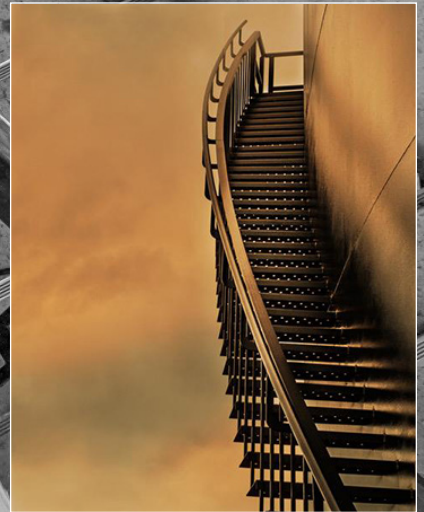




Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography



Contest #2

Len Grincevicius - WCC Contest Chair

In January, all members had the chance to submit their chosen images in two different categories, "Open" & "Ladders, Steps or Stairs".

25 photographers entered a total of 45 images - 22 in the Open category and 23 in Ladders, Steps and Stairs. As always nice to see some entries from new members.

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

Ladders, Steps or Stairs

1st Place – Colin Hutchinson – *Golden Steps*

2nd Place – Perry Hughes – *Last Step*

3rd Place – Alayne Brisson – *Enter into History*

Open

1st Place – Karen Aubin – *Lunch*

2nd Place – Perry Hughes – *Flicker at the Window*

3rd Place – Colin Hutchinson – *Snow Day*

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all the entrants; your creativity and participation make our contests possible. So glad all our judges were locals as the judging day was very snowy. Thank You to Vic Whitcroft, Lisa Demaline and Harold Watling for doing a great job. Thank You also to Dave and Linda Feick, Jan Grincevicius and Brian Harris for their assistance with the judging.

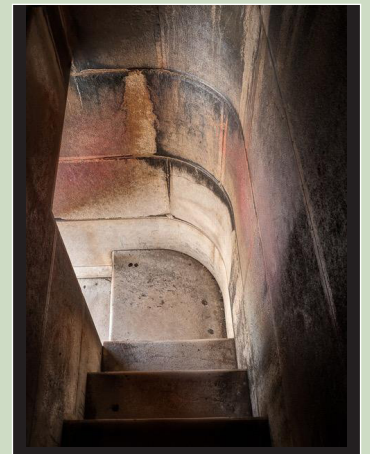
Just a reminder that our next contest is not far away; entry deadline will be Wednesday, March 18th. Please have your digital entries and digital copies of your prints to me by that day as well. Delays in submitting your digital entries and digital copies of your prints cause me problems, so please be on time.

Judging for Contest 3 will take place at the Quality Hotel & Suites on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 am. Themes for contest 3 are "Open" and "City Scenes".

Your Photo Art entries are also due on March 18th.

Len

1st Place Colin Hutchinson © *Golden Steps*



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Open



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Colin Hutchinson and Alayne Brisson - absent for their photo. Congratulations to everyone.

Carman's Foto Source



For the November 27th meeting the WCC met at Carman's Foto Source, 230 Springbank Ave. in Woodstock.

Ted McLaughlin offered the members a great opportunity to browse the store, check out the inventory and find out what services Carman's had to offer.

The members viewed the printing lab and watched how to prepare the images. Take a seat at one of their photo kiosks where you'll be given the options to select photos you would like printed, the quantity and the size, as well as crop, fix red-eye, and add borders and titles!

Carman's also offers fine art printing in all dimensions - wallet-sized prints, enlargements and posters, prints for special projects and the in clubs contest images.

The online printing service is also easy to use and you'll love the results.

Turning your favourite shots into beautiful prints has never been easier.

While members toured the basement area great memories came back to them. This is where the WCC held their first meetings - the fun and learning photography all started right here! The basement now holds a portrait and passport studio along with an area for custom framing.



The friendly and knowledgeable staff are happy at any time to answer any question or concerns you might have with your printing or photography equipment. Drop in and visit Ted.



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The Woodstock Camera Club members had a busy December spreading the Christmas cheer to everyone in the community.



SANTA PARADE - November 16th, 2019

The Woodstock Santa Parade brought the adults and children of all ages out to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. The crowd were dressed up in Christmas attire as they enjoyed the floats decorated in lights and bands marching along the parade route.

Thank you to Dave Feick, Bill Thompson, Ron Yuzark, Rick Dutton and Bonnie Hewitt. for photographing the parade for the BIA. Hope Santa was good to them on Christmas Eve.

SANTA HOUSE



Santa returned again this year to visit the children. As the children climbed on his lap the WCC photographers captured precious moments. Some children whispered to Santa their Christmas wish and others shed some tears.

Thank You to the WCC volunteers that gave their time to bring the Christmas Spirit to the children and their families and a great big thank you to the man in the red suit for visiting Woodstock.

Looking forward to a Happy 2020

WCC Members in the Christmas Spirit



Annual Christmas Potluck

December 11th, 2019

Members and guests came to the Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock for a delicious potluck dinner supplied by the WCC members. The highlight of the meal was the dessert table. It was a great Christmas Party once again this year.

Karen Aubin read the Christmas story which had a twist and Linda Feick challenged the members with Christmas songs? One group did excel with the lyrics and titles and to their surprise they had to sing a Christmas song for everyone. Draws for door prizes and Christmas arrangements were handed out to the lucky winners. Thank you for the donations and to Bonnie Hewitt and her granddaughter for the beautiful holiday arrangements.



Name that song



Winners - They are now the WCC Choir



A wonderful time of the year for Photographers



Linda Feick
Program Chair

Hello everyone

Happy New Year to all of our membership. We're hoping you had an enjoyable Christmas and look forward to all the things that the new year will bring.

Christmas at Santa house was very busy this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came out to help. The kids were so excited to see the jolly old elf and get their photos taken with him. He's now gone back to the North Pole to get ready for next year and if we're all really good, we'll get to see him again next year.

We're now into the second half of this year's program which features a hands-on workshop as well as many new guest speakers. It will definitely be an interesting second half to our year.

As I am writing this note some of our members are enjoying a bus trip to Niagara Falls to photograph the Falls, Christmas lights and a dinner at the Skylon Tower, then travel home, weary but with great photos.

We want to thank James Cowie for once again organizing a wonderful trip for us. Hopefully the weather will start getting a little better and we will be able to get out of our cosy nests to get taking some winter pictures. That's all for now, will be talking to you again soon.

Linda Feick

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Sharing Photography

February 19th, 2020

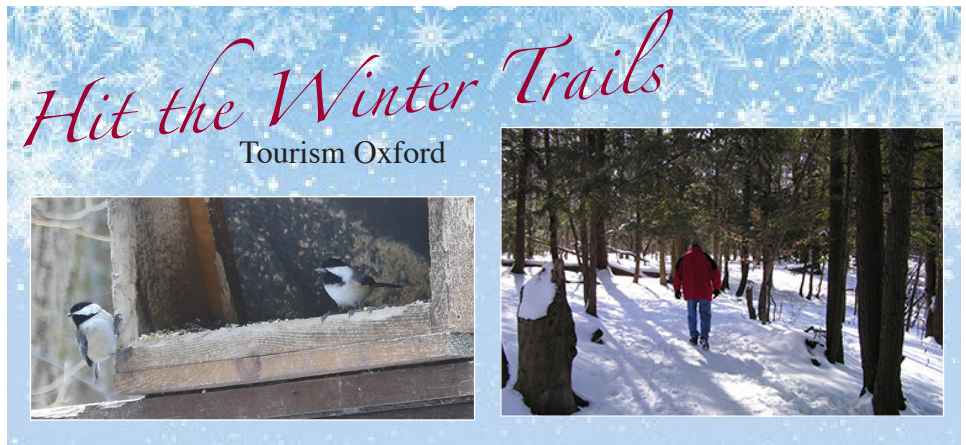
Club members are not hiding their images on their computer, they will be showing them off to other members.

You will see their style of photography and see some of their accomplishments.

Members were asked to send in 10 digital images to Linda Feick, program chair.

Come out on February 19th and have an evening of sharing photography.

An evening you do not want to miss.



What a beautiful covering of snow we had over the weekend. Time to get out for fresh air, and to discover the beauty of Mother Nature in all its best which can make the winter a little more bearable. See the blue glow on the snow from the sunshine and you'll be loving winter in no time. Consider bundling up and head out for a hike or a walk on an Oxford trails.

Winter is a great time to go birding too. There is plenty of hawk activity along our country roads and birds are easy to spot because of there are no leaves. Grab your binoculars, cameras and hit the trails to see a variety of birds and enjoy the outside. For easy sightings, check out the bird feeders at Lawson Nature Tract.

All trails are open for the winter, weather permitting.

Lawson Nature Tract

McBeth Road, 1km east of Culloden Line, it is approx. 8 km south of Ingersoll.

Surface: soil, compacted grass and board walk
Watch as birds and squirrels enjoy a bite at the various feeders, enjoy the trickling sound of an icy stream and take in all the forest enjoyment you can get. Try heading out on a week day when you'll find the trail incredibly quiet and peaceful for photographing the surroundings - just you with the soft snow falling, the sunshine and the sounds of birds chirping.

John Lawson Trail

Accessed from Charles St. West, at the bottom of Wonham St. South, Ingersoll

Surface: Gravel

With the opportunity to photograph birds and do some bird-watching through a naturalized park, this trail is easy going and enjoyable. Park beside Ingersoll's mini putt and you'll find the entrance to the trail tucked behind there and the Ingersoll Pipe Band Hall.

Following the south side of the Thames River, it's a great way to get some fresh air and take in the beauty of nature as you wander through both meadow and woodlot.

Millennium Trail System

Several ways to access the trail.

Surface: Mixed

Great trail for walking, cross-country skiing, dog walking, snow shoeing.

This splendid trail system through Woodstock follows the banks of the Thames River for a spectacular hike. Enjoy a mix of both hardwood and softwood forests, abundant marshland, retired agricultural areas and the great opportunity to see deer, beaver, blue heron and more if you're the lucky one!

The South Shore Trail

680 Highland Dr. Woodstock, ON.

Surface: Mixed

Hike, Bike, Birding

This trail that reaches through the south side of Pittcock Conservation Area is a lovely place to spend the afternoon. With 6.75 km of trail, you'll get to take in views of the lake, walk through a beautiful pine plantation and enjoy gentle inclines and declines.

The Hickson Trail

89 Lovey St. E. Hickson, ON. 10km

Surface: Natural, soil

Hiking, Biking, Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Birding. Walking stick are on site, head out onto the Hickson Trail for a truly spectacular hike. Walk along an old rail line. Your hike will take you on an adventure through woodlots, meadows and farmland.

Vansittart Woods 6.2 km

Blandford Road, north of Hwy #2. Located on the west side just north of the Highway 401 overpass.

These are only a few of trails that are located in our area, set out and discover them all, winter, spring, summer and fall. Check out the Tourism of Oxford Website for more information.

*People don't notice whether
it's winter or summer when they're happy.*

by Anton Chekhov

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On January 11th the Woodstock Camera Club invited members and guests to join them on the Niagara Lights at Night Photo Tour with James from Photo Tour Trekkers.

Dressed up for the cold and rainy weather and loaded down with photography equipment they were ready to start the New Year off with an exciting adventure to Niagara Falls to photograph the ice and snow from behind the Falls, dinner up the Skylon Tower, an evening of Christmas Light and the Falls in colour.

The tour departed from Listowel at 1:00 p.m. with the second pickup in Woodstock at 2:15 p.m. and arriving in Niagara Falls at 3:45 p.m.

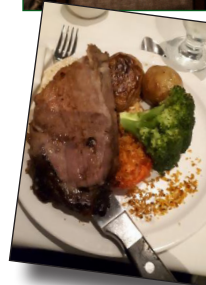
The first stop was an opportunity to photo behind the Falls, first descend 125' to explore 130-year-old tunnels through the bedrock were everyone felt the thunderous vibration of the Horseshoe Falls long before they saw it. The observation deck left everyone breathless and made for some great winter photos.

Next they visited the Skylon Tower where they traveled to the top to dine in the revolving dining room. The observation deck allowed the photographers to capture the city of Toronto.

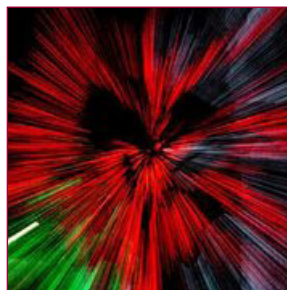
After dinner free time was allowed to set up and prepare for the 'Festival of Lights'.



Photos by Alayne Brisson



Photos by
Dave Feick



Every evening beginning at dusk, Niagara Falls is transformed into an incredible, multi-coloured water and light masterpiece.

MARK the CALENDARS

The Wolves

One of our club members, **Alayne Brisson** will be co-hosting the trip to Park Omega in Montebello, Quebec on March 6th to the 8th, 2020.

Check if there is any openings for the trip. They will be staying at Chateau Montebello also known as the worlds largest log cabin. You will be photographing the wolves, hosting a night photo shoot and an Adobe Photoshop workshop.

Please check out all the details on Photo Tour Trekkers new website and they look forward to you joining them for the "Chill of the Howl"



Note Members

Photo Art Contest Deadline

With an digital adjusting program of your choice make a piece of art that you would hang in your home or give as a gift. This allows you to bring out your creative side. The images must be taken by the photographer that will be submitting the images and not from the internet. Print size is the same as the WCC contests.

Prints or digial images are allowed to be submitted and up to two images per person.

Deadline: March 18th, 2020.

April 1, 2020

Photographing our Environment

by Ben Eby

Empowering us with the idea that our environment and climate as we know them are fleeting and any work photographers do to bring attention this is critical.

April 24, 25, 26, 2020 -

The NFRCC CAN AM Photo Expo

An excellent opportunity for learning about photography and post processing plus having a great weekend connecting with old and new friends. It is being held at the Sheraton On The Falls, 5875 Falls Ave, Niagara Falls, Ontario

As in the past, the classes are geared towards the attendees' level of expertise, from those who are just learning about their camera or post processing to those who are looking for a more artistic look to their images. If you have staled with your approach of photography attending a photographic conference can spur the imaginations and wake up those artistic vibes. Check the website for upcoming news on this event. www.canamexpo.com



Contest #3
City Scenes or Open
March 18th - Deadline



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