

PRPA Promo Slideshow Narration (updated 2023)

Suggested narration to use with the PRPA Promotional slideshow (feel free to embellish as you go).

Time: 10-15 minutes

Slide

- 1 Welcome!
- 2 I would like to introduce you to the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts, better known as PRPA
- 3 The PRPA is an association of amateur photographers and camera clubs across the prairie provinces of Canada
- 4 The mission statement of PRPA is “Prairie photographers sharing photographic experiences”
- 5 PRPA began in 1960 as the Color Photographic Association of Canada, or CPAC. It became PRPA in 1968 as a prairie regional photography association, the same year that NAPA (now CAPA) formed as a national photography organization.
- 6 There are two membership classes in PRPA: Individual Membership and Club Membership
- 7 Individual Membership is open to any amateur photographer who lives (or used to live) in Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba. The annual membership fee (as of 2023) is \$35. Individual Members are eligible to enter all PRPA competitions and participate in the Print and Digital Circuits. They will receive the Prairie Focus newsletter in their choice of digital or print format. Individual members are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and may serve in executive or coordinator positions on the Board of Directors.
- 8 Club Membership is open to any camera club in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The annual membership fee is \$1 per member. Member Clubs of PRPA may enter the two club competitions (to be described later). All members of Member Clubs may enter the “Hand of Man” and “Artistic Expressions” digital competitions. All members of Member Clubs receive the Prairie Focus newsletter in digital format. Member Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Club Rep to sit on the PRPA Board who must hold an Individual Membership in PRPA.
- 9 A popular program of PRPA is the Print Circuit. Each member of a circuit enters two 8 ½ by 11 prints which are inserted in a binder. Members score and critique the other entries and send the binder on to the next member. There are usually three or four circuits with 5 or 6 members in each. There are two rounds per year. Ribbons are awarded for first, second and third place in each round. Results and winning images are published in the newsletter.
- 10 Digital Circuits were started in 2019 but discontinued after 2 years due to low participation.
- 11 This slide shows the print and slide circuit binders. Slide circuits were discontinued in 2013.
- 12 The *Prairie Focus* is PRPA’s quarterly newsletter. It contains PRPA news, events and reports, including reports of board meetings and the AGM. Winning images from the previous year’s competitions are published.

- 13 This slide shows a recent Prairie Focus cover page.
- 14 The PRPA website is a great resource for members. Here you can read about PRPA news, services and events. The website contains: PRPA bylaws, the current PRPA Handbook to read or download; competition details and fillable pdf entry forms; details on the upcoming PRPA Outing; a gallery of winning images from competitions going back to 2009; and past and current issues of *Prairie Focus* dating back to 2003. An online membership form was added in 2022.
- 15 The website is well organized making it easy to find the information you need.
- 16 One of the main benefits of PRPA membership is its many competitions. PRPA currently runs 6 print competitions, 6 digital image competitions and 2 slideshow competitions. There is no entry fee for any of the competitions. Ribbons and certificates are awarded for first, second and third place and honorable mentions. Keeper plaques are awarded to the winners of the two club competitions. Member clubs take turns judging the competitions.
- 17 This slide shows members of the Rosetown Photography club judging a print competition back in 2008.
- 18 There are two club competitions each year. The Everest digital image competition is held in the fall. Clubs enter 20 images taken by their members. The Gerry Fish print competition is held in the spring with clubs entering 10 prints. The club with the highest aggregate score receives the keeper plaque. In both competitions, ribbons and certificates are awarded for the highest scoring image in Landscape, Nature, Portrait, Candid Child, Open, and Best of Show categories.
- 19 This image titled "Summer Hummer" by Bob Schultz of Moose Jaw Camera Club won Best Open and tied for Best of Show in the 2018 Everest competition
- 20 "Badger" by Theresa Busse of Image West Photographic Association in Swift Current won Best Nature and Best of Show in the 2018 Gerry Fish competition.
- 21 In addition to the Everest club competition there are five digital image competitions open to Individual members: the Spring and Fall Digital Image competitions; Russell; Gail Christensen Artistic Expressions; and the Hand of Man. In the Russell competition two images are entered illustrating opposite themes which are announced each year. The Hand of Man and Artistic Expressions competitions are open to all members of Member Clubs in addition to Individual Members.
- 22 "Tropical Swallowtail" by Don Mathieson of Regina Photo Club was first in the 2019 Fall Digital Competition.
- 23 Marlene Andrew of Image West took first in the 2020 Spring Digital Competition with "One Cute Kitten".
- 24 This pair of photos by Rusty Morris of Rosetown Photography Club took first place in the 2018 Russell competition with the theme "Open and Closed"
- 25 "Splash of Colors" by Khang Nguyen of Foothills Camera Club took second place in the 2022 Gail Christensen Artistic Expressions competition.
- 26 "Lonely Road to Monument Valley" by Richard Collens of Foothills Camera Club took first in the 2018 Hand of Man competition.

27 In addition to the Gerry Fish club competition there are 5 print competitions open to Individual members. The Attanyi Salon has an open theme. Human Portraiture and Sports in Action are just what their names suggest. In the Curtiss Lund Altered Reality competition you can push your post-processing skills to the extreme. To win the print portfolio competition you need to be a well-rounded photographer scoring high in five categories.

28 Larry Easton of the Regina Photo Club took first place in the 2019 Attanyi Salon competition with “Broken Spokes”

29 “Faded Dreams” by David Bellerive of the Regina Photo Club took first place in the 2019 Human Portraiture competition.

30 Marlene Andrew of Image West took first in the 2020 Sports in Action with “The Dismount”.

31 “Whooper the Crane at Waikiki” by Gail Christensen of Image West took first in the 2019 Altered Reality competition. After Gail’s death in 2021 a new competition called Artistic Expressions was created to honor her love of this genre.

32 And Diane McKinnon of Image West took first place in the 2019 Portfolio Print competition. Five 4x6 prints are entered, one in each of five categories.

33 There are two slideshow competitions each year. The Single Song Slideshow competition is held in the fall. The Showmanship Competition is held at the Annual Outing and may be created by one or a group of Individual Members.

34 This slide shows Rusty Morris of Rosetown Photography Club introducing his Showmanship entry at the 2015 Outing at Candle Lake.

35 The highlight of the year for PRPA is the annual Outing held on a weekend in June. It typically begins with a guest speaker and the AGM on Friday evening. Saturday is a full day with tours to scenic locations, the banquet, the competition awards presentation, a slideshow of digital image competition entries, and the Showmanship Competition. All print competition entries for the year are on display. There is usually a mini-tour following breakfast Sunday morning while the new Board of Directors has its first meeting. Member clubs take turns hosting the Outing.

36 The PRPA Outing banner was painted for the Gleneath Camera Club in 1999

37 This slide shows part of the print entry display at the 2015 Outing at Candle Lake

38 Good food, friends and fellowship at the banquet – Candle Lake 2015

39 Presentation of the Gerry Fish plaque to Gleneath Camera Club, 2013

40 A very obliging model at the 2012 Outing at Arlington Beach

41 PRPA members turned loose on the beach at Candle Lake in 2015

42 Heading to the cemetery at Batoche in 2016

43 A winning landscape image from the 2017 Outing, Canmore Alberta

44 A roadside stop on the way to Cypress Hills at the 2018 Outing held at Maple Creek

45 The church in the ghost town of Neidpath, 2019 Outing at Swift Current

46 Shooting up Saskatchewan’s largest tree, one of the locations visited in the photo tour at the 2022 Outing held at Hepburn, Sask.

47 A “Picnic in the Park” at the Candle Lake Outing in 2015. *Join PRPA, join the fun!*

48 Thank you.