



# New Westminister Photography Club

## Shutter Release

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### Editor's Desk *(Shona LaFortune – [editor@nwphoto.org](mailto:editor@nwphoto.org))*

Every summer since about Grade 4, I've asked myself how the summer disappears so quickly. Now that I've just passed another of those scary birthdays that end with zero, I wonder how TIME goes by so quickly.

However, during that really short summer, the executive members have squeezed in not one, but two meetings to plan the upcoming program and outings. There is lots of interesting and inspiring stuff coming up, so you won't want to miss a thing.

This is a short, pre-season newsletter. Regular schedule resumes in September.

### Upcoming Meetings *([program@nwphoto.org](mailto:program@nwphoto.org))*

Our first meeting comes **before** the Labour Day weekend, on **September 1**. So don't miss it, or you will also miss the chance to find out what everyone was up to this summer. Specifically, our traditional "what I did this summer" **member sharing**.

*As announced by Nathan via email, throw away that old 1024x768 that is stuck in your mind, and **size your jpeg images to 1920 x 1080** (i.e. no taller than 1080 pixels and no wider than 1920). Yes, put a sticky on your computer right now. Then, send up to 3 images to [photos@nwphoto.org](mailto:photos@nwphoto.org) **no later than midnight** on Saturday, August 29. I might point out that's **barely a week from now!!!**. (Instead of 3 images, you may also send one slideshow (video or Proshow executable) with a **maximum** duration of 3 minutes).*

*Make sure you title your images and add your name (e.g. Rhonda in Blue-J Jones). If you won't make the meeting, it's helpful for the other members to know the story behind the image, such as where you shot it, and/or why, and what techniques you used. So send in a little blurb with your email attachments, and also your preference for projection order, if you have any.*

Back to the meeting. . . Three **themes** closed since our last meeting, so we'll see the **top 10** from "Keepin' it Real, Y'all", "YUMMMM!!!" and "Keeping Cool" online themes.

If time permits, a short video on bird photography. Remember, we have an outing to O.W.L. coming up.

On **September 22**, we are hoping to line up a guest speaker on bird photography; details TBA.



## Dues

Yup, every year we remind you to contribute to our coffers. No increase in dues this year, but, so that we can pay our rent, CAPA and Arts Council dues, guest speakers and other expenses, please bring your cash or cheque book to the first meeting. A bargain for a year's instruction and entertainment, dues are:

Individual members **\$35**  
Family rate **\$50**

See the treasurer before or after the meeting, or at the break.

Visiting? You are welcome to attend three meetings before you decide whether to join us. This applies only to new members.

*Traveling? Unexpected financial hardship? Have a word with the treasurer or Pres (or email [treasurer@nwphoto.org](mailto:treasurer@nwphoto.org)) so that we don't remove you from the member list prematurely.*

## Coffee Break

And we also remind you that we try to do our bit for the environment and really, really try to avoid styrofoam and other icky disposables. So it's a BYOM (bring your own mug) situation at the break. Most of us have one in the car anyway, and if you forget there are a **few** available.



*Image (c) Derek Carlin*

## Outings ([outings@nwphoto.org](mailto:outings@nwphoto.org))

We try to fit an outing in every month. We know that many of you have busy weekends, but the outings offer such a great opportunity to visit places you might not otherwise, in the company of photographers. Highly recommended.

On **September 20**, our outing is to the fall open house of the Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, which goes from 10:00 to 3:00. Awesome place specializing in raptors. Meeting logistics TBA. Watch the club website.

And mark **October 18** on your calendar for a very fun club outing event, the Vancouver Halloween Parade!

## Online Themes ([themes@nwphoto.org](mailto:themes@nwphoto.org))

**Closing** on September 13, "The Writing on the Wall".

*It's too early to give away the September 1 theme (also I don't have it yet!); remember to check for it on the website. And don't forget, you can subscribe to get an e-mail when a theme opens.*

If you miss the top 10 shows at the September 1 meeting, we will have the results printed in the next issue.

## Social Media



If you recognize these symbols, or, more appropriately, if they are part of your life, we have resurrected our Twitter feed (thanks to Nancy and Derek), and will be launching a Facebook page as soon as your editor finishes with this issue. More news as it happens. Although members have access to all this news via our terrific website, sometimes a FB reminder is convenient, AND, we want to SPREAD THE WORD about what an awesome club we are!

## Do you have a story?

We know that when we photographers get together with others, we have stories. Perhaps after an outing, we discuss what we saw and what we missed (lost shots are always a hot topic). We know you have lots, so why not send them to me so we can all enjoy them?? Here, I'll start:

*A friend and I were on the 248<sup>th</sup> Street overpass (over Hwy 1) planning to shoot traffic light trails. It was twilight, and heavy freeway traffic really hauls along there, so we expected it would be perfect. But as soon as we set up our tripods, and there we were, silhouetted against the sky, traffic slowed down in a major way because they thought we were out there with the radar guns. We had a really hard time getting any blurry light shots.*

Send your tales, long or short, to [editor@nwphoto.org](mailto:editor@nwphoto.org) or [shona@nwphoto.org](mailto:shona@nwphoto.org). Or hand me a typewritten or handwritten sheet. It's all good.

## Equipment Fund

Many of our longer-term members will remember the equipment fund jar on the table. The foresight paid off, as we had sufficient funds to purchase, this summer, a new projector and a laptop for the club, leaving an equipment fund balance of approximately zero. So that means, more foresight saving for our next major purchase because, well, these electronic devices just don't last forever. All contributions welcome . . . spare change, lottery winnings . . .

## [www.nwphoto.org](http://www.nwphoto.org)

This is where you will find information on the programs, outings, other members, themes, forums, contacts, etc. Visit often.

And members, please **fill out your bio so we can get to know you**. It is only visible to other members.

## Previous Member News

Many of you will remember Justin Ball. He held the Outings position for a couple of years and gained a reputation for "edgy outings" (among other things), which included a very successful gallery show and sale. Justin has recently moved back to the UK and is currently residing in Newcastle upon Tyne. His old email works, or email [shona@nwphoto.org](mailto:shona@nwphoto.org) for contact info, if you'd like to say hi.