



New Westminster Photography Club

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May 2012

May? May!! Celebrate spring and the last month of our season.

Program

May 1

Our annual general meeting: Director and Officer reports, nomination/election/volunteering of new Executive members, results of the on-line theme “Wheels”, some images from participants in the recent road trip outing, and some other bits of entertainment. Please come.

May 22

Wind-up pot-luck. We usually plan to eat around 6:30. This is a social evening and always features some entertainment. Hint: expect some lively slide shows.

*Detailed program information is always posted on the website. Please check before the meeting for reminders and/or changes, and **feel free** to contact program@nwphoto.org if you have any questions.*

A Gallery of Our Own

Our own gallery exhibition! Well, it's just for a weekend but hey, it's all ours including the opening night party. Organized and funded by Justin, our outings director, we will be at the Edmunds Gallery from the evening of **May 4 through to May 6**.

Opening night 8 pm Friday – dress up for it. Everyone welcome. Pass the word.

Our exhibitors will be in the gallery during part of the weekend so if you can't make the opening, please stop in to say hi.

For information not on the website (see “Outings”) or in the emails, please contact Justin (outings@nwphoto.org) or 778-891-4774.

Frames For You

Wayne Trowsse was a visitor to our first February meeting, and brought a small selection of frames. His company does framing and makes frames, and has some special camera club pricing of \$20 for a frame, \$25 with regular glass and \$35 with non-glare glass, for a 16x20, the usual exhibition size. Other sizes available too of course. 604-299-0717 for custom framing quotes , etc. and there is a little more information at www.framesforyou.ca.

On-line Themes

Remember, you can enter up to **three** interpretations of each month's theme. And, the theme competition **runs all year**.

Fraser River opens April 1 and closes May 13.

Mechanical opens May 1 and closes June 10.

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). Just a great way to try something new, get some feedback and practice your commenting skills.

Questions or problems: themes@nwphoto.org

Elections

Our **Annual General Meeting** is May 1. **Please** consider volunteering to help the club out. You might be surprised at how much fun it is. You will always have the support of the past and current executive, so you're not out there alone. Here is a run-down of the positions, current office-holders and their responsibilities. I'm sure you will find a position that fits your skill sets.

President (Robert) chairs the meetings, arranges executive meetings, makes sure everything is running right and is part of all committees, including impromptu email discussions among any set of executive members.

Vice-President (vacant in 2011-2012) chairs the meetings in the President's absence, and traditionally has handled the website "info" enquiries.

Treasurer (David L.) collects the dues, maintains the financial records, pays the bills and maintains the member roster (enters new; enters status of unpaid, etc.)

Program (Shona) plans the club programs, arranges guest speakers, workshops etc. with the assistance of the year end surveys and other executive if requested/required.

Outings Officer (Justin) plans, coordinates and publicises monthly outings.

Projectionist (Jim) receives competition and sharing entries, theme show results and any other digital contributions and projects them at meetings. May also submit digital entries to outside clubs.

Newsletter Editor (Shona/Jim) produces a monthly newsletter and posts it to the website. Preferably, printed copies should also be available at meetings for visitors. A somewhat optional but generally appreciated publication.

Webmaster (Derek) keeps the site running smoothly and fixes things that the various executive cannot fix via their own area's access. Derek created our fantastic website but is fine if someone with the specialty training wants to give it a go. He'll help.

Competition Chair (Peter) coordinates the monthly in-club print or digital competitions as well as any outside competitions the club chooses to participate in.

Refreshments Coordinator (Karen/Nathan) brings in the kettles and supplies, makes the tea, etc. and arranges for someone to bring in the treats for the breaks. Needs to arrange a backup if attendance is not possible.

Each Executive member has access to the Exec-u-mail function to send notices to all the members, plus web access to their own position's "manager" where applicable. All executive members may post notices and announcements onto the club website.

*Please consider helping us out by taking on an executive position for the upcoming season. **Don't be afraid to "nominate" yourself.***

Dates for Your Calendar

May 4-6 Our Exhibition! Even if you are not a participant, please come to the opening 8-10 pm on Friday the 4th, to support our club! See "A Gallery of our Own" above for more details. **Bring a friend!**

May 5 – Fraser Valley Invitational. Chief Sepass Theatre, Langley Fine Arts School
9096 Trattle Street, Fort Langley, BC
Advance Tickets Available: \$15 ~ At the Door: \$18
Doors OPEN at 6:00 pm – Doors CLOSE at 7:30 pm (don't be late!)

*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.*

Black and White Results

The Crescent Beach Black and White Invitational was held the evening of April 28. Three of our members (Nastassia, Peter and Mike) came along to see the judging. One of the participants reported that the judges were well-qualified and gave excellent comments on the winners and honourable mentions. Our scores were:

Member	Title	Score
Jim	Simon	18.5
Tim	Old Building and Jack	19
Mike	Aren't I Cute?	21
Nastassia	Hello	21.5
Shona	Afloat	23
Peter	Solarized City	25.5 (1 st place and CAPA gold metal)

Congratulations to everyone who helped our club place, um, way higher than last! And especially to Peter. We're glad you chose to put your entry in our club instead of that other club you belong to.