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Eye Contact

by Tracy Miller, IWPA

First

**2022 Spring Digital
Competition**

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From the Chair

by Stan Hingston

Greetings to all.

The PRPA banner has been found. It turned up in the Gleneath club's storage room at the Kindersley Senior's Centre where they used to meet. Rella dropped it off at my place last week. I will see it gets to Swift Current in time for the AGM.

Back in November I had an interesting phone conversation with the nephew of W.C. Lovett, former PRPA chair and donator of the Lovett Showmanship trophy. I thought that the family of Bill Lovett would be interested to learn that the competition he donated a trophy for about 1970 is still going strong 50 some years later. I had no luck finding any Lovetts in the Medicine Hat online directory so I contacted the Medicine Hat archives. An employee there was most helpful and provided me with obituaries for Bill, his brother Walter, and his sister Emily.

Bill's obituary said he died in 2010 at age 84 and that he enjoyed spending time in his flower garden and the outdoors (it didn't mention photography). The obituaries also showed that neither Bill nor Walter had any children (which explained why there were no Lovetts left in the area) but Emily had two children. A recent newspaper clipping (also provided by the archivist) showed that her son, Gordon, a retired lawyer, was still living in the area. I cold called him, explained why I was calling, and had an interesting chat for 15-20 minutes. Gordon told me his mother (Emily) was also an amateur photographer and had been active in a Medicine Hat camera club.

My Christmas present for myself this year is a new home computer. My current mini-tower has only 4 gb of ram which won't handle the new photo editing programs. Rusty Morris from our photo club is building it for me—you will have met him if you were at the Hepburn Outing and you will find his winning images here and there in the Prairie Focus. He is putting in two 16 gb sticks of ram so I should be set. I also ordered a BenQ SW240 monitor to go with it. First thing when I get it up and running will be to buy the Luminar Neo program and Darlene Hildebrandt's course on how to use it. I'll let you know here how I like it.

Ever noticed how some movies could really benefit from expert consulting? One I watched recently on Netflix called "The Photograph" (2020) is a serious romantic drama about a Black woman photographer. One scene (at 18:50 minutes, in case you want to check it out) shows her setting up a darkroom in an old shack somewhere in south USA. She uses a red safe light and everything—just one little problem: it's broad daylight and there are 1 cm cracks between the boards.

Plans for the AGM on June 3 are taking shape. It will be a one day affair but the committee has packed a lot into that day. In addition to the Awards Presentation, the AGM, and the Showmanship competition, they have lined up a fabulous guest speaker and a delicious lunch. The print competition entries will also be on display. Great job you guys!

I hope to see you there.

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Competitions Report

by Marlene Andrew

I have almost all the results for the fall competitions (only missing one now). Thanks to all the judging coordinators for getting them to me.

The spring competition deadline is fast approaching. The spring board meeting is planned for March 18th in Swift Current so you can send your print entries with your club rep. If not, you will have to mail them to the judging clubs. Remember, the prints must be **in the hands** of the judging clubs by April 1st, **NOT** postmarked by that date, and your membership in PRPA must be paid at that time.

Be sure to check the General Rules and Entry Instructions for Digital and Print Competitions and the criteria on the specific competition(s) that you are entering in the most recent PRPA Handbook which is available on the website in the Downloads Section.

We are working at updating the general rules for the photographs entered in competitions and bringing them up to date. With the inception of AI photo editing now at our fingertips I think it's time to visit possible changes. One competition in particular that Stan and I have discussed changing the description of is The Hand of Man. I've noticed time and again that some photographer's idea of what would fit in this category and what judges' think can be two very different things and unfortunately some very good photographs are overlooked.

The theme for the 2023 fall Russell Competition is ACTIVE/PASSIVE.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call/text or email me.

Russell theme for 2023

Active / Passive

JUDGING CONTACT LIST

Spring 2023

Deadline April 1

Gerry Fish Club Competition

Rosetown Photography Club
c/o Brenda Winny
Box 1432, Rosetown SK S0L2V0
bwiny@sasktel.net

Spring Digital Competition

Foothills Camera Club
c/o Vinod Kothari
vinodk@telus.net

Curtiss Lund Altered Reality Print Comp.

Saskatoon Camera Club
c/o Maureen Sinclair
#216A – 4040 8th Street E.
Saskatoon, SK. S7H 5L4
maureen.sinclair@sasktel.net

Portfolio Print Competition

Moose Jaw Camera Club
c/o Kevin Pritchard
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Moose Jaw, SK. S6H 2C3
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Attanyi Salon Print Competition

c/o Marlene Andrew
18 MacDonald Cr.
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Human Portraiture Print Competition

CAPS c/o Sandy Chinski
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Sports in Action Print Competition

c/o Marlene Andrew
18 MacDonald Cr.
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Club Abbreviations

CAPS Central Alberta Photographic Society
FCC Foothills Camera Club, Calgary
IWPA Image West Photographic Association,
MJCC Moose Jaw Camera Club

RePC Regina Photo Club
RoPC Rosetown Photography Club
SCC Saskatoon Camera Club

Print Circuit Report

by Maureen Sinclair

As I start this report, it is a gloomy January day but the temperatures have been livable. The hoar frost (rime frost?) was beautiful for a couple of days but felt wasted without at least one day with actual sun lighting!

I am preparing binders to start their slow trip through the provinces. There have been no participant changes since the Fall round. I have two spaces available for anyone wishing to jump on board and try something different.

I read a news story about a resurgence in film photography as younger photographers are looking at it as an art form. Flic Film, a company in Longview Alberta, is actually selling developing chemicals along with their film and SLR camera gear. So if you want to go retro it is a bit easier again. Print your prints the way you want and try out a print circuit.

Here are the results from all three of last Spring's circuits.

Print Circuit # 1



Results for Spring 2022

Print Circuit # 1

- 1st *Happy Birthday* — David Bellerive
- 2nd *Prairie Lily* — David Bellerive
- 3rd *Marmot* — Curtiss Lund

Print Circuit # 2

- 1st *Bad Hair Day* — Amy Wildeman
- 2nd *Reach for the Top* — Pat Derbowka
- 3rd *Sunset City* — Amy Wildeman

Print Circuit # 3

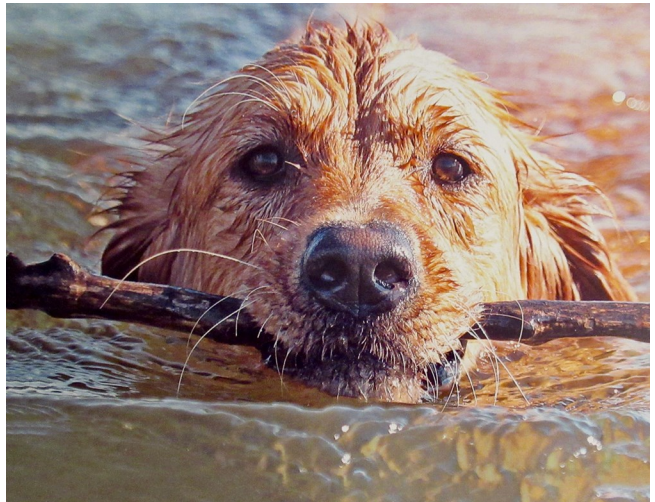
- 1st *Retriever* — Betty Calvert
- 2nd *December Dawn* — Kay Mierendorf
- 3rd *This is My Bath!!* — Jim Turner

Print Circuit Report continued

Print Circuit # 2



Print Circuit # 3



Spring Digital Competition 2022

1. Eye Contact
Tracy Miller, IWPA
Cover Photo



2. Flowing Silk Cathleen Mewis, SCC



3. Fly-In Diner Diane McKinnon, IWPA



Honorable Mentions

Bucking Bull Theresa Busse, IWPA

Crop Hopper Colleen Edwards, IWPA

On the Rebound Rusty Morris, RoPC

Gail Christensen Artistic Expression Print 2021



1 Red Mare and Colt Marlene Andrew, IWPA



2 Heaven Bound Colleen Edwards, IWPA



HM Taking Flight Cathleen Mewis, SCC



HM In Rough Water Marlene Andrew, IWPA

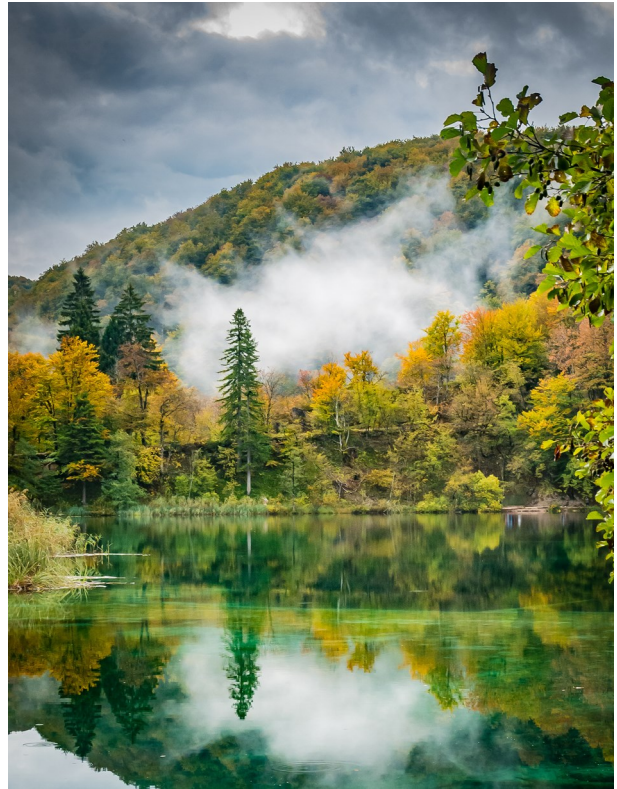
Errors and Omissions in the Fall 2022 Prairie Focus

- The La Ronge trip is being organized by a few photographers from Regina but is not part of the Regina Photo Club [see p. 11 For an update]
- Archivist Shirley J. Gerlock was missed in the list of board members in the AGM report on page 12. Sorry, Shirley!
- The photo of the Showmanship winners on page 11 was taken by Shirley Gerlock.

Gerry Fish Club Competition 2022



Best Nature and Best of Show: *Flared for Landing*
Don Johnston, RePC



Best Landscape: *Serenity Now*
Bob Holtsman, SCC



Best Portrait: *Connection*
Ken Greenhorn, FCC



Best Candid Child: *Brown Eyed Girl*
Tracy Miller, IWPA

Gerry Fish Trophy: Regina Photo Club

Portfolio Print Competition 2022

1st - Paule Hjertaas (RePC)



CC - I Can Feed Myself



L - Foggy Morning



N - Mid-Jump



O - Handles & Latch



P - Cowboy with Glasses

2nd - Larry Easton, RePC



CC - School Outing



L - Yellow Gold



N - Mushroom



O - Avonlea Badlands



P - Trumpet Player

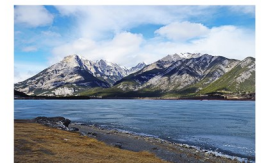
Gerry Fish 2022, continued



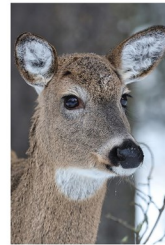
3rd - Theresa Busse - IWPA



CC - Bubble Popper



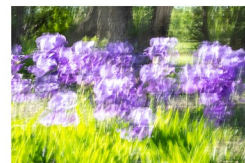
L - Road Side Beauty



N - Deer Gazer



P The Cat



O - Iris in the Wind

Best Open: *Fancy Diner*
Jim Turner, RoPC

2023 Annual Outing

Report by the planning committee, written by Theresa Busse

The **P.R.P.A. 2023** Outing is in the final stages and the planning committee is excited to present a fun-filled one-day event. The planning committee has recruited members of the Image West Photographic Association to assist them. If anyone can do it, it's the members of Image West. Let's all get together for a great time on **JUNE 3, 2023** in Swift Current, SK.

The **OUTING COMPETITION CATEGORIES** are a play on the letters PRPA and they are as follows, **People, Rustic, Prairie** life, **Abstract**. You must attend the outing to enter the competition and you do not have to be a member of PRPA to enter.

The photographs for the outing can be taken starting on Friday, June 2nd to Sunday, June 4th.

We will be using the same facility as we did in 2019 as it is a great location in the City of Swift Current, at **THE SALOON** in Doc's Town Heritage Village. There is plenty of room in the saloon and plenty of parking as well.

We will be setting up at 8 a.m. and ready for photo viewing shortly after. Marlene the Competitions Coordinator will do the awards presentation around 9 a.m. **Craig Hilts of PRAIRIE FIRE PHOTOGRAPHY** will be the presenter before lunch. The presentation will be on **British Columbia's Spirit Bears**.

We will break for lunch catered by the K-Motel. The Roast Beef meal will include 4 salads – potato, tossed, Greek & pasta along with roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, a fruit tray, and a squares tray. Bring your appetite!! BTW the meal will be Gluten-free except for the gravy of course.

The **AGM** will be called to order after lunch. The **Showmanship Presentations** will follow with a timed judging period and then reconvene to announce the winners. At this time, we will have a brief presentation on the La Ronge Trip this fall.

The registration will be finalized in April and will be posted on the website. The registration will include the itinerary for the day. We may have a surprise addition like Wine & Cheese, who knows! I have personally put my order in for a sunny and calm day.

Doc's Town Saloon—photo by Theresa Busse



Spring Board Meeting

March 18, 2023
Swift Current, SK

The Spring board meeting will take place on Saturday March 18 at the K Motel & Restaurant in Swift Current. <https://kmotelsteakhouse.com>

Items on the agenda include:

- Fiscal year end
- Distribution of minutes
- Membership requirement for Club Reps
- Membership fee increase and early bird discount
- Competition rules revision

We will also be doing the print competition entry exchange. Get your print entries to your club rep or other board members who will be attending the meeting, and save postage.

All Board members and club reps are expected to attend. Interested PRPA members are also invited to join us. This will be an in-person meeting only (sorry, no Zoom attendees this time).

Past Chair Report

by Dan Sigouin

Happy 2023, PRPA family!

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the New Year and taking advantage of the moderate weather to get out with their cameras.

2023 has started off very busy for me as I have accepted a new role within CAPA. I have been appointed as the new director of education. I will be leaning on my work experience as an instructor in Calgary and serve the educational needs for CAPA. It will be a rewarding challenge to work with clubs and individual members and create learning content.

Last week the La Ronge planning team had a productive meeting and I look forward to the development of the opportunity to explore northern Saskatchewan.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out and take care.

Dan
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La Ronge Excursion

PRPA is organizing a weekend trip to Stanley Mission Sept 15-17, 2023. This weekend is a time to capture the beauty of the fall colors, the churches and the landscapes of northern Saskatchewan.

There will be a presentation during AGM in June with all the details. For those who are interested in attending and wish to sign up please contact any of the following:

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Ken Dumont kendumont@accesscomm.ca

This is an open event to any photographer that wants to participate.



Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Stanley Mission is the oldest standing building in Saskatchewan, built between 1854 and 1860.

*It is one of the sites we will visit on the September 2023 La Ronge excursion.
photo by Larry Easton*

CAPA Judging Course

March 4, 2023—Red Deer, AB

April 8, 2023—Regina, SK

The Regina Photo Club is hosting a CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art) judging course scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at St. Mary’s Anglican Church from 8:45 am to 5:00 pm. Fee for non-CAPA members is \$175.

If you live closer to Red Deer, Alberta, CAPS is hosting the judging course on March 4, 2023 from 8:45 am to 5:00 pm.

For information or to register, go to the CAPA website: <https://capacanada.ca/register-for-a-judging-course/>. Scroll down to the Regina or Red Deer course and click *More Info* or *Book Now*. Fill in the form and make payment (PayPal preferred).

Membership Renewals

The 2023-24 Memberships are due by June 30th in accordance to By-laws 3.5 and 3.6. Your representatives may have already notified you of the deadline.

I will also have a registration area set up at the June 3rd outing in Swift Current.

Thank you,
Theresa Busse
Memberships

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Editor's Report

by Stan Hingston

Welcome to the Winter issue.

Be sure to look at the La Ronge trip and consider going if at all possible. Should be good!

Save the date for Saturday June 3 for the AGM in Swift Current. Details page 10.

Please consider entering some of the spring competitions. Deadline is April 1 for the judging club to receive the entries. If someone from your club or area is attending the March 18 board meeting in Swift Current, send your print entries with them to save postage.

Past Chair Dan Segouin has taken on a new position with CAPA (see page 11). Congratulations Dan! Speaking of CAPA, if you can, do take their judging course (see page 12).

I got my new computer up and running (see Chair Report page 2) and downloaded Luminar Neo but haven't had time to do any photo editing or printing on it yet.

I'm going to Ireland for 10 days this June with my sister and a cousin to visit locations where our grandparents (and great grandparents) once lived. With all the photos I plan to take I expect to have a showmanship entry for 2024!

Webmaster Report

by Scott Prokop

The PRPA website was up for renewal on GoDaddy but the price had gone up a lot so I made the switch to Squarespace. It's a little less money and a lot easier to administer.

The new website went live February 14. It has the same address and all the same information but with a brand new look and will hopefully be easier to navigate.

Let me know what you think. And if you notice any errors or broken links please contact me.

Scott

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Winter: January 15 Summer: May 15
 Spring: March 15 Fall: October 15

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Date _____ Signature _____

Clip or copy and mail with check to: PRPA Memberships, Box 2254, Swift Current, SK S9H 4X6 or to renew by e-mail and pay by e-transfer, go to www.prpa.photography/membership

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Image West Photographic Assoc.	www.facebook.com/groups/imagewestphotographicassociation
Moose Jaw Camera Club	https://moosejawcameraclub.com
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