



# New Westminster Photography Club

# Shutter Release

October 2012



The change in the weather makes it official for me. Fall is definitely here. I hope you have all settled back into the routines of life again after the lovely summer we experienced. And of course one of those routines is the twice monthly camera club meetings. I'll be out there with my camera noting the changing light conditions of fall and also recording the wetness which I find rather beautiful.

## Program

For the 2nd meeting in Sept., we showed theme results and sharing images, however our guest judge was unable to make it. Jim sent the images off to the judge for evaluation. We're waiting to hear back and will share the information with members as soon as it is received.

### October 23: Print Competition

An in-club print competition and discussion. Evaluation and comments will be done by a guest judge.

### November 6: Digital Competition

For this meeting we will hold an in-house digital competition (judging by our own members) and a talk on evaluating images. Send two digital images, the usual size, to [photos@nwphoto.org](mailto:photos@nwphoto.org) on or before Sunday, November 4. Please ensure that the name of the jpeg image is the title. And please give it a title. In addition there's a *Talk on Critiquing*, a member discussion on evaluating images - what to look for and what to say.

### November 27: Learning Stuff

There will be a guest speaker for this meeting, discussing "*Shooting Christmas Lights" and/or Family Photos, With and Without Flash*. We will also show the results of the latest theme competition.

## Outings

Eight members and two visitors attended this opening outing. The overcast skies weren't helpful for some of the 10 assignments, but as usual the Quay was full of activity and most participants were able to get through the list of 10 (Silhouette, Exaggerated Perspective, Reflection(s), Panning, All in a Row, Selective Focus, Bridge(s), Contrast, Portrait, Move your Camera). A few who didn't have conflicting activities afterwards stayed around for a coffee. Check the website to see all the uploaded images from participants and to make comments on their work.

flowers



perspective



an experiment with vertical camera movement with a long (1 second) shutter



Unfortunately the outing On October 13 to the cemetery was cancelled due to inclement weather.

### **Under the Domed Sky**

**Sunday, November 25**

Practice macro and nature photography in the shelter of the Bloedel Conservatory in Queen Elizabeth Park. Even for non-floral lovers, the roof, the architecture and even the view are worth the visit. There are over 100 birds inside, tall trees and lots of colour and texture from the diverse plant materials. Watch the website for more details. If you have suggestions for club outings please let us know. Email coordinator [outings@nwphotos.org](mailto:outings@nwphotos.org)

### **Dues**

Visitors are welcome to attend two or three meetings before making a decision to join. For returning members and new members, a single membership is \$35/year, and joint/family membership for 2 or more family members is \$50/year. Please pay David, our Treasurer, as soon as you can so we can budget for the year.

### **New Sound Equipment**

The new PA system is great, with impressive sound quality. The mike is helpful, especially for those who have some difficulty hearing everything (that includes a lot of us!) and we strongly encourage anyone addressing the group to please use the mike. Thanks again to Jim Furey for procuring this equipment on the club's behalf.

### **Coffee Time**

The supply of **Styrofoam cups** is dwindling and won't be replaced once they're used up, so a repeat reminder that members wishing to partake of the coffee, tea or hot chocolate part of the refreshments should start getting into the habit of ***bringing their own mugs*** or travel cups to meetings.

## **Member News**

Karen Justice is planning to attend the North Shore Photographic Society's viewing of the competition and awards for their Photographic Challenge on **Saturday, March 2nd**. The show begins at 7 p.m. at the Kay Meek Centre for the Performing Arts in West Vancouver (a lovely venue!).

This particular challenge is a competition of photo clubs from BC and the Yukon, and even though the NWPC is not participating directly, Karen is very interested in attending this show to view the images, which will include varied categories, such as wildlife and other natural beauty, street photography, architecture and structures, the human form, abstracts, altered reality and cutting-edge digital technique.

Karen contacted the organizers to ask there will be any early bird or special group rate ticket prices. The answer is YES: the regular ticket price is \$20 and the early bird cost is \$18 (if purchased before February 16, 2013). Wait, it gets better: blocks of 10 tickets can be purchased by clubs for \$150 per block (\$15 per ticket).

Sounds like an enjoyable evening -- and if we get 10 of us interested in going, we can save 5 clams per and maybe even do some car pooling there and back. Or even a bit of dinner together before the event somewhere on the North Shore. If you're interested, please let Karen know fairly soon, and she will keep track of names and arranging for tickets. Thanks!

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## **Announcements**

### **Abbotsford Photo Arts Club Seminar**

This seminar is the largest of its kind in Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest. Key-note speakers, renowned nature and landscape photographers John and Barbara Gerlach, will make presentations on both days. Day 1 will be held in Abbotsford, BC while Day 2 will take place in Burnaby, BC.

Derek Carlin, our club's webmaster, will be making a presentation

### **Photomotion Pacific Digital**

A collection of juried slide shows created by PDPC Photographers.

When: Nov 17, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m. matinee; 7:00 pm evening

Where: Inlet Theatre, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody

Info: Website

Annual slide show presentation by members of the Pacific Digital Photography Club. Tickets \$15: Elfi 604-929-7860

**Also check out the announcement page on the website for 3 courses presented by Derek Carlin, our club webmaster.**

Proshow Gold for Beginners – November 17, 9:00-4:30 in Coquitlam

Slideshow Physiology – November 24, 9:00-4:30 in Coquitlam

Slideshow Psychology – November 25, 9:00-4:30 in Coquitlam

# Calling All Shutterbugs!

Our Nature & Water Photo Contest is Now Open!



2011 Photo Contest Winners (clockwise from left): Grand Prize Alan Story, Favourite Tree Terry Beaupre, Favourite Wild View Cormac Flynn, Favourite Wildlife Eduardo Baena

Amateur photographers in BC are invited to enter our [2012 Nature & Water Photo Contest](#). We are looking for striking digital images of BC's water, wildlife and plants.

The grand prize winner will have the opportunity to have professional photographer Graham Osborne review a portfolio of 5 images and provide critical feedback, and receive a framed version of the winning photo.

The contest is now officially open and closes December 7th. Public voting will begin Dec. 11 and end Dec. 14 with the grand prize winner announced Dec. 19.

To enter and for more information, [click here](#).

**For photo ops**, October is a fantastic month for fall colour. If it's cloudy, a polarizing filter helps to get rid of the reflections on leaves. If it's sunny, backlit colours can be stunning. Try to simplify your compositions. The Fraser Valley backroads can provide great colour, fences and barns. Towards Abbotsford, or around the intersection of Hwy 10 and Fraser Hwy, morning fog sometimes settles. Worth a drive if the day is clear and the nights are cold. Cultus Lake has great colour and the option for lake reflections. Even your local park can provide interesting moody shots. From now until December, shadows are long and light is interesting. Take advantage.