



New Westminster Photography Club

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Another new year. If you have resolved that this year is going to be different, and have included, on your list to “get out to do more photography”, “learn more about my camera”, “learn more about . . . (insert technique(s) here” and so on, you're in the right place. There is no better source of inspiration, encouragement and advice than a group of photographers of varied interests and ideas.

I can't stress enough that the best way to improve your photography, or inspire yourself to try new things is to have a camera (and not necessarily your whole SLR kit: a P&S or even your phone will do nicely) with you **all the time**. Practice really is key, and the more you shoot, the more comfortable you become with “seeing” and getting your camera to see the same thing.

Upcoming Meetings

On **January 27**, we will be **selecting** our entries for the **North Shore Challenge**. Members have been sent an email with the details. If you did not receive it, contact competitions@nwphoto.org. Remember particularly, the **sizing** is different from our norm, **and** the images have to be sent to photos@nwphoto.org **no later than January 24** (you have until just before midnight, then your images turn into mice and pumpkins and will not be accepted).

Also, our own Peter Ellis will be giving us some ideas on interpreting the theme “Simplicity”. This theme is for the Fraser Valley Invitational; selection coming up soon.

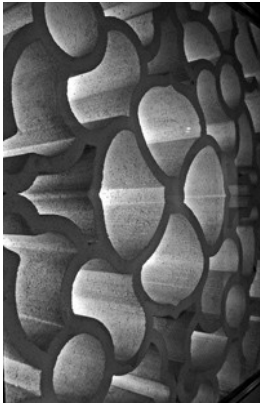
And if time allows, results of the online theme “Festive in Green, White and Red”.

On **February 6**, look forward to Alison from London Drugs talking about **getting a good print from a photo lab**. And Nancy will have a little presentation on **conversion of colour to black and white**. Both of these are very well timed with the upcoming print workshop (February 24) and the Crescent Beach Black and White print invitational.

February 24: In-house print workshop.

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Just go there



Outings

Next outing is **February 22** to the newly expanded Vancouver Aquarium. Watch our website for the time and meeting place (and vanaqua.org to learn more about the aquarium). Fishy fishy. Actually, 50,000 animals, not all fish, provide lots of choice of subjects. (Personally, I'll hope to miss the shark feeding).

Mark your calendars also for March 22 for "Spring is Here", a visit to the Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. (Peter's photo, left, one of the entries for the theme "Architectural Patterns", was taken at the Sun Yat-Sen garden.) Slow down and enjoy. Beautiful subjects.

Online Themes

"Festive in Green, White and Red" just closed, but **is** open for **voting and comments** through January **25**. The new theme, open until **February 15** is "Composition: Framing". Unless this is a favourite technique, you probably can't drag something out of your archives, and of course we always encourage you to take new shots for the challenges. This one should be a lot of fun. Be creative.

If you missed the January 6 meeting, here are the results (the top 10) of the two themes:

Website Theme: Architectural Patterns

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Photographer</i> | <i>Standing*</i> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Chimneys of Paris | Ben | 10 th (tie) |
| Sun Yat Sen Garden | Peter | 10 th (tie) |
| Shadow Play | Brenda | 10 th (tie) |
| Fraser Downs | Shona | 7 th , 8 th , 9 th (tie) |
| CPR station ceiling | Bruce | 7 th , 8 th , 9 th (tie) |
| Archer | Karen | 7 th , 8 th , 9 th (tie) |
| ZigZag | Nancy | 6 th |
| Mondrian-esque | Peter | 5 th |
| Reverence | Shona | 4 th |
| Repetition in brick and white | Shona | 3 rd (29 pts) |
| Glowing Catacombs | Nancy | 2 nd (31 pts) |
| Stripes of steel | Tim | 1 st (35 pts) |

Website Theme: Landscape - Intentional Camera Movement

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Photographer</i> | <i>Standing*</i> |
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| In the woods | Monica | 8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie) |
| Fall aspens | Shona | 8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie) |
| Maples in Motion | Glenn | 8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie) |
| Autumn Carpet | Cathy | 8 th , 9 th , 10 th (tie) |
| Trees on Fire | Glenn | 7 th |

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| Queens Park Northern Lights | Nancy | 6 th |
| Walk in the Park | Cathy | 4 th , 5 th (tie) |
| Abstract in Trees | Tim | 4 th , 5 th (tie) |
| Momiji Vortex | Barb | 3 rd (16 pts) |
| Sunny Spot | Milada | 1 st , 2 nd (tie) |
| Hawthorn Berries | Milada | 1 st , 2 nd (tie) |

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

Club Print Exhibition!

If you have not yet had a look at our images hanging upstairs in the main library, don't miss it. They look fantastic. Although an 8x10 seems small, it is a perfect size for that venue's viewing distance and they show off well. Huge thanks to Karen for all the hard work setting this up. **Closes January 31!**



Just a small sample of our exhibit at the library. Make sure you get out to see it. (photos by Karen)

2015 spring competition dates

Yes, I know. Nag, nag, nag.

Fraser Valley Invitational – digital **theme** competition. The theme for 2015 is **Simplicity**.

Crescent Beach Black and White Invitational – black and white **prints**.

We will **select** our entries for **both** of these competitions on **March 24**, which means that the FVI (digital) images will have to be sent in by the Saturday before.

Upcoming Events of Interest

January 31: The **Burnaby Showcase**, an evening of slide shows and a print exhibition, 7:00 PM at the Shadbolt Centre. \$18. Tickets from the Burnaby Photograph Society (burnabyphotographicsociety.com).

February 21: The **Pacific Zone Print Challenge** has a new host (The Darkroom Group) and a new venue (Gymnasium of the Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship, 1160 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam). Judging promptly at 1:00 PM and a reasonable \$5 admission.

March 7: The evening judging of **The North Shore Challenge**, at the Kay Meek Centre for the Performing Arts in West Vancouver, 7:00 PM. We will have an entry, so cheer us on. Tickets 604-981-6335 or www.kaymeekcentre.com for \$20 or \$22 at the door (if there are any left). Always great work to view, and door prizes.