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♥♥♥♥♥ February 2012♥♥♥♥♥

Poor February. It has few positive associations. No holidays, Christmas bills are in, that pesky groundhog always predicts more winter, and it has Valentine's Day. (OK, maybe that's a good thing for some, but for many of us, it's just chocolate on sale on the 15th – mmmm chocolate!) And you can never remember how many days it has. Well, we don't care, because we have club meetings and outings to look forward to. Read it all here.

Program

Allen Bargaen will be back for our **February 7** meeting with a CAPA presentation called ***In Search of a Better Photograph***. Allen is an excellent photographer and presenter, and there will be lots of information and images to inform and inspire. You will not want to miss this presentation. Bring a guest – pass the word that visitors are welcome. Print the little notice on the last page of this or the last issue (or request a letter-size poster from shona@nwphoto.org and post it in your condo lobby, apartment laundry or workplace.

The **February 28** meeting will be for member sharing and our in-club digital competition. Send two images for each category (sharing/competition) to photos@nwphoto.org by Sunday, February 26, or earlier (or later if you must but ask nicely). With the Fraser Valley Invitational's "street photography" themed competition selection coming in March, this might be a good time to get some feedback! The theme "Blues" top 10 will be shown also.

Toys, Trivia and Talk is the theme of our **March 6** meeting. A little debate, a little trivia and lots of fun. Everyone will be in groups, so no one is put on the spot. A little something different for the start of the lamby/liony month.

Detailed program information is posted on the website.

On-line Themes

Remember, you can enter up to **three** interpretations of each month's theme. Current running themes are:

Blues closes February 12.

Look Down opens February 1 and closes March 11.

And even if you don't compete, **every member** is eligible to **vote** for 3 images (1st, 2nd and 3rd) **and** leave comments during the competition period and the voting period. The top 10 are shown at the closest projection night following the closing date (usually the 2nd meeting of the month).

Outings

February 18: “Saturday Strut”: Intent is to get you out of the house. Meet at Hyack Square at 10 a.m. for a 1km stumble along Columbia Street. No timeline; no handouts; no directions; no instruction; no preparation. Just wing it! Do your own thing.

(Like the Main Street walk, this type of outing is so rich in subject matter. And think of the Fraser Valley Invitational “street photography” theme while you strut or stumble – Ed.)



Dolphin © Cathy Snyder

The informal aquarium outing in January went well, with seven members attending.

Thanks, Robert, for proposing and organizing this outing. The photo on the left was shown at the January club sharing night. Wow.

Questions or suggestions: Contact Justin: outings@nwphoto.org or 778-891-4774.

Our Outside Competitions

As mentioned previously, we will compete in the digital competition “Fraser Valley Invitational” this spring. The theme is “**Street Photography**”, so keep your eyes open (check out the February 18 outing for sure) if this is not your normal type of photography. There will be lots of clubs competing, so be creative and keep your eyes open!

We will also participate in the Crescent Beach black and white print event, so give some thought to your B&W interpretations. This can be harder than you think, so if you bring some B&W to the sharing and/or competition nights in January and February, you can get some pointers. Any topic. ***On the club website, Resources section, there is an article on converting colour to B&W - if you are new at this, it's a great starting point.***

For the print competition you don't have to bring your images in competition ready. If your print is selected, you have a little time (like a week before the next meeting) to get it matted according to competition rules. That way you don't incur the expense if your image is not chosen.

See these

February 4 is the Burnaby Showcase, an evening of AV presentations from the talented members of the Burnaby Photographic Society. 7:00 pm at the Shadbolt Centre. \$18 to get in. Sells out so call Linda at 604-433-0826 or link via the club website:

www.burnabyphotographicsociety.com.

March 3 is the 28th annual North Shore Challenge. Although our club has not recently participated, this is an inspiring night of viewing images from clubs all over the province. Out in West Vancouver, information at www.nsps.ca .

Events are also found in the News section of our website or in Events and Exhibitions or the Pacific Zone News in the CAPA Pacific Zone website: www.capapac.org.

March 31-April 1 the Inland Empire Chapter of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) is holding a seminar in Spokane, Washington with Nevada Wier. It's only \$95 (\$85 if you are a CAPA or PSA individual member) – plus your transportation and accommodation of course, and includes lunch both days if you register by March 15. Field trips filling up fast. More information at www.psainlandempire.org.

And looking far ahead, the Abbotsford Photo Arts Club Seminar is **October 27**. *Shutter Release exclusive*: Our own webmaster, Derek Carlin, will be one of the presenters with not one but two slots, with mini-courses from his “Story Telling in the Digital Age” workshops.

What You Missed

The “Still Life” workshop offered many opportunities to experiment, with some interesting subjects (thanks to Peter for the lovely glass set-up and instruction, and to Justin for finding some funky props for us). Here are a couple of samples of the results from the January 24 member sharing:



Still Life 2 © Barb Adamski. Barb chose a less traditional approach by putting the focus on only one of the objects from the fruit bowl. (Wood bowl by *Zenwood* (Roy LaFortune); shameless plug by Shona LaFortune; fruit from IGA)



Chisels Trio © Justin Ball demonstrates control of composition, focus and lighting. The small image doesn't do it justice, but you can almost feel those textures. (Tools from Justin's personal collection.)

The January 24 meeting featured member sharing and our in-house print competition. Here are the results:

Title	Photographer	Score/place
Murky day	Nastassia	19.5
BC Ferries/flag	Don L.	22.5
Multi-coloured flower	Tim S.	20
Beach	Vince S.	26 (2nd – tie)
Simon	Jim F.	24
Icon	Jim F.	20.5
Dolphin	Robert J.	16.5
Shoot the moon	Robert J.	25 (3 rd)
Sas Jordan	Vince S.	19.5
Is anybody there?	Nastassia A.	23
Sparkles	Shona L.	24.5
Psychedelic city	Peter E.	22.5
Odd angle	Don L.	17
Whiskeyjack	Michael G.	27 (1 st)
The raven	Michael G.	22.5
Chickens with sweater	Karen J.	20
Lounging cows	Karen J.	26 (2nd – tie)



© Nastassia Aladka

From the January 24 club sharing, this image by new member Nastassia got some comments going.

Other Newsy/Naggy Bits

- ♥ Please consider filling out your member's bio on the club website with a contact. This information is only available to members, but you, or they, might find someone with similar interests for advice, discussion, outings, etc. And if you upload a photo or yourself – all the better.
- ♥ Updated name tags are coming as soon as Shona gets down from Lillooet in the next weather break.
- ♥ A new member guide is in the works too. In the meantime, ask any Executive member (they're the ones with the coloured name tags – see previous item) – or ask **any** member to point you to the right place for information. Don't be shy!

For the Next Meeting

If you'd like a full-size version of this poster to help publicize our next meeting, contact shona@nwphoto.org .

Coming to the New Westminster Photography Club on February 7th, 2012
(Centennial Lodge hall, Queens Park,
7:30 p.m.)

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In Search of a Better Photograph



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