



Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography

Trees

I think that I shall never see
 A poem lovely as a tree.
 A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
 Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;
 A tree that looks at God all day,
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
 A tree that may in summer wear
 A nest of robins in her hair;
 Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
 Who intimately lives with rain.
 Poems are made by fools like me,
 But only God can make a tree.

by Joyce Kilmer



1st Place Perry Hughes

Morning Mist ©



Contest #1

Len Grincevicius - WCC Contest Chair

A warm welcome to both returning and new members of the WCC. In October, members had the chance to submit their chosen images in two different categories, "Open" and "Trees". 28 photographers entered a total of 51 images - 23 in the Open category and 28 in Trees. It was nice to see some entries from new members. Last year we had many ties causing great difficulty in picking first, second and third in each category. Consequently after much discussion we have updated our judging system to allow scoring by half points instead of just full points. Many other clubs do this and it seemed to work very well.

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

Trees

- 1st Place – Perry Hughes – “Morning Mist”
- 2nd Place – Lisa Demaline – “Outstanding in Their Field”
- 3rd Place – Diane Broad – “Sunset Silhouette”

Open

- 1st Place – Colin Hutchinson – “Spring on the Forest Floor”
 - 2nd Place – Paul Smith – “In Full Bloom”
 - 3rd Place – Alayne Brisson – “The Best way to End the Day”
 - Honourable Mention – Richard Skevington – “Sunshine in the Forest”
- Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all entrants; your creativity and participation make our contests possible.

Our esteemed judges: Brian Thompson from Brantford, Bill Boswell from London and Vic Whitcroft from Norwich. Thank you for a job well done. Thank you also to Dave & Linda Feick and Brian Harris for your assistance with the judging.

Len



2nd Place Lisa Demaline

Outstanding in Their Field ©



3rd Place Diane Broad

Sunset Silhouette ©

Open



1st Place Colin Hutchinson *Spring on the Forest Floor ©*



2nd Place Paul Smith
In Full Bloom ©

Honourable Mention

Richard Skevington
Sunshine in the Forest ©



3rd Place Alayne Brisson
The Best way to End the Day ©



Paul and Alayne absent for photo.

Contest #2 Deadline

Open & Ladders, Steps or Stairs

Just a reminder that our next contest is not far away; entry deadline being **Wednesday Jan 8th, 2020.**

Please have your digital entries and digital copies of your prints to me by **January 8th.** Delays in submitting your digital entries and digital copies of your prints cause me problems, so please be on time. Contest #2 Judging will take place at Quality Hotel & Suites, 10:00 am Saturday, January 18th.

Themes for Contest 2 are **“Open” and “Ladders, Steps or Stairs”**

Len

Annual Hike for Hospice



In the photo Rick Dutton and Kristina

The Toyota 17th Annual Hike for Hospice took place on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Members Rick Dutton and Bonnie Hewitt volunteered their time to take photos for the event.

This family-friendly event is a great opportunity for hikers to celebrate their loved ones while helping raise funds that are essential to the daily operation of VON Sakura House, Oxford County's residential hospice. Remember you can hike as an individual or form a team. Mark your calendars for next year and help support this important event.

WCC volunteers are heading out to

Photograph the

Woodstock Santa Claus Parade on

November 16th.

Hope to see you at the Santa House in the

Museum Square.

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Grand Valley Image Battle

Congratulations
to Karen Aubin



Mother and Yearling

The Grand Valley Image Battle Competition was held on November 3rd, 2019. It was hosted by the Highland Glen Camera Club. The competition is held once a year as an inter-club competition with other clubs in South-Western Ontario. Participating clubs rotate hosting duties for the competition.

Judging is performed by 3 independent judges, organized by the host club and the winner of the competition is the club with the highest cumulative score. Each club enters 18 images and a club's entry can be a mix of digital images or prints, in any proportion. This is an open category competition, so any subject, processing technique is accepted.

The competition is intended to be a showcase of the achievements of the club as a whole and not just a few members.

Seven clubs participating in the competition with Woodstock Camera Club placing 6th with a score of 362, while the winning club scored 399.

Congratulations go to Karen Aubin whose photo, "Mother and Yearling", of two polar bears, won first place in the competition with a score 9, 9, 9 = 27. The image was taken on the tundra up in Churchill, MB on a tour with Photo Tour Trekkers.

Thank you to all the members that entered images and received a total of 362 for the club. The WCC is next in line to have hosting duties in 2020. Information and date will be announced at a later date.



Show your
hands if
you are
already
sick of
snow?

*It is a great photo opportunity so get
out those cameras.*



*Linda Feick
Program Chair*

Well, here we are, the middle of November already!

I can't believe how fast the time has gone. The guest speakers we have had have given us lots of information for our brains to digest and we have lots more to come.

A few of our members went on a Milky Way photo shoot night and got some amazing shots, although a little bit late for some of us but we had a good time none the less.

We are now gearing up for the Santa Claus parade and Santa House. For those of you new to the club this is our major fundraiser for the year. This helps us get amazing guest speakers for you to enjoy so I urge you to sign up for a shift or two to help us out. It is a great time and you can even have a few minutes with the Jolly Old Elf himself if you are really good. If you'd like to give a few hours of your time in December for this worthy cause please let me know. There will be a sign-up sheet available or you can email me.

We are in the planning stages of offering clothing with our club logo to our members. We will have available t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, hooded zippered hoodies and zippered collar hoodies at this time. I am also looking into vests and jackets too but these have to be sourced yet. We will have a catalogue of all the items soon.

That's it for now from your Program Chair. See you again soon.

Linda Feick

Oxford Creatives Art Show



Largest Indoor Art Show & Cultural Exhibition in Oxford! "Oxford Creates 2019" is an annual juried show and sale featuring contemporary fine art and literature. It was held at South Gate Centre in Woodstock on Saturday November 2nd and 3rd, 2019. WCC members Harold Watling, Bruce Hartley, Alayne Brisson, and John Novak participated in this event.

If you are interested in selling your photography or art contact Mary Anne Murphy at the Oxford Creative Connects.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 27th, 2019

Outing to Carman's Foto Source

Join us for an outing to Carman's Foto Source at 230 Springbank Ave North, Woodstock to see the latest in photo and printing labs, camera equipment and the newest lighting and framing studio in the area. You may find a Christmas idea!

Refreshments served.



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Wednesday,
December 11, 2019

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Once a year in December the camera club joins together to celebrate the holiday season with a delicious Christmas Dinner supplied by the WCC members. There will be door prizes, games and Christmas fun.

Join us at the Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church on Clarke Street, Woodstock.

Everyone attending please bring a hot or cold potluck dish for the dinner and also your place setting. Refreshments will be supplied. You are welcome to bring along a guest. Please use the south door of the church and down to the lower level. Hope to see you there!

**Club will take a break
Returning January 8th, 2020**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.

Remember to capture memories.

November 2020

Big Brother Big Sisters will be celebrating their Big 50th Anniversary.

If you are interested in tickets contact the BBBS. You don't want to miss the Big Night Out. Dance, Silent Auction, Dinner.

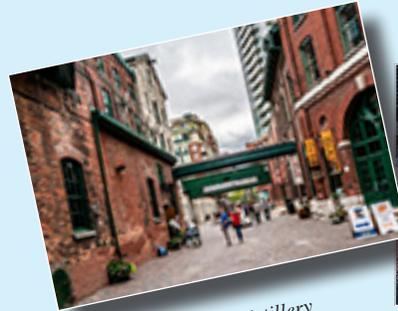
Bus Tour to Toronto

with Jame Cowie



On Saturday, July 13, 2019 photographers, guests and equipment were loaded and the bus was on route to the city of Toronto. James Cowie from London was our tour guide for the day, informing us of the locations we would be visiting, keeping us on track and sharing a few tips about photography.

The Distillery District was the first stop - a pedestrian-only Distillery District, set in quaint 19th century buildings that once housed a large whiskey distillery. As we walked down the cobblestone streets that were lined with bars, restaurants, boutiques, galleries, sculptures, and music we could hear the sound of clicking cameras. Rain did not put a stop to taking photos, it only gave us more photo opps.



Distillery



Nathan Phillips Square



Berzcy Park Fountain



Yvonne and Ruth Ann purchased umbrellas to keep dry.

Next stop was the Old Spaghetti Factory with its interior lined with stain glass windows and Tiffany lights. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

Nathan Phillips Square, a vibrant, active space in the heart of the city where events are held and million of visitors visit in a year was our next stop to capture the square with the famous Toronto sign.

After that the WCC photographers and guests went to the dogs, literally!...to the Berzcy park. This is Toronto's latest fountain located in the St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood. The new dog fountain was designed by the Architect Claude Cormier. It features 27 cast iron dogs, one scared-looking cat, a lone bone and is visited by tourists, condo dwellers and their furry friends.

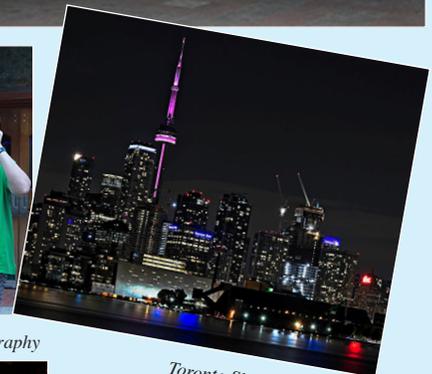
As the sun set and the Toronto lights lite the sky it was time for the day to come to an end, but there was one more treat. Tripods in hand the photographers headed to the water front to capture the Toronto skyline at night as it danced with lights reflecting off the waves



Distillery - out of the rain.



Dave & Mike - Street Photography



Toronto Skyline at night



Denise Rook, Dave Feick, Brian Harris and Rick Dutton, ordering their dinners.



Kim Eller

Thank You.

Great outing to Toronto!
I want to thank all those who joined us and a special thank you to James Cowie for organizing our trip and keeping us on track. It was a great day of photography downtown and skyline shots at night! There's nothing like being in downtown Toronto at night! I also want to send out a big thank you to our bus driver Ron for overcoming a trying day for him and getting us there and back safely. We hope to do this again very soon as it was a great trip.

Linda Feick, Program Chair

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Quick trip to Godrich

This year has been one for getting out and about on photography road trips for me, whether with club members or meeting up with other fellow photo enthusiasts - I've even enjoyed meeting up with past members. Comradely amongst photographers is why our club is so successful.

A few of us are still wanting to get 'that' image of the Milky Way. I took a quick trip along Lake Huron in October before the weather changed and while the driving was still good, and yes we are still in search of Milky Way shots, so off to Godrich.

Just head out on your own or with family or friends and discover. If any members have ideas of small road trips feel free to share them as many of us are ready to go out and about even on short notice.

Kim Eller

If you have visited a location that would be of interest to the members send the information and pictures to ralrule@rogers.com



THE HEART OF TURTLE ISLAND

The Niagara Escarpment

On September 18, 2019 was a great way to start off this year. Our first guest speaker was Mark Zelinski who enjoys a diverse career as a professional photographer since 1977 - he is also a publisher, writer, painter, filmmaker and winner of the Canadian Governor General's Medal. His assignments have taken him to all seven continents of the earth, and he has published 9 internationally acclaimed photography books. He has donated copies of his new photography books to poor children and a hundred charities globally. Mark's books are used by charities worldwide as fundraisers, and to aid homeless youth, literacy, child abuse-prevention and the fight against slavery.

It was a very educational evening. Check out Mark Zelinski's website for more information and his outstanding photography.

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Milky Way

by Mike Maranger



© Photo by Mike Maranger

Nine members of the Woodstock Camera Club and one of my friends went to Long Point on Friday, August 2nd to photograph the Milky Way. (Bill Thompson, Dave and Linda Feick, Lisa Demaline, Alayne Brisson, Kim Eller, Len and Jan Grincevicius and myself).

We initially met up at the Quality Hotel & Suites in Woodstock and traveled on to Long Point where Southern Ontario has the darkest skies making it one of the best places to take Milky Way pictures.

There were members with all different skill levels and everyone was willing to share their expertise. The two things we needed were a dark and clear sky (no clouds) and we had both, perfect weather for capturing the Milky Way. A couple of members were astute at Astronomy and made it even more interesting. Len, one of the members even said "there is so much to look at tonight, its absolutely fabulous".

There were an overwhelming number of people who wanted to attend this outing so we added an additional night and as luck would have it the weather was absolutely perfect too - the 10 people that asked were able to go on Saturday to shoot the Milky Way as well. We tried different techniques including painting the trees with lights.

I would like to do some more night photography outings and if you are interested please let myself or Linda Feick know.

Is anyone interested in taking a 'Northern Lights Weekend' just let me know and see what we can come up with. I prefer it in the spring or summer when the weather is warmer.

Mike

Did You Know? Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Preserve.

Located in the heart of Muskoka, Torrance Barrens was the first permanent dark sky preserve created in the world! This 1900-hectare area is just west of Gravenhurst and south of Lake Muskoka. The lights of the Milky Way are clearly visible to the naked eye on cloudless summer nights



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© Photo by Lisa Demaline



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Big Brothers Big Sisters ~ Old Hollywood Big Night Out ~

On the evening of October 26, 2019 guests walked the red carpet to a gold fountain that poured out complementary Champagne. They were attending the Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Night Out "Old Hollywood Ball". This is a big event of the year for the BBBS to fund raise in order to support the mentorship programs which provide services that support children and youth in reaching their full potential. Woodstock Camera Club has supported the BBBS for many years with the children's programs and the Big Night Out Ball. It is very important to the WCC to give back to the community and most of all help young children.



The WCC photo booth was part of the event. Every position is important and the evening went like clock work. Volunteers: Ruth Ann Rule - coordinator/cashier, Frank Calic - photographer/setup, Denise Rooke - printer, Yvonne Boniface - photographer's assistant, Dave Feick - setup/printer, Linda Feick - cashier and Kim Eller - printer.

This was a very long evening for the volunteers and we thank each of them for giving approximately 2 hours on Friday and 7 hours on Saturday to this event.

We have one valuable volunteer in the group which has the hardest job of all - Frank Calic, our photographer for the evening. The photo booth would not be possible without the support of Frank, setup and dismantling the equipment of the Booth and making sure the lighting was correct, setting up his backdrop with the help of the tall guy in the group. The photo booth on Saturday opened at 5:30 pm and Frank started taking photos non-stop until 11:00 pm. (a dinner break). When the night came to an end and the photo booth was to close down you could see the disappointment on his face, he wanted to continue.

Portrait photography is his passion and when we thank him over and over again for his help he says "I love doing something that I love". And we love him for standing hour after hour taking photos. Actually the photo booth would not be possible without this great team working along side him. We are proud to say that the WCC volunteers raised \$900.00 and the full amount was presented to the BBBS mentor-ship program.

Heading home were seven exhausted volunteers with a few aches and pains but so proud that the WCC could give their time to a great cause and be able to give back to the community.

Ruth Ann Rule