



New Westminster Photography Club

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Thinking back to the start of the year in September, it's impressive how much we have packed into the year – from fantastic guest speakers to interesting outings, competitions and member sharing, there's been a wealth of learning opportunities and social activities.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers who have given their time to one or more of the positions that created all these opportunities for us, and who are so essential to the running of our club. There are many hours put in by our executive that the members generally don't see, such as calling guest speakers, scouting outing locations in advance, keeping our Facebook and Twitter postings up, jurying our competition entries, keeping our website fun, functional and safe ... and the list goes on. When you walk into the hall, remember that our volunteers have placed the chairs, prepared the coffee and tea, carried in and connected the projection equipment and put out the sign-up book. That takes volunteer time and the meeting hasn't even started!

So you all know where I'm going for this. When you hear the call for nominations, please raise your hand. There are always people to help so no one has to carry a position on their own. We are a fantastic club; we appreciate your help keeping it that way!

Have a wonderful summer, everyone. Cue Mr. Sun:



Upcoming Meetings (program@nwphoto.org)

This is a biggie, people – our Annual General Meeting on **May 24**. Your volunteer executive members have worked hard this year to bring you lots of cool activities, so please support them, and the club, by turning up to hear their report on the year's activities, and participating in the voting and decision-making that are so essential to keep all our interesting activities happening. And of course we have some extra stuff including a great review of the digital versions of the Pacific Zone Print Challenge entries. Members had expressed interest in entering this competition, so make sure you have a look to see what we'll be up against.

And can you believe it, the wind-up pot-luck on **June 7** is our last "meeting". Food, friends and entertainment. What's not to love. Remember, this one starts **earlier** – be there at 5:30 to help set up, or 6:00 to be ready to **eat at 6:30**. Bring some food to share, and a friend or two if you like.

Outings (outings@nwphoto.org)

Remember, Outings continue through the year!

Our **May 29** outing is “Bumming Around at Iona Beach”, a trip to this most varied and interesting place where the river meets the sea. Fantastic bird and nature photographs. Come prepared for sand, mud and cool temperatures. And walking of course.

Meet at the Centennial Lodge parking lot (our meeting place) for car-pools leaving at **9:00 AM sharp** (please let Monica know if you will be there with a car or needing a ride) **or** meet at Iona, at the building with washrooms and picnic tables at **10:00 AM**.

On **June 26** (Sunday – please change your calendars if you originally noted Saturday) be prepared for interesting images of exotic animals at the Urban Safari Rescue Society venue (1395-176th Street, South Surrey). Meet at the entrance at **10:45 AM**. Admission by donation (suggested donation \$10).

For something completely different, join us on **July 24** for “Away to the Races!”, a visit to Hastings Racecourse. Meet at 12:30 PM (see, you can even sleep in) at Jerome’s Restaurant on site. Gates, parking, transit and all that information is on the website. See you at the track!

Mark your summer calendar for **August 20** for “PhotoCaching”, a combination of geocaching with practice of “what do I see here” composition skills. Logistics TBA. Check the website closer to the date.

Themes (themes@nwphoto.org)

Closing May 22, or in other words, **IN A FEW DAYS**, “**Faces in random places**”. For those of you who see a face in everything you look at, this one is for you. How hard is it to see them when you’re actually **looking** for them? Two eyes and a mouth . . . hmmm.

You have until **June 19** to interpret “Monochromania!”. Note, no black and white allowed, but see what you can find that’s only one colour. Examples in the description.

Themes run all year, and top 10 results will be shown at one of our first meetings in September. Voting follows the closing date for a week, and after that, the top 3, plus all the comments, are available on the website.

For all themes, be sure to read the statement before submitting your entries. Don’t just go by the theme title.

Theme results

The “Stock it to me – part 2” theme results were shown at the last April meeting. Here are the results for the record, of the top 10 places. Yes, this is the **only** place you can find them. Congratulations to the winners. This was a challenging topic and the results were fascinating:

Title	Artist	Place/score
Come see BC and tell someone	Bruce	10 th
Reading the Rocks	Ben	9 th
Fire Dept Friend	Karen	8 th
Old Gardener	Nancy	5 th , 6 th , 7 th (tie)
Advertise Impressionist Art Exhibition at Art Gallery	Bruce	5 th , 6 th , 7 th (tie)
Attention, Please	Karen	5 th , 6 th , 7 th (tie)
Celebration	Tim	4 th (22 pts)
Media	Shona	3 rd (23 pts)
Waiting	Monica	2 nd (24 pts) (tie)
This one	Monica	2 nd (24 pts) (tie)
Out of the shadow	Barb	1 st (26 pts)

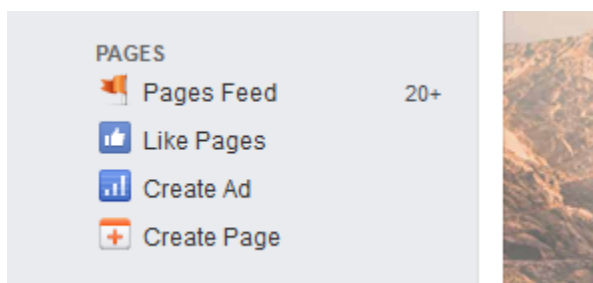
CAPA and the Clubs

Most of you know that our club belongs to a national Canadian organization called CAPA (Canadian Association for Photographic Art). (Check out their websites at <http://capacanada.ca/> (national) and <http://capapac.org/index.html> (Pacific Zone)).

Recently, CAPA hosted an event called “Refresh!”, “a gathering of camera club leaders to network with colleagues from other clubs, address common challenges clubs may face, and create solutions.” Aura McKay was the facilitator. We had representatives there, who reported that clubs face many of the same challenges (no news there, really) and all the suggestions and information from the meeting was formed into a “report” and sent to the participants. Your Executive will be reviewing all that information at their first meeting, to see what value can be gleaned for our club. Stay tuned!

The world is yours!

For any of you on Facebook, are you aware that you can create your own pages for any purpose you like –to show off a collection of images, whether yours or that you have collected off the Internet (one of our members has a page of cute signs), or wise quotes, or . . . ? You can link those page posts to your own FB page as well. It’s interesting how much traffic you might pick up. It’s as simple as searching for the “create page” icon on your FB feed and following the prompts:



One of our members creates/collects memes and wondered if members might enjoy the challenge of either a Facebook page or a gallery on our website. Pithy sayings overlaid on one of your images and who knows . . . At a minimum, it's an excellent exercise for "stock" images, where you want to leave a little room for text . . . We'll bring this idea up at a meeting, but in the meantime, editor@nwphoto.org or webmaster@nwphoto.org might be a place to throw out some ideas, if you are interested.

Summertime

The province might be in for more dry weather this summer, so take the opportunity to get out for some photography (not that summertime sun is necessarily the **best** light/conditions for photos, depending on the subject, but it makes us feel good, right?)

Your local newspapers, organization Facebook pages and city websites are the best sources for information for local and even provincial events. Of course if you like gardening, local public gardens will be in their prime through the summer. If you want to photograph kayaks in white water, or a rodeo, there are nearby places good for that too. The point is to take advantage of the long days to have some fun with your camera, right?

Just a few (mostly club) dates to keep in mind (your calendar is handy, right?):

May 24 – our **AGM** . Come to vote, stay for the entertainment.

May 29 – **Club outing** "Bumming Around at Iona Beach"

June 1 – new **Theme** opens – check the website to see what it is!

June 7 – Our club season **wind-up pot-luck**. Food and entertainment. See you there!

June 19 – **Theme** "Monochromania!" closes for entries

June 26 – **Club outing** "Urban Safari Rescue Society"

June 20 – Summer solstice and a full moon. Just throwing that out there.

July 1 – **Canada Day** – and a new theme opens (see website for topic)

July 24 – **Club outing** "Away to the Races!"

August 1 – BC Day **and** a new theme opens. Check it out on the website!

August 20 – **Club outing** "PhotoCaching"

September 1 – Look for a new theme opening.

September 5 – Labour Day.

September 6 – First club meeting of the 2016-2017 season!

Gallery Reminder

Many of our members have added images to their galleries lately. These can be viewed by anyone (although the comments can be seen only by members), so sign on to the site, have a browse and make some comments (some members specifically have noted on their images that they would appreciate some feedback so watch for those).

And of course you can have your **own** galleries on our site as well. Look for the "My Galleries" tab once you sign in. You can create as many galleries as you like. There is a "Help!" button that tells you everything, or just click on "create gallery" and start uploading. A great summer project!



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www.nwphoto.org should need no explanation. **The** source for all our upcoming (and past) activities, newsletters, galleries and much more.