



Shutter Release

May 2006



This graphic composition was captured by Peter Ellis on the recent outing to Gibsons.

From the Editor

Many of you know that I will not be standing for re-election as newsletter editor for another camera club season. It's been fun but I need more time to work on my own photography, hobbies and other volunteer jobs...

Thank you to all of you who have been so supportive with your photos, articles... and compliments – it means a lot.

Please be sure to assist the incoming Executive by completing your surveys or talking to an appropriate officer with your ideas or requests for programs, outings or procedural changes.

Shona

What a great year!

Dave Emery, President

This has been a great year for the New Westminster Photography Club. Our club officers did a great job in carrying out their duties to help us enjoy our hobby this year. All of us owe our officers a big "Thanks!" for their efforts. As a result of putting on a strong program, interesting meetings and great outings, our membership has literally doubled this year. It is great to have the talent and experience of our long-time members along with the enthusiasm and fresh eyes of our new members!

This year we have all had many chances to share our work and get positive and constructive feedback from our fellow members. I know that this has helped my photography! In addition, we have had some competitive entries in the local photo challenges we have participated in.

Remember that summer in BC is the perfect time to enjoy our hobby and take some photos to share at our first meeting in the fall! I am confident that our officers for the fall will top even our efforts this year!

Upcoming Program

May 2

Annual General Meeting and New Member Night! After club business and elections, this meeting will be a time to celebrate the new members that we have welcomed through out the last year. We will ask all new members to participate in this evening's program. They can do a short 5 min "show n tell"

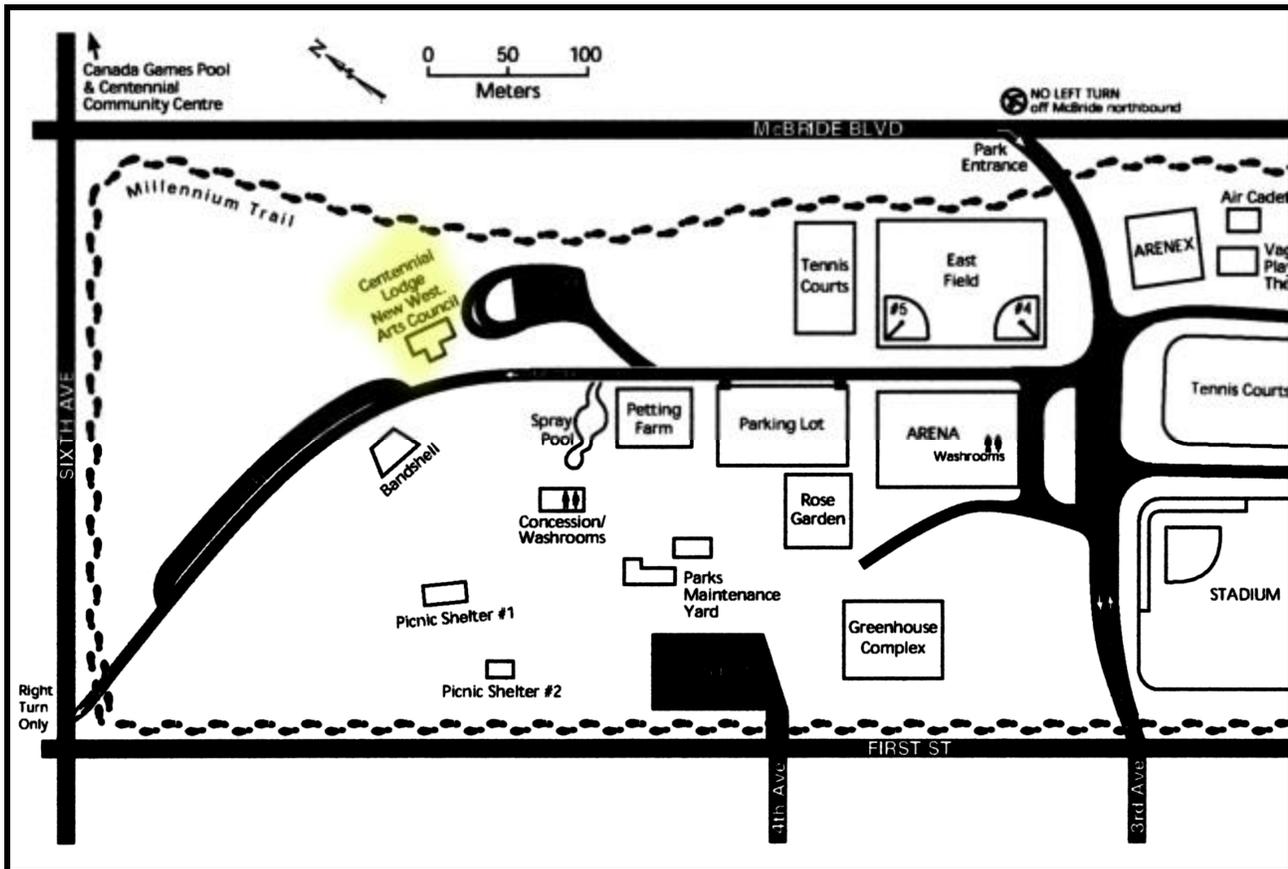
program or can merely share with us some of the photos (digital, slides or prints) that they have taken for member comments. Come celebrate the work and enthusiasm of our new members.

May 16

No meeting – pot-luck is May 23.

May 23

Wind-up potluck. Note this is the **fourth (not third)** Tuesday of the month. At Centennial Lodge in Queens Park (same place we held the Christmas dinner and the wind-up for the past few years - and very close to where we meet now). Bring food to share (cook, bake or buy): salad, casserole, bucket of chicken, sweets.... **6:30 pm**. Program by Peter Ellis. In case the map below doesn't reproduce too clearly, the road on the left hand side is 6th Ave., at the top is McBride, bottom is First St. and the entrance off First St. is Third Ave. The road becomes one-way so you cannot enter off 6th except on foot.



Were you there?

April 4

We spent a full evening selecting prints for Crescent Beach Black & White Invitational and slides/digital images for Fraser Valley Invitational "Airborne". Margaret Fellmann's 5-minute presentation was on digital photography, particularly with respect to compact digital cameras.

April 18

This members' night was wide open for digital, slides or prints, any subject. It was a full meeting with lots of variety of images and helpful comments. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Gibson Outing

The weekend outing was perfectly timed for weather, of course, coming after a 4-day Easter weekend when it mostly rained. Twelve members and a family member guest showed up for a day at Gibsons on April 22. There is a nice variety of images on the club website (Outings, then link to past outings, from which the following were taken).



Lou Misshula



Peter Ellis



Matti Lagerbom

The Swap Meet

Normally I wouldn't be reporting on a non-club activity, but so many of our members were there on April 9, it was like a meeting. According to some vendors, it was smaller than in the past, e-Bay having stolen some of the used camera market, but there is nothing like holding the goods in your hand and yes, there were some good deals to be had, depending on what you were looking for.

BC Print Challenge

Three of our members (plus your Editor who was one of the judges) attended, but for a sunny day after the Gibsons outing, that wasn't bad! Our results:

<i>Sunflower</i> , Ava O.	23 pts
<i>Vancouver Sky</i> , Agnia L.	22
<i>Spinnacer Tower</i> , Peter E.	21
<i>Some Beauty</i> , Fred G.	20
<i>Melting</i> , Tony V.	20
<i>Snowy Morn</i> , Keith G.	19
<i>Touch me for good luck</i> , Matti L.	19
<i>Pink</i> , Dave E.	19
<i>Ethereal Rose</i> , Joan	18
<i>Totem</i> , Marjan S.	17

Thank you to Dave for sending the list around, Peter Ellis for recording the results in time for me to get them in the newsletter and to Joan Greaves for handling the delivery and pick-up of the print entry.

Unfortunately, our club did not make the top 10. We'll do better next year!

May 13: Fraser Valley Invitational

James Hill School Gymnasium, 22144 Old Yale Road, Langley. Judging starts at 7:30 pm and the club notices indicate **doors will close at the commencement of the show, and will remain closed until intermission.**

Most of our members who want to attend have obtained tickets, either through the Langley club representatives or Peter Ellis, who arranged an order (which he has received from the club and mailed). There may be tickets (\$10) at the door if there is space.

This is a digitally projected competition for lower mainland clubs. It started as a theme competition by the now dissolved Surrey Camera Club, and after several years of being hosted by Abbotsford, Langley has become its permanent host. The Langley club does a wonderful job, carrying on the Surrey CC tradition of providing catered food trays – (the food is worth the price of admission). In the past, they also had an exhibition of their club's prints. They also usually arrange some fantastic door prizes.

The theme this year is "airborne". Eighteen lower mainland clubs, including our own, are participating.

May 18: Crescent Beach Black and White Invitational

Camp Alexandra, 2916 McBride, Crescent Beach. Doors open at 7:30; judging starts at 8:00.

The Crescent Beach club has hosted this competition for a number of years. It started as an effort to resurrect some interest in traditional black and white printing to support the use of the club's darkroom. Today, many of the images entered are digitally created, however this competition is for pure B&W images, however created – no toning allowed!

They carry the theme throughout, from B&W awards to B&W food. Guests are asked to wear B&W also, to support the theme. (More than one person last year noted I wore "cream" instead of white. Oh, my.) You will still be welcome if you don't own anything black though...

There is no charge, so please come, enjoy the images and the hospitality of the Crescent Beach Photography Club, and support our own club entry.

Camera Canada Conference (CCC) 2006

May 30 is the last chance at the lower "early bird" registration costs for CAPA's annual conference, "Summer in the City" in Toronto, **July 14-16**. (You save \$30 by registering early, and another \$30 if you are a CAPA individual member, for a lowest possible cost of \$235, which includes the banquet and the "meet and greet"). The venue is downtown, there are seminars, workshops, tours... Go to www.capacanada.ca for more information, printable registration forms, etc.

OPAW 2006

(Okanagan Photographic Art Workshops) in Kelowna, **August 11-13**. For novice to advanced photographers, this is a weekend of workshops. The cost for an adult is \$395, which includes workshops and lectures, wine & cheese reception, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 supper buffets. Accommodation at the Okanagan University Collect from as low as \$35/night.

Brochures at the club or www.opaw.org for descriptions, registration and accommodation information.

The APAC Seminar

This popular day of workshops has always been good value. This year it will be held on October 21 and 22 (usually the second day is a workshop by the feature speaker). The feature speaker is Nancy Rotenberg, perhaps not your pick if you are not into birds and flowers, however, there are print exhibitions, a trade show and a good choice of workshops to select from. There will be online

registration this year, and brochures are usually mailed out in May and are available at camera stores and at the club. Watch the club website (www.apac.bc.ca) for information as it becomes available.

Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA)

Now that our club no longer participates in the "CAPA Rounds" (competitions), our newer members may not be that familiar with our umbrella organization. CAPA is a volunteer-run, national photography organization. CAPA's objectives include "To promote the art and science of photography in all its forms throughout Canada and the world, and to further public interest therein." CAPA sponsors competitions, exhibitions and events, an annual conference (CCC – see above) and publishes a quarterly magazine, Canadian Camera.

CAPA is divided into zones across Canada. Pacific Zone encompasses BC, the Yukon and, unofficially, members in Washington. (The other zones are Prairie, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic.) Our Zone Director is Chris Sheffield, a member of the Langley Camera Club. (The previous Zone Director was Shona LaFortune). CAPA's national president, Val Davison, is a resident of Surrey. We are fortunate to be in Pacific Zone, the largest and most active in the country. Pacific Zone has over 40 clubs, almost 20 of which are in the lower mainland. That gives us access to the resources of workshop presenters, evaluators and club-sponsored competitions and activities.

Like many photography organizations, CAPA has been struggling with decreasing membership, a shortage of volunteers and the adjustment to digital photography. The CAPA board has worked hard for the past few years to make the organization more efficient and relevant to its members and is confident it can continue to provide a link and resource for photographers across Canada.

Individual membership is \$45 and includes 4 issues of the magazine and 4 issues of the Pacific Zone News newsletter, discounts at Lens and Shutter and other retailers, and discounts for some CAPA events. More information at www.capacanada.ca.

Club key contacts

After the elections on May 2, the contacts will likely change. For now, you can reach Dave Emery at dave@nwphoto.org, or 604-517-6654, Shona at shona@nwphoto.org, or 604-970-3850, and Justin (outings) at outings@nwphoto.org. Any of us will be happy to provide you contact information for the person you are looking for, if we can.