



*New Westminster Photography Club*

# Shutter Release

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## Editor's Chatter

This is it for another camera club year... the last regular meeting, the last outing and the wind-up pot-luck all fall in May. That year went fast!

"You get out what you put in" is one of the wise things some of our parents told us. This year's club program was a little bit different than most, and the more you participated, the better the meetings were. I found that bringing cameras and actually practicing photography every month was instructive and revealing, even for us "experienced" members.

**Year End Surveys:** You can appreciate that after an "experimental" year, your feedback is more valuable than ever. The surveys will be available on-line this year. (I like that; no messy "x's" as I change my mind...) and it gives you plenty of opportunity to make comments and suggestions. Please make sure you fill it out online or **on paper** (available at the AGM) so that your new executive can plan next year's program over the summer.

And yes, the next obvious reminder is... all the offices are open for next year's positions, so think about how you might help the club out and raise your hand at election time. Remember, you're not alone out there. There are always other executive members willing to help. Some of our current members have been carrying a big load for a long time, so let's see some more fresh faces and new ideas!

So... even if you did just vote the day before, please attend this year's AGM!

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## Executive Opportunities

**President** chairs the club and executive meetings and makes sure everything is on track.

**V-P/Program** chairs meetings in the President's absence, and plans the program with the other Executive.

**Treasurer** collects the dues, pays the bills, balances the bank and keeps the budget.

**Webmaster:** A Very Important Position requiring more than basic computer knowledge.

**Projectionist:** Receives entries for member nights and competitions and projects at meetings

**Themes:** Coordinates the on-line theme competition and prepares the results slide shows.

**Outings:** Presents regular outings/field trips to suit a variety of interests.

**Refreshments:** Coordinates volunteers for snacks and arranges the break refreshments.

**Newsletter:** Prepares the monthly newsletter, with augments our website.

**Competitions:** Coordinates the monthly competitions and maintains scoring records.

## What you missed in April

At the first meeting, we looked at the "time exposures" submitted by the members, then headed to the various "stations" to create images of sparklers, candles, "ghosts" and so on. Some of these were shared at the second meeting, where we also enjoyed the members' choices and judged the monthly digital image competition (full results in this issue).

## Upcoming Meetings

We have our AGM on May 3<sup>rd</sup> which includes a review of the year, reports from the executive and of course, elections. We know you will be up late on May 2 waiting for the national election news, but **our** elections are **FAR MORE FUN!**

**NO MEETING ON MAY 17!**

The **wind-up pot-luck is May 31** at Centennial Lodge in Queens Park (same building as the Arts Centre). Agnia needs \$5 as usual for refreshments and decorations. Bring something to share for the pot-luck dinner and a donation for the Silent Auction (doesn't need to be photographic in nature). And bring money to buy up all those great silent auction deals! There will also be a slide program, the year's winning images and year end awards. Don't miss it!

## Next Outing



The next outing will be a weekend **road trip** on April 30 and May 1 with an overnight stop in Lillooet. As usual, there is a twist: a photo hunt, sort of.... Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Sharing the driving depends on the car's owner and your abilities – don't stay home if you don't drive, but be ready to contribute for gas whether you drive or not. The whole loop has incredibly varied scenery and relics.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the lane behind 831 Royal Avenue where there is plenty of parking. Questions: [outings@nwphoto.org](mailto:outings@nwphoto.org). Or call 778-891-4774.

## The Date Book

Photo activities and photo ops coming up. Some of these are also posted on the club's website, in more detail, under Announcements.

**May 4** is the judging of the Crescent Beach Club Black and White Print Challenge. A small group in a small venue and some excellent prints. **New venue: Hall of St. Mark's Anglican Church, 12953 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey.** Doors open at 6:30 and judging is at 7:30. Space is limited!

**May 7** – Fraser Valley Invitational at the Chief Sepass Theatre, Langley Fine Arts School. You can get more information about tickets, etc. at [www.langleycameraclub.com](http://www.langleycameraclub.com).

**June 18** – ProShow Gold for Beginners (course AN100) If you've been intrigued by the slide shows you've seen presented at the club, Burnaby Showcase, etc., this course, taught by our own Derek Carlin, will give you the basics in a stress-free environment. A laptop and software are most desirable (or sign up with a friend and share?). This is part of the "Story Telling in the Digital Age" series. To round out the knowledge, you might consider:

**June 25 and 26**, "Slideshow Physiology" (AN101) and "Slideshow Psychology" (AN102), respectively. There are increasing discounts for each additional day you register (100, 101 and/or 102). All are held at the Best Western Coquitlam Inn, 319 North Road and run 9:15 to 4:00. More details or to enroll:

<http://courses.photoclans.net/AN101.php>.

**Looking ahead**, CAPA's Canadian Camera Conference is being held in London, Ontario June 29-July 3. For information: [www.capaconference.com](http://www.capaconference.com).

## Our Club Themes

### Current themes:

“Puddles, Pools and Ponds” **closes May 22**. No rivers, streams, etc. allowed.

“Reflection” opens May 1 and closes June 19.

Contact [themes@nwphoto.org](mailto:themes@nwphoto.org) (themes coordinator) if you have questions and [webmaster@nwphoto.org](mailto:webmaster@nwphoto.org) if you experience any uploading difficulties.

If you should happen to mistakenly upload the wrong image, e-mail the themes coordinator with a copy to webmaster, and we will fix it as soon as we can.

## In-club Competition Results

These are the results from the April 19 print competition, in no particular order:

Photographer	Title	Score (out of 30)
Peter	Full-power climb	21
Keith	Enlisted	23 (tied for 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Peter	Devil mask, in glass	16
Shona	On the way down	14
Keith	We'll get 'er done	25 (2 <sup>nd</sup> place)
David L.	Ultimate bride guide	14
Jim F.	Dolphins	17
Shona	Early spring	23 (tied for 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
David L.	Greetings from Twin Cities	17
Karen	Untitled-159	26 (1 <sup>st</sup> place)
Karen	Untitled-939	21
Jim F.	Kite kart	21
Robert	Fire in the sky	17
Robert	Spring has sprung	19

Don't miss the wind-up, where there will be awards for top scores in various categories. Participation counts so even if you don't get the highest points, you can still come up ahead by entering all the competitions!

## May shooting

If you enjoy floral photography, this is your month for rhododendrons. Don't miss an opportunity to see the stunning displays at Century Gardens at Deer Lake Park (between the art gallery and Shadbolt Centre).

Vandusen Gardens also has wonderful spring displays. On **May 21**, if you like classic British cars, the All British Field Meet is held on Vandusen's Great Lawn from 10 to 4.

## [www.nwphoto.org](http://www.nwphoto.org)

Activities (meetings, outings), Photos (themes, outings, members), member bios, reference articles, Theme competition, newsletter and more. **The Fast Track** on the home page is a good starting point.

**Have a wonderful summer, everyone!**