



New Westminster Photography Club

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Editor's Desk *(Shona LaFortune)*

Quoting Chase Jarvis' book title, I firmly believe that the best camera is the one that's with you. I know many people are security conscious about leaving an expensive SLR in their vehicle or bag, but with reasonable pricing these days, there's not much excuse not to carry a compact "Point and Shoot" of some type, or knowing how to quickly access your cellphone camera. Gathering your best equipment and heading out to take photos is great, but you can miss some fantastic images the rest of the time – sunset or fog on the commute, colours reflecting off the bar glasses at dinner, the steam rising from the sidewalk as you walk to your car, shadows and reflections on and around buildings ... those unexpected views can yield excellent photos, and may not occur again.

Upcoming Meetings

March 24 – Yes, **next** meeting. We will **select** our entries for **both** the Fraser Valley Invitational (Simplicity) and the Crescent Beach Black and White Print Invitational. You should have received emails with all the rules, but if you missed them, see the website or contact competitions@nwphoto.org to be sure you're onside with your entries.

You may bring in up to two true (no toning/colours) black and white prints for the Crescent Beach print selection. Up to two digital images for the Fraser Valley Invitational must be sent to photos@nwphoto.org **no later than** midnight, Saturday, March 21. Note that the sizing for the FVI is **not** our usual, so be sure to check that email!

April 7 – guest speakers Russell and Wendy Kwan will be talking about "Judging the emotional aspects of photography and more . . ." Their work is impressive. Not to be missed.

Outings

Sunday, March 22: "Spring is Here", a visit to the Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Chinatown. This beautiful garden reveals much beauty in nature and architecture. Chinatown itself, of course, is also loaded with colour, texture, exotic subjects and yummm, good food. **Meet** outside the main gates (578 Carrall Street) at **10:30** a.m. Admission \$12 (seniors \$10). Stadium-Chinatown Skytrain station is 3 blocks away or pay parking in the area.

Mark your calendar for April 25; details of that outing TBA.

There are very interesting and colourful images in our "Past Outings" section from the Under Water outing (Vancouver Aquarium) on February 22. Check them out and feel free to comment!

Online Themes

Closing on March 15, is “Marsala, 2015 Colour of the Year”. This one will take some hunting, so don't leave it for the last minute. Oh, wait, it **is** almost the last minute!

Just open on March 1, “**Into the Sun**”, (not quite the same as “silhouette”). You have until April 19 to find some bright backlight for your subject(s). Lens flare allowed. Be sure to read the theme challenge “description” before you start.

Here are the top 10 from the last closed theme. For newer members, the top 3 are noted on the website, and the top 10 are shown at the meeting following the theme closing (or sometimes the meeting after), and are posted in the newsletter. You can see all the images on the website, of course.

Website Theme: Composition:Framing

<i>Title</i>	<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Standing*</i>
Corridor of Power	Cathy	8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie)
Dali, hi!	Barb	8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie)
Remembrance	Shona	8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie)
Passageway	Bruce	7 th
Maid of the Mist	Milada	6 th
Kinda gets your attention	Bruce	5 th
Taking a break	Shona	4 th
Mirror reflection	Milada	3 rd
Double Doorway	Karen	2 nd
Set in Stone	Barb	1 st

**Note that point totals depend on the number of voters and sometimes the number of entries the votes are spread over.*

Upcoming Events

We will have an entry in the **Fraser Valley Invitational** (digital competition “Simplicity” and the judging night will be held on **May 2** at the Chief Sepass Theatre (9096 Trattle Street, Fort Langley), 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6 PM for trade show booths and the club print display. Advance tickets from the Langley club's website (www.langleycameraclub.com/fvi) for \$16 or pay \$20 at the door.

Well worth reading

Even if you are not an individual member of CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art), our club is. The Pacific Zone, which we are a part of, puts out an excellent newsletter. Ursula Easterbrook, editor for the past zillion years, goes out of her way to cram each issue with interesting articles, events, competitions and photos. Issues are in pdf format and can be found from a link on the Pacific Zone home page (www.capapac.org). Past issues are worth reading for the articles. The Kwans, for example, fantastic black and white photographers who have judged the Crescent Beach Black and White Competition, and will be coming to our club on April 7, have been submitting a regular column. All good stuff.

North Shore Challenge!

We don't have the official standings yet, but we do know we scored a total of 116 points and were likely in the top half. The judges scored each image out of 9 for a possible total of 27 points per image, but of the 290 images judged, the highest score was 24 (given to 2 images). One might possibly conclude that the judges were a little cheap with the points, but it's their consistency that matters.

Results of our club's entry are below, along with the six images in case you missed the selection and/or judging evening, and hey, just to show them off. As well, several of our members also entered as individuals. If any of those members would like to send me their scores and images, I'll put them in the next issue.



Petal Peeper, © Karen J, 18 pts



Morning, © Yi (Gator) X, 21 pts



Early Morning in Tuscany, © Glenn M, 20 pts



Dark Sentinel, © Shona L, 20 pts

	
<p><i>Foggy Finn Slough</i>, © Bruce F, 19 pts</p>	<p><i>The Hunter</i>, © Milada D., 18 pts</p>

Stunning images, everybody!

Note that I sized the photos to avoid bloating the document (and may have gone a little overboard – my new software seems fairly capable) so if you are viewing a full page document, they will not be as clear as the originals.

Fame!

Congrats to our member, Milada, who had a photo published in the February 11 issue of the Burnaby Now. <http://issuu.com/burnaby-now/docs/bbywed20150211>

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Ducks in love: New Westminster photographer Milada Dzevitskaya captured this image of two wood ducks courting at Piper Spit at Burnaby Lake.
PHOTO: MILADA DZEVIKSKAYA

For the love of Burnaby birds

If you prefer counting real birds over dining next to pairs of doe-eyed lovebirds, there is an international bird count just in time for Valentine's Day weekend.

The 18th annual Great Backyard Bird Count is a joint project by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society in partnership with Bird Studies Canada.

From Feb. 13 to 16, count the birds you spot for at least 15 minutes a day on one or more days and enter your sightings at www.birdcount.org.

BirdCount.org.

The collective data helps scientists create snapshots of bird populations worldwide.

Last year, a total of 4,296 species were sighted with a total of 17,748,756 individual birds counted worldwide.

And, if your backyard is birdless – Burnaby is a birder's delight. Check out Burnaby Lake, Deer Lake, Burnaby Mountain, or Barnett Marine Park for the most bird-worthy views.

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