



# Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography



## Abstract Category

**1st Place**  
**Karen Guthrie**

*Finger Paints*

© Karen Guthrie



## Open Category

**1st Place**  
**Margaret Schmor**

*Roar*

© Margaret Schmor



John Novak - Contest Chair  
*Contest Results*

It is my pleasure to announce the finalists of the third Woodstock Camera Club contest:

**Abstract Category:** - 1st Place Karen Guthrie - *Finger Paints*;

2nd Place Christen Currie - *Dancing Light*;

3rd Place Collin Hutchinson - *Ripples*;

Honourable Mention Dave Feick - *Abstract Man*

**Open Category** - 1st Place Margaret Schmor - *Roar*;

2nd Place Sue Olmstead - *The Potter*;

3rd Place Karen Guthrie - *Serenity*;

Honourable Mention Scott Knox - *Great Grey Owl*;

Honourable Mention Jeff Brown - *Bald Eagle*.

Congratulations go out to all the winners and to all the entrants for your valuable and creative input because you have helped make the WCC contest a success.

We received 29 entries from 17 members, 21 prints and 8 digital images, all of which gave our judges an enjoyable challenging job. Winners were selected by an expert panel of judges that included highly qualified

photographers William Niessen from London and Harold Watling, from Woodstock and from the art community Mary Reid, Director/Curator with the Woodstock Art Gallery. Thanks also goes to Dave Feick, Brian Harris, Kim Eller and Christen Currie for assisting with the judging.

Our third contest has come to an end but there is a new round of contests in the 2017-2018 season.

It has been a pleasure being your Contest Chair this year and I hope that everyone who participated has both enjoyed the experience and learned what they did well and how they can progress to take their photographic skills to the next level.

The end of year gala is just around the horizon at which time the award winners for the year will be announced and I hope to see many of you there.

John

### And The Winners Are?

The winners of the three WCC Contests, Club Members Choice and the Photo Art Contest will receive their awards at the Year End Gala on May 24th, 2017 at the Quality Hotel & Suites.

It has been a great 2015/2016 season once again. The members would like to take this opportunity to thank John Novak for encouraging them to enter the contests and to Kim Eller for presenting an educational program. To all the executive, job well done.

The WCC newsletter is a link to the community; 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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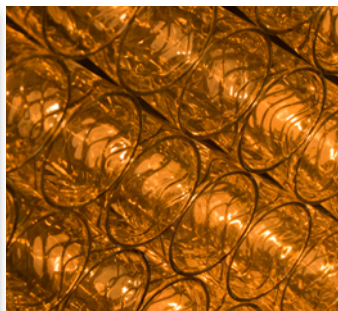
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Honourable Mention

**David Feick** © *Abstract Man*



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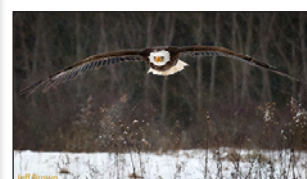
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## Walkabout Photography

May 10th - Downtown Woodstock  
Meet at the Museum Square - 6:30 pm  
Bring your cameras - Guests Welcome  
Travel the downtown alleyways and see what images you can capture.



March 1, 2017



James Cowie

## Adobe Lightroom

It was an educational evening with James Cowie as he explained Adobe Lightroom and the benefits it has to edit and organize photos. This program is a catalog-based post-processing application. It can organize and speed up the entire editing processing of your photography.

Being an avid photographer, James photographs thousands of subjects on his photo trips as he travels throughout the world.

He emphasized that members need to develop a method for organizing and processing their digital photographs. James's presentation was emailed out to all the members to help them get started on Lightroom and organizing.

WCC member, Perry and his wife Marian Hughes joined James on the trip to Thailand and Burma in November 2016. One of the highlights of the trip was taking a ride on an elephant.



Contact James at [PhotoTourTrekking.com](http://PhotoTourTrekking.com) if you are interested in joining him on one of his wonderful photography trips.

Here are some upcoming trips:

May 9th - 23rd, 2017

Amsterdam and Netherlands Tour;

June 22nd - 25th, 2017

New York City Weekend Tour;

July 15th - 28th, 2017

Tibet, Bhutan and Nepal our 100th Tour

Aug 16th - 24th, 2017

Yellowstone Tour

Sept. 12th - 25th, 2017

Kenya and Tanzania Tour

Oct 3rd - 23rd, 2017 Sicily Tour

Nov 3rd - 10th, 2017

March 15, 2017

## What to do with Photos



Kim Eller, Program Chair and Cheri McCutchen

Are you the one that puts your photos in a box or stores them on your digital devices, never to be seen again? There are great ways to display your photography and to also share images with family and friends.

Cheri McCutchen from Carman's Foto Source in Woodstock explained to the members how they can turn some of their images into one-of-a-kind gifts that will be treasured forever, such as mugs, puzzles, mouse pads, lockets and much more.

Another service offered is restoring damaged pictures from the past, along with transferring your old video tapes and reels to a DVD, as well as the reproduction of old slides and negs into treasured prints. Carman's also offers image printing on Canvas, Acrylic & Brushed Aluminum.

Be sure to drop in on Wednesdays for the 19¢ printing special for 4x6 digital prints. Save an additional 20% off your prints when you purchase a club card.

There is a great selection of unique frames for your photos available plus Custom Framing for those odd sizes or special requests.

For all your printing, camera and photo needs, drop into Carman's Foto Source located at 230 Springbank Ave in Woodstock.

March 15, 2017

## Creating Photo Books



Cheryl Douglas, John Novak, Dave Feick, Paul Smith, Perry Hughes, Yvonne Boniface, Karen Auben and Dan Byers are hard at work.

WCC Outings were gathered from the WCC members to create a Memory Book using the program Shutter Fly. On March 15th members brought in their laptops and tablets to learn how to create their own book using the program of their choice.



Volunteers - Linda Feick, Ruth Ann Rule, Pat Foord and Yvonne Boniface

## Promoting the WCC

Hobby clubs, many varieties of sports and other activities highlighted the 13th Rec and Leisure Fair on Sunday, March 5th. There was a great selection of activities for all ages to participate in.

Woodstock Camera Club's representatives welcomed everyone to come out and see what the WCC was all about.

A lot of people thought they needed a large camera to be in the camera club but that is not the case, members in the club have point and shoot cameras, DSLR cameras and some members even capture images with their phones.

Hoping to see new members next year at the club who want to learn photography or ones who want to teach photography.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Oxford Studio Tour

May 6 & 7, 2017, 10 am to 5 pm

Two photographers from the Woodstock Camera Club will be showcasing their photography at the 10th Annual Studio Tour this May.

**Bruce Hartley** will be featuring his Fine Art Photography reflecting a passion for travel. See the world through his lens.

**Edser Thomas** known to the club members as Jeff, will be featuring "Photographic Art with a unique perspective."

Check out their websites:

[brucehartleyphotography.weebly.com](http://brucehartleyphotography.weebly.com)

[edserthomas.ca](http://edserthomas.ca)

In the Studio Tour there will also be Pottery, Digital Art, Fibre Arts, Oils, Acrylics, Watercolours, Pen and Ink, Jewelry and so much more.

When you take this tour you will be overwhelmed with the talent in Oxford County and also you can enjoy picturesque Southwestern Ontario as you travel from location to location. Brochures can be picked up at Tourism Oxford located at the Quality Hotel & Suites, Creative Arts Centre in Ingersoll; Station Arts Centre in Tillsonburg or you may request one from any of the artists.

For more information visit:  
[www.oxfordstudiotour.ca](http://www.oxfordstudiotour.ca)

## Mute Swans Steal the Show



Inner Bay, Long Point, Ontario

© Photo by Tony Sheldon

There were several warm spells in late January and continuing on in mid-February. Long Point Inner Bay remained largely open throughout the winter allowing many waterfowl such as Tundra Swans to overwinter or arrive early in the bay at Long Point, Ontario. This was a great time to photograph these magnificent birds. Tony Sheldon, an avid bird watcher headed out to the Point to capture some images of Tundra Swans, however these Mute Swans stole the show. With their beaks touching, their slender necks formed a perfect heart shape. Tony was in the right place and at the right time to capture this beautiful moment.

Hundreds of Tundra Swans and Sandhill Cranes found a resting place before they travelled on. There were also thousands of ducks migrating through the area, mostly canvasbacks and redheads. Explore the Long Point Birding Trail. Updates of the birds in the area can be viewed through eBird on LPBO's main webpage. You can help contribute to sightings in the Long Point area by submitting your sightings.

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#### Art Gallery Garden Tour

'FRIENDS' of the Woodstock Art Gallery are hosting a Garden Tour on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Rain or shine. There will be eight beautiful gardens to tour.

Cost is \$15.00 and tickets can be picked up at the Woodstock Art Gallery or Merrifields Book Shop on Dundas Street, Woodstock.

What an opportunity for the camera club members and friends to capture macro, landscapes and flower images, and also support the Woodstock Art Gallery at the same time.

For further information contact committee member Cathy Groulx at 519-539-1182.

Visit Ody's Patio and Restaurant, located in the Quality Hotel & Suites for a delicious meal and refreshments.

March 29, 2017

## Travelogues

How relaxing it was to sit back and take all these trips with the photographers and to view how they captured story telling images. When a photographer can make you feel like you are right in the moment that is great photography.

While traveling they took notes about what they saw, places they visited, and people they met.

Since a photographer is holding their camera a recorder would be a smart option for keeping a diary. Various brochures, tourism maps, and guides are good to collect because they will come in handy when you start editing your photos.

These photographers below captured historic and famous places and they also took pictures of crowded streets, signs, and children that conveyed a good impression of a place.

Woodstock Camera Club members, Perry Hughes, Harold Watling, Len Grincevicius, Bruce Hartley, Karen Auben and Kim Eller and a guest, Mark all shared their travel experiences with the members and guests, taking them to different places with their outstanding photography.

On March 29th Perry introduced us to the world of Buddhas in Burma, such vibrant colours and gold leaf everywhere. He also showed a collection of unique arches with angles and lighting that exploded.

Harold, a wildlife photographer, showed his bird collection and named every bird by name and the location the birds were taken whether it be in a different country or right here at home. Then we were off to Portugal with Len viewing a video of landscapes and birds accompanied by music that created the atmosphere as if you were right there with a glass of wine.

Mark showed a variety of his photography from Washington Zoo and area.

April 12, 2017

Karen Aubin took us on her twenty-eight day cruise along the East Asia coast and all the magnificent stops on the way.

She visited Japan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, finishing her cruise in Singapore. She explained all the cultures of the people and religions. What a photographer's paradise. She collected images of commercial and public signs that were displayed on all the streets.

Bruce Hartley showed his wonderful photography showcasing his trip with his wife Ruth to Japan for the cherry blossom festivals celebrating spring. Luck was in their favour because the blossoms were out in their glory.

Kim Eller finished the evening off with her photos from Galapagos Island.



Kim Eller

Program Chair 2016/2017

As we head into the last few meetings of this 2016-2017 camera club season we have learned to take pictures we may not have thought we could take. Field trips to the Canadian Raptors Conservancy produced lots of great images as seen at the results night of our contest meetings.

My objective was to have members learn to take their pictures to a different level by creating a photo book or making a movie to share with friends and family. Lets see at the new camera club season in September if some camera club members were inspired. We love "Show & Tell".

Lastly, congratulations to Ruth Ann Rule for winning the St. Patrick's Day Card Challenge - a sheep singing 'Oh Danny Boy'.



# Rain

## Don't Forget to Submit Your Rain Image

*Rain, rain, go away,  
Come again another day,  
Little Johnny wants to play.*

*Rain, rain, go away.*

Photographers don't want the rain to go away, they want to get their cameras out and capture images for the Gala Rain Contest held May 24th. This will be a Club Member's Choice Award.

Members are invited to submit an image for the contest on anything that represents rain such as rain drops, puddles, children, storms, or flowers - trees - plants after the rain.

Follow the Woodstock Camera Club contest guidelines and size.

Images can be brought the evening of the Gala or you can make arrangements to drop them off at one of the Gala committee's home.



## Inviting all Members to the Woodstock Camera Club Gala - Awards Night

WCC Members and Guests are Invited to the Gala - Awards Night

This is an evening you do not want to miss. The highlight of the evening will be presenting awards for the Photographer of the Year, Image of the Year and Club Member's Choice.

The trophy and plaque will be presented to the Photo Art winner with their name engaged on it. The winner has the honour of holding the trophy for one year. This contest was created to keep alive the memory of Wilson Johnston's father, a great wood carver.

Enjoy cupcakes and the specialty drink for the evening - "Purple Rain". Enjoy socializing and saying goodbye to your fellow photographers for the summer break and celebrating another great Camera Club year.

Another highlight of the evening is the Membership Draws - you could win a free WCC membership for 2017/2018, Portable Drive donated by PC Options, WCC Memory Photo Book donated by the executive plus additional donations from the executive, James Cowie, Carman's foto source, Picard Peanuts and Chocolate, Highlander Studios and other photography related businesses, members and local businesses. You will have to come out and find out what other great gifts were donated.

We thank everyone for supporting our club and hope to see you at the Gala for a great evening and be sure to bring a guest.



**Karen Guthrie**  
Gala Chair



**Yvonne Boniface**  
Gala Committee



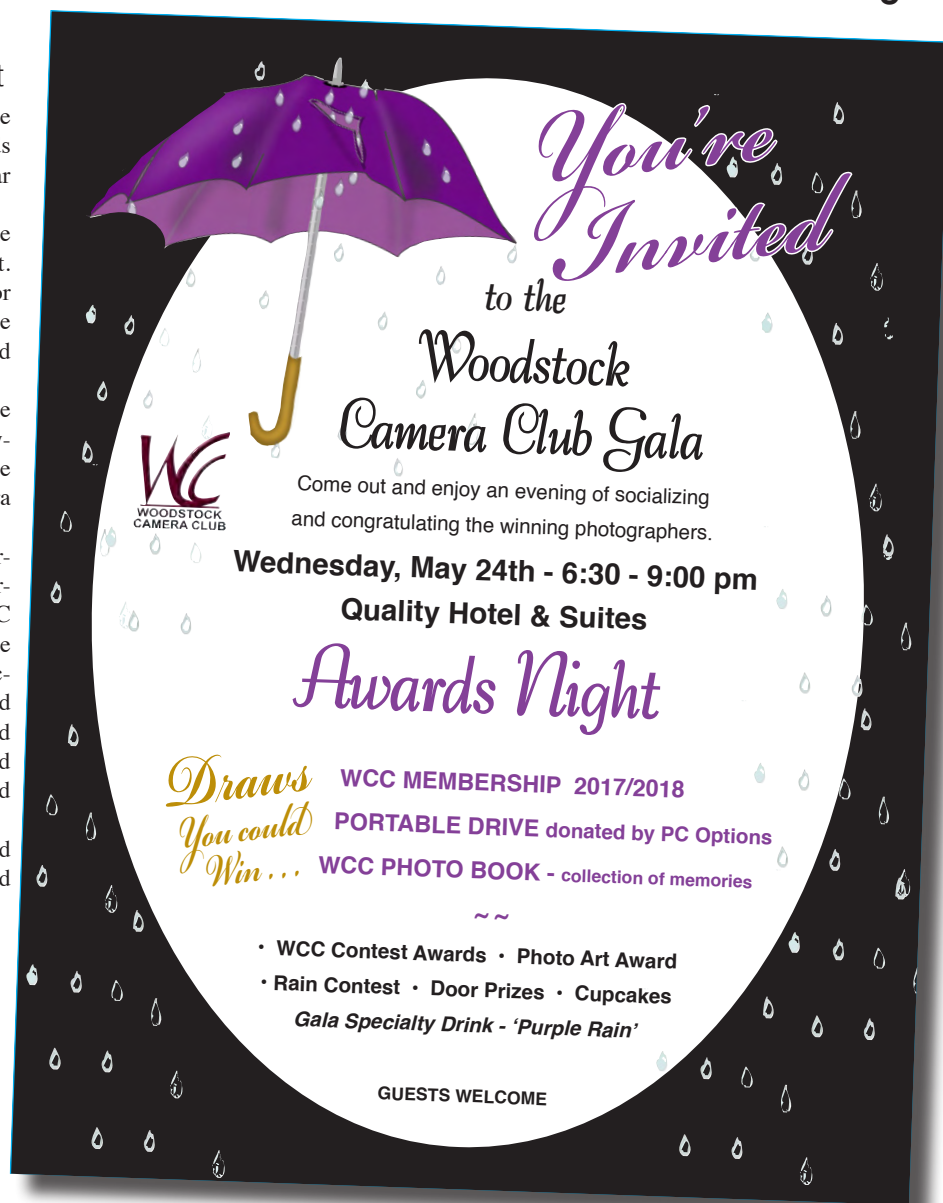
**Ruth Ann Rule**  
Gala Committee



**Linda Feick,**  
President 2016/2017

It would seem that our camera club year is quickly drawing to a close. I don't know about you, but as I get older time seems to go rather quickly. It used to be that we had all kinds of time to do everything we wanted to do but now we don't seem to have enough hours in a day to get everything done.

This year has been filled with numerous events, outings and guest speakers from all walks of life teaching us about all sorts of great topics. We have learned a lot this year and there is so much more to learn. We are all seeking ways to make our photography better, pictures more beautiful, our contest photos on topic and just getting out there and using our cameras to



*You're Invited*  
to the  
**Woodstock Camera Club Gala**  
Come out and enjoy an evening of socializing and congratulating the winning photographers.  
**Wednesday, May 24th - 6:30 - 9:00 pm**  
**Quality Hotel & Suites**  
**Awards Night**  
*Draws You could Win...* **WCC MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018**  
**PORTABLE DRIVE** donated by PC Options  
**WCC PHOTO BOOK** - collection of memories  
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• WCC Contest Awards • Photo Art Award  
• Rain Contest • Door Prizes • Cupcakes  
**Gala Specialty Drink - 'Purple Rain'**  
**GUESTS WELCOME**

take those vivid pictures of everything around us.

Here's hoping you have a wonderful summer ahead whether you're staying close to home or traveling near and far. Always have your camera ready because you never know what might be just around the corner.

Keep those camera clicking all summer long, it could be the right photo for the upcoming WCC contests. As you travel the back roads and events this summer taking photos and see a location that would be of interest to the members please give me a call and your idea will be passed on to the Program Chair.

In June the community will gather for the 'Woodstock Relay For Life Fund-Raising' Event that is held on the College Avenue Secondary School sports field. Want to contribute a few hours to a great cause? Volunteers from the club

are needed to take photos at the event. Taking part in the Cancer Relay can be an emotional time but it can also be a time of celebration. It makes one feel very rewarded and happy when you know you have done your part by putting a smile on someone's face.

If you are interested in doing your part by volunteering in the Relay this June just contact me and I will put your name on the volunteer list.

Come out to the Awards Night to celebrate with the contest winners and say goodbye for the summer.

We hope to see you back at the Woodstock Camera Club in September to enjoy another year of friendship and photography.

Linda Feick

## Important to Back Up Your Photography

PC Options has been Woodstock's preferred independent computer retailer and service provider since 1998. Whether you are a new user looking for a place to start, or an enthusiast looking for the latest technology and upgrades, PC Options can help make sense of it all.

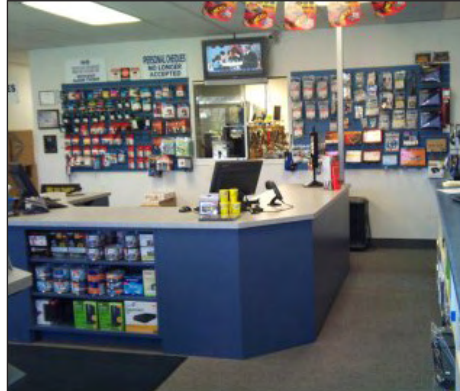
Whether it's data backup, virus problems or complicated diagnostics – PC Options prides itself on resolving the problem accurately and cost effectively.

Are you backing up your data? Have you lost everything on your computer including your collection of images? Why take that chance, start backing up with a portable drive. Stop into PC Options, 618 Dundas Street, Woodstock and talk to Mike Rozand and his qualified staff and see what meets your needs.

Mike has been a great supporter of the Woodstock Camera Club by donating gifts for the Awards Nights and this year he has donated a Portable Drive. Many times he has seen sad

photographers come through the door who have lost everything, hoping their images can be retrieved. Don't be one of these photographers, back up your images on a portable drive.

Also, they offer computer sales and service and there is a great selection of computers, printers and accessories.



## *Life is like a camera*

Focus on what's important  
Capture the good times  
Develop from the negatives  
and if things don't work out  
Take another shot at it.



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