



# Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography

## Fences



### Contest #2

Len Grincevicius - WCC Contest Chair

In January 2019, Woodstock Camera Club members had the chance to submit images of their choice in two different categories - Open & Fences. 20 photographers entered a total of 36 images - 19 in the Open category and 17 in the Fences category. As usual the number of terrific photos gave the judges much to consider when picking the winners. There were 3 ties in the Fences and six in the Open category for top scores and it took the judges a lot of time to sort out first, second and third as well as honourable mentions. It is my pleasure to announce the finalists of the second WCC Contest.

#### FENCES

1st Place – Len Grincevicius – *Sand Dune Fence*

2nd Place – Sue Olmstead – *Windswept Fence*

3rd Place – Bruce Hartley – *Childhood Memories*

#### OPEN

1st Place – Karen Aubin – *Yearling and Mom Resting*

2nd Place – Brian Harris – *The Stalker*

3rd Place – Len Grincevicius – *Fall Lake Superior*

HM – Lisa Demaline – *Monochrome Waterfall*

HM – Ron Yuzark – *Duke of Yonge and College*

HM – Sue Olmstead – *Fire Rings*

*Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the entrants; your creativity and participation make our contests possible.*

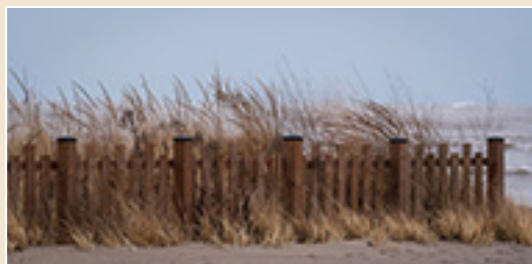
Our esteemed judges were, Jonathan Sau from Kitchener as well as our own members Harold Watling and Linda Feick. Thank you for a job well done. Also thank you to Dave & Linda Feick, Brian Harris and Jan Grincevicius for your assistance with the judging.

Just a reminder that our next contest is not far away; entry deadline being Wednesday March 27th, 2019. Please have your digital entries and digital copies of your prints to me by midnight of the 27th. The categories for contest 3 are Open, By The Water, and Photo Art.



*1st Place* Len Grincevicius

- Fences - © Sand Dune Fence



*2nd Place* Sue Olmstead

- Fences - © Windswept Fence



*3rd Place* Bruce Hartley

- Fences - © Childhood Memories

Judging for contest three as well as Photo Arts will take place at The Quality Hotel & Suites on Saturday April 13th - 10:00 am. Results night will be on Wednesday April 24th. I sure will be pleased to see Spring's arrival by then.

Len

# Open



**1st Place** Karen Aubin  
© Yearling and Mom Resting



**2nd Place** Brian Harris  
© The Stalker



**3rd Place** Len Grincevicius  
© Fall Lake Superior

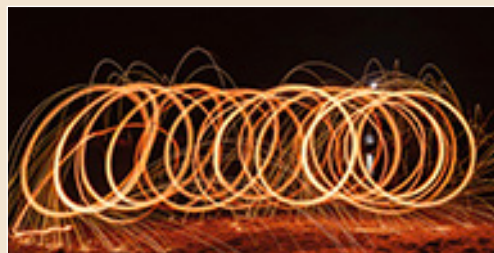
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Lisa Demaline  
© Monochrome Waterfall



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Ron Yuzark  
© Duke of Yonge and College



**Honourable Mention**  
Sue Olmstead  
© Fire Rings



## ~ Potluck Dinner ~

### Celebrating the Holiday Season

What a wonderful way to start the holiday season! The event was held on December 12th at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Woodstock.

The WCC members enjoyed a potluck dinner and games. A feast was set before us by the WCC members and Harold Watling blessed the food. Bonnie Hewitt co-ordinated the evening and a great evening it was. Games with songs and movies challenged our memories. Door Prizes finished off the evening and we all left wishing each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The club took a holiday break and returned January 2nd for more photography enjoyment.

(See photos on page 4).

## Santa arrived in Woodstock



Phone by Kim Eller

The last week of November Santa arrived in Woodstock and did an inspection of his house to make sure it was ready for all the children of Woodstock and surrounding areas.

The yearly milestone 'Photo with Santa' from birth until the child grows up is a Christmas tradition for a lot families. They continue it well into adulthood with their own children. Others

might have put the tradition to rest but others keep on coming to see the man in the red suit. The children are so excited as they stand in line to see Santa and sit on his lap whispering their wishes in his ear. Some wish for things for themselves but others wish for good health for their families and maybe a nice gift for their parents.

Photographers from the Woodstock Camera Club volunteer to help Santa by taking photos of the children and other members were busy operating the magical printers. This event is a fund raiser for the club but also a wonderful way to start off the holiday spirit.

If you want to get in on the fun next year put your name on Santa's list and that will allow you to qualify on Santa's good list.

Contact Linda - Program Event Coordinator.



## Photos at Moose Hall



Santa was a very busy guy this December in Woodstock making his rounds to Christmas parties and the Moose Hall was one of his stops.

Two members, Bonnie Hewitt and Pat Foord represented the WCC by taking 'Photos with Santa'.

After visiting with the children and some adults Santa headed off to the Beachville Legion.



## Creating Compelling Landscapes

November 14, 2018:

Terry MacDonald is an artist when it comes to landscape and nature photography. As a photographer his goal seems simple enough: capture the beauty of nature. However, nature is not always so accommodating! Terry has his camera with him at all times, capturing landscapes on his way to work or out and about. You never know when that moment will appear and will never be captured again.

Using a wide angle lens he creates depth in his images - when you are taking a landscape photograph, try creating a sense of depth by keeping all the different elements of the image in focus. Use the rule of the thirds: ground the bottom of the image with grass, rocks, flowers etc. which makes your eyes follow through the image and out.

When travelling Terry uses his iPhone, light to carry and right there at the right moment.

## Time to Hit the Trails.



The snow is here but that does not mean we put our cameras away, it means get them out and hit the trails. Photographers can capture some unique images in the winter.

The members are encouraged to visit Lawson Tract for photography, passive recreation and nature appreciation. It is about one hectare and the Ingersoll Nature Club, cooperation with the

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to undertake a wetlands creation project.

Lawson Tract is in a mixed woods, which provides hikers with the joy of seeing a variety of vegetation and the opportunity to do some bird watching and photography. Enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

There is one steeper hill, but generally the terrain is easy-going. The trail is wide and well-maintained. As you enter the trail there are feeding stations where you can sit with your cameras and photograph the birds feeding and wildlife.

Please remember when walking your dog to have it on a leash and to clean up after it. Location: McBeth Road, 1km east of Culloden Line (Approx. 8 km south of Ingersoll). Contact: Ingersoll Nature Club, [www.ingersollnature.ca](http://www.ingersollnature.ca) for more information.

## Member's Image Slideshow

The club returned on January 2nd, 2019 after the holiday break to view outstanding slide-shows by Len and Jan Grincevicius and Sue Olmstead.

Macgregor Point Provincial Park (Port Elgin) is one of Len and Jan's favourite parks to camp and to take photos on many kilometers of marked trails through the picturesque park. You can keep busy in this park as there are many trails, activities and great photo opportunities. Jan and Len's two weeks in PEI showing it's beautiful land and seascapes were also presented.

On that cold winter's night their photos of wildflowers, birds, warm evenings and sunny days took us back to nature.

Backus Woods' Trail (Norfolk) is another spot they visit often. Maintained walking trails guide you through numerous habitats. The trails are open year-round and are ideal for hiking in spring and fall and cross country skiing in winter. This is a great time to get your cameras and head out on the trails and capture some great photos. Spring is especially lovely because of it's variety of ever changing wildflowers.

Sometimes, a single photograph can tell an entire story and that is what Sue Olmstead's photo did with her images. She gathered a few favorite shots from her trip to Iceland and took the members on a trip with her photography. Abandoned homes and barns with beautiful landscapes surrounding them, art work, culture and twisting roads sure stirred up the desire to travel to Iceland.

We thank them for sharing their outstanding photography and taking us away even if it was for only two hours.

Rick Dutton  
WCC President



I can't believe the club season is half over, we have enjoyed great guest speakers which were very informative. The Santa house was a great success and hundreds of pictures were taken with Santa. I'm looking forward to the second half of the program which will be as good if not better with more speakers.

The month of February has not treated the Woodstock camera club well on Wednesdays between snow storms and freezing rain. In saying that we had to cancel a few meetings keeping in mind the safety of our members comes first.

On the brighter side, it gave everyone a chance to get out and take some pictures of mother nature at her best, it seems that we had all the seasons in one month. Hope to see you at the next meeting to enjoy the speaker Paul Roedding - Birds and Nature Photography.

Cheers, Rick

Sue Olmstead  
Program Chair



## Election Time

Just a quick note to remind all members that our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching on April 24th and therefore ...elections for the 2019 - 2020 Club Executive.

The majority of our current executive have elected to remain in their positions. However, all members in good standing are entitled to seek a position on the executive. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring and putting your name forward. Elections can be fun! That said, the one position which will be vacant is the Communications Chair, at the time of this writing. Ruth Ann has elected to step down, after doing a fantastic job. This is an essential position as some of our members are not local and as in life, communication is extremely important. Ruth Ann will continue to compose the newsletter.

If anyone is interested in any of the positions, please let me know before the April 24th meeting.

Sue

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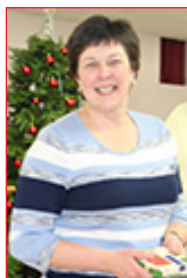




# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Celebration

*Smile you're on Candid Camera*



### Fun! Fun! Fun!

May the new year bring good health,  
happiness and friendship.  
Maybe some new camera equipment?

*Thank you Bonnie Hewitt  
for a fun evening and to the members for  
supplying the delicious food  
and refreshments.*



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*Linda Feick*  
Program Chair

Hello Everyone from cold Woodstock!

The cold and freezing rain weather we have been experiencing has really played havoc with our Camera Club program this year. With having to cancel two meetings we are behind on our results night which will be made up later in the year with our contest three result night on April 24.

I hope by posting our cancellations on our Facebook page and to your emails we are keeping everybody informed.

We have a few great guest speakers coming up in the future that I'm hoping will get everybody back into the photography mode and with the warmer weather supposedly coming soon we will be able to get out to take more photos.

I would be the first to tell you that I am not a

winter photographer, preferring to stay inside where it is warm and toasty. In saying that we did get out this week on a sunny Tuesday to try and get some photos of snowy owls in the area south of Arthur.

To our dismay we didn't see a single one. Once the warmer weather shows up I'm certain we will all feel more like taking our cameras out of storage and getting out there again. For those brave souls that have weathered the cold, congratulations, you are far more hearty than I am! Happy shooting.

*Linda*

*Ruth Ann Rule*  
Communications



I have been very busy in February sending out Weather Alerts and upcoming events for spring. The weather man must of seen the club's calendar for February because every Wednesday was stormy. They say 'February comes in like a lion and out like a lamb'.

Our next club meeting is February 27th - Birds and Nature Photography by Paul Roedding. Let's hope for good weather. Remember to work on your Photo Art Contest Image which is due March 27th.

Please check your emails before going to a club meeting as there could be a cancellation or a change in the program. Also check the WCC facebook. Let's communicate!

Also if you have not been getting emails please let me know so I can add your name to the list.

*Ruth Ann*

## What a fantastic night!

Our Guest speaker, James Cowie, presented to a packed house with a fantastic presentation on the tips and tricks for Photoshop.

This presentation was well received by all those who attended and was a precursor to our announcing upcoming Photoshop workshop to be held at the end of April. The workshop has been filled.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### You are Invited to the Vintage Film Camera Show

We'd like to invite the photography club to Canada's FRIENDLIEST (and 2nd largest?) Vintage Film Camera Show taking place on: Sunday, April 14th, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Place: Carling Heights Community Centre, 656 Elizabeth Street, London, ON. That's right "behind" Wolseley Barracks on Oxford St. Access via Oxford St. or Adelaide St., look for the big yellow signs

Expect 50-70 dealer tables of Film Photography items for sale - cameras, lenses, lighting, accessories, darkroom stuff, medium and large format equipment, alternative process items, books/manuals, film, bags, collectibles, hard to find vintage items and much more.

Why take a chance ordering on-line or via auction...see, try and ask questions about your items before you buy face-to-face from an one

of the experienced local dealer.

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## Notice to all Club Members.

### Join the Swap or Trade Table

Spring is coming and time to clean out your unwanted equipment or maybe trade.

Sit back and ask yourself - why do I need 5 camera bags, 6 tripods and piles of accessories collecting dust?

We are solving the problem for you. On April 24th at the club meeting there will be a Swap and Trade Table. This will be a good time to move on these items and even clean your office or photography room. Maybe make some money to buy something new. All you have to do is attach a price tag and your name to your items. You must be at the meeting on April 24th in order to sell or trade your items or make arrangement with a friend.

This will be a fun evening and you may go home with a great deal.

## Year-End Gala Award's Night

This club year is moving so fast and before we know it the Year End Gala will be here. The theme is Celebrating Dance.

Each year at the Gala there is a contest so get out those cameras and capture someone or something dancing. You may submit one or two images. The size of the prints are the same as the WCC contests and you can hand in your image to Karen Guthrie at a meeting or bring it the evening of the Gala. This is an evening you do not want to miss - door prizes galore, cup cakes, refreshments and socializing. Awards will be presented to the photographers that have qualified for a trophy or certificate. Bring along a guest and enjoy the evening.

### Upcoming Guest Speakers

March 13th - **Nature Photography**  
by Jay Cossey

March 27th - **Street Photography**  
by Ron Yusark

April 10th  
**Portrait Photography**  
by Robina Cullen

May 8th  
**Member's Showcase**

The theme for the 2018/2019 Awards Night Gala  
will be

*Celebrating* **Dance**

Everyone in the world dances.

Dance has been an important part of ceremony, rituals, celebrations and entertainment since before the birth of the earliest human civilizations -

It is a wonderful moment for photographers to capture the movements, the story, the emotions and talent.

WE CAN'T ALWAYS CHOOSE THE  
*music*  
LIFE  
PLAYS FOR US, BUT WE CAN  
CHOOSE HOW WE  
**DANCE TO IT**



There will be a Photo Contest at the Gala and we invite you to enter your image of dance.