



Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography

Woodstock Camera Club

Gala

2013/2014
Photographer of the Year
1st Place
Karen Guthrie



© Karen Guthrie



WOODSTOCK CAMERA CLUB 2013-2014 Gala in Review

A Big Thank You goes out to Linda and Dave Feick for stepping in, while I was away, making the Gala a success. to Karen Guthrie, Bonnie Hewitt and Pat Foord, for decorating the hall for our Gala this year. Thanks also to Bob Bembridge for manning the electronics that ran our slideshows.

We also thank Randy Young and Karen Guthrie for their assistance with the awards and keepers. Thank you to the staff and management of the Quality Hotel & Suites, who prepared hors d'oeuvres and our signature beverage this year to go with our theme of "High Key", the "Curacao Camera Fizz". And finally a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to you our members and guests who joined us in recognizing our winning members.

The evening started with a slideshow of Member's Images from this year while our guests mingled. Randy Young welcomed members and guests to our Gala evening and invited them to cast their ballots for their favourite High Key Image. While Pat Foord tabulated the votes, Karen Guthrie announced our Thinking Game for the night. Our Camera Crossword Puzzle was a big hit, even though cell phones were not allowed. The winning team members each received a box of "Smarties" for their smarts! Bill Thompson presented a slideshow of the challenges and outings for the year. And Linda Feick held the first of 4 draws for the evening from prizes donated by our members. Photographer of the Year: "Photographer of the Year" trophy, donated by Jerry and Joan Cornell, is awarded to the photographer who has earned the highest number of points in the three contests each year. Jerry is an avid photographer as well as a founding member of the WCC, and a member of the Oxford Photographic Arts Guild.

Winners of Photographer of the Year: 3rd - Bronwyn Moody with a Score of 68 points.
2nd - Fred Conboy with a Score of 69 points. 1st - Karen Guthrie with a Score of 70 points

As your Contest Chair I send my most hearty CONGRATULATIONS to all of this years winners. Without the participation of our members where would we be? Have a great summer and good shooting!

Respectfully: Deb Hall

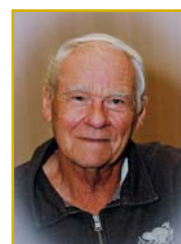


Jerry Cornell

It was again an honour to provide the acknowledgement and the plaques to the three areas of the Photographer Of The Year award for our camera club. This award is in its 9th year with the WCC and as some are aware it was only two years ago that we started to also honour the second and third high scorers for the three club contests. We chose to do this because in some cases there is only a one or two points spread between scores and these photographers needed to be acknowledged as well. Congratulations once again to this years winners. Have a great summer folks,

Jerry Cornell

2nd Place
Fred Conboy



3rd Place
Bronwyn Moody



2013/2014 Image of the Year

This is the third year for the trophy awarded for Image of the Year. Deb and Bill Hall donated this trophy in memory of long time club member Jake Hoekstra. Deb and Bill have been active in camera clubs for 19 years and are members of The Woodstock Camera Club and the London Camera Club.

The Awards go to:

Honourable Mention - Ralph Boniface - Baled & Ready to Go

Honourable Mention - Bronwyn Moody - Did Someone Say Peanuts

3rd Place - Yvonne Boniface - Light from Above

2nd Place - Harold Watling - Loon and Chick

1st Place - Perry Hughes - Spring Breaks Out

2nd Place *Harold Watling*



Loon and Chick © Harold Watling



3rd Place *Yvonne Boniface*



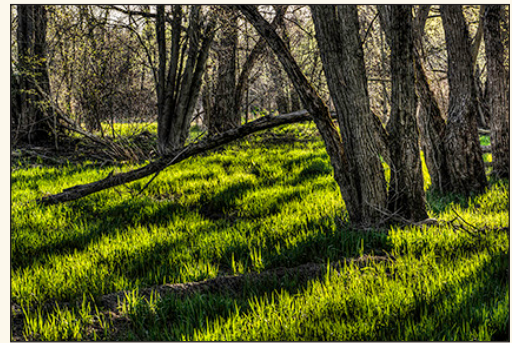
Light From Above
© Yvonne Boniface



1st Place *Perry Hughes*

SPRING BREAKS OUT

© Perry Hughes



Honourable Mentions

Ralph Boniface



Baled and Ready to Go
© Ralph Boniface

Bronwyn Moody



Did Somebody Say Peanuts
© Bronwyn Moody

Gala Members Choice Award

HIGH-KEY
Jeff Brown



Woodstock Camera Club Member's Choice

CONTEST #1 *Natural Things*



Bob Steer

© *Swooping in for the Kill*



CONTEST #2 *Humour*



Bronwyn Moody

© *Did Someone Say Peanuts*



CONTEST #2 *Humour*



Bruce Hartley

© *Best Friends Forever*



Woodstock Camera Club members cast a vote for their favourite image in each of the three contest rounds, using the following criteria: Impact, Style, Composition, Printing, Colour Harmony, Lighting, Subject Matter, Center of Interest, Creativity, Storytelling and Technical Excellence.

CONTEST #3 *Play of Lights*



John Novak

© *Morning Rays*

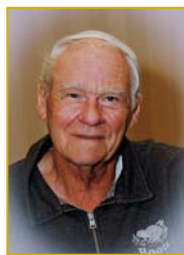


Photographic Achievement

Award for Photographic Achievement (Level B) This is the second year for this trophy. Similar to the Photographer of the Year award, the Award for Photographic Achievement trophy is for the highest scoring photographer in the Level B category.



Karen Guthrie



Fred Conboy



Tony Sheldon

First Place is Karen Guthrie with 70 points. Second Place is Fred Conboy with 69 points. Third Place is Tony Sheldon with 60 points.

2014/2015 CONTESTS THEMES FOR NEXT YEAR

will be announced shortly by the new Contest Chair. Deadlines and sizing of image information will be made available closer to September. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to all the members for their contributions this year.

Randy Young

**There is a time to pass the baton on to another
to carry on the race.**

I would like to thank all of you for a valuable learning experience. Working with a dedicated team of volunteers that complete the tasks needed, (sometimes just in time), always with good humour and willingness to get the jobs done.

We have had a succession of prosperous years. Our membership continues to grow. We continue to be asked to serve the community at large. I believe it is one of the better ways to spend a Wednesday evening at a hotel with friendly people and learn something to boot. Hopefully, your photography has improved, you have been inspired and you look at your membership/participation as an investment.

Looking at the current crop of award winning photographers we can be inspired to practice our craft and improve our art. Like golfers in a foursome, we don't compete amongst each other but try to do our best to improve our personal best. It does not matter how proficient a photographer you are or what camera equipment you have to create a masterpiece. Even the most famous photographers admit that sometimes it is just being in the right place at the right time with the ability to capitalize on your good fortune.

Have a great summer and remember to practice, practice, practice.

Randy Young, Past-President

Deb Hall Past Contest Chair

Wow, I can't believe that 3yrs have passed since I volunteered for the position of Contest Chair. Looking back, our judges have commented on our improved photographic skills and our scores this year have confirmed this statement. Going forward, I encourage you to get involved in the contests, challenges and meetings, as participation is the best way to expand your experience and improve your photographic skills. I hope to see you out and about, camera in hand. Have a great summer.

Deb Hall

"The pictures are there, and you just take them."

Robert Capa

PHOTOGRAPHER'S JOKE

A photographer for a magazine was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small plane would be waiting to fly him over the fire. The photographer arrived at the airstrip just an hour before sundown. Sure enough, a small airplane was waiting. He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!" The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying erratically. "Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes." "Why?" asked the nervous pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures!" yelled the photographer. "I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures!"

The pilot replied, "You mean you're not the flight instructor?"



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Wilson Johnston Senior Photo Art Contest Winners



1st Place

Colin Hutchinson

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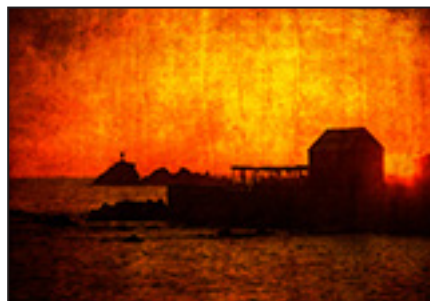
Wilson Johnston Junior launched the Photo Art Contest in memory of his father, Wilson Johnston Senior who was an outstanding artist in his own right. His wood carvings have been viewed throughout the world and Wilson Johnston Junior has carried on his father's legacy for art in the world of photography. Wilson has kindly donated the Wilson Johnston Senior Memorial trophy. This year the trophy was presented to Colin Hutchinson for first place.



Wilson Johnston Jr.

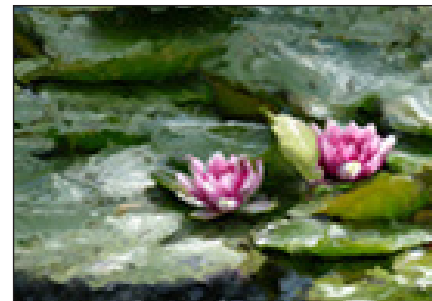
2nd Place
Jeff Brown

© Sunset Over Fish Lake



3rd Place
Bruce Hartley

© Monet's Garden



Honourable Mention
Ruth Ann Rule

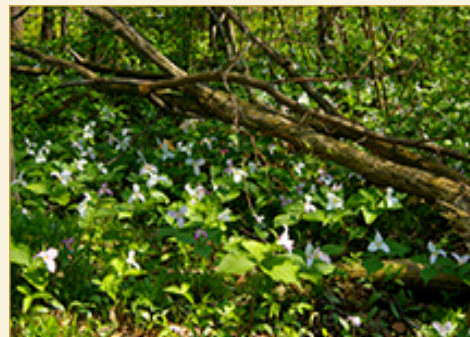
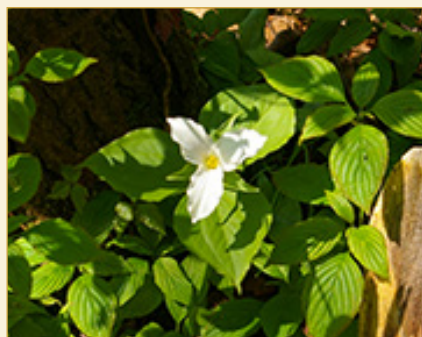


© Apple Blossoms

Spring Photography at Lawson Tract

In April there was a photo opportunity to hike the trail to photograph birds, spring flowers and trilliums. This time the weather was agreeable. Different coloured trilliums dotting the landscape and birds were flying here and there, landing long enough for a photo. This trail is under the care of the Ingersoll Nature Club and they encourage the public to enjoy the trail. Ongoing maintenance of trails, the picnic area and bird feeding stations provide people with opportunities to view different birds, vegetation and nature in all seasons.

Lawson Tract is a mixed woodlot, which provides hikers with the joy of seeing a variety of things. There is one steeper hill, but generally the terrain is easy-going. The trail is wide and well maintained. There can be wet spots in the spring or if there has been a lot of rain. It is a great hiking area. It is located between the Dereham Line and Culloden Road on the north side about 1/2 way between the roads at 363685 McBeth Road, Salford, Ontario!



© Photography by Ruth Ann Rule

VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in volunteering for the WCC contact Linda Feick

Contest Chair's Award of Merit

Contest #1

Robina Cullen

© *Untitled*



Contest #2

Tony Sheldon

© *Cheeky*



Contest #3

Bruce Hartley

© *Dawn of Peace*



We All Went to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo.



© Randy Young



© Colleen Rintoul

It was a dark and stormy night. Actually, it wasn't. It was all things good for photographers, overcast, mild and no rain in sight (an unusual occurrence for Woodstock Camera Club outings this spring). A happy group of our fellow club members enjoyed a morning of photography among the wild flora and fauna at the Brantford Twin Valley Zoo.

Why do I go to the zoo? I find I tend to project human traits to the animals I see. I imbue them with the understanding of Yoda. I meditate on what it must be like on the other side with a steady stream of all ages filing past. Zoologist Gerald Durrell once said he allowed visitors to come to his zoo to give the monkeys something to look at. I am entertained being the entertainment.

If you wish to go sometime this summer or autumn they open at 9 a.m. despite the erroneous information on their web-site. If you Google them to get directions just Google 'Twin Valley Zoo'. They are in the county of Brant and not really in the city. The animals are quite active until the day gets warmer. At closing you may hear the big cats calling for their dinner. See us there again.

Randy Young, Past-President

Stratford Photo Challenge

We are fortunate to have so many photogenic communities in our area. My list would include: Cambridge (Galt), Paris, Stratford, St. Mary's, Bayfield, and Port Stanley. For this WCC Challenge I chose Stratford mainly for convenience (35 minute drive) and diverse photography subjects. There are lots of opportunities for the photo categories of architecture, landscape, and waterfowl.

The plan was to offer two group outings but unfortunately the first one on May 20th was rained out. To date, I am aware of about a dozen participants and would encourage all members to take the challenge. From Facebook postings and emails I am getting a sample of what people are seeing. It always amazes me the different perspectives that members bring to any of these projects... which means a great learning opportunity when we see their work.

This is how I saw Stratford the day of the rained out field trip: sipping coffee at Balzac's, the deserted patios and street, and the Festival Theatre. So we are looking forward to seeing your images in the fall. Our June 10th field trip had better weather and we trust you will find time for some pleasant days for photography as well. Perhaps we can still get another outings this summer. Family and friends would be welcome to join these activities since there are no fees or registration involved.

Submitted by Tony Sheldon

WCC Outing to the Brantford Zoo



© Colleen Rintoul

WCC Executive 2014/2015

John Novak Vice-President



Well another successful year at the Woodstock Camera Club has come to an end. While this years election resulted in unfilled positions for President and Contest Chair we have had two club members recently come forward and volunteer for those positions. Over the summer months your new executive will be working on plans for another exciting and educational program for the 2014-2015 year of the club. I hope you take advantage of the hopefully warm and long summer to get out with your camera, take some more excellent images, push your boundaries a bit and try something new either in subject matter or exploring what your camera can do. I'm looking forward to when we meet again in September to see the fruits of your photographic talents.

Thanks, John Novak

Bob Bembridge Communications Chair



The Camera Club year has once again come to a conclusion. I believe it was another successful year in which we were provided with some knowledge on a number of topics. We got to try out this knowledge on challenges and contests. Thanks to the people that were responsible for arranging the program. There were a number of issues when scheduled speakers were not able to attend and field trips were rained out. Unforeseen issues will always arise and we managed to work through them without cancelling our normal meetings. We now have a Facebook Page and a Members' Only Website. The members' page is not receiving much activity because I use the public site so all will be able to see what we are doing and maybe develop some interest. There are members' only forums on the members' site, but they have received minimal action.

The Facebook page on the other hand has received a number of likes and shares. I believe it gets more action than the website. I try to add interesting tutorials I try to assist anybody interested in photography to improve their work. I also use it for last minute notifications and notices of upcoming events for those that do not regularly check the webpage or their email. After some initial difficulties, I managed to make the Facebook page accessible to non-Facebook members.

I recently put an evaluation/feedback survey on the web asking for input on how to improve our club and suggestions for next year. As expected about 27% of our 73 members responded. Those that did respond, provided some valuable insight to assist with next year's program.

Thank you to all that had any involvement in the operations of the club this year. Without your support, our club would not be as successful as it is. We are all volunteers and we do our best. See you in September.

BoB

Bill Thompson Program Chair



It has been a good year following up from the first planning meetings last summer. I look forward to following that process again and using your ideas and comments from the web survey that Bob Bembridge has set up to reflect on the past year. Thanks to everyone who participated in outings and challenges. The weather could have been better, but you came out and then shared your photos.

We have found a new contest chair and that is a relief. It is a big part of our program and was very well presented and cared for by Deb Hall over the past two years so it is good that this segment of the club will continue. I hope you keep up your camera work throughout the summer. Members are working to help this with trips like Tony and Bruce's plans for Stratford and the challenge from that for the fall.

New planning meetings will be called shortly. Please bring your ideas with you or send them in by email if you cannot attend.

Have a good summer, photographers. I will see you again with our new program in the fall.

Regards, Bill Thompson

Cancer Relay for Life in Woodstock



The Cancer Relay for Life was held on Friday, June 13th. WCC members: Back: Bonnie Hewitt, Ruth Ann Rule, Mark Greathead, Dave Feick, Bob Bembridge. Front: Jerry Cornell, Denise Rooke, Linda Feick, Kim Eller, Pat Foord took photos of the evening. This is a wonderful event to attend, emotional, and so rewarding.

Meet the New WCC 2014/2015 Executive



Linda Feick
President



John Novak
Vice - President



Bill Thompson
Program Chair



Jeff Brown
Contest Chair



Bob Bembridge
Communications



Kim Eller
Treasurer



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Secretary

