

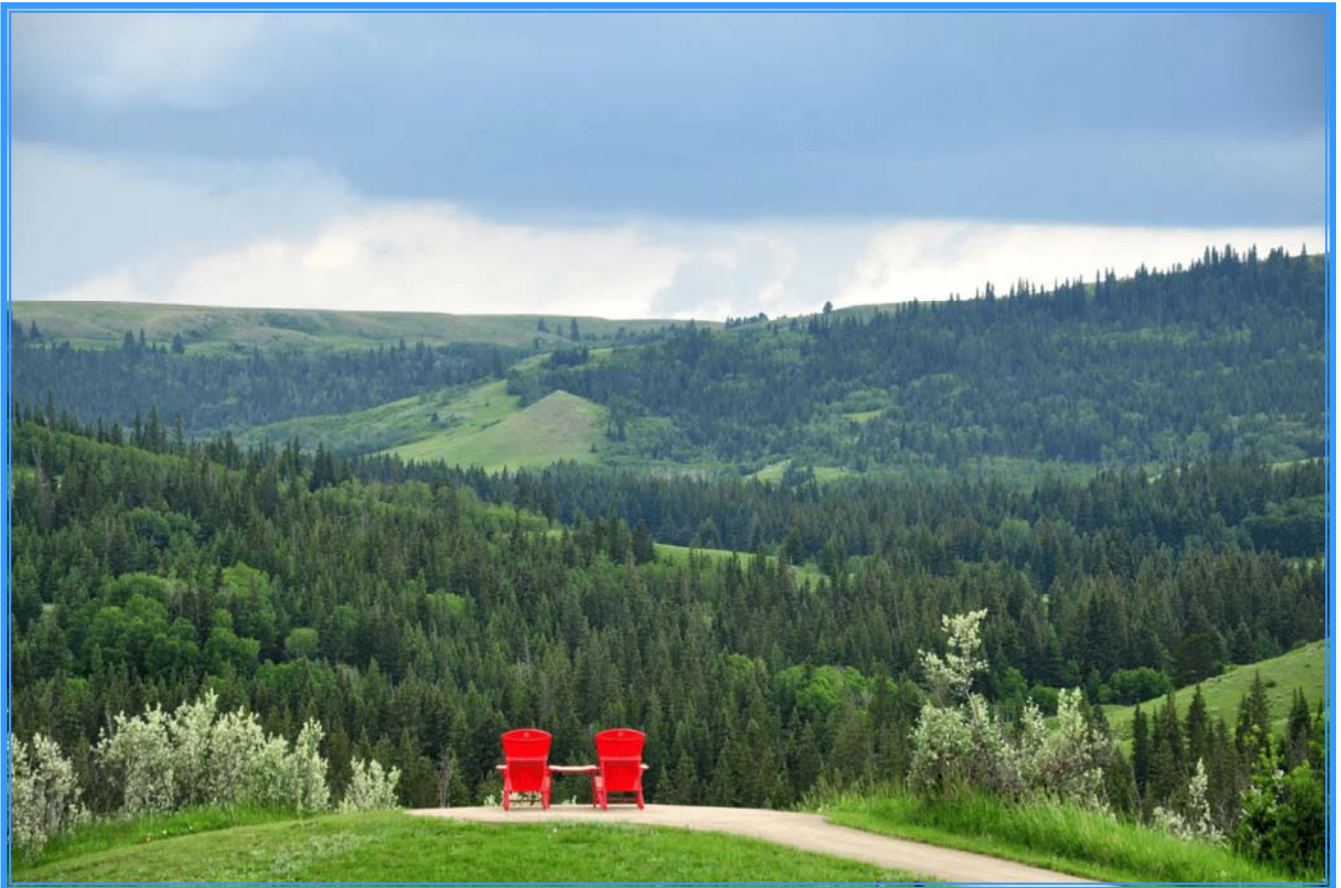


# *Prairie Focus*

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## ***Waiting for You***

by Michelle Vold

Gleneath Camera Club

Second, "Own Choice"

2018 Outing Competition, Digital Image

Prairie Photographers sharing photographic experiences

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## From the Chair

by Dan Sigouin

The official camera club season for 2018-2019 has closed and it has been a fantastic year. I was not sure what to expect for the season and hoped to learn new skills and techniques for my images. My learning took a back seat this year with my involvement with PRPA and CAPA, which has led to meeting extremely talented image makers across the country. The photographic community in Canada is very active and I am deeply inspired by all the images I have seen from both associations in all the competitions. Tremendous work done by everyone.

The Outing is just around the corner. Image West and the team led by Marlene Andrew has planned out a great weekend of events in Swift Current. Doc's Town sounds fantastic and I look forward to seeing the history preserved in the site. I look forward to the excursions and hope we have great weather to get some night shooting in. Is it too much to ask for a sky full of aurora at the same time?

My first year on the executive is complete. I have enjoyed learning about the fundamentals of the association and the executive has been very helpful and supportive to me. I thank all the executive members and club reps for all the work you do throughout the year to support PRPA. Passionate and engaged volunteers are vital for all volunteer-based organizations. The board was busy again this year ensuring the website information was consistent with the handbook. Competition rules and requirements were also updated to ensure consistency throughout.

It is very important to review the competition rules for each competition. Images will be disqualified if specific details are not met for content, image size and correct category. If you have questions regarding the competitions, please contact your club reps to clarify.

The Foothills Camera Club is hosting the Canadian Camera Conference this July 16-18. The speak-

er line up is set and looks tremendous. This is an excellent opportunity to see some of the top photographic talent in Canada provide insight into their work, what motivates them, and of course, see fantastic images. The main details of the conference can be found at [www.ccc2019.ca](http://www.ccc2019.ca). Registration is still open to the conference and I encourage you all to consider making the trip out west to Calgary and attend the conference. In my report I am including a coupon to the conference through The Camera Store. The Camera Store has been a wonderful supporter of the conference and is hosting events through the week as well. A great time to do some camera shopping and see new technology.

In my winter report I mentioned several goals I had set through the year. I have not kept an accurate count of my sunrises and sunsets, but I must be halfway to 50. I have made a conscious effort to shoot during that time of day and it has been fantastic. Glowing mountains, pristine reflections, dark moody clouds have all graced my viewfinder. I look forward to continuing to meet the goal.

Thanks to all and I look forward to seeing everyone at the outing.



*Wascana Sunset, Regina, May Long Weekend, 2019*

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## Competitions Report

by Marlene Andrew

Well I survived my first year as Competitions Coordinator! It really was a challenge with the added responsibility of our club hosting the Outing, but thanks to some great support and help of many Image West members, it was doable. I especially want to thank Diane for all the support and help that she gave with double and cross checking, and also a big thank you to Gwen for her patience in answering my many questions.

Thank you to the PRPA member clubs that judged the various competitions. You all did a great job and thank you. Last but not least, thank you to everyone that entered one or more competitions. Without you we wouldn't be here. PRPA gives us an opportunity to compete with other amateur photographers, and our own photography grows and improves with the comments and helpful feedback we get.

There were 509 entries this year compared to 457 last year. Prints were up 44 and digital 14. The following are the totals in each competition followed by the previous year in brackets: Outing Prints – 27 (21), Outing Digital - 27 (68); Everest Club Digital Image – 171 - 10 clubs (123 - 7 clubs); Fall Digital - 31 (32); Russell-14 (15); Single Song Digital Slideshow – 3 (9); Hand of Man – 65 (60); Gerry Fish Club Print – 49 - 5 clubs (20 - 2 clubs); Attanyi Salon – 33 (30); Sports in Action – 19 (19); Human Portraiture – 14 (14); Portfolio Print – 12 (9); Curtiss Lund Altered Reality – 17 (14); Spring Digital – 22 (18); Showmanship – 5 (5).

Unfortunately, there were again disqualifications, most of which were in the Candid Child Category. I plan to bring up this particular category at the next board meeting to discuss whether there should be any change to the definition. I welcome input from any members. The second category where there were a few disqualifications was in the Nature Category. Remember that nature is restricted to all things that are wild with no sign of man evident. Make sure the plant you have a picture of is indeed a wild plant and that the animal is not a domestic animal.

Now that the Handbook has been brought up to-date I think it will be easier to get all the information you need another year for each of the

competitions.

I want to remind you that Image West is hosting a CAPA judging course on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Attendance is limited to 40 so if you want to take the course I suggest you register as soon as possible.

I hope everyone attending the Outing in Swift Current has a great time and I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones and seeing all your photographs next season.

### 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
RRCC	Red River Camera Club, Winnipeg
RePC	Regina Photo Club
RoPC	Rosetown Photography Club
SCC	Saskatoon Camera Club
SEPC	Southern Exposure Photography Club, Medicine Hat

### CAPA Judging Course

Swift Current, SK  
September 21, 2019

Image West Photographic Association is holding a CAPA Judging Course in Swift Current on Saturday September 21. The cost is \$125 plus taxes for CAPA individual members and \$175 plus taxes for non CAPA members.

See <https://capacanada.ca/judging-courses/> for more information on the CAPA Judging course. Register online using PayPal at <https://capacanada.ca/events/judging-course-swift-current-sk/>

## Competitions Results 2018-19

### FALL COMPETITIONS

**Everest Club (digital)** (171 entries, 10 clubs)  
 Best Portrait: *Coal Miner* – Diane McKinnon, IWPA  
 Best Candid Child, *Lucas Launch*  
 – Harriet Paterson, IWPA  
 Best Nature: *The Performer* – Michelle Vold, GCC  
 Best Landscape: *A New Day* – Cheryl Lalonde, SCC  
 Best Open: *Summer Hummer* – Bob Schultz, MJCC  
 Best of Show: *Summer Hummer* – Bob Schultz, MJCC  
 and (tied at 30 pts) *A New Day* – Cheryl Lalonde, SCC

**Club Scores**

1st	Image West Photographic Assn.	483.0
2nd	Foothills Camera Club	455.5
3rd	Gleneath Camera Club	425.0
4th	Saskatoon Camera Club	416.5
5th	Rosetown Photography Club	403.5
6th	Group of Ten	392.0
7th	Nalanda Miksang Moose Jaw	390.0
8th	Regina Photo Club	359.0
9th	Moose Jaw Camera Club (6 entries)	141.5
10th	Lloydminster Photo Club (7 entries)	108.0

**Fall Digital Image** (31 entries)

1st *Framed by Nature* – Gail Christensen, IWPA  
 2nd *Easter Island Sunset* – Jim Turner, RoPC  
 3rd *Triple Beauty* – Jean Harris, GCC  
 HM *Cute But Definitely Not Cuddly*  
 – Marlene Andrew, IWPA  
 HM *Bubbles* – Colleen Edwards, IWPA  
 HM *Full Alert* – Theresa Busse, IWPA  
 HM *Lupines and Mountains*  
 – Mary Ann Dudragne, IWPA

**Russell: “Open/Shut” Digital Image** (14 entries)

1st *Closed for the Winter/The Open Road*  
 – Rusty Morris, RoPC  
 2nd *Open Eye/Shut Eye* – Colleen Edwards, IWPA  
 3rd *Say Awe/I am Just a Cuddly Teddy Bear*  
 – Marlene Andrew, IWPA  
 HM *Little Howler/Hobbit House*  
 – Theresa Busse, IWPA  
 HM *Now I See You/Now I Don't*  
 – Diane McKinnon, IWPA

**Single Song Digital Slideshow** (3 entries)

1st *Enchanted Journey by Kayak on the Pacific Rim*  
 – Larry Easton, RePC  
 2nd *Writing on Stone* – Jean Harris, GCC  
 3rd *Subjects Light and Dark* – Curtiss Lund, CAPS

**Hand of Man Digital Image** (65 entries)

1st *Lonely Road to Monument Valley*  
 – Richard Collens, FCC  
 2nd *St. George Bridge* – Dan Sigouin, FCC  
 3rd *Moraine Stairs* – Lynda McKay, FCC  
 HM *Kylermore Abbey* – Larry Doucet, FCC  
 HM *Weathered* – Diane McKinnon, IWPA  
 HM *National Music Center* – Jordan Wiess, FCC

### SPRING COMPETITIONS

**Gerry Fish Club (print)** (49 entries, 5 clubs)

Best Portrait: *A Silly Hair Day*  
 – Mary Lou Fletcher, SCC  
 Best Nature: *Sunrise at Carburn Park* – Dan Sigouin, FCC  
 Best Landscape: *Skull Canyon Clearwater Park*  
 – Larry Easton, RePC  
 Best Candid Child: *Ice Cream Girl*  
 – Theresa Busse, IWPA  
 Best Open: *Coffee Bean Picker*, Lois Howes, IWPA  
 Best of Show: *Skull Canyon Clearwater Park*  
 – Larry Easton, RePC

**Club Scores**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Image West Photographic Association	214.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Regina Photo Club	200.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosetown Photography Club	199.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Foothills Camera Club	199.0
5 <sup>th</sup>	Saskatoon Camera Club	198.0

**Attanyi Print** (33 entries)

1st *Broken Spokes* – Larry Easton, RePC  
 2nd *Atlantic Puffin* – Theresa Busse, IWPA  
 3rd *Pop Goes the World* – Dan Sigouin, FCC  
 HM *South American Beauty* – Don Mathieson, RePC  
 HM *Thirsty* – Diane McKinnon, IWPA

**Sports in Action Print** (19 entries)

1st *Roping* – Diane McKinnon, IWPA  
 2nd *Double Grab* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA  
 3rd *High Jump* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC  
 HM *Saved by the PickupMan* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA  
 HM *A Running Joke* – David Bellerive, RePC  
 HM *Forward Focused* – Maureen Sinclair, SCC

**Human Portraiture Print** (14 entries)

1st *Faded Dreams* – David Bellerive, RePC  
 2nd *Greetings* – David Bellerive, RePC  
 3rd *Aanak's Jacket* – Carrie Olivier Brown, RoPC  
 HM *Captain Serious* – Dan Sigouin, FCC  
 HM *Pretty Pow Wow Dancer* – Gail Christensen, IWPA  
 HM *Contentment* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA

**Portfolio Print** (12 entries)

1st Diane McKinnon, IWPA  
 2nd Marlene Andrew, IWPA  
 3rd Theresa Busse, IWPA  
 HM Gail Christensen, IWPA

**Curtiss Lund Altered Reality Print** (17 entries)

1st *Whooping Crane Goes to Waikiki*  
 – Gail Christensen, IWPA  
 2nd *The Goose is Loose* – Norm Brown, RePC  
 3rd *Howling at an Expoplanet* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA  
 HM *A Foot in it's Beak* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC  
 HM *Winter Vortex* – Larry Easton, RePC  
 HM *Running Outside the Frame*  
 – Marlene Andrew, IWPA

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## Outing Competition Results 2018

### Maple Creek, Saskatchewan

#### PRINTS (27 entries)

##### Flora &/or Fauna (9 entries)

- 1st *Milkweed* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.
- 2nd *Resting* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.
- 3rd *Pink Peonies* – Marie Wilson, RePC

##### Historic (9 entries)

- 1st *The Original Mobile Homes*  
– Maureen Sinclair, SCC
- 2nd *Gun Smoke* – Stan Hingston, RoPC
- 3rd *Great Canadians* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.

##### Western (4 entries)

- 1st *Boss Hogg 2* – Brenda Winny, RoPC
- 2nd *Homes on the Prairie* – Valerie Ellis, SCC
- 3rd *All In* – Shirley Gerlock, RePC

##### Own Choice (5 entries)

- 1st *Bright Eyes* – Shirley Gerlock, RePC
- 2nd *Where you Hang Your Hat*  
– Valerie Ellis, SCC
- 3rd *Can't Help But...(Look)*  
– Brenda Winny, RoPC

#### DIGITAL IMAGES (27 entries)

##### Flora &/or Fauna (6 entries)

- 1st *Harebells* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA
- 2nd *Milking the Milkweed* – Michelle Vold, GCC
- 3rd *Forest Regeneration* – Larry Easton, RePC

##### Historic (8 entries)

- 1st *Monument in Land of Thunder*  
– Dan Sigouin, FCC
- 2nd *Old Buildings* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA
- 3rd *Red River Cart* – Lois Howes, IWPA

##### Western (5 entries)

- 1st *Craftsmanship* – Dan Sigouin, FCC
- 2nd *Gonna Get Dirty* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA
- 3rd *Ranch House* – Larry Easton, RePC

##### Own Choice (8 entries)

- 1st *Ford V-8* – Larry Easton, RePC
- 2nd *Waiting for You* – Michelle Vold, GCC
- 3rd *Heroes of the Rodeo* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA
- HM *In the Wheat Field* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA
- HM *The Old Homestead* – Dan Sigouin, FCC
- HM *Old Style Broom* – Maureen Sinclair, SCC

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

The theme for the  
2019 *Russell Competition* is  
*Healthy / Unhealthy*

#### SPRING COMPETITIONS

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##### Spring Digital Image (22 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Emerald Lake in Winter* – Dan Sigouin, FCC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Scene from Boffins Water Garden*  
– Don Mathieson, RePC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Little Church on the Prairie* – Paule Hjertasas, RePC
- HM *In Perfect Position* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA
- HM *On the Cape* – Diane McKinnon, IWPA
- HM *Evening Drama* – Paule Hjertaas, RePC



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**Outing 2018 — “Flora & Fauna”**

**Print Competition**

**Digital Image Competition**



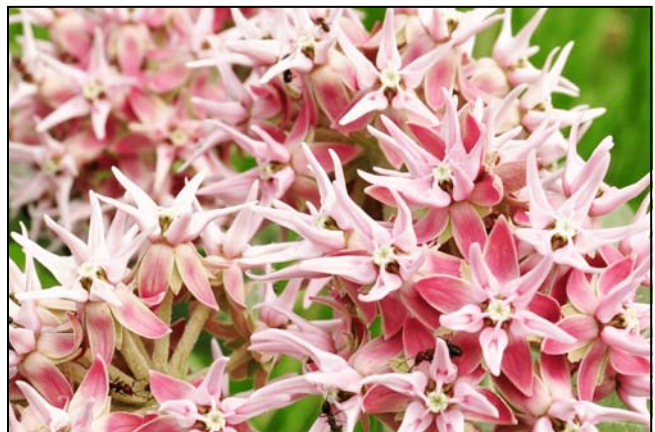
1. *Milkweed* –  
Mary Jacobs,  
Ind.



1. *Harebells* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA



2. *Resting* –  
Mary Jacobs, Ind.



2. *Milking the Milkweed* – Michelle Vold, GCC



3. *Pink Peonies* –  
Marie Wilson,  
RePC



3. *Forest Regeneration* – Larry Easton, RePC

**Outing 2018 — “Historic”**

**Print Competition**

**Digital Image Competition**



1. *The Original Mobile Homes* – Maureen Sinclair, SCC



1. *Monument in Land of Thunder* – Dan Sigouin, FCC



2. *Gun Smoke* – Stan Hingston, RoPC



2. *Old Buildings* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA



3. *Great Canadians* – Mary Jacobs, Ind.



3. *Red River Cart* – Lois Howes, IWPA

Outing 2018 — “Western”

Print Competition

Digital Image Competition



1. *Boss Hog 2* – Brenda Winny, RoPC



1. *Craftsmanship* – Dan Sigouin, FCC



2. *Homes on the Prairie* – Valerie Ellis, SCC



2. *Gonna Get Dirty* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA



3. *All In* – Shirley Gerlock, RePC



3. *Ranch House* – Larry Easton, RePC



Outing 2018 — “Own Choice”

Print Competition

Digital Image Competition



1. *Bright Eyes* – Shirley Gerlock, RePC



1. *Ford V-8* – Larry Easton, RePC

2. *Waiting for You* – Michelle Vold, GCC [cover]



2. *Where you Hang Your Hat* – Valerie Ellis, SCC



3. *Heroes of the Rodeo* – Marlene Andrew, IWPA



3. *Can't Help But...(Look)* – Brenda Winny, RoPC

See PRPA website for two additional Honorable Mentions:  
  
HM *In the Wheat Field* – Harriet Paterson, IWPA  
  
HM *The Old Homestead* – Dan Sigouin, FCC



HM *Old Style Broom* – Maureen Sinclair, SCC

**Judging Clubs 2019-20**

**Fall Competitions**

Deadline: November 15, 2019

**Outing Competition Print Entries:** mail to Marlene Andrew, 18 MacDonald Crescent, Swift Current, Sk., S9H 4A6.

**Outing Competition Digital Entries:** email to marleneandrewphotography@sasktel.net

**Everest Club Competition:** Foothills Camera Club; mail to Dan Sigouin, 33 Arbour Stone Rise NW, Calgary, Ab., T3G 4N2

**Russell:** Gleneath Camera Club; email to Ann Dies at dies@sasktel.net.

**Fall Digital:** Rosetown Photography Club; email to Jim Turner at jturner@sasktel.net

**Single Song Slideshow:** Moose Jaw Camera Club; email V. Taylor at v.s.taylor@sasktel.net

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

**Spring Competitions**

Deadline: April 1, 2020

**Gerry Fish Club Competition:** Saskatoon Camera Club; mail to Maureen Sinclair, #216 A - 4040 8<sup>th</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, Sk., S7H 5L4

**Attanyi Salon:** Gleneath Camera Club; mail to Alice Pritchard, 176 Stewart Crescent, Kindersley, Sk., S0L 1S1

**Human Portraiture:** Image West Photographic Association; mail to Marlene Andrew, 18 MacDonald Crescent, Swift Current, Sk., S9H 4A6

**Sports in Action:** Regina Photo Club; mail to S.J. Gerlock, 2471 Broder St., Regina, Sk., S4N 3T1

**Altered Reality Print Competition:** Moose Jaw Camera Club; mail to Vaughn Taylor, 1515 Smith Street, Moose Jaw, Sk., S6H 6W7

**Portfolio Print Competition:** Foothills Camera Club; mail to Dan Sigouin, 33 Arbour Stone Rise NW, Calgary, Ab., T3G 4N2

**Spring Digital:** Rosetown Photo Club; email to Jim Turner at jturner@sasktel.net

**Digital Photo Circuit—a Proposal**

A digital photo circuit has been proposed by two members of PRPA’s newest member club. Keith Putt and Don Berthman of Red River Camera Club in Winnipeg have developed a workable system they would like to see start up this September. Keith has volunteered to be the coordinator. There may be minor changes made following discussion at the Outing.

- There will be 4 circuits of 6 members each.
- Each round will be completed in a 4 week period. There will be 4 rounds each year, in September, November, January and March.
- All correspondence is by email. Photos submitted must be jpegs with sRGB color.
- Members submit 2 photos each round, a total of 8 per year. In each round members will critique 10 photos.
- At the start of a round, members send two photos with forms describing the photos.
- The coordinator organizes them and sends them back to the members for scoring and critiquing. Two weeks are allowed for this.
- The coordinator compiles the results and sends them back, with thumbnails, to the members which completes the round.
- One award (digital certificate) is issued per circuit per year, to the member with the highest aggregate score.
- The top 3 photos of each round could be posted on the website, a total of 48 per year.

Some advantages of this system:

- All scoring and comments are “blind”. You won’t know who the photographer is and can’t see the others’ scores and comments.
- As part of the critique you can send back an edited copy of the image to illustrate your suggestion (eg cropping).
- You don’t need to be technically savvy to participate. If you can attach a photo to an email, that’s about all you need to know.

Only Full PRPA members are eligible to participate. With a limit of 24 participants, it’s first come – first served. The deadline for registration is June 30 so if you are interested contact Keith soon, at [kputt.club@mtsmail.ca](mailto:kputt.club@mtsmail.ca)

# Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

The print circuit year runs from September to May with two rounds per year. Top scoring images are generally highlighted in the Prairie Focus 6 months from the start of the round. This is the first report to include results from the expanded format. Although four circuits took a bit more time getting organized, it seems there were no major glitches and all arrive “home” in good time. This report will not be long as there are a lot of images to be shown.

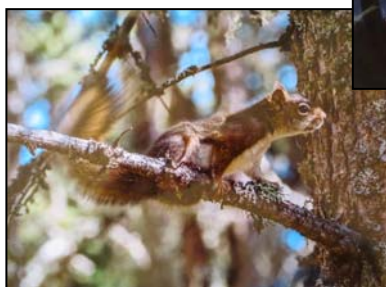
For people who wish to produce printed photos, Print Circuits are a good forum. Practical issues dictate that the maximum print size must fit into a page protector, but the makers are free to try anything. It is not uncommon for one maker to have the highest scoring print and the lowest in one round if they dabble in something that flops. The circuits are a great place to try something outside your genre. It’s nice to get top marks, but it is the comments that are the key. Learning what makes a striking image and figuring out what might help improve a somewhat average one are definite benefits of participation.

I hope if you attended the Outing you had a chance to check out the binders.

I do have room in two circuits, so if you’re interested please contact me before mid August. Check the Contacts page for my info.

Maureen Sinclair,  
Print Circuit Coordinator

## Print Circuit #1-Spring 2018



## Print Circuit #1-Spring 2018 Results

These are the final results for this circuit, which was reorganized at the start of the Fall 2018 Round. Due to technical glitches, the results missed the last report which was published in the Winter issue.

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     | <i>Star in Jasper</i>          | Curtiss Lund   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> tie | <i>Lunch Time</i>              | Marlene Andrew |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> tie | <i>Sydney Opera House</i>      | Ann Dies       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> tie | <i>Car Show</i>                | Brenda Winny   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> tie | <i>I've Got My Eyes On You</i> | Gayvin Franson |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> tie | <i>Oh my, I am so Full!</i>    | Marlene Andrew |

# Print Circuit Report, cont'd.

by Maureen Sinclair

## Results from the Fall 2018 Round

### Print Circuit #1

- 1<sup>st</sup> *I See Lunch* Marlene Andrew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *untitled* Marlene Andrew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Pinter's Best Friend, Henry* Gayvin Franson

### Print Circuit #2

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Tiny Boss* Amy Wildeman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Fill'er Up* Amy Wildeman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Flying* Mary Jacobs

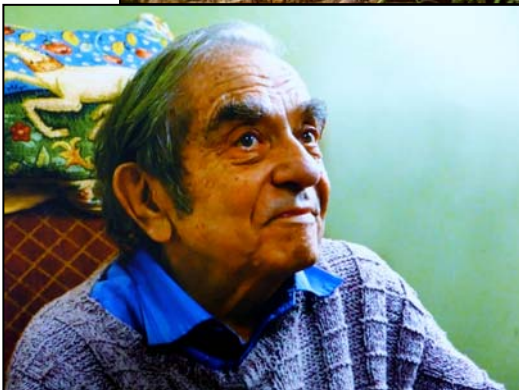
### Print Circuit #3

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Waiting* Kay Mierendorf
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tie *Taliah* Stan Hingston
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tie *Under the Zucchini Leaves* Sharon Feschuk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tie *Odd Kitten Out* Kay Mierendorf
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tie *Yummm* Jim Turner

### Print Circuit #4

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Oasis* Brenda Winny
- 2<sup>nd</sup> *Big Hills Spring Creek* Dan Sigouin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> *Are You Watching, Mum?* Ann Dies

Print Circuit #1-Fall 2018



Print Circuit #2-Fall 2018



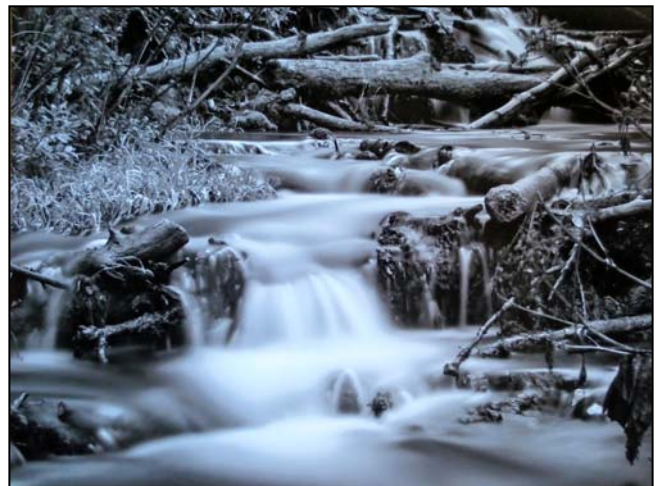
# Print Circuit Report, cont'd.

by Maureen Sinclair

Print Circuit #3-Fall 2018



Print Circuit #4-Fall 2018



## Saskatoon Camera Club

Report by Maureen Sinclair

The club is preparing to wind up the 2018-19 year with our annual "Spring Social" which will be a banquet at Queen's House Retreat in Saskatoon. The facility has lovely grounds, which club members have photographed.

The year has, as usual, been packed with activities — meetings, critiques and outings. Our novice president stepped into some big shoes and did a great job.

In September after the initial registration flurry the main project is the Fall Field Trip, which was to the ghost town of Whitkow, north of North Battleford. More than 20 members participated with some providing photos for a fundraiser for the Whitkow church. A highlight in October was a presentation by Dre Erwin of the Pinehouse Photography Club, which has resulted in further club interaction. Please check their Facebook page or website.



*Saskatoon Camera Club members  
at Whitkow Church, September 2018  
Photo by Bruce Guenter*

2018 was closed out with the Christmas Social and Potluck which, as always, included way too much yummy food, costume contest, games, member-judged photo competitions and community work with food bank donations and Help Portrait fundraising.

January and February had some bitterly cold nights but members still showed up! Greg Johnson, the Tornado Hunter provided us with a special Friday evening presentation in January that was described as "fantastic".

When one of the scheduled speakers became unavailable, several club members, at short notice, filled in for a most interesting evening. Some of the out-of-club presenters included Trudy Janssens (photographer), Shannon Brunner (photographer), Jeff O'Brien (city archivist), Dave Mandeville (photographer), Robin and Arlene Karpan (travel writers) and Rob Soulodre (Prairies North publisher). Club presenters included, among others, Bruce Guenter, Barb Rachel, Ken Greenhorn, Rhea Preete and Bob Holtzman.

Four competition nights were held with professional photography judges and four in-house critique nights rounded out the program.

A new initiative on trial run was the Shared Interest Group project. Several members volunteered to lead groups (e.g. Night Sky / Studio Lighting / Splash / Improve My Photography) and interested members contacted them directly. The group would then decide what they wanted to do and when, outside of club time. The feeling at the AGM was that this was successful and it will be continued next year.

Generally the club tries to do a few "Summer Fun" outings for the 3-month off time. Lots of opportunity for variety is always appreciated.

PRPA and CAPA participation was very good this year involving club and individual members. As our brochure committee slaves over next year's program, we look forward to what is in store for 2019-20.

*Maureen Sinclair*  
SCC Club Rep

## Red River Camera Club

Report by Don Berthman

The Red River Camera Club in its present form has been in existence for a short time but in its former incarnation “The Red River Ex Photo Committee” is in its 58th year.

The club has 15 members. The present nucleus has been involved from 4 to 40 years. The members are dyed-in-the-wool photo competitors and are always on the lookout for new challenges. Members have their own directions they pursue but we meet regularly to exchange ideas and gossip.

The main focus is the annual Fair and Photo Salon but in the past has organized international competitions sanctioned by PSA and national

competitions on behalf of CAPA. The RREX Salon draws competitors from across Canada in Digital Images as well as Mono and Colour Prints.



In addition to the competition we invite clubs from around the world to display their prints; this gives the Fair attendees an excellent taste of world class photography. This year our invitee is the Knutsford Photographic Society. Knutsford is a small town near Manchester, England.

RRCC will make PRPA brochures available at the upcoming Salon June 14-23, 2019 and looks forward to involvement with PRPA.



*Some Views of the 2017 Red River Ex*  
 Don Berthman giving presentation (top R); Keith Putt viewing projected show (bottom L).



# Canadian Camera Conference

July 16-18, 2019  
Calgary, Alberta

After 20 years, Foothills Camera Club is once again hosting the CAPA Canadian Camera Conference.

CCC2019 features 14 renowned photographers presenting on portraiture, landscape, astrophotography, wildlife photography, Olympics, and much more.

CCC2019 Presenters:

- ◆ Dave Holland
- ◆ Michelle Valberg
- ◆ Christina Varrow
- ◆ Darwin Wiggett & Samantha Chrysanthou
- ◆ Jeremy Fokkens
- ◆ Robert Scott
- ◆ Craig Minielly
- ◆ John E. Marriott.
- ◆ Patrick Jarvis
- ◆ Joe Desjardins
- ◆ Rafal Wegiel
- ◆ Todd Korol
- ◆ Paul Zizka
- ◆ Kristian Bogner

In addition to the presentations on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, there are one, two and three day field trips offered earlier and later that week. These include: Banff National Park, Glenbow Ranch, Badlands, Birding, Waterton Lakes, Tyrrell Museum, and Kananaskis Country (golf & wildlife!).

The CCC2019 will be held on the SAIT campus in northwest Calgary.

See [www.ccc2019.ca](http://www.ccc2019.ca) for the schedule of events and registration. Three-day and single-day tickets are available. Field trips are extra.

Mark your calendar.

Grab your gear.

Come to Calgary in July.



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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 Summer 2019 issue.

In this issue PRPA welcomes a new member club, the Red River Camera Club in Winnipeg. PRPA is once again represented by all three prairie provinces! The last time was in 2007 with the Winnipeg South Photo Club. The Club Rep, Don Berthman, kindly wrote a club report (page 15) to introduce his club to us.

Two members of the Red River club, Keith and Don, have come up with a proposal for a Digital Photo Circuit to complement PRPA's Print Circuit (see page 10). (Rob Bye of the Winnipeg South club initiated PRPA's first ever digital competition back in 2007—it seems that Manitoba leads the way for digital photography in PRPA.)

Be sure to see the notice on page 3 for the CAPA judging course in Swift Current September 21; and the ads on pages 5 & 16 for the Canadian Camera Conference, hosted July 16-18 2019 by Foothills Camera Club.

Congratulations to all the winners in the past year's competitions. And good luck to everyone in the coming year. Keep shooting and entering the competitions—that's what keeps PRPA alive.

**Webmaster Report**  
by Scott Prokop

Some minor revisions were made this year to the competition rules and a few of the entry forms. These changes have been made to the latest (March 2019) Handbook on the website.

The other revised files (competitions and entry forms) will be uploaded as soon as I can get at it, hopefully over the summer. When in doubt, refer to the Handbook.

I also hope to get the 2018-19 winning images uploaded over the summer.

Please note my new email address.

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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, 2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of (photography club) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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>
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Regina Photo Club	<a href="http://www.reginaphotoclub.com">www.reginaphotoclub.com</a>
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