

Editor's Notes

Welcome to September, 2021 How did that happen?

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I am not sure how it became September again,
Seems I was just surrounded by May's Sunbeams:
And all of a sudden June came rushing through
Dragging along his little sister July and
They rushed into August....

And now it is September, what have they done.



Welcome to the 74th Year of the New Westminster
Photography Club.
Since 1948 — and still going strong!



Welcome Back Everyone!!

We are still in the midst of our Covid Pandemic, but if you look carefully...

We learned a lot of things over the last year, and it has been hard, but with the dedication of our executive and the enthusiasm of our membership, it looks like we are going successfully into a new season of action and adventure.

This issue of our clubs news includes a list of the club directors and as much information as possible at this time regarding upcoming meetings and events. We are going to focus a bit more on, "Getting Out There," this year and less on where we have been. I invite you to submit upcoming events, and items of interest so that we can make as many of our members aware of upcoming opportunities as possible. Email me at

editor@nwphoto.org

We hope to publish a newsletter Bi-monthly, but supplemental issues may be written as times change.

We are going to work at achieving a strong community focus in the hopes of becoming better known within our community, and hopefully attract new members. We were somewhat dormant last year due to the pandemic circumstances, but we have learned to deal with pandemic and challenging times, and we are starting to generate a new energy, which leads to new opportunities, which leads to.... Better Pictures!!

At this early date, I do not yet have a meeting schedule, nor an in house competition list, nor the out-house competitions list. We do have some catch-up to do as it has been a slow Summer, but not totally without events.

Our 2021-2022 Executive Team!!

Our club succeeds due to the hard work of our executive. All positions are filled by volunteers who donate their time in service to the club.

Each year we hold an Annual General Meeting to elect new executives. Some directorships are run by more than one person. The officers help and work with each other to organize the club's activities for the coming year.

Here are the directorships within the club for 2021-2022.

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Themes ByRickLewis

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Uploading - The monthly theme is open for uploading images starting on the 1st and ending on the last day of that month. The images should pertain to the stated theme. If you have any issues uploading an image, just let me know and I'll help sort out the problem. I send out an email a few days before the end of the month to remind everyone that the uploading window is closing.

Voting/Scoring/Commenting - there is a 7 day window to review all images uploaded to the monthly Theme (1st to the 7th of the month following the close of the upload period). In order to support the members who have submitted images, voting, scoring and commenting on the images is strongly encouraged. As a reminder, voting is picking what you consider to be the top 3 images; scoring is judging each image based on the CAPA scoring guidelines (scoring: 1-10). As per the guidelines: "When assigning a score to an image, remember that one of the objectives of competition is to encourage the members who are competing and not to discourage their efforts. The score of an average image should be 6 or 7 out of 10." https://www.pgphotoclub.com/articles/capa_judging_guidelines.pdf. Providing comments on an image will help the artist learn and grow - be specific - pro and con. I also send out an email reminder before the close of the voting/scoring/commenting period.

Theme Results - at the close of the voting period, our website will automatically flag the top three images based on the total points received - 11 points for a 1st place vote, 5 points for 2nd place and 2 points for 3rd place. The more people that vote, the more democratic the outcome will be. I then create a slideshow which includes all images submitted for the theme, highlighting the top 10 images based on the voting outcome. Slideshows are then shown at the next NWPC meeting and archived on our website for posterity.

Recent Work - We will not be running a separate "Recent Work" set of themes this year based on feedback from members. Our Facebook forum provides an opportunity to share current work.

If you have any questions on the above, please let me know.

Rick Lewis - NWPC Themes

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The Themes chosen again for this year are a mixture of technical (Color, Natural light) and subject-oriented (Bridges, Flowers) challenges. Monthly Themes will run the same as they did last year with the exception of discontinuing the "Recent Work" (based on feedback received). I would like to encourage everyone to take the time to participate in not only submitting images, but also in judging and commenting on the images others have posted. It's one of the ways the club supports sharing and growing as photographers.

2021-Sep	Fraser River	Anything to do with the river - fishing, boating, tugs, etc. To tie into the Fraser River "Click" Photo Contest.
2021-Oct	Color	Images with bright and contrasting colors.
2021-Nov	Curves	A curved leading line takes the viewer on a less direct route to the subject.
2021-Dec	Happy/Smile	What makes you smile or feel happy inside?
2022-Jan	B&W	A black and white photograph is an image where all color has been removed. High contrast works best.
2022-Feb	Opposites	Objects that we don't expect to see together. Opposites give us visual contrast, and when two objects contrast in a big way, they give the viewer something to think about.
2022-Mar	City Lights	They're everywhere at night!
2022-Apr	Bridges	Bridges come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, plus they are everywhere in the Greater Vancouver area.
2022-May	Flowers	Everything is blooming in the spring.
2022-Jun	Fur & Feathers	Anything with fur & feathers!
2022-Jul	Reflections	Reflection photography is when you use reflective surfaces to create an artistic echo of a scene.
2022-Aug	Natural Light	Natural light photography uses the sun as its light source.

Things To See and Do



Visit Queens Par, always good for a picture or 2 or 10

Visit the Anvil Centre, Museum, Art Gallery and architecture,





Quayside Esplanade & Boardwalk, Always Camera Friendly

The Original Bike Shop and Cap's Bicycle Museum





Fraser River Discovery Centre Always Camera Friendly

As we begin to emerge from or Covid hibernation, lets start with the simple things!

Things To See and Do



Head over to the Glenbrook Ravine and capture a few shots at this fairy tale-like location. This hidden gem has both a garden and a bridge. Need I say more?

Take a walk along Front Street



Create your own walking tour of heritage homes in the Queens Park area.

Take a stroll in Sapperton Landing Park



Glenbrook Ravine Park is always welcoming

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Guest Article

Super Moon Photography By Rick Lewis

I decided to take the April 26th Supermoon as an opportunity to practice my nighttime photography and learn more about the PhotoPills app which helps you select locations for photographing the moon, eclipses, meteor showers, northern lights and other events.

The Concept: to really showcase the size of the moon, you need to find an interesting structure on the earth to provide context for the nearby moon. This could be tall trees, buildings, monuments, or other objects. The further away you are from the object, the larger the moon will look in relative size (given that the moon is ~384,000 kms from the earth, if you move away from your earthbound object, the moon will keep its relative size but the object will decrease in relative size).

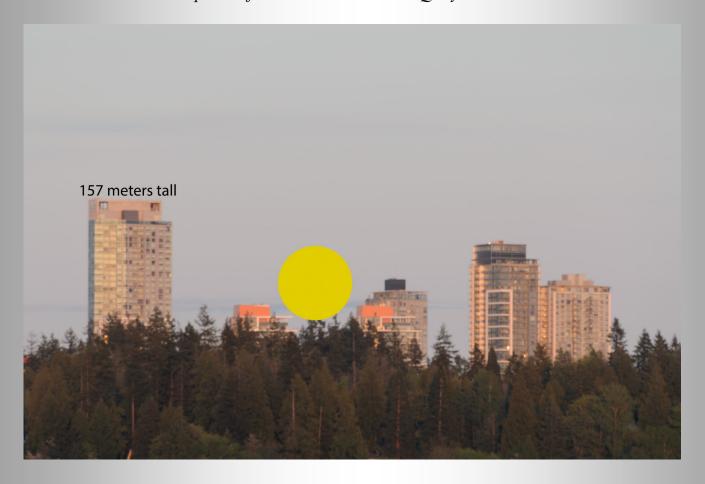
Finding the Right Location: given that the moon rises in the east (give or take a bit), you need to find a shooting location that looks eastward towards your object and that will be in perfect alignment with the moon as it rises. There are multiple factors that go into choosing the right object and the right shooting location:

- **Distance to Object:** Ideally, the distance between your camera and the object should be multiple kms to achieve the moon magnification effect. To make this happen you need a telephoto lens so that you can zoom in to the object & moon.
- Size of the object: You need to know the height of the object to match against the height of the moon (if the moon is too high in the sky over your object, you've lost the visual impact). The width of your object will also tell you how large the moon will appear next to it. Google will tell you the size of most manmade objects. PhotoPills will give you the relative size and height of the moon so that you can compare.
- Line of Sight: Since you will be kms away from your object, you will need a clear line of sight for your photograph. This is not as easy as it sounds as the Lower Mainland has a lot of trees and hills that get in the way. I found that selecting an object that is across from a body of water provides the best visibility.

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For this Supermoon, I chose the buildings around Surrey's Civic Hotel (157m tall and ~ 40m wide) as my "object" as they are visible from the New West side of the river. I then used PhotoPills to select the exact camera location along the river that would provide the view of the moon rising above the buildings. The shooting location turned out to be the topside of the New Westminster Quay boardwalk elevator.



As part of my planning exercise, I took this daytime picture from the Quay and mapped where I wanted the moon to be positioned for the photo.

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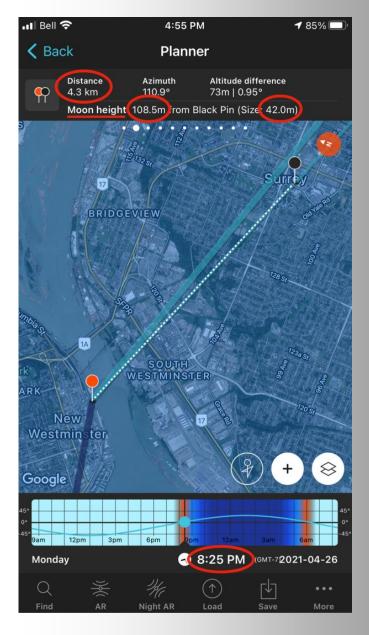
PhotoPills:

Photopill's map feature allowed me to set a black pin at my required object location and then a red pin at my proposed shooting location. I then fine tuned the red pin's location until the moon matched the exact position within my planned image (as above). PhotoPills calculated that at 8:25pm the moon would be 108.5m from the ground-level and appear to be 42m wide (about the same width as the Civic Hotel). It also determined that the distance between the shooting and object locations was 4.3km.

A PhotoPills video on planning for a Supermoon: https://www.facebook.com/watch/? v=2996533737247762

Equipment: Nikon D5100 with a 28-300 zoom lens. On this cropped sensor at 300mm, the effective zoom was 450mm. Camera settings were 1/100 sec, f/7.1 and ISO 200.

Post Processing: Ran the NEF Raw file through DxO PureRaw to cleanup noise and sharpen (a newly released piece of software that does an amazing job). Cropped in Lightroom.



Super Moon Photography By Rick Lewis

Final Result:



Planned Result:



Thank you so much Rick!!

Member Competitions

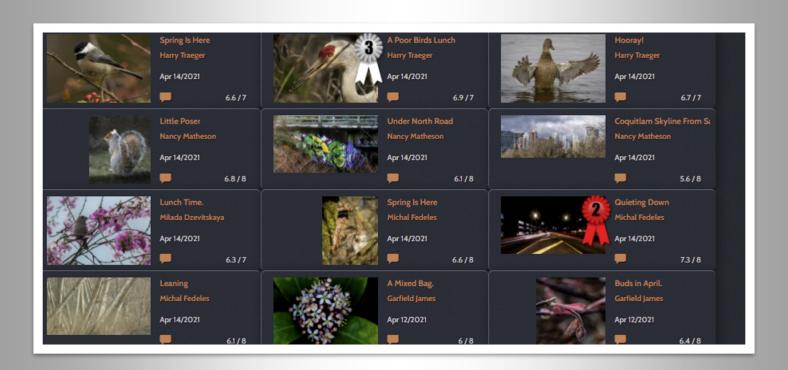
Our Monthly inhouse competitions

Playing Catch-up!

Recent Work #7

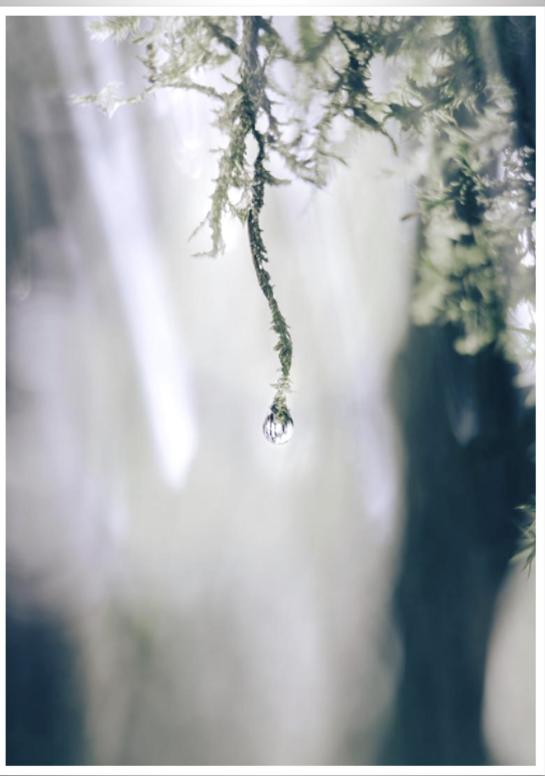
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Congratulations to all participants!!



First Place





Remnants of Rain by Kathy Harms

Second Place





Quieting Down

By Michal Fedeles

Third Place





A Poor Birds Lunch By Harry Traeger

Completing The Top 10

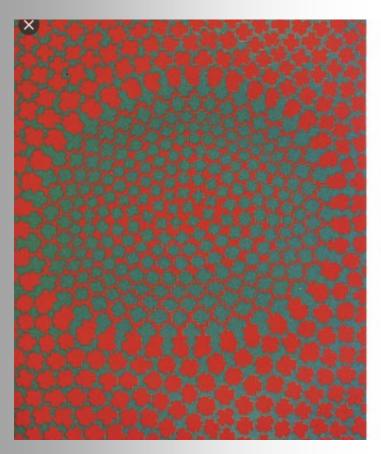


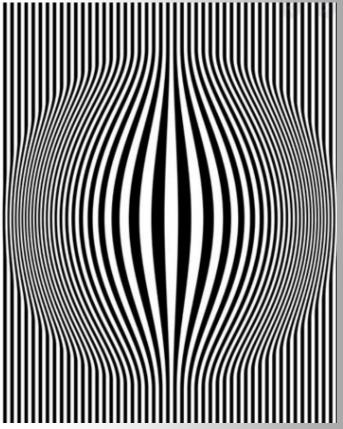
Congratulations to all

Contrast

Contrast is used to direct a viewers' attention to a subject.

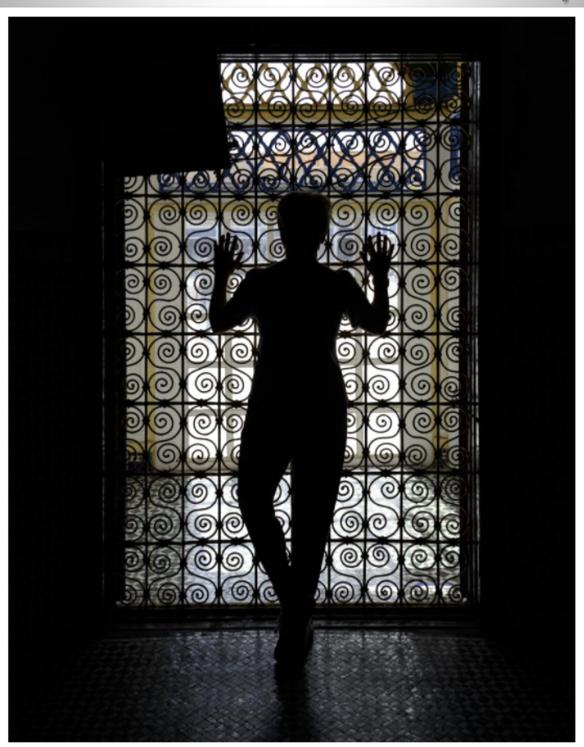
Congratulations to all participants!!





Contrast First Place





Looking Out by Rick Lewis





Look Me in the Eye By Karen Justice

Contrast Second Place





Fairy Dust By Michal Fedeles

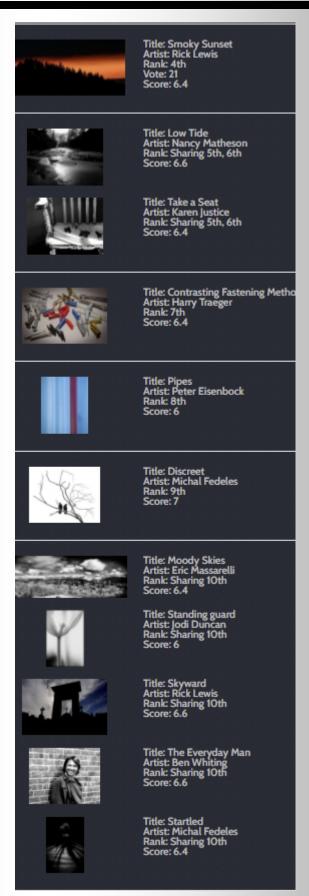




Overlooking the Past by Nancy Matheson

Completing The Top 10

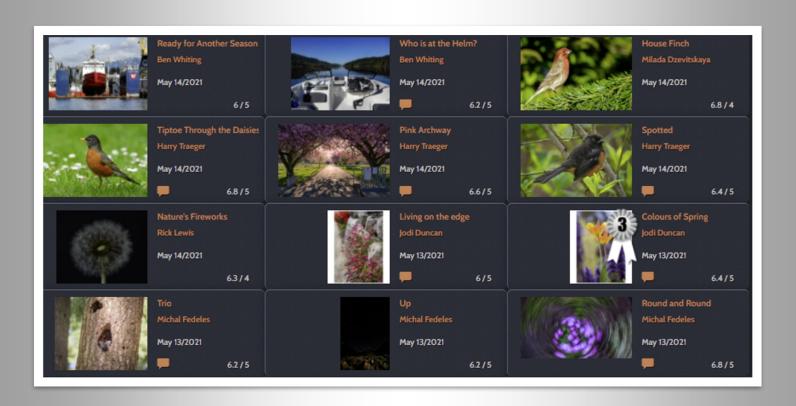
Congratulations to all



Recent Work#8

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Recent Work#8 First Place





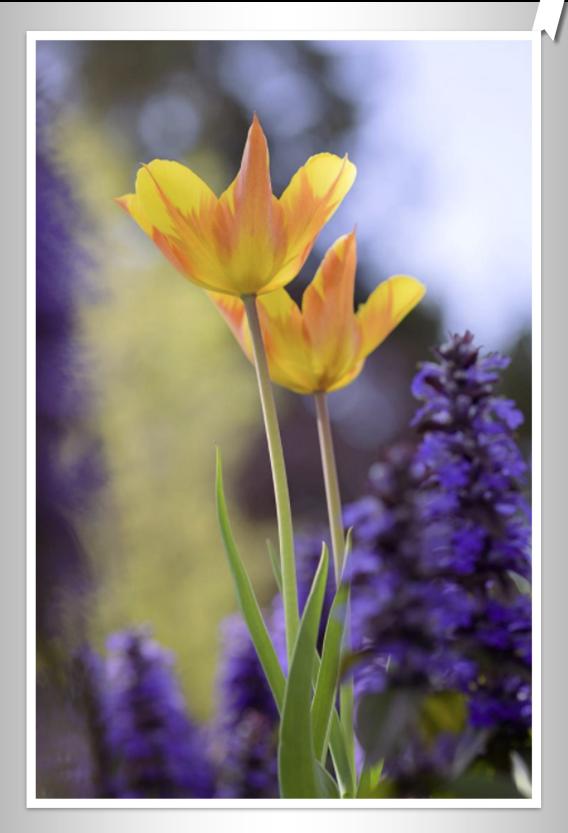
Super Moon By Rick Lewis





A Bouquet of Fringed Tulips by Paul Richard Larose





Colours of Spring by Jodi Duncan

Completing The Top 10

Congratulations to all



Weather

Spring brings a change of weather and with it some fast moving clouds which are great for trying long exposure.

Congratulations to all participants!!







Alone in the Rain By Kate Lewis





Shelter From the Snow by Nancy Matheson





Working in the Snow by Ben Whiting

Completing The Top 10

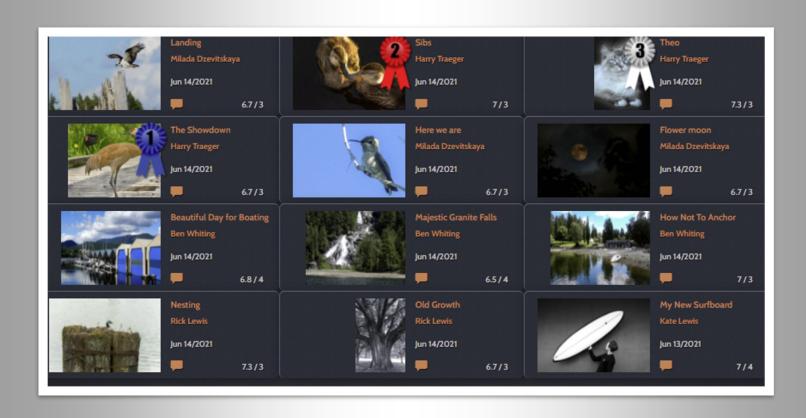
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Congratulations to all

Recent Work#9

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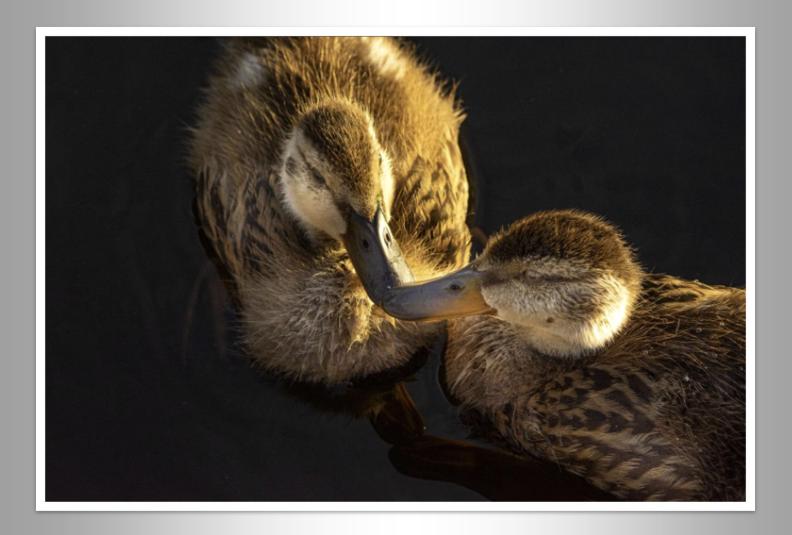


Recent Work#9 First Place





The Showdown by Harry Traeger



Sibs by Harry Traeger

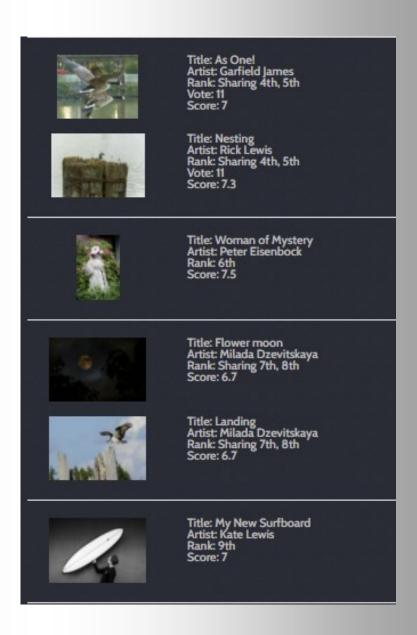




Theo by Harry Traeger

Completing The Top 10

Congratulations to all



Doorsand Windows

Doors and windows are full of patterns, textures, colors and designs and they are everywhere!

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Doorsand Windows First Place





Windows and Door in Burano Adorned with Laundry by Tim Stewart



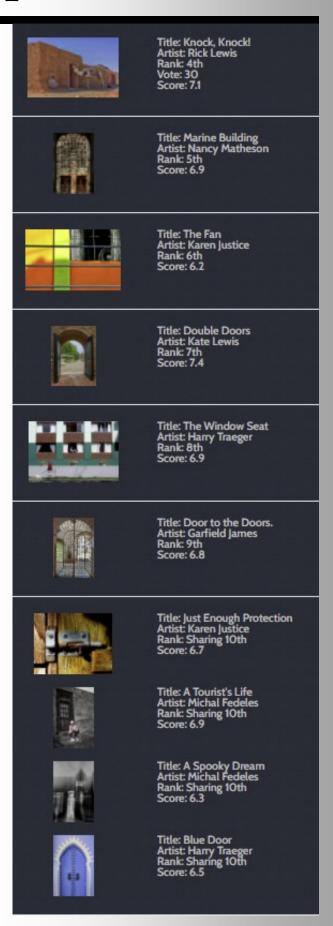
Colourful Arches by Harry Traeger



Decaying Opulence by Kate Lewis

Completing The Top 10

Congratulations to all



Street

There is a whole world out there on the street. Greater Vancouver has many vibrant areas brimming with all sorts of interesting people and scenes.

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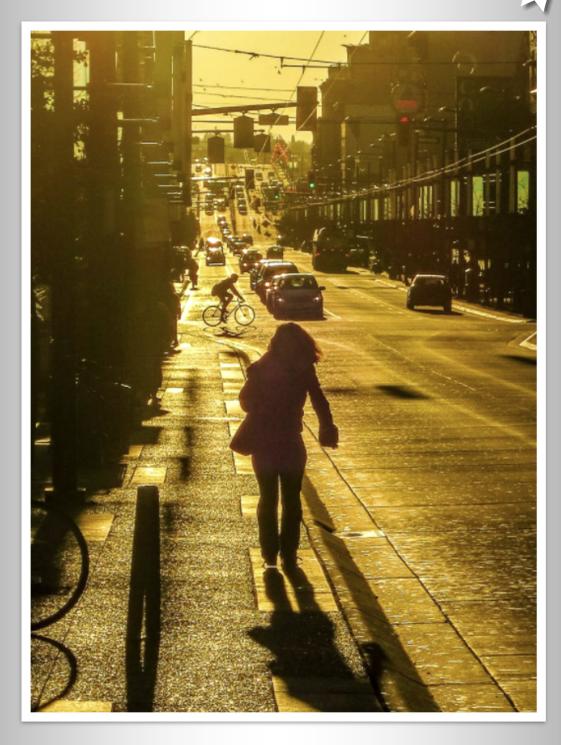
Making Friends By Rick Lewis





Distancing By Michal Fedeles





Walking in Golden Light By Peter Eisenbock





Street Food By Nancy Matheson

Completing The Top 10

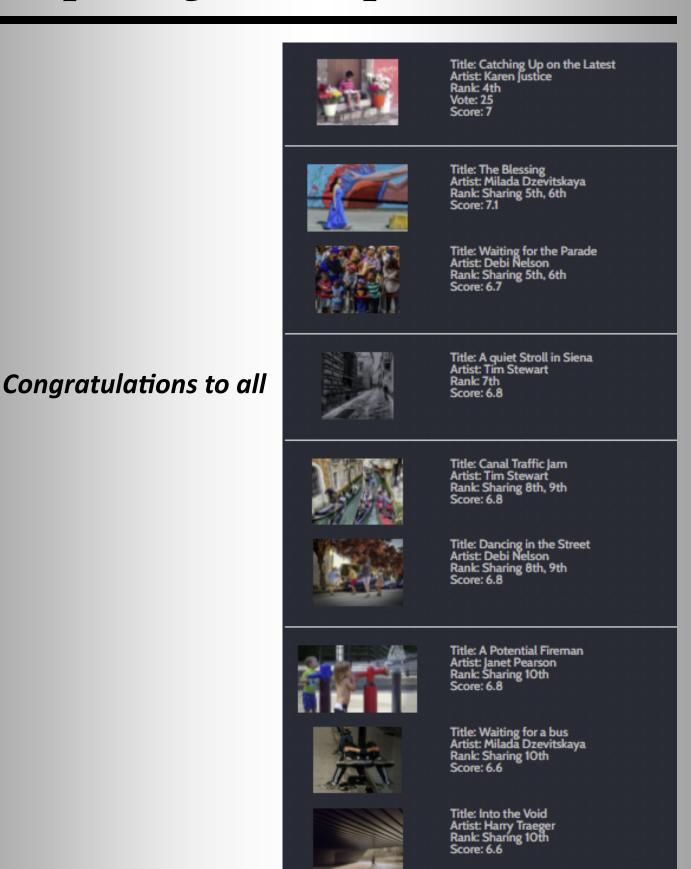
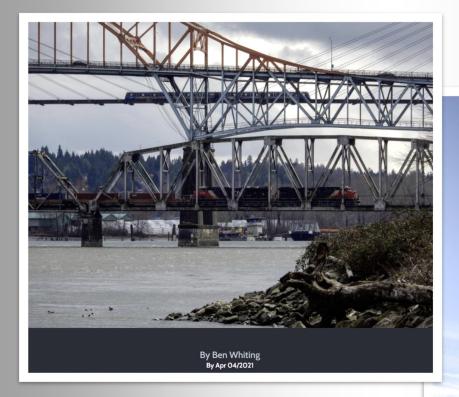


Photo Outings!

The Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project

During these times of COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, the next "Outing" will be one of a shared photo subject over several years timeline, rather than a physical meeting.

Over the next two and a half years, we will see many changes up-river of the current Pattullo Bridge, as construction has begun on its long awaited replacement. The 84 year old Pattullo Bridge, connecting Surrey to New Westminster, first opened on November 15, 1937 to the sounds of marching bands and grand fanfare. The replacement will be a cable suspension bridge, scheduled to open in the Fall of 2023.



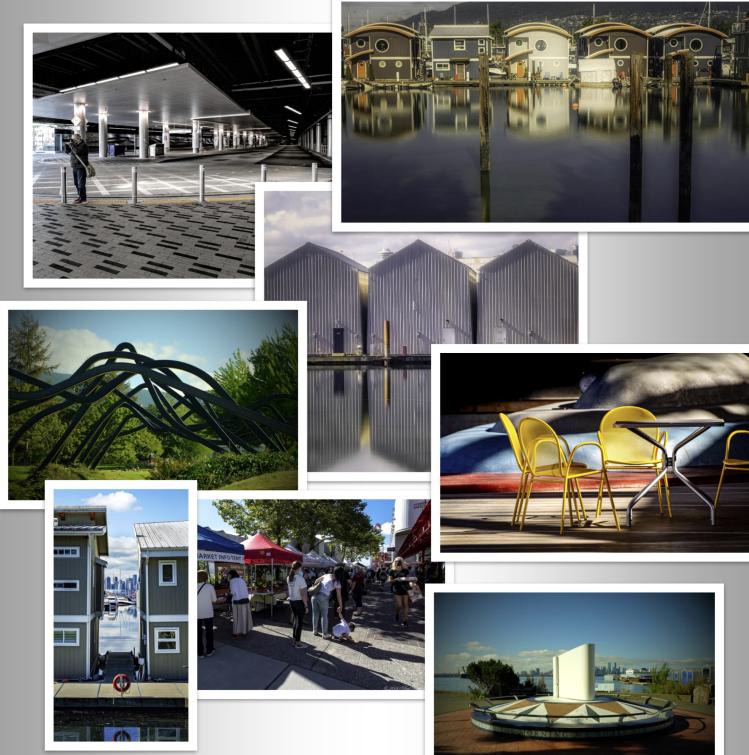


By Peter Eisenbock

Photo Outings!

Lonsdale Quay and the North Shore Walkways

The Lonsdale Quay, at the foot of Lonsdale Avenue, which is also the northern terminus of the Seabus, is a dynamic, active public market. It has a plethora of sightlines for very colourful shots. On the waterfront side of the Quay is a fountain and a bandstand, where musical performers can frequently be seen. This makes a good starting point for a photo walk.



The End

Lee you in November