



New Westminster Photography Club

Shutter Release

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Editor's Desk *(Shona LaFortune)*.

I hope you have a wonderful summer of photography (and any other activities that you enjoy.) And remember these guidelines: (1) Carry a camera. (2) Use it (3) Love life. See you in September!

Upcoming Meetings (program@nwphoto.org)

May 26 AGM and On-Site Workshop. Bring your nominations. And, for the 2nd part, bring your cameras/gear for the on-site workshop that will follow the reports and elections. We will show some of the results at the wind-up meeting on June 2, so be sure to send up to 3 of your favourites to photos@nwphoto.org by midnight **May 30**.

June 2 Year end wind-up. Bring food to share. Spouses/friends are welcome. Be prepared to enjoy the food, friends and entertainment. All good.

Outings (outings@nwphoto.org)

A photo hunt with a twist on **May 31**, PhotoGeocache will send you out with coordinates to shoot photos from the spot you find. Exercise your creativity (and your body a bit – it could be a 5 km walk or so). Bring your GPS or GPS cellphone or tag along with someone. You will only have the lat/long coordinates a few days before the outing. Watch the website!

Digital competition



Playing with Mardi Gras Beads

© Nancy Matheson, one of the entries in the May 5 in-house digital competition "Urban Wildlife". The top 10 were:

- 10, Mountain Sheep - Ziggy J
9. Swan By Dock - Geoff G
8. Feeding Time - Ben W
7. I'm The King Of The Castle - Bruce F
6. Finch On Rail - Geoff G
5. Coyote - Milada D
4. Curious Grasshopper - Ben W
3. Red Tail Hawk - Milada D
2. Nest In My Mortorcycle - Shona L
1. Playing With Mardi Gras Beads - Nancy M

Fraser Valley Invitational Results

The judging event was held on May 2. . We placed 7th out of 15 clubs. Not bad at all! Our members' individual scores are:

Title	Photographer	Score
Fallen	Shona	23
Solitude (Prairie Simplicity)	Milada	25
Standing Silent	Glenn	22
Green Serenity	Brenda	21.5
Male Nude	Barbara	23.5
Wave Effects	Tim	23
Fallen	Bill	22.5
Ice Cold Blue	Karen	23.5
A Good Read	Nancy	22
All Alone	Nathan	20.5

The results from all the clubs and their members are available from the Langley Camera Club's website, if anyone is interested. Google "Fraser Valley Invitational 2015".

Online Themes (themes@nwphoto.org)

Closing on June 14, "Keepin it Real Y'all".

It's too early to give away the June 1 theme; remember to check for it on the website. And don't forget, you can subscribe to get an e-mail when a theme opens.

Results: Website Theme: Into the Sun

Title	Photographer	Standing*
Lens Flare	Milada	10 th
Desert Stop	Barb	9 th
Hay Day	Sheryl	7 th , 8 th (tie)
Sunrise for Breakfast	Nancy	7 th , 8 th (tie)
Waiting for Supper	Nancy	6 th
Thru the trees	Bruce	4 th , 5 th (tie)
Midday Sun	Bill	4 th , 5 th (tie)
Sun Setting Behind Lake Ontario	Nancy	3 rd (28 pts)
Girl on the Beach	Milada	2 nd (38 pts)
Lens Flare over Vancouver	Bruce	1 st (51 pts)

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

Back Issues

For newer members, earlier issues from this season contain some tutorials on using the various features of the website – and our site has a LOT of features you may not know about.

Over the Summer

Remember, online **themes** continue all year, and the **forums** are always open. If you know of photo events, or photo ops, you can use the forums or the News section (contact any executive member to get a notice in).

Harsh summer light is not always prime for photography of certain subjects, but it works well for others. Frequently recommended is to avoid mid-day, where the lighting is just bright and flat (think typical postcard shots of any city's government buildings and gardens). But backlit fountains, interesting shadow shapes and any kind of sun/shade contrast can make very punchy photos. Remember you can use fill flash to lighten shadows outside or for photographs in the shade; this works well for portraits. Of course, if it's raining, no worries. Summer rain has a completely different "feel" so don't be afraid to experiment. And my personal advice: Don't feel obligated to do photography because "it's sunny". Photography is an art form, and you can't (always) create art when you feel obligated to. Instead, learn to look around all the time.



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