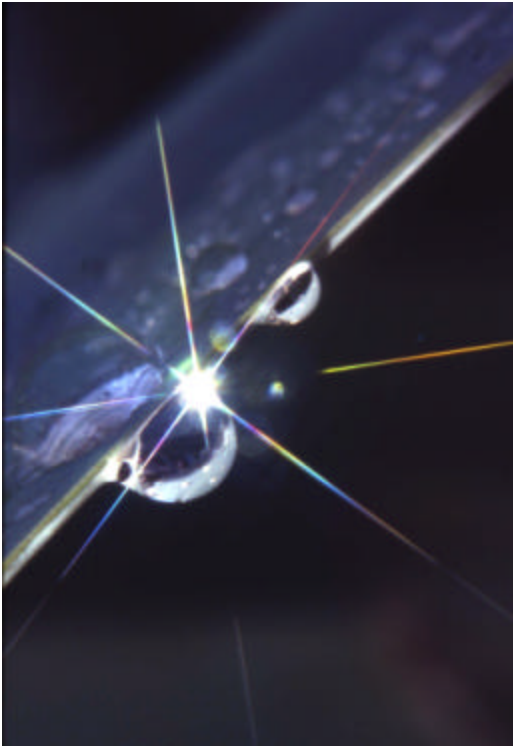


Shutter Release

January, 2005



This striking image is by the late Vivian Harbord. We were saddened to hear of her recent accidental death. Viv had been a loyal member of our club for many years. Even when failing eyesight kept her from active picture-making, she maintained a keen interest - she will be remembered for her excellent work, especially in the field of nature photography. She had a fine talent, and will be deeply missed, for her willingness to help advance knowledge in less-experienced members, and for her gentle, gracious manner.

Upcoming Program

Jan. 4, 2005 Club print competition. Bring 2 prints (**8 X 10 or larger, mounted**) for evaluation by club panel.

Jan. 18
Learn what to enter in the North Shore Challenge: View and discussion of prior year NSC top 100 slides. (Entries for the NSC are due Feb. 1)

Due: Slides/digital files due for next meeting: **2** open/pictorial (for club competition – top scoring 6 slides will be selected for CAPA round 3); **1 assigned subject “Curves”** (for club competition); **2 nature slides only** (will be selected in-club for CAPA round 3).

Feb. 1
Club slide/projection competition and CAPA selections with scoring and comments from guest judge or club panel.

Important: We will also **collect** for the **North Shore Challenge**. See article this issue and bring your **very best** slides or digital images. These will likely be selected out of club due to time restrictions.

Nov. - Dec meetings

Wes Bergen was our guest evaluator on Nov. 2, our first print night of the year. We also selected 10 prints to enter in the Nov. 28 Delta Print Challenge. (All results in this issue).

Doug Mercer was our guest on Nov. 16 for a hands-on workshop on photographing under black light. After showing us a few slides and giving us some tips, we had two set-ups to play with, utilizing his varied assortment of props. (Peter has found a place that sells the lights for a good price; ask him for details if you're interested in acquiring some for yourself.)

The guest judge for our December 7 meeting was **Ed Dubois**, who provided points and comments on open, assigned and nature slides. (See Results this issue).

Christmas Party

Another success! The food was great as always; Roy Long's presentation on Brazil was fascinating (even if it was a little heavy on spiders, snakes and termites); the silent auction made us some money, thanks to all the generously donated items; and Peter and Shona played Santa and distributed the gifts. (Too bad no one had a camera to capture them in their cute little Santa hats.) Thanks to everyone who helped, with special thanks to the Hyslops for their extra effort in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

And the winners are....

These are the results from the November 2 club print competition, evaluated by Wes Bergen. All prints are "open" category.

9 pts Don Pateman, *Jigoku*
8 Peter Ellis, *The Sentinel*

Joan Greaves, *Monet-like Pond*
Ava O'Sullivan, *The Sentry*
Don P., *Tribute*
June Exworthy, *Totem Pole*
Carving
Dave Emery, *Primary Colors*
Shona LaFortune, *Docking*
Grace Darney, *Green Dory*
Shona L., *Zen of the Riverbank*

Following are the results (top scores and those sent to CAPA, therefore not all scores of 7 are listed) from the December 7 slide/digital competition evaluated by Ed Dubois. Those marked with an * were sent to CAPA. Those marked ** were digital and regardless of scores, were not eligible for CAPA.

Open

9 pts Peter E., *Mylar Mystique**
8 Ava O., *See you in Church**
Shona L., *Summer Shower**
Joan G., *Rusted Out**
Dave Emery, *Market Vendor***
7 pts Ava O., *Fall Colours**
Don P., *Tattered Sky**

Assigned (Cooking and/or Eating Utensils)

10 pts Shona L., *Whisk**
9 Peter E., *Culinary Design**
Shona L., *Fork Fantasia**
Dave E., *Wire Dream***
Dave E., *Kitchen Garden***
8 Don P., *Greater Grater**
7 Peter E., *Kitchen Set**
Don P., *Panning for Gold**

Nature

9 pts Ava O., *Siblings**
Fred Greaves, *Leaf Mosaic**
8 pts Joan G., *Bullfrog**
Peter E., *Forest Find**
Joan G., *Web**
7 Ava O., *Light on Water**

CAPA Nature Round 1

Sea Teeth (Don P.) 24; Hubbard Glacier (Fred G.) 20; Purple Loosestrife (Joan G.) 20; The Lookout (Ava O.) 19; Fall Find (Peter E.) 19; Desert Solo (Shona L.) 17

Delta Print Challenge

Peter, Shona and Grace attended the judging of the Delta Print Challenge on November 28. Although we didn't win.... okay we came in last, we had some good scores. This was one of the best print entries we have had but the strong halogen lighting washed out a few of our images and the judges admitted later they would have scored them higher under different light. All clubs were under the same handicap, however, some of our delicate images seemed to suffer more. The Delta Photo Guild did a good job of organizing this event, as always, and has promised to adjust the lighting for next year. Club scores were: 1st: Langley (201 pts), 2nd Delta (200), 3rd Richmond (189), 4th Crescent Beach (184), 5th New Westminster (177).

Our members' scores:

22 pts	June Exworthy, <i>Ice Pattern</i>
20	Don Pateman, <i>Jigoku</i>
20	Grace Darney, <i>Green Dory</i>
19	Ava O., <i>The Sentry</i>
18	Shona L., <i>Zen of the Riverbank</i>
18	Joan G., <i>Monet-like Pond</i>
16	Peter E., <i>The Sentinel</i>
15	Fred G., <i>Lighted Staircase</i>
15	Dave Emery, <i>Primary Colours</i>
14	Genie Regehr, <i>Stretching</i>

Outings

(Don Pateman, *Outings Director*)
Sunday, **January 16**, 2005 – Cypress Mountain (North Vancouver)
(www.cypressmountain.com) .

Meet at the high school (NWSS, near our regular parking area) at 9:30am for those who need a ride. Photographic opportunities include snow, ice, skiers, snow boarders and other winter subjects. Contact Don Pateman for additional information (604-583-0055 or don_pateman@telus.net). Fresh snow would be a bonus!

Mark your calendars now for spring outings. Saturday, March 19 to Minter Gardens, Chilliwack, and Saturday, May 28 for a full day trip to Manning Park.

Pacific Digital Club Report

On November 27, the new **Pacific Digital Photography Club** presented its first program of digital-audio-visual productions they called **Showtime**. Images were captured on digital cameras or scanned from slides. Most of the audience members we talked to found the images from slides to have more snap, and many commented that overall the images were flat. However, the technology was interesting. All of the presentations were put together on software called ProShow Gold by Photodex. This relatively inexpensive program allows not only a variety of blends, but you can pan, zoom in or out, or rotate the images while the show is playing. Of course, some presenters overdid it on the effects, but overall this is not your parents' slide show! Good for this new club to pull this off.

Chung Ai Makes News Too

On Sunday, November 27, the Chung Ai Photography Club celebrated its 30th anniversary with a slide presentation at the Vancouver library. Our President was one of the "honoured guests" and was presented a certificate of thanks for

the club, and a \$100 gift certificate for a framing store, which we added to the silent auction .



Here he is receiving the framed certificate from JT Tse of the Chung Ai Photographic Society. (Photo courtesy of the Chung Ai club.) The slide shows demonstrated well the skill of their members. The photography was breathtaking, with some very imaginative work.

The Chung Ai also hosted their first international salon for prints. Peter and Shona attended the Dec. 18 opening, which included dignitaries from the Province of BC, City of Vancouver, Chinese Consulate, Chinese Cultural Centre and CAPA. The prints (the top scoring from over 1000 entries from 30 countries) were worth seeing.

North Shore Challenge

The North Shore Challenge, a slide competition open to BC clubs, will be held March 5, 2005 in a new venue in West Vancouver and tickets will be \$12. There will be more details announced at meetings and in the next newsletter.

This year, all images will be **projected digitally** using a high-end projector. That means we can enter slides **or** digital images (which can be direct from digital

cameras or scanned slides, colour negatives or black and white negatives). Custom Colour will scan our slides, or we can arrange to scan them ourselves.

A little quirk about digital images is that the screen dimensions restrict the vertical height. So unlike slides, where horizontal and vertical images are the same size, digital vertical images are the same height as a horizontal would be. We've seen this in our club digital entries. Therefore, we think the greatest impact in entries will be for horizontal images and we suggest that's what you enter, whether digital or slide.

All scanned images will be restricted to 1024 X 768 pixels (or for verticals, 768 pixels high X whatever). If you are going to enter a digital image, make sure it is at least that size.

We will select the images February 1. Subject is open. Please bring 4 – 6 of your very best slides or digital images, but not any that have been previously entered in a NSC.

Learn to Judge

The District of Kent will be holding a CAPA Learn to Judge workshop on April 2 and 4, 2005 at the Fitness/Activity Centre in Agassiz. They will be keeping the cost reasonable so if you are interested in taking this worthwhile course, contact Kim at 604-796-8891 for costs and details.

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