



Prairie Focus

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In the Golden Hour

by Bob Schultz, Moose Jaw Camera Club

Best Nature and Best of Show, 2017 Gerry Fish Print Competition

Prairie Photographers sharing Photographic Experiences

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From the Chair

by Ann Dies

I recently read an article in the Nature Conservancy of Canada leaflet on guides to surviving winter. It had the usual stuff about winter boots, toques, buffs (had to look this up) and tissues. It was also suggested that you should go outside and enjoy some winter activities like cross country skiing, snowshoeing and building snowmen. I would like to add to the list that it is a perfect time to take photographs. A brisk, sunny day in winter can make memorable conditions to enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer.

The Spring competitions are just around the corner. The deadline for submissions is April 1st. An executive meeting will be held March 24. If your PRPA club representative will be attending provide them with your prints to be distributed to the judging clubs at the meeting. If you don't have a rep attending, please mail your prints to the judging club before the April 1st deadline. Judging clubs are listed on the next page. Competition rules can be found in the Handbook. Both the Prairie Focus and the Handbook are available on the website at www.prapa.photography

As mentioned in my last report the Gleneath Camera Club will be hosting the 2018 Outing to be held at Maple Creek on June 22-24. On Friday, June 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. we will have the PRPA AGM at which time executive positions will be voted in. If you have an interest in being a member of the executive please contact myself at 1-306-463-3177 to find out duties etc.

The AGM will be followed by a photographic presentation by Ryan Wunsch from Leader, Saskatchewan. Ryan is an internationally published, award winning photographer and storm-chaser who wonderfully captures the beauty and spirit of the prairies. Ryan's biography and images can be found at <http://ryanwunsch.com>.

I hope that you can all attend the Outing. It will be a unique prairie experience. See page 12 for details in the Outing Report. The registration form and waiver is attached at the back of this newsletter and is available on the website at www.prapa.photography/annual-outing/.

I would like to thank Shirley Gerlock for her support and participation in PRPA. Shirley has been a long-time member of the organization and has served in many executive positions throughout that time most recently as the club secretary. Shirley retired from her position at the last AGM meeting held in Canmore, AB in June 2017. She continues to act as the PRPA archivist. I'm sure that you will all join me in thanking Shirley for her years of dedication.

If you have any questions concerning PRPA don't hesitate to contact me at 306-463-3177 or dies@sasktel.net.

Happy clicking and keep warm!

Yours photographically,

Ann Dies

PRPA Chair

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Competitions Report

by Gwen McNichol

I am writing this report as I sit on the beach in beautiful Tulum, Mexico. We visited the Tulum Mayan ruins which are right on the edge of the cliffs overlooking the ocean and then we went down to the beach for beer and guacamole. This is the life!!

The PRPA Spring competitions are coming up soon with an April 1 deadline. Please make sure that your entries arrive on or before that date. To save postage there will be a PRPA executive meeting on Saturday, March 24 and your Rep will be able to deliver your entries in person if he or she is attending.

The judging clubs are listed in this issue. And thank you to these clubs for their time and effort in judging these competitions. I would appreciate the results from the spring competitions by May 15.

Entry forms will be emailed to club reps and individual members in late February.

I have received the judging results from one club for the Fall competition, thanks Image West. Please send me the results and copies of the winning entries as soon as possible. Also, forward marks and comments (NOT results - these are announced at the Outing) to all entrants.

The theme for the 2018 Russell competition is Open / Shut. This is a fall digital image competition with November 15 deadline, so you have lots of time to come up with something.

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

Russell Theme for 2018

OPEN / SHUT

This will give you most of the year
to prepare for this competition.
Entry deadline November 15.

Judging Clubs for Spring 2018

Deadline April 1, 2018

Gerry Fish Club Competition: Rosetown Photo Club c/-Jim Turner, PO Box 1448, Rosetown, SK S0L 2V0

Attanyi Salon: Image West Photographic Arts c/- Marlene Andrew, 18 MacDonald Crescent, Swift Current, SK S9H 4A6

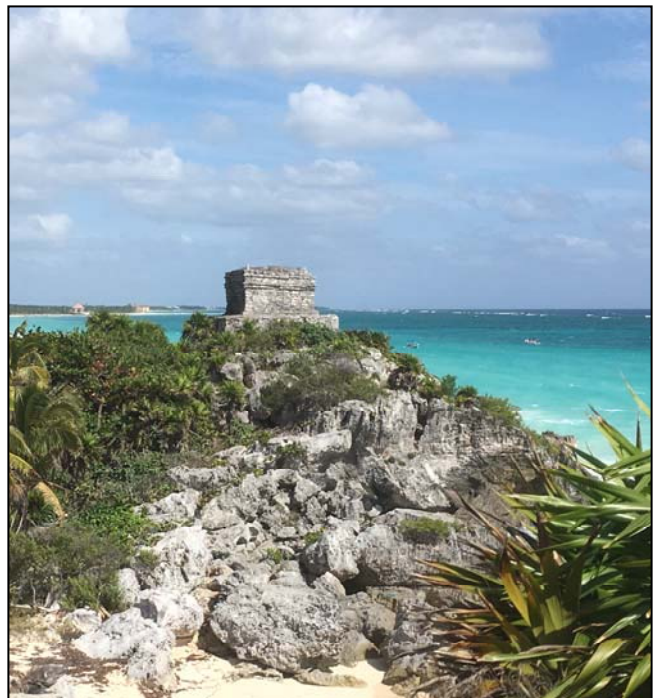
Human Portraiture: Foothills Camera Club c/- Brittany Doucet, Apt 301, 17 13th Street NW Calgary, AB, T2N 1Z1

Sports in Action: Regina Photo Club, c/- Shirley Gerlock, 2471 Broder St., Regina, SK S4N 3T1

Altered Reality Print Competition: Regina Photo Club, c/- Shirley Gerlock, 2471 Broder St., Regina, SK S4N 3T1

Portfolio Print Competition: c/-Maureen Sinclair, #216A - 4040 8th Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7H 5L4

Spring Digital: Gleneath Camera Club c/-Ann Dies, email dies@sasktel.net



Tulum Mayan Ruins, Mexico

Outing 2017 Report

Canmore, AB June 20-22, 2017

by Len Suchan

The PRPA June 2017 Outing was held in Canmore, AB, June 9–11 at the Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre. While the weekend was cool in the mountains and at times rainy, the participants had ample time and opportunities to participate in all the many photo outings.

The Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre provided great accommodations, a double meeting room, guest rooms and lots of nice food.

The Saskatoon Camera Club organised the weekend and partnered with the Canmore Camera Club who organised all the photo outings.

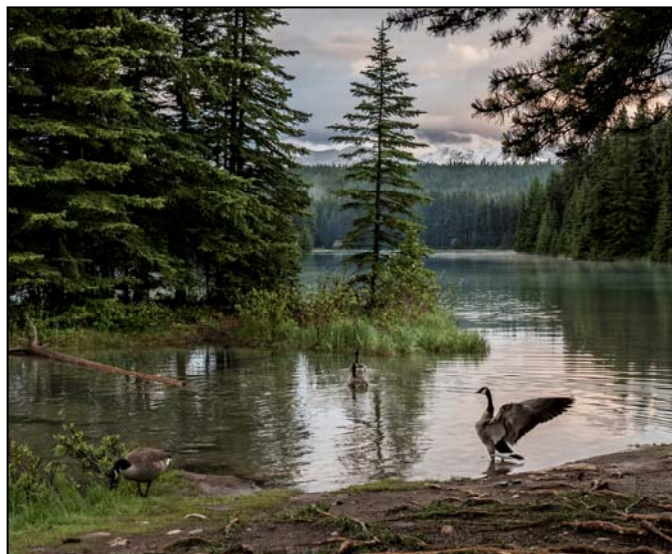
The Saskatoon Camera Club organizing committee consisted of Len Suchan Chair, Jim Barnsley, Scott Prokop, Valerie Ellis, Pat Derbowka, Maureen Sinclair, Amy Wildeman, Helen Brown, Jacqui Ferguson, and Emily Schindel.

The Canmore Camera Club partner organized all the Photo Outings and their committee consisted of Kelly Suchan Chair, Kevin McCormick, Stanley Williams, Gary Finley, Cliff Hansen and Brent McFadden. Our partner added to the weekend with their enthusiasm, knowledge of the area, and warmth which was appreciated by all.

The weekend was enjoyed by some 74 participants' and as a result provided the following Financial Results; Income \$14,275.00 less Expenses \$12,592.33 for a Net Income of \$1,682.67. The Net Income was distributed three ways between Saskatoon, Canmore and PRPA. Contributors to the PRPA Outing were; Saskatoon Camera Club, Canmore Camera Club, Don's Photo, Coast Canmore Hotel, Saskatchewan Tourism, Saskatoon Exhibition, Len Suchan, Jim Barnsley, Pat Derbowka, Valerie Ellis, Amy Wildeman and Emily Schindel. These contributors also helped make the week end a great success.

Paul Zizka, World Renowned Outdoor Photographer and his assistant Jeff Wallace provided the Friday Night presentation and led Sunrise and Sunset photo outings during the weekend.

Thank you to all the participants who attended an enjoyable weekend.

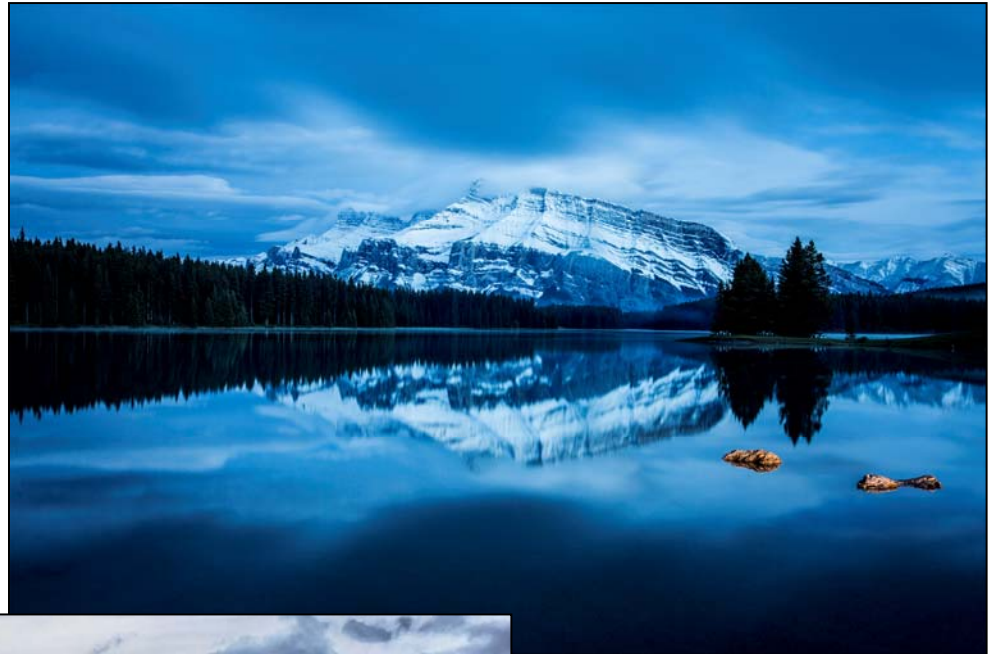


Some Photos from the 2017 Outing

"If Geese Could Yawn" by Gayvin Franson, SCC

"Photo Break" by Shantel McAuslan, SCC

More Photos from the 2017 Outing



*“Stepping Stones” by Rob Harden,
MJCC [above]*



*Photos by Kelly Suchan, CCC
[left and below]*



Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

Print Circuit Year End Report 2017

As the days slowly get longer and we surface from the holiday rush, it is time to get back to usual activities.

The three print circuits have completed the Fall 2017 round with the usual varied and interesting images. Two circuits had to be juggled a bit as holidays and passing health issues arose, but both made it through successfully.

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. Circuit #3 can handle another participant if someone is interested in giving this aspect of PRPA a try. I also like to have a few “potentials” as people do leave the circuits from time to time.

I have been asked if images that have been in the circuits can be entered in competitions and the answer is “yes!” It is an excellent way to get feedback and possibly make suggested alterations. If the print is well received without changes, just mount it and enter the appropriate Spring print competition.

Detailed information on how the circuits run can be found on the website or by contacting me.

Print Circuit #1



Results for the Spring 2017 Round

Print Circuit #1

1 st	<i>Natural Bridge</i>	Curtiss Lund
2 nd	<i>Doctor Don</i>	Gayvin Franson
3 rd	<i>Bird of Paradise</i>	Ann Dies
3 rd	<i>End of the Line</i>	Brenda Winny

Print Circuit #2

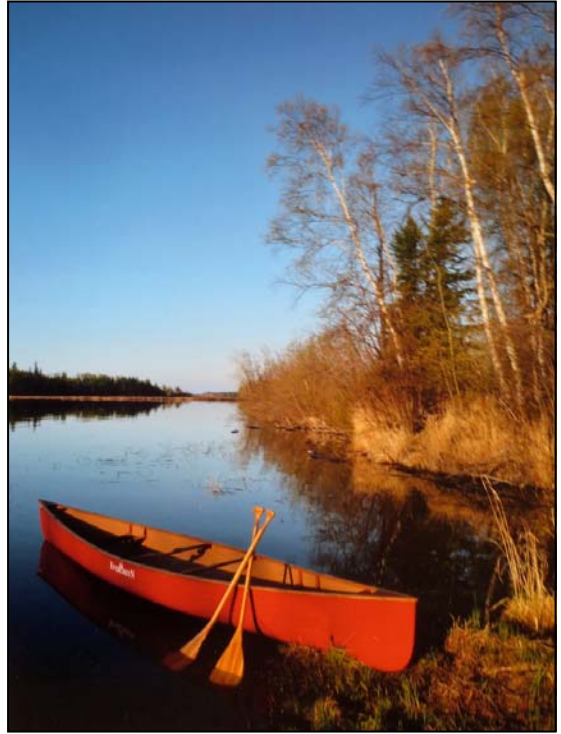
1 st	<i>Sunrise Flight</i>	Amy Wildeman
2 nd	<i>Bittern</i>	Mary Jacobs
3 rd	<i>Pinnacles</i>	Pat Derbowka

Print Circuit #3

1 st	<i>Red Canoe</i>	Sharon Feschuk
2 nd	<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i>	Kay Mierendorf
3 rd	<i>AGT Foods, Aberdeen</i>	Jim Barnsley

Print Circuit #2

Print Circuit #3



Gerry Fish Print Club Competition 2017



Best Open

Snowbirds Big Diamond, Terry Myles, MJCC



Best Landscape

God's Painting with Light, Marlene Andrew, IMPA



Best Portrait

Reflection of Time, Rob Harden, MJCC



Best Candid Child

Drive it Like You Stole It! Colleen Raes, MJCC

Club Scores

Note: Saskatoon, Image West and Moose Jaw each had one photograph disqualified.

Saskatoon Camera Club	199.2
Image West Photographic Association	203.0
Moose Jaw Camera Club	213.7
Regina Photo Club	226.5
Rosetown Photography Club	229.5

Rosetown was the first winner of the new plaque created last year for the Gerry Fish competition.

Best Nature (cover)

In the Golden Hour, Bob Schultz, MJCC

Attanyi Print Competition 2017



1. *Pelicans in Flight* Don Mathieson, RePC [above]
2. *This is a Good Life* Carrie Olivier Brown, RoPC [R]
3. *Spring is in the Air* Rusty Morris, RoPC [below]



- HM *Colour and Texture* Gwen McNichol, RoPC [R]
HM *Trust*, D. Marlene Andrew, IWPA [below L]
HM *Dungarven Harbour* Don Fairbairn, RePC [below R]



Hand of Man 2016-17



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- 1. *Boffins Water Garden* Don Mathieson, RePC [top L]
 - 2. *Into the Light—Vatican City* Keith Walker, FCC [L]
 - 3. *The Hand of Man* Jean Harris, GCC [bottom L]
- HM *Blacksmith* Ian H. Neilson, FCC [top R]
- HM *Poppies and Peace* Anna Hergert, MJCC [R]
- HM *Lilbitz* Curtiss Lund, CAPS [bottom R]



See website for five more HMs

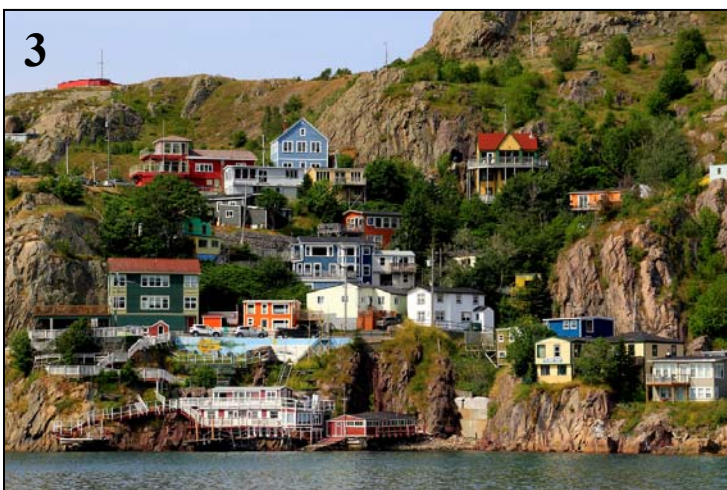
War Ambulance Paule Hjertaas, RePC

Who's There? Kelly Thorson, MJCC

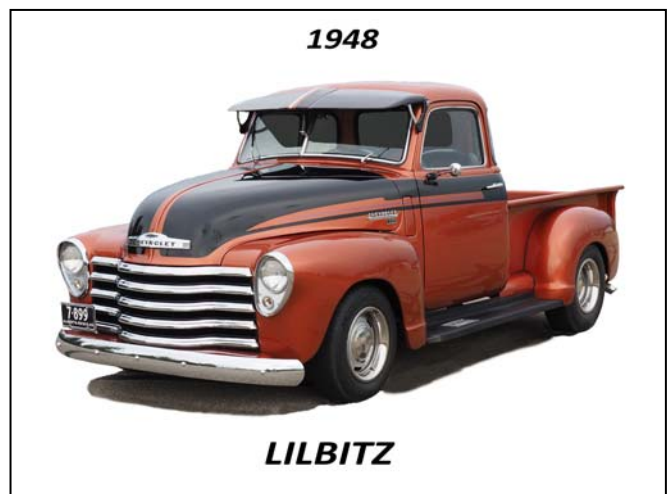
River Crossing Bob Anderson, SCC

On a Sandbar Rella Lavoie, GCC

Canoe Ride Anyone? Tamara Dirkson, MJCC



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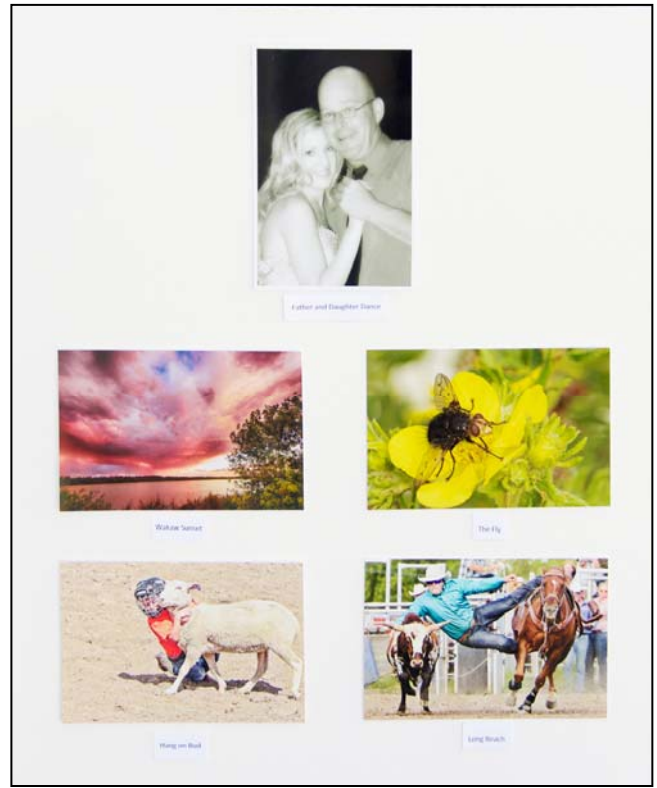
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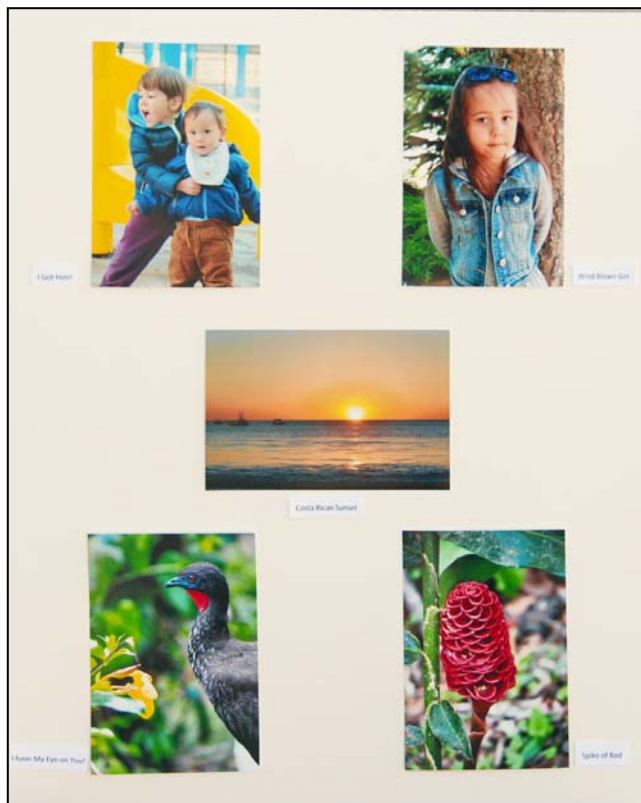
Portfolio Print Competition 2017



1 Paule Hjertaas, RePC



2 D. Marlene Andrew, IWPA



3 Gwen McNichol, RoPC



HM Cheryl Hare, RoPC

Outing 2018 Report—by Ann Dies

The Gleneath Camera Club is hosting the 2018 PRPA Outing on June 22-24 at historic Maple Creek. The town features historic buildings and museums. There are also many attractions in the surrounding area including a walking trail along the creek, Grotto Gardens Country Market and Leo’s Goat Walk, Wildflower Acres Gallery and is a short distance from Cypress Hills where you can visit the West Block and/or the Interprovincial Park. You will also have an opportunity to see the beauty of native

grasslands, wildflowers and native wildlife as well as a few domestic animals.

The venue will be Ghostown Blues Bed and Breakfast which is situated approximately 1 km from Maple Creek. You will experience the historic buildings, wagons and structures which have been collected and restored from the pioneer years on the Canadian Prairies. Meals will be catered except Friday night’s supper. We have reserved the entire venue for the weekend.



Ghostown Blues office and other buildings



Ghostown Blues bed

Ghostown Blues Bed and Breakfast

Senate Sheep Station – 1 double	\$105/night
Vidora Sheep Wagon – 1 double	\$105/night
Robsart Wagon – 1 double	\$125/night
Govenlock Cabin – 1 queen	\$135/night
Ewe Joint – 1 twin	\$ 75/night
Hatton Cabin – 1 queen & 1 double	\$180/night
Walsh Cabin – 1 queen & 1 double	\$165/night
Cowgirl Deluxe – 1 double & 1 twin	\$150/night
Twisted Sister – 1 double	\$125/night

Cots can be added to the cabins for an additional cost of \$25/night

Please reserve your room with Michelle Vold by calling 1-306-463-6374 or emailing sorl.bmvold@sasktel.net before May 15, 2018. You are responsible to find room mates.

All rooms are equipped with heat and air-conditioning. Bathroom facilities are outside, but clean and modern. Accommodations can be viewed @ <http://www.ghostownblues.com/>

Other accommodation in Maple Creek

Cobblecreek Lodge – 1-306-662-5100 (includes continental breakfast)	\$130-\$150/night plus tax
Willowbend Motel – 1-306-662-2555	\$109-\$119/night plus tax

If you choose to stay off-site you are responsible for your own bookings.

Ryan Wunsch
 Photographer, Leader, SK

The guest presenter at the 2018 Outing at Maple Creek is Ryan Wunsch of Leader, SK. Ryan’s photography includes landscapes, storms, night skies, prairie scenes, abandoned buildings, portrait and wildlife photography, all from the Canadian prairies.

Ryan’s work has earned him awards from Canadian Geographic, National Geographic, Smithsonian, and more, and have been published in *Canadian Geographic*, *Outdoor Photography Canada*, *PhotoNews* and *Prairies North*.

See <http://ryanwunsch.com> for more on Ryan.



Ryan Wunsch



The Big One [above]

Winter’s Barn [below]



Group of Ten Photography Club
 Club Report by Cath Sinclair

Group of Ten Photography club has had a great year with some new executive. We have a new member—a 9 year old fantastic, imaginative, creative photographer who keeps us on our toes with great ideas. He blows our minds how he sees life through a camera. Every club should include a junior.

We are again involved in Festival of Words with MJCC. Last year was a big hit gain.

Some of us attended the PRPA outing in Canmore and were wowed by the scenery and the presenter. Thank you to everyone who hosted.

Our competition will be again in April with 8 categories:

- An Oldie but a Goody
- In Motion
- Nature’s Finest
- Canada 150
- Up & Above
- Light
- Up Close
- Youth (18 & under)

The show dates are Tuesday April 24 to Sunday May 6, 2018, at the Shurniak Art Gallery in Assiniboia. Entries to be emailed jpg digital files. Fee is \$6 per entry. Cash prizes. Entry deadline is April 1. See our website for details.

Hope all clubs have a great fun filled year.



1st In Times Past
 Timeless
 Sandra Jennett

1st 2017 “In Times Past”: *Timeless* by Sandra Jennett

Image West Club Club Report by Marlene Andrew

After 7 years as President of Image West I thought it time for new ideas. As of 2018 the new executive is President – Jill Erickson-Siever; Vice-President – Theresa Busse; Secretary – Lois Howes; PRPA Representative – Marlene Andrew; Contest Co-ordinator – Diane McKinnon. Outgoing secretary was Winona Thomas and I would like to thank her for her many years of dedication to the job.

In addition to club members giving presentations at various meetings we also had guest speakers Chris Attrell with a presentation on “Forgotten Saskatchewan” and Darwin Knelsen on action photography.



We again had a show and presentation during the fair in Swift Current with many visitors and positive comments. A number of members’ photographs are displayed in the halls at the new Long Term Care Facility in Swift Current.

The weather wasn’t cooperative with arrangements made for group photo outings in 2017. We’re hoping for a better 2018!



Stephan Olivier, originally from S. Africa and a member of Image West, guided six other members of Image West and four others on an awesome tour of portions of S. Africa. I think we all agreed that the time at Nkorho Bush Lodge was the highlight of the trip but the time out and around Cape Town was awesome as well. Stephan is tentatively planning another such trip to S. Africa in late January/early February 2019 so anyone interested is asked to contact him at stephanolivier31@gmail.com Stephan is a very talented photographer whose work can be viewed at www.stephanolivier.com



Since the 2018 PRPA Outing is close to Swift Current a number of members are looking forward to attending this year.

Our meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exception of June, July, August and December at the Art Gallery of Swift Current, 411 Herbert Street East, at 7 p.m. Members of any other photo group or PRPA are welcome to join us if visiting our city at that time.



Photos by Marlene Andrew

Editor's Report

by Stan Hingston

Welcome to the Winter issue.

Shirley's Archives Report and thank you note should have been published in the Fall issue but somehow got missed. My apologies to Shirley.

I also missed getting a report on the 2017 Outing at Canmore for the Fall issue so it is included here. That and the details and attached registration form for the 2018 Outing make this an extra long issue.

Thank you to Cath and Marlene for your club reports. Thanks also to Ryan Wunsch for permission to print photos from his website gallery.

This is the first issue printed on my new Brother laser printer. It's faster, has crisper b&w printing, and better color. The biggest advantage is I no longer have to lighten all the photos (47 in this issue!) before printing.

Hope to see most of you at Maple Creek in June!

Archives Report

by Shirley J Gerlock

As I recently received some different data and papers of PRPA, I have delayed in sending the files to Achives. I will evaluate these papers and then send them on. All are still stored in my garage.

Thank You

To the Members of PRPA

I wish to thank those persons of the membership that I have relied on over the years for info and help during my tender as Secretary. I also wish to give a warm thank you to Ann and Gwen for the 'goody' bag presented to me after my resignation from the position of Secretary at the June Outing. Thanks ladies.

Shirley J. Gerlock

Webmaster Report

by Scott Prokop

Check the outing page on the website for updates and more photos. The registration forms are available here too. www.prpa.photography/annual-outing/

Contact me at webmaster@prpa.photography

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• Full page	\$60/issue	\$200/year
• Half page	30	100
• Quarter page	20	60
• Business card	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, 2018

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 _____

Mail to: Laird Wilson, 127 Merlin Crescent, Regina, SK S4R 3E6

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Saskatoon Camera Club	Maureen Sinclair	306-955-2373	maureen.sinclair@sasktel.net

Member Clubs of PRPA

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
Rosetown Photography Club	rosetownphotographyclub.blogspot.ca
Saskatoon Camera Club	saskatooncameraclub.com

PRPA OUTING 2018

“Clickin’ at the Creek”

Ghostown Blues Bed and Breakfast, Maple Creek
Friday June 22 to Sunday, June 24, 2018

REGISTRATION FORM ----- **Deadline for registrations is May 15, 2018**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone number: _____ Cell phone: _____

Full Registration includes:

- Friday: presentation by Ryan Wunsch
- Saturday: Breakfast, Bagged Lunch and Banquet
- Sunday: Breakfast

Full Registration: _____ @ \$130.00 = _____

Number of extra Saturday lunch tickets if not registered _____ @ \$15.00 = _____

Number of extra Saturday banquet tickets if not registered _____ @ \$ 32.50 = _____

Number of extra breakfast tickets if not registered _____ @ \$ 15.00 = _____

Extra tickets for Ryan Wunsch photo presentation Friday 8:00 pm _____ @ \$ 20.00 = _____

TOTAL \$ = _____

Please make your check payable to “Gleneath Camera Club”

PLEASE LIST FOOD ALLERGIES AND FOOD CONCERNS THAT WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE

I will be staying at Ghostown Blues Bed and Breakfast _____ or other _____

Mail to: Michelle Vold, PO Box 2711, Kindersley, SK., S0L 1S0

Be sure to sign the Release Form on back.

SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION ENTRY for the 2018 PRPA Outing:

Name: _____

Entry Title: _____

Participants are responsible for providing their own projectors.

