



Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography



First Place Winners



Contest #1

Len Grincevicius - WCC Contest Chair

In November, the Woodstock Camera Club members had the chance to submit their chosen images in two different categories, Open & Forest Floor. 27 Photographers entered a total of 44 images - 23 in the Open category and 21 in Forest Floor category. A slew of terrific photos gave the judges a lot to think about when picking a winner in each category. A number of ties resulted in several Honourable Mentions.

It is my pleasure to announce the finalists of the first WCC Contest.

FOREST FLOOR

1st Place - Colin Hutchinson *Pink in the Pines*;
2nd Place - Jeff Brown *Struttin*; 3rd Place - Bronwyn Moody *The Forest Awakens*;
Honourable Mentions - Tony Sheldon *Hognose Snake at the Pinery*;
Fred Conboy *End of Summer* and Lisa Demaline *Blaze of Glory*.

OPEN

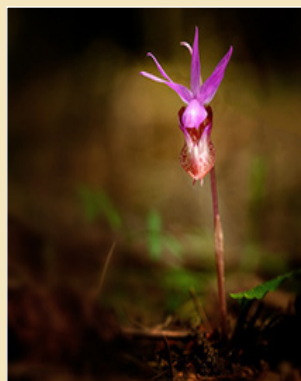
1st Place - Brian Harris *Air Brakes*;
2nd Place - Dave Smith *Heaven on Earth*; 3rd Place - Bruce Hartley *Off the Bow*;
Honourable Mention - Kim Eller *On the Way to the Chapel*.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the entrants; your creativity and participation make our contests possible. Our esteemed judges were, Jason Gennings from Kitchener, William Boswell from London and our own member Vic Whitcroft from Norwich. Thank you for a job well done.

Thank you also to Dave & Linda Feick, Brian Harris and John Novak for your assistance with the judging.

Just a reminder that our next contest is not far away; entry deadline being Wednesday January 17th, 2018. Please have your digital entries and digital copies of your prints to me by January 22nd. Judging for contest 2 will take place at OMAFRA, 10:00 am Sunday, January 28th. Merry Christmas to all.

Len



Colin Hutchinson

© *Pink in the Pines*
(Forest Floor)



Brian Harris

© *Air Brakes*
(Open)



Woodstock Camera Club

Planning WCC Program for the Year



At the end of May the Woodstock Camera Club finished a great year and now it was time for a summer break but not for some WCC members.

Cancer Relay for Life Volunteer Awards

The 'Cancer Relay for Life' is a community fundraising event where a lot of Canadians across the country join together in the fight against cancer. Photographers from the Woodstock Camera Club have volunteered for many years by taking team photos.

At the club on September 6th, 2017 Jerry Cornell presented pins and certificates to the volunteers for their service. Congratulations to Denise Rooke and Yvonne Boniface - 5 Years; Bonnie Hewitt, Kim Eller, Dave Feick and Linda Feick - 10 Years. The Canadian Cancer Society would like to thank these volunteers along with other WCC volunteers who received their pins in past years. Giving your time feels great knowing that you've just done something profound to help raise money for research. Whether you are taking team photos, candid shots, cheering on survivors or walking the track, the evening is not just a walk, it's a journey.

Forest Floor Category



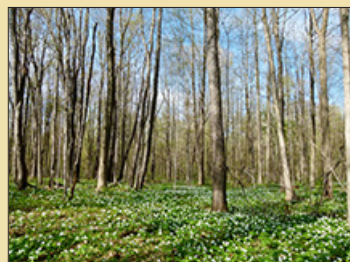
2nd



Jeff Brown - © Struttin



3rd



Bronwyn Moody - © The Forest Awakens

HM



Fred Conboy
© End of Summer



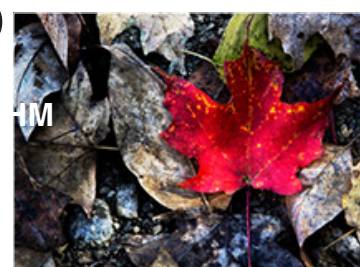
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Tony Sheldon - © Hognose Snake at the Pinery



HM



Lisa Demaline - © Blaze of Glory

Open



2nd



Dave Smith - © Haven on Earth

• Fred Conboy, Bruce Hartley and Kim Eller absent for photo.

3rd



Bruce Hartley
© Off the Bow

HM



Kim Eller
© On the Way to the Chapel

Congratulations

2017 Visual Elements 59



Bruce Hartley
Congratulations



Woodstock Art Gallery celebrates works of art representing local, regional and national artists. Bruce Hartley's image titled 'Along the Edge' qualified for the WAG Juried Exhibition. The image is an invitation to look beyond the ravages of time.

Watch for the 2018 Juried Show at the Woodstock Art Gallery and submit an image.

Also visit the gallery and take a guided tour and participate in art appreciation programs such as artist talks and lectures or view the art work of others.

A Winner at the Paris Fair



Rick Dutton receiving his awards.
Congratulations



Taking images throughout the year is a perfect time to think about entering images in a Fair Contest and that is what Rick Dutton did. He participated in the 2017 Paris Fair Photo Contest and won 'Best Over All'.

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World Photo Day at Carman's foto source™



On August 19th

The 'Customer Appreciation Day' was held at Carman's foto source on Springbank Ave. in Woodstock.

Ted McLaughlin invited photographers from the Oxford Photographic Arts Guild (OPAG) and the Woodstock Camera Club to participate in World Photography Day. BBQ, Door Crasher Deals, Tours and Equipment Demos plus live music filled the day.

Photographers Vic Whitcroft, John Novak, Jeff Brown, Jerry Cornell, Janis Marshall from the Oxford Photographic Arts Guild (OPAG) and Ted McLaughlin displayed their art work for sale. The day was a great opportunity to celebrate and to make the public aware of the wonderful world of photography and to also see all the new equipment, fine art printing and what Carman's has to offer.

One of the highlights of the day was the WCC Charity BBQ. Our chefs Dave Feick and Brian Harris flipped the hamburgers and hotdogs and Jerry Cornell shed a few tears chopping all the onions. As the fried onions filled the air the crowd could not resist. . . .so so delicious and people returned for that second hamburger or hotdog!

Assisting with the BBQ was Linda Feick, Christen Currie, Len Grincevicius, Ruth Ann Rule. A big 'Thank You' goes out to everyone who supported the event. This day would not have been possible without the organization of Ted and Carman's foto source.

Monies raised from the BBQ was donated to Ingamo Homes to help the children achieve the dream of a wonderful Christmas Party.

Missed the event? - visit the friendly staff at Carman's for your printing, contest prints, custom framing and view what is new in the

photography world and don't forget the digital Wednesday 4x6 print special for 19¢. In-store order only, 300 prints limit. Next day pickup. View www.carman's.com for great deals.

What I Love About Being Canadian



Carman's foto source and Fairview photo lab invited all photographers from across South-western Ontario to enter their annual photo contest. Images were to show what they loved most about being a Canadian.

With the recent commemoration of Canada's 150th birthday this was a great opportunity to feature the country's history, diversity, culture, activities and landscape. The contest was part of the celebration of World Photography Day and gave the opportunity for hobbyist photographers of all skill levels to take advantage of capturing our great country.

Grand Prize Winner - Teresa Osborne, Cambridge - Winner of a Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS50 camera.

Second Place Winner - Jim Ward, Woodstock - Winner of a Fujifilm Instax Share Printer SP2.

Honourable Mentions -
Coedy Maynes, Stratford;
Charmaine Clause-Lickers, Brantford.

Project #1 - Camera Club Takes Selfies



The Woodstock Camera Club started the year off by taking Selfies. Everyone from the Past USA President to Ellen Degeneres takes Selfies so why shouldn't the camera club give it a try.

Images submitted by:

Tim Stewart, Karen Aubin, Scott Knox, Kim Eller, Colin Hutchinson, Ruth Ann Rule, Linda and Dave Feick, Henrietta Webb, Selfie in Paris by Lee-Anne Creery.

Taking Selfies is a fun way to show your family and friends what you are doing in your life or recording where you have been. When taking your Selfie experiment with different angles. Hold the camera slightly higher than your head so that it's pointing down on you and watch for the right lighting. Be sure to smile, include humour if you wish or take a full-length photo to show where you are located especially on holidays.

Participating in projects takes you out of the box to try different things with your photography. Thank You for sending in your images and a job well done. Now for Project #2 - Photo Treasure Box. The Camera Club brought back this popular, fun and creative project which I am sure you are finding challenging.

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Photo Tour to Kenya & Tanzania Tour

with James Cowie



September 12th to the 26th, 2017

Club member Harold Watling and his wife Betty joined the Photo Tour Trekkers in September 2017 with James Cowie. Harold is an excellent wildlife photographer capturing images of wildlife at his northern cottage but this time he went on a bigger adventure to Kenya & Tanzania to photograph bigger wildlife. The club is looking forward to seeing his photo adventure.

Many of our club members have traveled with James and the trips are ones to remember. Another club member, Kim Eller, traveled with Photo Tour Trekkers to Sicily in October.

To book an upcoming trip contact jcowie@Carlsonwagonlit.com.

Contest #2 - Unusual Angles/Perspectives and Open

Deadline for Images January 17, 2018 followed by Results Night January 31, 2018. Sometimes you can dramatically alter your photo composition just by changing your perspective. Using camera angles more effectively will help you take pictures you can be proud of.

Attention WCC Members Canada 150th



The Gala Committee is sending out this message to allow you lots of time to take photos and be ready to enter the Year End Gala Canada Contest.

This year we are celebrating Canada's 150th Year and what a wonderful time to take photos of our great country.

The Contest Images will be a collection of photographs of Canada, whether it be from across Canada or right here at home.

The goal is to capture the country at this historic moment and to enrich Canadians' perception of their own country.

At the 2017/2018 Gala the images will be judged by members and guests.

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

What Do You Take in Your Camera Bag?

It was a fun evening on September 20th as Ted McLauchlin from Carman's foto source helped the members with the essentials, helpful accessories and how to pack a camera bag without having to take garbage bags and a pack horse to carry everything.

Your camera bag serves as a portable storage shed but not on some photo outing.

Do you take bags and bags of gear or do you only take what you need for a particular shoot or trip?

Do you feel you are losing your passion for photography and not attending photo shoots and outings? Take a step back and have a good look at what you have been packing. Have you made an outing easy for you or have you been overloading yourself with unnecessary equipment?

A camera bag should be a personal decision and what you pack depends on the size of the bag. A good idea is to take a small bag when you are limited and precise, a medium bag when you want more flexibility and a large bag when you need to keep all your options open. Once you get organized and relaxed you will find there are some definite benefits to all this. You will become more excited about making an outing better for you and not such a chore. Memory cards that have been formatted, extra batteries, cleaning cloth, a rain cover, note



Do you look like Ted when going on an outing?



A camera bag and gear is a personal decision.

pad-pen and business cards should always be in your bag and then follow up with the equipment you may need. There are also fold-up tripods that could fit in your bag or are attachable.

Ted also mentioned that outings are important and whether it be a small group or large group of photographers it can be a lot of fun.

Photographing Wildlife in Their Own Environment

October 4th was Wildlife Photography by Paul Brewer from London, Ontario.

He is a wildlife and wedding photographer; two totally different loves and he enjoys both. Paul has been in the photography business for many years and is employed at Henry's, Wellington Street in London.

They say "Patience is a Virtue" when taking photos of Wildlife. Early morning or late day is the ideal time to photograph wild animals and birds, as it is feeding time. Paul has discovered locations for hawks and other birds and enjoys taking their photos in their own environment.

On a golf course Paul made a wonderful friendship with a mother fox and her two young ones that gave him the opportunity to capture their playfulness and family interaction.

It was interesting to listen to Paul and his



Paul Brewer

passion for wildlife photography and he encouraged the members to get outdoors and connect with nature in all seasons and go explore this great country we have that is filled with great and interesting wildlife.

"There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs."

Ansel Adams

Sharing Her Talent



I first met Curtis through a communication his mother sent out to the camera club seeking a teacher who could work one-on-one with her son. Curtis has just turned 28 years and loves photography. He is a very bright young man with a positive attitude. He comes to the studio Thursdays from 12 noon to 4:00 pm and we work on different projects each week including table top photography along with photographing model cars - Curtis loves vintage cars so we have fun shooting the models and then post processing them on my laptop. I have taught him how to cut images out of an original background and insert them into new backgrounds, some of which we have photographed ourselves and some of which were downloaded from the Internet. Curtis has been interested in photography for several years and also volunteered up north where his parents live taking archival photos at a museum.

After moving to Woodstock to be closer to his sister, he set aside his camera and has only just gotten back into it after several years. He shoots with a Canon Rebel T3 but I forgive him for that - go team Nikon. He is very excited to come out to the club. He is a bit shy so having someone to bring him along and introduce him to people will make it easier for him to join in. I enjoy working with Curtis as he has such a positive attitude and is eager to learn and because we have the same passion for the photographic arts.

Regards, Robina Cullen

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Creating with Light



Russ Salamon

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On October 18th Russ Salamon spoke about exploring the vast realm of photography by learning numerous techniques and processes.

Lighting has a profound effect upon Russ's images that creates luminous lighting which give his commercial and fine art images a look of beauty and ambiance. This sets his work apart. He has a passion for rustic scenes that reflects his childhood. Working with light is photography that you can do with little expense. You take your time at it until you get the image to where you want it.

Russ showed the members how they can create lighting with tape, different size flashlights, a toothbrush holder, a piece from a old vacuum cleaner and other household items.

For the past 25 years, Russ Salamon has worked as an award-winning commercial photographer.



©Photos by
Dave Feick

Riding the Rails with Jeff

On October 21st members rode on the Halton County Radial Railway located at 13629 Guelph Line in Milton, Ontario. It is a full-size operating electric railway and museum that features historic electric rail cars operating on two kilometers of scenic track.

It was formed in 1954 by a group of men who wanted to save Toronto Transit Commission streetcar 1326 from being sent to the scrap yard. After the donation of this streetcar, the dream grew and other electric rail cars were rescued. Since the beginning, the vision of the museum was to inform, educate and inspire the public about the electric railway history of Ontario and Canada. Today, the museum displays and operates a great variety of historic streetcars, radial cars and work cars, and maintains a collection of photographs, memorabilia and archival materials.

The museum is closed for the winter but will reopen in MAY & JUNE, Weekends & Holidays Only: 10 am–5 pm. JULY & AUGUST, Weekdays: 10 am–4:30 pm

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER Weekends & Holidays Only: 10 am–5 pm

Please note: The first ride leaves at 11am and the last ride leaves 30 minutes before closing.

Events outside of these hours are adjusted annually. Make sure you visit the museum next year.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Masquerade Ball

On the evening of October 21st guests entered the Big Brothers Big Sisters Masquerade Ball concealing themselves with beautiful, creative and mysterious masks.

For many years the Woodstock Camera Club has supported Big Brothers Big Sisters. It is very important to the club to give back to the community and most of all help kids grow and experience life through BBBS programs. Woodstock Camera Club volunteers; Pat Foord, Linda Feick, Yvonne Boniface, Denise Rooke, Dave Feick, Frank Calic and Ruth Ann Rule operated the photo booth for the evening raising monies for Woodstock's Big Brothers Big Sisters programs.

© Guests Photos by Frank Calic



Grand Valley Image Battle

Woodstock Camera Club takes Second Place.

On Sunday, November 12th GRIPS hosted the Image Battle - held once a year as an inter-club competition with other clubs in Southwestern Ontario. Highland Glen, Grand River, Halton Hills, Orangeville, , Stratford, Brantford and Woodstock Camera Clubs participated. Each of the clubs takes turns hosting the competition which is intended to be a showcase of achievements of the club as a whole.

Jeff Brown collected 18 images from the club members.

*Bronwyn Moody, Ron Yuzark
Scott Knox, Dianne Ward,
Rick Dutton, Sue Olmstead,
Bonnie Hewitt, Dave Feick,
Linda Feick, Curtis Hall,
Jeff Brown, Brian Harris,
Karen Aubin, Jeff Brown,
Colin Hutchinson, Perry Hughes,
Matt Gremm and Harold Watling.*

Thank you goes out to our all these members who excelled in their photography, bringing the WCC to second place in the competition, three points short of the winning score. Wow!

For 2017, taking first place was the Brant Camera Club from Brantford, Ontario.

Congratulations goes out to all the photographers.



Greetings of the Season

'Tis the Season to be Jolly



Santa House - Museum Square

Opened on December 1st, 2017

Santa returned once again to visit the children in Woodstock and surrounding areas.

The Woodstock Camera Club and BIA invited all the children to visit the little red house and have their photo taken with Santa.



The WCC volunteers were ready to capture many precious moments of the children's expressions as they sat on Santa's knee and whispered their wishes in his ear. There were smiles and tears that made great memories. Thank you to the volunteers that gave their time to bring the Christmas Spirit to all and to Santa for taking time to come to Woodstock and record all the wishes.

Annual Christmas Party

December 6, 2017

It was a great Christmas Party! Members and Guests came out to the Annual Potluck Dinner that was held at the Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Christmas fest that was supplied by the members. Refreshments were served and we all got caught up in the fun, games and the Christmas Spirit. A slide show for Project #2 featuring the members imagination and creativity was viewed.



Santa Claus Parade

November 18, 2017

The Woodstock Santa Parade brought the adults and children out to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas Spirit. Snow would have been preferred over the misty rain, but the parade was not spoiled. The crowd was all dressed up for Christmas and everyone enjoyed the bands, lights and floats.

Thank you to Rick Dutton, Bonnie Hewitt and Dave Feick for going out on a cold wet evening to photography images for the BIA. They will be on Santa's 'Nice' list!



@Photo by Rick Dutton



@Photos by
Dave Feick



@Photo by Rick Dutton

Join the Thriving Creative Community
Oxford Creative Connections Inc. (OCCI) is a nonprofit arts and culture service organization dedicated to our region's arts and culture sector.



They saw a county where growth and development are managed in a way that preserves the community's cultural resources and unique rural and small town atmosphere. They also saw a county where creativity, culture and tourism are understood as major parts of the economy.

Becoming a member gives you a great opportunity to connect with the arts, display in galleries, sell at events and display your images on the OCCI website and workshops are open to members along with equipment rentals. They invite you to join the growing network. Artists come from visual arts, performing arts, literary, natural heritage and culinary arts. Membership is open to all who are interested in promoting and participating in arts and culture. As a member you may apply to hang your work at the Woodstock Hospital, Elm Hurst or the Tillsonburg Library.

The Annual OCCI Arts Expo (Show and Sale) was held at Cowan Park on November 18 - 19th, 2017. Bruce Hartley, John Novak, Jeff Brown and

Harold Watling each had a booth at this event where they displayed their prints, cards and framed images for sale along with John's bird carvings. Many other club members have joined OCCI and have had success selling their work. If you are interested in selling your photography check out the website at Oxford Creative Connects Inc.

Take Your Best Shoot and have your image become a screen saver

Woodstock Camera Club in conjunction with PC Options from Woodstock invited photographers to enter a photo contest that would feature their images of Woodstock and Oxford County.

1000's computers go through the doors at the store and Mike felt that local photographers images would make great screen savers and also have the photographers share their images with Woodstock and Oxford County. What an honour Mike has given the camera club.

**The contest will be judged in January, 2018 -
watch for the announcement of the winners.**

See you at the club January 3rd - same place, same time.



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Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year from the Woodstock Camera Club Executive

*May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours;
And may the coming year be filled with good health, happiness and photography.*



*Bob Bembridge
A few words from the
Club President*



As we approach the half way point we appear to be having another excellent year and for that I have to thank Linda Feick and the program committee.

I also have to thank Jeffrey Brown who keeps coming up with these places to photograph and arranges trips. He also handled our contribution to the Grand Valley Image Battle where we came in second. Also thanks to Karen Aubin and Bonnie Hewitt for their work at handling our registration for this year's membership and funds. There are many others that have helped out so far and thanks to them. Without the work of these people, the club would not exist.

Len Grincevicius, our Contest Chair picked up the entries for our first contest of the year. and now his work is just beginning. I also have to thank Ruth Ann Rule for this newsletter and all the newsletters created in the past ten years. She is very creative and persistent and works hard at getting members to submit comments for the newsletters.

The upcoming program appears to have many opportunities to share your photography and get some positive feedback. We also have some interesting speakers booked on new topics (video, landscape photography, astrophotography and butterflies and dragonflies). Don't forget the Gala Contest Theme is "Canada 150". Looking forward to the upcoming program.

BoB



*Brian Harris
Vice President*

Hello everyone,

I am writing this on November 25, 2017 after attending the judging of our first photo contest of this year and it was wonderful, as always. Congratulations to all those that entered. I began attending these events the year I joined the WCC, first as a spectator then in a more active role and thoroughly enjoy watching each photo as it's presented and enjoy the comments and

"off record" banter of the judges even more. All members are invited but few attend. Today there were two spectators, thanks Rick and Laurie. I encourage all of you to come out to the next judging as a spectator or volunteer, it is quite an experience and is usually only 2-3 hours long. Len is the new contest chair and with the help of John Novak - the past contest chair, they did a great job. Thank you both. I would also like to thank Jeffrey Brown for stepping up and putting our "Grand Valley Image Battle" entry together. He had very little time but not surprisingly got it all together and did a great job. For those that didn't hear, our club placed second, just three points behind Brant, the winning club.

Congratulations to them and thanks Jeff.

So long for now and to everyone enjoy this joyful time of year and spend as much time as you can with your family and friends and maybe take a photo or two!

Brian



*Ruth Ann Rule
Communications*

This club year I am pleased to volunteer for the communication position which includes all the routine communication with club members and the public with relation to the specifics of upcoming club activities, contests, projects and what will be happening at future meetings. Since we all lead busy lives reminders and other information that may be of interest to the members is sent out from time to time. If you have a message that you would like to pass on to the executive or members just email to:

communications@woodstockcameraclub.com

Even though we have a list of club member's emails one can be missed therefore if you are not receiving club information please let me know at a meeting.

Another form of providing information to the members and letting the public know what the club is all about is the WCC Newsletter. We invite you to send in your stories, editorials and pictures to be published. Thanks to all the members that have contributed in the past.

Remember it is your newsletter.

Since the beginning of the club photography has been number one with me, but most of all I enjoy helping with the growth of the camera club, creating projects and assisting with the Gala and other social events.

Enjoy the holiday season and hope your 'camera equipment' wish comes true. Also Happy New Years to everyone and may 2018 bring you a lot of happiness and good health.

Ruth Ann



*Linda Feick
Program Chair*



Hello again Club members.

Here we are, starting our fourth month of Camera Club. The program is moving right along with having had our hands on night and amazing speakers.

The only glitch so far has been our drone night for which I must apologize profusely! I learned a very valuable lesson from this experience, always follow up two days before our meeting night to make sure everything is ready with our speakers.

As we are getting into the holiday season we enjoyed our Annual Christmas Potluck. This is a yearly event that was held at the Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church on Clarke St. in Woodstock. Members brought their spouses or significant others and a potluck dish to partake in an evening of food, friendship and merriment as we cap off 2017.

Thank you to Dave Feick, Bonnie Hewitt and Rick Dutton for challenging the rainy weather to photographer the parade and the Big Guy coming to town just in time for Santa House.

Santa House is our major fund-raiser for the club. Monies raised allow us to bring in guest speakers and give you the program to enjoy throughout the year. Thank you to the volunteers that step forward to help out. It is always a fun time and you'll be sorry you missed it if you didn't sign up.

The New Year will bring more of what you have been enjoying so far this year so check your program or the WCC website to see what is coming your way.

In closing, Dave and I would like to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. See you in January.

Linda Feick



*Karen Auben
Treasurer*



*Christen Currie
Secretary*

