pleasant/Unpleasant:** Group of Ten c/- Cath Sinclair, email [cathsinc@gmail.com](mailto:cathsinc@gmail.com)

**Fall Digital:** Foothills Camera Club c/- Jacky Dormaar, email [jackydormaar@gmail.com](mailto:jackydormaar@gmail.com)

**Ann Dies Digital Slideshow:** Moose Jaw Camera Club c/- Anna Hergert, Box 1274, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 4P9. Please burn to disc or jumpdrive in a format/s which can be viewed on PC and Mac

**Hand of Man:** [submissions@prpa.photography](mailto:submissions@prpa.photography)

#### SPRING COMPETITIONS

Deadline April 15

**Gerry Fish Club Competition:** Gleneath Camera Club c/- Alice Pritchard, 176 Stewart Crescent, Kindersley, SK, S0L 1S1

**Attanyi Salon:** Regina Photo Club c/- Shirley Gerlock, 2471 Broder St. Regina, SK, S4N 3T1

**Human Portraiture:** Group of Ten c/- Cathy Sinclair, Box 82, Congress, SK, S0H 0Y0

**Sports in Action:** Saskatoon Camera Club c/- Maureen Sinclair, #216 A – 4040 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 5L4

**Curtiss Lund Altered Reality:** Rosetown Photography Club c/- Jim Turner, PO Box 1448, Rosetown, SK, S0L 2V0

**Portfolio Print Competition:** Moose Jaw Camera Club c/- Anna Hergert, Box 1274, Moose Jaw, SK, S6H 4P9

**Spring Digital:** Foothills Camera Club c/- Jacky Dormaar, [jackydormaar@gmail.com](mailto:jackydormaar@gmail.com)

## Competition Results 2015-16

### FALL COMPETITIONS

#### Everest Club (digital image) (120 entries)

- Best Portrait: *More Than A Bit Manly*  
– Byron Rob, FCC
- Best Candid Child: *Falling* – Scott Dimond, FCC
- Best Nature: *Bald Eagle Fish Pickup*  
– Ian H. Neilson, FCC
- Best Landscape: *Storm Cell Over the Prairie*  
– Annette Wichmann, FCC
- Best Open: *Morning Stroll* – Larry Easton, RePC
- Best of Show: *Falling* – Scott Dimond, FCC

#### Club Scores

- 1<sup>st</sup> Foothills Camera Club – 464.0 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Moose Jaw Camera Club – 415.5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saskatoon Camera Club – 410.5 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Regina Photo Club – 402.5 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Gleneath Camera Club – 385.5 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Rosetown Photo Club – 377.0 points

#### Fall Digital (32 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Doin' the Shoreline Boogie* – Don Mathieson, RePC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Peeking Out* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Grasslands Look Out* – Larry Easton, RePC
- HM *Morning Splendor* – Rob Harden, MJCC

#### Russell (digital image) – Fast/Slow (15 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fast – *Fast Coot* – Don Mathieson, RePC  
Slow – *Slow Coot*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fast – *Crash* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC  
Slow – *First Race*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fast – *Fire* – Mary Ann Janzen, RoPC  
Slow – *Ice*
- HM Fast – *MeepMeep* – Jim Turner, RoPC  
Slow – *African Painted Tortoise*

#### Hand of Man (digital image) (65 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Prairie Sentinel* – Anna Hergert, MJCC
- 1<sup>st</sup> *Milky Way Over the Tressel Bridge*  
– Jacky Dormaar, FCC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Magic Aurora Lantern* – Scott Dimond, FCC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Peace Bridge, Calgary* – Wayne Neal, FCC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Malaysia Tea Fields* – Bill Cubitt, FCC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Cow and Calf Moose (Alces alces)*  
– Joe Desjardins, FCC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *City Lights* – Scott Prokop, SCC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Point of No Return* – Vaughn Taylor, MJCC

#### Ann Dies Digital Slideshow (6 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *For The Birds* – Michelle Vold, GCC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Trees* – Larry Easton, RePC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Harvest* – Ann Dies, GCC

### SPRING COMPETITIONS Cont'd

#### Portfolio Print Competition (5 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beverly Jay, RePC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda Winny, RoPC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheryl Hare, RoPC

### SPRING COMPETITIONS

#### Gerry Fish Club (print) (60 entries)

- Best Portrait: *The Wonder of a Child*  
– Jennifer Baker, MJCC
- Best Candid Child: *Downside Up* – Jess Zoerb, MJCC
- Best Nature: *Three Sisters* – Jerry Stevens, MJCCC
- Best Landscape: *Serenity* – Rob Harden, MJCC
- Best Open: *Head to Head* – Jim Turner, RoPC
- Best of Show: *Three Sisters* – Jerry Stevens, MJCC

#### Club Scores

- 1<sup>st</sup> Moose Jaw Camera Club – 228.5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Regina Photo Camera Club – 227.5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosetown Photography Club – 219.5
- 4<sup>th</sup> Saskatoon Camera Club – 216.0
- 5<sup>th</sup> Group of Ten – 206.0
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gleneath Camera Club – 203.5

#### Attanyi Print (17 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Duck on a Summer Sunrise* – Don Mathieson, RePC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Blue Heron Fishing* – Mary Jacobs, RePC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Road Runner Beep Beep* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC
- HM *Unfolding Fiddle* – Michelle Vold, GCC
- HM *Hint of Spring* – Jim Turner, RoPC
- HM *What a Sight* – Carrie Olivier Brown, RoPC

#### Sports in Action Print (18 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *My Butterfly* – Rob Harden, MJCC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Spinning By—Wheelchair Rugby Gamer*  
– Beverly Jay, RePC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Cutting Edge* – Amy Wildeman, SCC
- HM *Over the Top* – Beverly Jay, RePC
- HM *Bull Rider* – Paul Hjertaas, RePC
- HM *"Beep-Beep" Catch Me If You Can*  
– Rob Harden, MJCC

#### Human Portraiture Print (17 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Hardworking & Mischievous Malvinah*  
– Beverly Jay, RePC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *The Look* – Jamie Cleveland, SCC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Old Rockers Rock* – Jim Turner, RoPC
- HM *Blonde and Beautiful* – Amy Wildeman, SCC
- HM *Colour Amidst Winter* – Amy Wildeman, SCC

#### Curtiss Lund Altered Reality Print (11 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Purple Haze* – Rusty Morris, RoPC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Red or Blue* – Amy Wildeman, SCC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Imagination* – Mary Ann Janzen, RoPC
- HM *Colorado Rainbow* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC
- HM *Rock Dweller* – Jean Harris, GCC
- HM *Solarized Sunrise* – Rusty Morris, RoPC

#### Spring Digital (23 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Yellow Legs* – Don Mathieson, RePC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Twirl* – Curtiss Lund, CAPS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Pretty in Pink* – Jean Harris, GCC
- HM *Skater's Delight* – Helen Brown, SCC
- HM *Chinook Sunset* – Barry Jennings, FCC

## Outing Competition Results 2015

Candle Lake, SK

Judged by Gleneath Camera Club

### PRINTS (40 entries)

#### Picnic in the Park (7)

1. *David and Buddy Bear* – Shirley J. Gerlock, RePC
  2. *Bridge Reflection* – Valerie Ellis, SCC
  3. *Sharing* – Pat Derbowka, SCC
- HM *No You Can't Have My Dinner* – Shirley J. Gerlock, RePC

#### Nature (12)

1. *Should I Run or Stay?* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.
  2. *White Admiral* – Alice Pritchard, GCC
  3. *Peek-a-Boo* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.
- HM *Forest Fire Relic* – Stan Hingston, RoPC  
HM *New Growth* – Valerie Ellis, SCC

#### Landscape (11)

1. *River of Life* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.
  2. *Man-made Waterway* – Alice Pritchard, GCC
  3. *Waskesiu River* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.
- HM *Sand Meets Trees* – Alice Pritchard, GCC  
HM *View from the Lake Front* – Valerie Ellis, SCC

#### Historical (10)

1. *Genteel Lady in Decline* – Valerie Ellis, SCC
  2. *Skull on Post* – Shirley J. Gerlock, RePC
  3. *Homesteader's Kitchen* – Stan Hingston, RoPC
- HM *Cutting Corners* – Valerie Ellis, SCC

### DIGITAL IMAGES (81 entries)

#### Picnic in the Park (16)

1. *I'm Not Begging* – Amy Wildeman, SCC
  2. *Pic in the Park* – Jean Harris, GCC
  3. *Hurry! I Smell Food* – Ann Dies, GCC
- HM *Fifty Winks* – Brenda Winny, RoPC

#### Nature (22)

1. *Nature* – Jean Harris, GCC
  2. *Blue Heron* – Curtiss Lund, CAPS
  3. *Rose* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC
- HM *Saskatoons* – Curtiss Lund, CAPS  
HM *Bunchberry* – Larry Easton, RePC  
HM *Elk* – Mary Lund, Ind.

#### Landscape (22)

1. *View from the Weir* – Anna Hergert, MJCC
  2. *The Chalet* – Ann Dies, GCC
  3. *Snag* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC
- HM *Green on Green* – Jim Turner, RoPC  
HM *Downstream from the Dam* – Stan Hingston, RoPC  
HM *Rainy Day* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC

#### Historical (21)

1. *One Hundred Years of Clouds* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC
  2. *Off the Grid* – Brenda Winny, RoPC
  3. *Historical 1* – Jean Harris, GCC
- HM *Rusted Relic* – Ann Dies, GCC  
HM *Norwegian Dovetail* – Stan Hingston, RoPC

*Congratulations to  
all the winners!  
Plan now to enter  
next year's  
competitions.*

#### Club Abbreviations

CAPS Central Alberta Photographic Society  
FCC Foothills Camera Club, Calgary  
GCC Gleneath Camera Club, Kindersley  
GOT Group of Ten Photography Club  
RoPC Rosetown Photography Club  
RePC Regina Photo Club  
SCC Saskatoon Camera Club  
MJCC Moose Jaw Camera Club  
Ind. Individual, not affiliated with a club

Outing Competition 2015 – Picnic in the Park

Print Competition

1. *David and Buddy Bear*  
– Shirley J Gerlock



Digital Competition



1. *I'm Not Begging* – Amy Wildeman



2. *Bridge Reflection*  
– Valerie Ellis



2. *Pic in the Park* – Jean Harris

3. *Sharing* – Pat Derbowka



3. *Hurry! I Smell Food* – Ann Dies

**Outing Competition 2015 – Nature**

**Print Competition**



1. *Should I Run or Stay?* – Mary Jacobs



2. *White Admiral* – Alice Pritchard



3. *Peek-a-Boo* – Mary Jacobs

**Digital Competition**



1. *Nature 2* – Jean Harris



2. *Blue Heron* – Curtiss Lund



3. *Rose* – Paule Hjertaas

**Outing Competition 2015 – Landscape**

**Print Competition**

**Digital Competition**



D1. (cover) *View from the Wier*  
– Anna Hergert

P1. (left) *River of Life* – Mary Jacobs

D2. (below) *The Chalet* – Ann Dies



P2. *Manmade Waterway* –  
Alice Pritchard

D3. *Snag* –  
Paule Hjertaas



P3. *Waskesiu River* – Mary Jacobs



Outing Competition 2015 – Historical

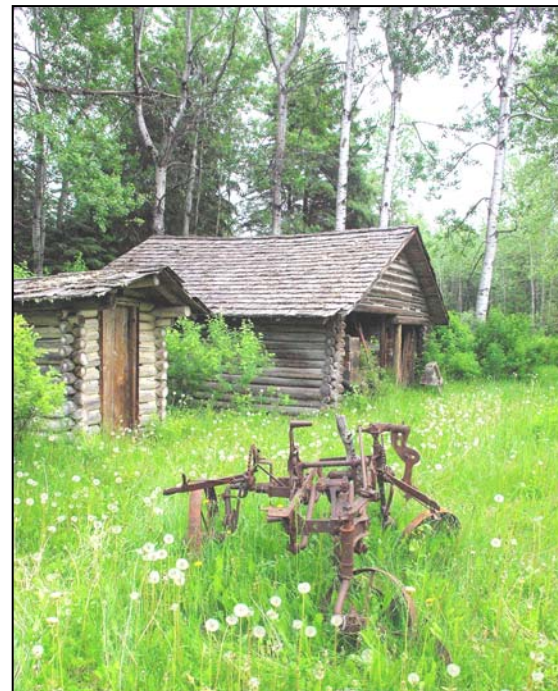
Print Competition

Digital Competition



D1. *One Hundred Years of Clouds* – Paule Hjertaas

P1. *Genteel Lady in Decline* – Valerie Ellis



D2. *Off the Grid* – Brenda Winny



P2. *Skull on Post* – Shirley J Gerlock

D3. (below R) *Historical 1* – Jean Harris

P3. (below L) *Homesteader's Kitchen* – Stan Hingston



## Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

### Print Circuit Year End Report 2016

In times that often seem to change on a weekly basis, the print circuits keep on rolling. We have maintained a stable number of three circuits for most of my tenure as the coordinator.

Presently there are 17 members participating. My assessment of the circuit dynamics is that 7 people per circuit is feasible, which leaves four opportunities for new members to join.

Each circuit tours mostly throughout Saskatchewan as there are only two Alberta members. Circuit #2 is a Saskatchewan only group and the only all woman group. Routes and membership are continually evolving.

Generally speaking, binders are sent out in late January and in September, returning to me in December/January and May in time for display at the AGM.

Although the purpose of the circuits is contact and critiquing with and by fellow photographers, points are awarded and ribbons given. Recognition is also given in results reports in the Prairie Focus and with displaying of the top scoring images.

In a world saturated with electronic media, the print circuits seem to be meeting a need for a more hands on tangible connection, which I will gladly continue to facilitate.

Respectfully submitted by  
Maureen Sinclair  
Print Circuit Coordinator

### Print circuit Results Fall 2015

Due to a technical glitch, Circuit #1 results are not available at this time and will be printed in a later newsletter issue.

#### Print Circuit #2

- |                     |                               |                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | <i>The High Roller</i>        | Valerie Ellis   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | <i>What is Up?</i>            | Amy Wildeman    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> tie | <i>Brass Spiral</i>           | Pat Derbowka    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> tie | <i>Playing with Abstracts</i> | Mary Ann Janzen |

#### Print Circuit #3

- |                     |                                |               |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | <i>Canoeing on George Lake</i> | Len Suchan    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> tie | <i>Lunar Eclipse Collage</i>   | Stan Hingston |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> tie | <i>Rugged Survivors</i>        | Jim Turner    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> tie | <i>Falling Apart</i>           | Jim Turner    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | <i>Lone Survivor</i>           | Len Suchan    |



*The High Roller* – Valerie Ellis

*Canoeing on George Lake* – Len Suchan

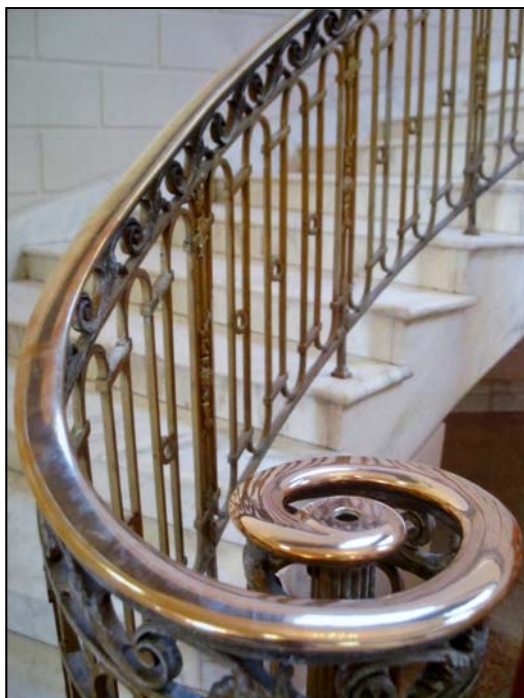




*What is Up?* – Amy Wildeman



*Lunar Eclipse Collage* – Stan Hingston



*Brass Spiral* – Pat Derbowka



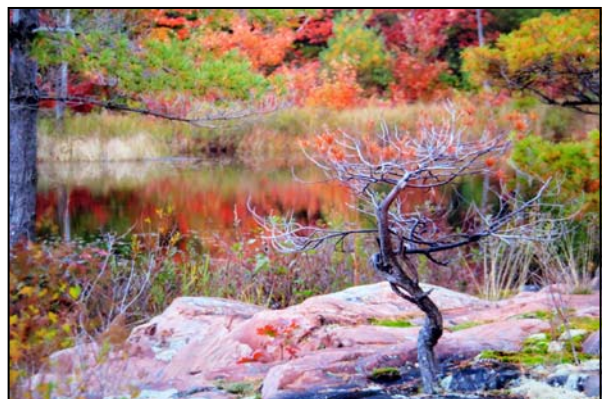
*Rugged Survivors*  
– Jim Turner



*Falling Apart*  
– Jim Turner



*Playing with Abstracts* – Mary Ann Janzen



*Lone Survivor* – Len Suchan

# Foothills Camera Club — report by Jacky Dormaar

The 2015-16 season has been a great one for the Foothills Camera Club! While experiencing our usual favorites such as our annual trip to Lake O'Hara, we had some new highlights as well.

As a club, we offer our members field trips on average twice a month, but sometimes there's something extra special. In October, 12 of our members had the opportunity to travel to Churchill, MB, to capture the wonders of our North. While the wildlife was amazing, these members were treated to an excellent Northern Lights display, providing them an opportunity to demonstrate what our club is all about — fellowship and education — with an impromptu workshop for the members who had never shot the Aurora by those who had.



In the winter our club participated in a special event to provide framed prints to Calgary's low income families in collaboration with the Calgary Homeless Foundation. When a budget is provided to these families to furnish their new residences, they aren't allotted anything to help make their new house a "home". Through the efforts of the club, spearheaded by Dave Dearborn (R in photo below), we provided 26 framed prints for these deserving families!



Later in the season, the club put on its first ever "Focus!" exhibition as part of Exposure Month in February. The gallery featured the work of 26 of our club members with nearly 100 framed prints on display. This was a very successful event for our club and a great opportunity to showcase the work of our photographers.



Throughout the season we have had many opportunities to highlight the education element of our club mandate. Several of our members have been working hard on preparing a new "judging course". As we run competitions on a regular basis, these members felt that it would be beneficial to provide a course for our membership, to better aid them when they come to assist in judging our competitions as well as to be able to provide critiques for their friends. The beta test of this course has been completed and we are looking forward to the roll out to the masses in the new season.

In addition to this, one of our members put on a Lightroom series throughout the year, covering everything from file management to editing with this powerful program. Nicki Chang-Powless' efforts were greatly appreciated by all those who were able to attend these informative seminars.

This season was an amazing one. We eagerly look forward to what the 2016-17 one will hold!



## Saskatoon Camera Club report by Maureen Sinclair

The club year concluded on May 31, 2016 with a year-end banquet at the Park Town Hotel. Over sixty people, members and guests, attended the evening of food, fellowship and award presentations. Three life memberships were given out, all to current PRPA members—Len Suchan, Dorothy Reimer and Maureen Sinclair.

This year was a bit different in format as the traditional practice of holding clinics with judges and marks was set aside and monthly critiquing sessions were held. Since our usual results nights were now superfluous, the schedule had more events including several photo shoots at various city venues.

The Fall Field trip was a weekend at Waskesiu and was enjoyed by those able to attend. Next year's field trip will be a bit of a change as it is scheduled for a Friday evening at Champe County Wild West Resort east of the city.

Plans for Summer Fun outings are being formed including a pizza night at Solar Gardens and an ever-popular scavenger hunt in late summer.

This year a members-only Facebook page was set up and is proving to be a good way to set up spontaneous outings, ask specific questions, and share news or images.

The club continues to meet at Mayfair United Church (photo below) every Tuesday at 7pm unless otherwise stated, and all are welcome. Check the club website for details.



## Herschel Dark Sky Weekend report by Brenda Winny August 5-7, 2016

The Rosetown Photography Club invites you to join us for a weekend away from the city lights and Wi-Fi at the Herschel Retreat House and Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre in Herschel, Sask. on the August 5 to 7 weekend.

Herschel is a small community, half an hour drive from Rosetown, nestled in an ancient river valley with strong connections to the First People's culture of the area.

The weekend includes: two sunsets and two sunrises; two dark (hopefully clear) nights for astrophotography; a daytime guided tour of the Ancient Echoes sacred grounds with petroglyphs and stone formations; and access to the Ancient Echoes Museum.



*Ancient Echoes Petroglyph*

Colin Chatfield, of the Saskatchewan Aurora Hunters (see their FaceBook page) has accepted our invitation to join us as a resource person. His tips on astrophotography will be much appreciated. Colin is bringing his slide shows to educate and entertain us should the weather not cooperate, as the weekend will proceed whatever the weather.

Your fee of \$150 will include 2 nights' accommodation, 2 suppers, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, the guided tour of the grounds, and access to the museum. Accommodation varies from bedrooms to a mattress on the floor to a teepee or campsite—beds are assigned on a first come, first served basis, so register early. Sorry, no refunds for weather.

For registration forms or more information contact Brenda (until July 5) at 306-882-4181 [bwinnny@sasktel.net](mailto:bwinnny@sasktel.net) or Stan at 306-882-2220 (wk) 882-2263 (res), [sghingston@sasktel.net](mailto:sghingston@sasktel.net).

## Spring Board Meeting

April 16, 2016, Rosetown SK

report by Stan Hingston

from minutes by Shirley J Gerlock

Following lunch at the Highway Host restaurant, 12 members of PRPA and one guest met at the Rose Room of the Rosetown Civic Centre for the Spring board meeting: Gwen McNichol, Brenda Winny, Stan Hingston & Jim Turner from Rosetown; Ann Dies, Michelle Vold from Gleneath; Anna Hergert and Rob Harden from Moose Jaw, Maureen Sinclair and Scott Prokop from Saskatoon, and Shirley Gerlock and Laird Wilson from Regina. Myrna Forge of the Moose Jaw Camera Club attended as a guest.

PRPA Chairperson Ann opened the meeting at 1:25.

Brenda updated us on the 2016 Outing.

Laird presented the financial report. Savings and checking account balances total \$6,649. PRPA has 57 Individual Members and 442 Club Members from seven Member Clubs: Foothills (133), Gleneath (7), Group of Ten (21), Moose Jaw (47), Saskatoon (128), Regina (91) and Rosetown (15).

Maureen reported that there is room for another member in each of the three print circuits.

Stan distributed the Spring *Prairie Focus*.

Gwen reported on her first year as Competitions chair and thanked Ann (the previous Competitions chair) for her ongoing support. Gwen was pleased with the number of entries in the Fall competitions: Everest 120, Hand of Man 65, Russell 15, Fall Digital 31 and Ann Dies Slideshow 6. She expressed hope that the Spring competitions would also have many entries. Gwen recommended to the board to keep the current competitions.

A motion was passed to replace the small keeper trophies for Everest and Gerry Fish with a large perpetual trophy or plaque for each.

Shirley reported that she has sorted the archive material that she has, and filed it by year, filling six tubs. She plans to file the material in D-ring binders.

## Gleneath Camera Club

report by Michelle Vold

The dog days of summer are here, and is there anything better than taking pictures in the summer on our beloved prairies?

November saw our club go for an evening shoot at the local museum and try our hand at scaring up some ghosts with long-exposure photography at the restored old school, church, and Eaton house.

December brought our year end windup with a dinner at Boston Pizza then back to Michelle's house for viewing our year end assignments, which consisted of one picture per week for the year. Winter is hard on our little club as we lose some members to vacations south and home to Australia.

In the meantime some members entered, displayed, and sold photos at the Kerrobert courthouse during their annual exhibition.

So this brings us to our last meet of the year, our club's annual June outing. Three of us made a road trip to the south Saskatchewan River where we photographed pincushion cacti in bloom, sailed the Lemsford ferry, and proceeded to capture some wildlife photos, much to the displeasure of that herd of cows.

Enjoy the summer. See you at the Outing.

A motion was passed to purchase 225 wooden display stands for \$147 (cost of materials). They were made by Ron Gartner, husband of Rosetown Photo Club and PRPA member Caroline.

The bylaw committee of Ann, Gwen, Maureen and Stan, with the help of Jim Turner, presented a draft of the revised bylaws. Some amendments were made at the meeting. The revised draft was to be sent to all members prior to the AGM where it will be brought up for voting.

The number of directors of PRPA was discussed. A motion to set it at a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 was passed.

Laird adjourned the meeting at 5:20.

**Editor's Report**  
by Stan Hingston

This issue was completed at the last minute due to waiting for judging results, winning photos, and a few reports. Good thing I do the printing and stapling myself!

Speaking of printing, the cost of printing the newsletter per copy this year worked out to: Fall \$3.11, Winter \$3.60, Spring \$2.90, and Summer \$3.60, for a total of \$13.21 per year. This is over half the annual \$25 membership fee.

In this issue I printed only the first, second and third winners of the Outing competition (same as last year). There were some great HM photos as well - be sure to view them on the website gallery pages which should be up soon.

Thanks to Jacky, Michelle and Maureen for the club reports in this issue. Always interesting to see what other clubs are up to.

Well, I sent my Rokinon 24mm f1.4 lens back to McBain Camera in Red Deer for repair or replacement under warranty. I'm hoping Curtiss Lund (who works there part time) will bring me a new one at the Outing.

Have a great summer!

**Webmaster Report**  
by Scott Prokop

Not much new this time.

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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**Archive Report**  
by Shirley J. Gerlock

No report this issue.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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