



New Westminster Photography Club

# Shutter Release

March 2006



Photo by Tony van Straubenzee. See Hope outing report in this issue.

## From the Editor

Usually by now we spoiled lower mainlanders are either experiencing the spring season or clear signs of its arrival. But only last weekend, we had a little snow in some areas, and in Hope, where our February 26 outing was held.... well, you can see from the pictures. So, no tulip photos on the front page yet!

Although time seems to be racing to our wind-up in May, we have many activities still to go. Read all about them here, and for updates and other outside-the-club activities, refer to the Announcements section on our website: [www.nwphoto.org](http://www.nwphoto.org).

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## Upcoming Program

### March 7

Members' print night. Bring two prints, any subject, for sharing and discussion. Prints must be 8X10 or larger, mounted on a firm backing. Mattes are optional; no frames please.

We will also select our entry for the **BC Print Challenge**. (Details were in February issue.)

**5 minute presentation:** Jeremy Pawluk

### March 21

Have you forgotten the "Standard Lens Challenge" announced earlier this year? If so, you have just over two weeks to grab your camera and 50/55 mm (35 mm equivalent) lens and shoot any subject you like to **bring to this meeting** two slides, digital images or prints to share and discuss.

**5 minute presentation:** June Exworthy

### April 4

Open discussion on aspect of photography.

Select prints for Crescent Beach Black & White Invitational. (See "Competitions")

Select slides/digital for Fraser Valley Invitational "Airborne" (See "Competitions")

**5 minute presentation:** Margaret Fellmann

## Were you there?

### February 7

We selected our North Shore Challenge entries by show of hands (to select one image from each member) and placement of dots (to select the 10 images). Now, to see how we do. (See "Competitions" for judging night info.)

### February 21

Shona's mix of photos printed on traditional and inkjet paper, plus dyes, paints, pens and pencils, water and newspaper covered tables turned some of the members into "giggling third-graders with paint on their fingers", according to our Pres. Wandering around and seeing the interpretations was truly an amazing experience. What a talented bunch we have. Kelvin created his own twist by digitally colouring his photojournalistic recording of the program. Many thanks to Kelvin for the photos that follow.



Photos by Kelvin Leong.

## Outings

### Saturday, April 22, 2006: Gibsons – Justin Ball, Outings Coordinator

Full day outing, meeting at Horseshoe Bay at 9am\*, back by 7pm. Leave cars at Horseshoe Bay. Bring money for bus on other side. Visit 2 museums, fishing boats and wharf, Molly's Reach, various artisans. Dress in layers, might be warm, might rain, so bring a wind breaker or such. Pack a lunch for the park; buy ice cream on location...

Visit the Gibsons website for info: [www.gibsons.ca](http://www.gibsons.ca).

\* Ferries leave Horseshoe Bay for Langdale at 9:20 and 11:20, so you should be parked, ticketed and in the boarding area by the 9 am meeting time or you'll have a long wait. There is a bus that meets the ferry for the 4 km trip into Gibsons. If you wish to bring your car over, you may want to consider a reservation. Return ferry options: 4:30, 6:30 or 8:20. Please check for current information at [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com).

## **Beyond Hope (February 26) Outing Report**

Despite the snow warning for Hope, the outing went on as planned, with five participants. Tony reported that everyone in the town seemed to be out of town (hey, he could have said "all out of Hope") "except for the guy with the snow shovel and the woman with the broken window." Tony went on to show local photography humor by commenting: "There were no red canoes, but we did see a couple of old red trucks and there was a red barn by the river. There was an Edsel. It wasn't red though."



Photo by Tony von Straubensee



Photos left and above by Grace Darney

## **Competitions**

### **March 11: North Shore Challenge**

The live adjudication will be held at the Kay Meek Centre (1700 Mathers) in West Vancouver, starting at 7 pm. Admission is \$12 and includes door prizes (no guarantees!) and refreshments.

If you ordered tickets from Peter Ellis, he will have them at the March 7 meeting (or you will have to make arrangements with him to get them between the Tuesday meeting and the Saturday event).

Otherwise, e-mail [tickets@nsps.ca](mailto:tickets@nsps.ca) or phone Cheryl at 604-986-2159. (They don't have a "sold out" notice on their website -- yet.)

### **April 23: BC Print Challenge**

We are selecting our print entry on March 7.

The Pacific Zone Print Challenge judging will be held at the Richmond Arts Centre (7700 Minoru Gate) Lecture Hall, 1 pm. Admission is \$5 and refreshments are served. Open to all BC clubs, it is worth attending to see the variety of print work. (Your editor is one of the judges, which is why I will be slipping out of the March 7 meeting before any prints are viewed).

### **May 13: Fraser Valley Invitational**

We select our entry **April 4. Topic is "airborne"** ("carried by or through the air"). So, it's either same old, same old photos from the plane window, or time to start throwing things into the air?? Fifteen lower mainland clubs (including ours) have been invited. Let's see if we can come up with a creative entry for our first time in!

We recommend you attend, to support our club—and because they have great food - and lots of door prizes. James Hill School Gymnasium, 22144 Old Yale Road, Langley.

**The technical stuff:** All our entry (10 images) must be submitted digitally but we will accept your slides (possibly prints) and will scan them ourselves. Digital images must be high quality jpegs sized 1024 ppi on the long side (horizontals) or 768 ppi on the long side (verticals). It is helpful, but not essential, if you submit them to the club this way.

**Tickets:** The Langley club wants only group orders for tickets (which are \$7.50 each advance purchase) so **we need a volunteer** to handle this for us **please!** (and to advise the Langley club soon re numbers for their catering). If not sold out, you can obtain tickets for \$10 at the door.

### **May 18: Crescent Beach Black and White Invitational**

This is a **Black and White** print competition. We select 6 prints on **April 4** (same day as we select for "Airborne")

Prints must be 16X20" exterior dimensions, minimum print size 64 sq.", mounted and matted, no foam core, white matte preferred although they will allow black. Traditional darkroom or inkjet prints accepted but no appearance of toning, monochrome, etc. If you attend, wear B&W, eat B&W (did we mention "chocolate"?)

## **Digital/Film bits of news**

**Nikon** has apparently announced they will be halting production of all but two of their seven **film** cameras and the lenses. Gee, who is surprised? On the film side, our own **Custom Color** is advertising Velvia 100, processing included for \$16.99/roll and professional slide films in stock. Artists' submissions for jurying, many stock agencies, etc. are still requesting slides. For **great deals on used cameras** and all the stuff that goes with them (lenses, filters, tripods, flashes, darkroom, lighting...) attend the **Vancouver Camera Show and Swap Meet** on April 9 (Cameron Rec. Centre, 9523 Cameron St., N of Lougheed Mall). \$4 will get you in. 10 am to 4 pm. Prices should be going down as digital shooters compete to offload their old film/darkroom equipment. The first 50 paid attendees who register can get into Lens & Shutter's free digital seminars, 12:30 (digital photography) and 2 pm (lighting for digital photography).

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