



# Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography



## MACRO Category

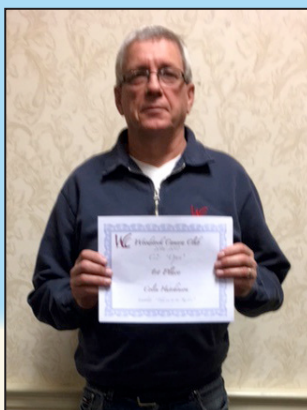


First Place  
*Linda Feick*  
*Spring Beauty*

© Linda Feick



## OPEN Category



First Place  
*Colin Hutchinson*  
*Take Me to the Rockies*

© Colin Hutchinson



John Novak  
Contest Chair  
*Contest Results*

It is my pleasure to announce the finalists of the second WCC contest:

Macro Category: 1st Place Linda Feick - *Spring Beauty*; 2nd Place Karen Aubin - *Enjoying the Nectar*; 3rd Place Paul Smith - *Knotty Old Man*; Honourable Mention Robina Cullen - *The Rose*

Open Category - 1st Place Colin Hutchinson - *Take me to the Rockies*; 2nd Place Bruce Hartley - *Urban Forest*; 3rd Place Paul Smith - *Monks in Waiting*; Honourable Mention Dianne Ward - *Hop on the train to explore Canada's Anniversary*. Congratulations goes out to all the winners and to all the entrants for your valuable and creative input because you have helped make the contest a success.

For the contest we received 33 entries from 19 members, 21 prints and 12 digital images, all of which gave our judges an enjoyable challenging job. Winners were selected by an expert panel of judges that included two highly qualified photographers, Vic Whitcroft from Norwich and Mike Poole from Woodstock and from the Art Community Carling Spinney, Collections and Curatorial Assistant with the Woodstock Art Gallery. Thanks also goes to Dave Feick, Brian Harris, Kim Eller and Christen

Currie for assisting with the judging.

Our second contest has come to an end but there is the Photo Arts Contest and Contest 3 right around the corner in March. The Photo Arts Contest is an Open competition and Contest 3's topics are 'Abstract' and 'Open Category'. The contest deadline for Photo Arts is March 15, 2017 and the deadline for Contest 3 is March 29, 2017 and the Results night for Contest 3 will be held April 12, 2017.

Entering your first photo contest can be intimidating but you shouldn't feel that way. Once you have submitted your work and get some feedback you will be determined to try again.

Concentrate on choosing an image that is technically well done with focus, composition, good contrast, lighting, subject interest, pleasing background and great colour. Be realistic about your expectations when entering a photo contest. Remember to keep your entry in perspective. You should be entering for the fun of it and focusing on learning and enjoying the picture taking process. We invite all members to share their talent and we can't wait to show off your photography. Putting your image out there for all to see and be judged is a learning experience.

*John*

The WCC newsletter is a link to the community by sharing Woodstock Camera Club events and photography. Come out and enjoy an evening of Photography and join the fun! Guest Speaker \$10.00 for non-members

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## Macro Category

### Second Place



*Karen Aubin*

Enjoying the Nectar



© Karen Aubin

## Open Category

### Second Place



*Bruce Hartley*

Urban Forest



© Bruce Hartley

### Third Place



*Paul Smith*

Knotty Old Man

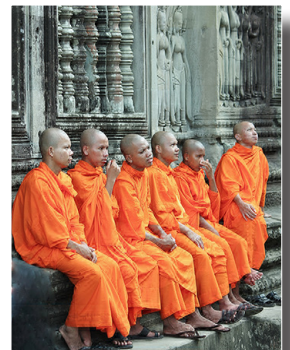


© Paul Smith



*Paul Smith*

Monks in Waiting



© Paul Smith

### Honourable Mention



*Robina Cullen*

The Rose



© Robina Cullen



*Dianne Ward*

Hop on the Train to explore  
Canada's Anniversary



© Dianne Ward



# Woodstock Camera Club Christmas Potluck



*Wonderful selection of desserts.  
Yvonne Boniface, Cheryl Douglas and Pat Foord*

**December 14th, 2016**

A delicious Potluck Dinner was enjoyed at the Annual Woodstock Camera Club Christmas Party. A few of our members were unable to join us for the evening as the weather was causing snow to drift on the roads. We missed our fellow photographers but we are glad they did not adventure out on the country roads.

Photographers will take pictures any time and any place and that is what the members did at the Christmas Party. Using props, they had a holiday photo taken in order to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope everyone's Holiday Season would be filled with warmth and happiness with family and friends and of course find some photography equipment under the tree. Members joined in a game 'The Nicest or Worse Christmas Gift' that they had ever received. From each team a member or guest told a Christmas story about a gift they received trying to trick the other teams - were they telling the truth or was the story false? The stories sure created a lot of laughter but there were also stories that held dear memories. Door prizes and Christmas Wishes ended the evening. **The winning team:** Left - Jim and Dianne Ward, Paul Smith, Karen Guthrie. Right - David and Diane Broad, Bruce and Ruth Hartley.



*Winners: Congratulations on winning the 'Nicest or Worst' Christmas Gift Game*

## Beachville Breakfast with Santa



We were invited back to the Beachville Legion's Breakfast to photograph the kids with Santa. We had a great welcome from the Legion staff and after a scrumptious breakfast the kids were eager to spend time with Santa to let him know what was on their wish lists.

Thanks again to everyone involved, we had a wonderful time.

*Linda and Dave*



## A Successful Santa House



Santa House was a wonderful event again this year with the community coming out to see Santa and they weren't disappointed. Lots of children, some excited, some terrified and some not too sure came to see the big guy himself with a list of wishes for him to see.

My thanks goes out to all the members of our club who gave of their time and expertise to make this another successful year. Without you and the community this event wouldn't be the highlight of our club year.

### Opportunity for Garden Photos



The 'FRIENDS' of the Woodstock Art Gallery are hosting a Garden Tour on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars.

The seven gardens confirmed so far are all in or around Woodstock. The event will take place rain or shine. Cost is \$15.00 and tickets will become available closer to the event. There are a variety of gardens on the tour with various trees, shrubs and flowers. What an opportunity for camera club members and friends to capture macro and flower images and to support the Woodstock Art Gallery. Woodingford Lodge will be serving refreshments and their garden will be on the tour. For further information closer to the event, contact committee member Cathy Groulx at 519-539-1182.



Kim Eller

Program Chair 2016/2017

We are going forward to the second half of the camera club season and I hope members have learned some new ideas on how to showcase their images. We have a few more D.I.Y. meetings coming up and don't forget to submit a St. Patrick's Day card.

We have had our second outing to the Canadian Raptors Conservancy which proved to be a learning opportunity again. There were some good images the first time and I'm sure there will be lots of good ones this time around.

Our first guest speaker of the year was Trish Roberts, she had an excellent presentation - a very talented and successful photographer. Hopefully the club can have her back next season.

James Cowie is our next guest speaker coming in March, he will be showing us how to organize images by using Light Room and will share some of his images from his travels.

Keep taking pictures.

Kim

## Create a St. Patrick's Card

Just a reminder to members to join the fun and create a St. Patrick's Day Greeting Card with one of their images. Unleash your creativity and make a digital or manual greeting card. Scrap booking is welcome too.

Please email your greeting card to Kim at: [wccprogram@woodstockcameraclub.com](mailto:wccprogram@woodstockcameraclub.com) The deadline for digital cards is March 1st, 2017 or you can design your card manually and bring it to the club meeting on March 15th where the cards will be displayed on a table.

**Guidelines:** Regular card size, must include your own photography and a verse is optional.

**Have you heard of the 'Luck of the Irish'?  
You could be a winner!**



January 4, 2017

## Local Photographer Trish Roberts

Members and guests returned to the club on Wednesday, January 4th to listen to a local artist. In our community there are so many wonderful photographers and one of them is Trish Roberts from Ingersoll. Her images tell the story of love and life. Weddings, portraits and baby photography are her passions.

Dave Feick was the lucky winner of the draw at the end of the evening.

## - Upcoming Events -

### Photographic Audio Visual and Print Show

The Stratford Camera Club is holding a Kaleidoscope Photographic Audio Visual and Print Show on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm. at the Griffith Auditorium at Woodland Towers, 643 West Gore Street in Stratford. Admission is free, light refreshments, donation at the door is welcome.

For information visit

[www.stratfordcameraclub.ca](http://www.stratfordcameraclub.ca) or

[inquiries@stratfordcameraclub.ca](mailto:inquiries@stratfordcameraclub.ca)

### Interested in a Vintage Camera Show?

An invitation to London Spring Vintage Show was sent out to the Woodstock Camera Club. The show will be held on Sunday, April 23rd, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Carling Heights Community Centre, 656 Elizabeth Street in London. Admission: \$4:00 adults, under 16 free. Free parking.

At their last show there were 50 great dealer tables selling all manner of film cameras (all formats, models, brands, sizes, ages), lenses, accessories, lighting, medium and large format equipment, cameras, books/manuals, darkroom gear, alternative process equipment, hard to find vintage items, images, collectibles and more. If it has to do with Film Photography you'll find it at the London Vintage Camera Show.

### - Club Reminder - Raining at the Year End Gala

It's going to be raining at the Year End Gala, Why? . there will be a PHOTO CONTEST that evening with the theme rain.

The Year End Gala is May 24, 2017 so you have plenty of time to capture rainy days, rain drops, puddles, droplets and reflections or anything related to rain. But remember the Gala will be here before you know it so don't leave it to the last minute. Rain makes for unique photographic opportunities which you never think of until you see rain in someone else's image. Often, too many people are afraid of getting their gear wet but if you take the right precautions and cover your camera and equipment, the results are worth the undertaking.

Follow the Woodstock Camera Club Size and Guidelines for your entries.

**Image Deadline: April 26th** meeting or you can make arrangements to drop off your image before May 10th, 2017.



# Heading out in search of Snowy and Grey Owls



Photo by Dave Feick

WCC members took a return trip to the Canadian Raptors Conservancy on the 5th of February. They met at the Quality Hotel and Suites at 7:30 am and headed to the Conservancy at 9:00 am. to search for Snowy and Grey Owls.

When you see a snowy owl, it's clear how the bird probably got its name; they're snow-white. Males are generally whiter than females. As males grow older, they get whiter. The females never become completely white—remaining brownish with darker markings.

Snowy owls perch on the ground or on short posts watching for prey. They have excellent eyesight, but they obviously can't see their prey when it's underneath snow or a thick layer of plants. To capture those meals they rely on its other keen sense, hearing.

It was a wonderful sight to see how graceful the birds are. The fact that they are trained to come back to the handler is just amazing.

Photo: "I have fallen and I can't get up", no that is not the case here. Harold Watling is getting into position to capture of a bird in flight.



Photo Kim Eller



Photo Kim Eller



Photo Kim Eller







Linda Feick,  
President 2016/2017

### Have you ever considered why we take our photos?

Have you traveled a lot and want to keep a record of your trip? Did you have a new addition to your family this year, being a child of your own or a grandchild? Did you have a beautiful flower blooming in your window that you just couldn't resist? Were you trying to keep track of items that you wanted in your photography inventory? Were your pets acting up and you grabbed the camera in a hurry to capture their antics? Or were you just practicing to become a better photographer?

We all have our reasons for our photography passion. Granted, they are not all the same, for if they were we would become bored very quickly. Some of us have a passion for only one type of photography. I myself enjoy all types.

I love landscape photography as well as nature's best changes that offer up spectacular opportunities. I enjoy taking pictures of children at play, pictures in my own backyard of the vast number of flowers that I have, but I love to try new things with my photography as well. The chance to get out there and practice a new technique I have heard about or seen and have not conquered yet gives me the opportunity to try new things just to see if I can do it. Have you ever considered getting outside the box you're in and trying something new? Next time you pick up your camera try a different technique that you have never done before, you just might be surprised at what you come up with!

Linda Feick

### Alzheimer's Walks

Thank you to Colin Hutchinson and Christen Currie for photographing the Alzheimer's Walks in Ingersoll and Woodstock. It is a privilege to be part of this event.

### Judging Session

#### - Second WCC Contest -



The judging for the second contest - Macro and Open Categories were held at the Ministry of Agriculture Building on Sunday, January 29th. Club members were welcome to attend the judging session and view the judges at work. It was a challenge as they chose the first, second, third and honourable mention images.



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