



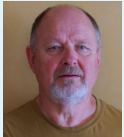
Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography

Unusual Angles/Perspectives and Open



First Place Winners



Contest #2

Len Grincevicius - WCC Contest Chair



Bronwyn Moody

**Unusual Angles/
Perspectives**

© Reflection on the Bean

In January 2018 Woodstock Camera Club members had the chance to submit their chosen images in two different categories - Open & Unusual Angle/Perspectives - 25 Photographers entered a total of 44 images - 23 in the Open category and 21 in Unusual Angle/Perspectives. The high quality of the photos gave the judges a lot to think about when picking a winner in each category. There was a five way tie for first place in the Open category and a three way tie in the Angle category. After much discussion the judges broke the ties.

It is my pleasure to announce the finalists of the Woodstock Camera Club Contest No. 2.

Unusual Angle/Perspectives

1st Place - Bronwyn Moody - Reflection on the Bean

2nd Place - Robina Cullen - X's & O's

3rd Place - Lori Crewe - Unnamed

Open

1st Place - Scott Knox - Loonie

2nd Place - Bronwyn Moody - Ancient Shoreline

3rd Place - Brian Harris - Whooo?

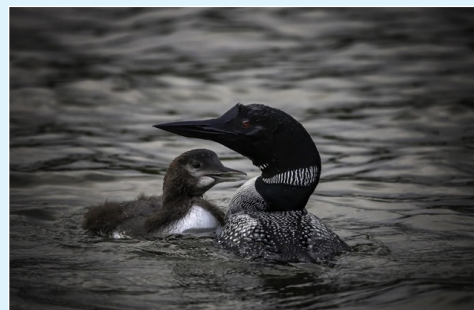
HM - Lori Crewe - unnamed

HM - Lisa Demaline - Time for Tea.

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 Brian Thompson from Brantford, and our own Harold Watling and Vic Whitcroft. 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.



Scott Knox

Open Category

© Loonie



Just a reminder that our next contest is not far away; entry deadline being Wednesday, March 14th, 2018. Please have your digital entries and digital copies of your prints to me by March 18th. Judging for contest 3 will take place at OMAFRA, 10:00 am Saturday, March 24th. Hopefully we will be enjoying some Spring by then. Everyone Welcome.

Len

Wilson Senior Photo Art Contest

WCC member Wilson Johnston Junior launched the Photo Art Contest in memory of his father. He challenges members to make a piece of art from one of your images by using any digital adjustment that you would like. **Deadline March 14th.**

Cameras, Planes and Drones take to the Open Blue Sky



The members returned to the club on January 3rd, 2018 after a holiday break. They had the enjoyment of going up in the blue sky with John Sutherland.

John is a member of the Woodstock Radio Controlled Flying Club for 20 years. His interest started in school when he, along with friends from the Rocket Club, made a rocket and attached a film camera. Now he is a digital camera photographer using drones and planes to capture aerial shots. The club's flying area is mostly Southside Park, CASS and surrounding areas. A display of cameras, drones, batteries and accessories were viewed by the members. John invited members to come out to some of the events and bring along their cameras and capture some unique images. Check out the website for Woodstock Model Plane and Drone Club to see upcoming events.

Landscape Photography

by Bill Hall

There is a photographic world when it comes to landscapes - colour, texture and just tremendous beauty.

Join us on February 28th.

7:00 pm

Members - free

Non-Members \$10.00

Congratulations to all the Photographers

Unusual Angles/Perspectives Category



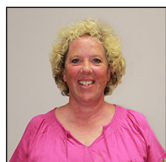
Robina Cullen © X's and O's



Lori Crewe ©unnamed

Open Category

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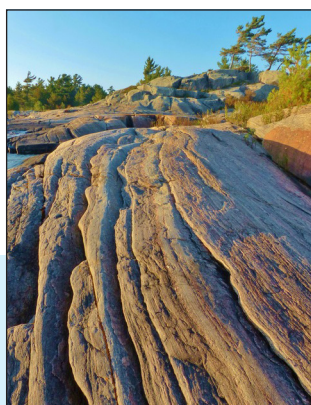


Browyn Moody
© Ancient Shoreline

3rd



Brian Harris
© Whooo?



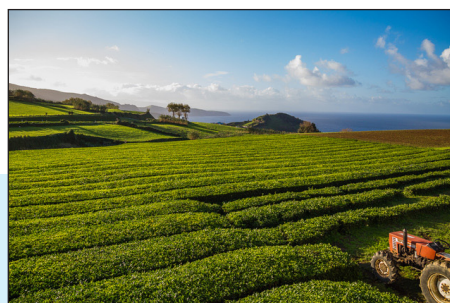
Honourable Mention



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Lori Crewe
© unnamed



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Lisa Demaline
© Time for Tea

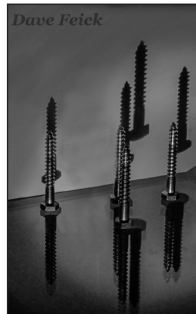
Using Imagination and Creativity in Photography - Project #2 Results



Christmas Decoration



Rocks



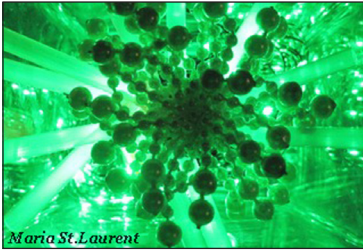
Screws



Pasta



Thread



Straws

How many photographers have flipped through a magazine and looked at the pictures in advertisements? A lot of photographers make a living at this and bet you say "I can do that".

At the last club meeting members took an item from a Photo Treasure Box and were given the challenge of taking a photo that would advertise an item in a magazine. This project was all about using imagination and stepping out of their comfort zone and trying something different. There were 28 images submitted. The members sure stepped out of the box and created outstanding illustrations using their imagination and humour. They were allowed to use props to compliment and bring alive their item. The results were great! Congratulations! Participating is what makes projects successful and fun.



Clothes Pins



Tablecloth Clips



Hand Wash



Coasters



Glasses



Pens



Nail Polish



Pasta



Sticky Notes



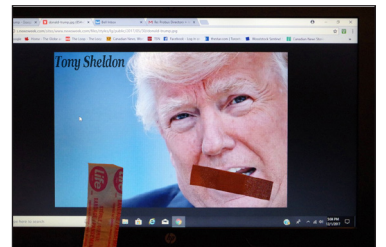
Bottle Lids



Pennies



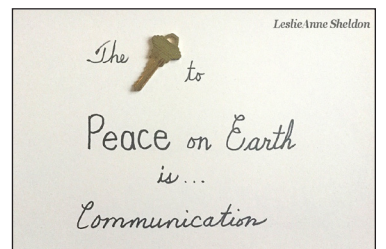
Measuring Tape



Bandaid



Eye Drops



Key

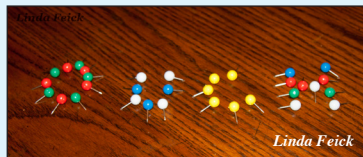
Project #2 Results



Lemons



Candles



Pins - Ouch



Candy



Clothes Pins

It could be that the photographers in this project are ready to break into the commercial photography business but don't know where to start. Check out the website as there are many sites on Goggle that relate to commercial photography.

Project #3 - Shoes

Viewing February 14th, 2018

Socializing, Snack and Refreshments after the WCC Meetings - Ody's Restaurant and Lounge -

After an evening of photography the Woodstock Camera Club members get together to enjoy some refreshments, snacks and share stories.

The menu for Ody's Restaurant, Lounge and Patio may have changed since the last time you visited the restaurant or check the website. They invite you to join them and see what has changed.

There is a breakfast buffet in the morning, then the dining room closes and reopens again at 4:00 pm with a full menu. After 9:00 pm there is a light menu in the lounge.

Join the members after the meetings, it is a great way to finish a great evening of photography.

Sharing Photography - A Member's Showcase

WCC photographers Jeff Brown and Kim Eller shared their outstanding images at the January 3rd, 2018 meeting.

Jeff presented a series of his circular images that he photographed with an 8-15mm fisheye zoom lens. This lens ranges from being ultra wide-angle at 15mm to circular at the 8mm end. These types of lenses produce strong visual distortion intended to create a wide panoramic or circular image with an extremely wide angle of view. Photographers, that use a fisheye lens work with this distortion to capture fascinating images. Through creative composition and very interesting POV (point of view), they are able to show you a world that you would normally completely miss.

Check the website for *7 Reasons Why Fisheye Lenses are Awesome*.

Kim presented a slide show of her trip to Sicily showing highly rich and unique culture. Although a region of Italy today, Sicily was once its own country as the Kingdom of Sicily, ruled from Palermo.

The colours and details were enhanced with the program *Enlight*. The painted effect is with an App called *Brushstrokes*. By using these programs Kim brought out the history of Sicily's rigid back streets.

Check the website for options and information on *Enlight Photography Editing*.



Windows from a street in Palermo.

© Kim Eller



© Jeffrey Edser Thomas Brown

Jeff using his Fisheye lens to get the best angle for a unique image.



© Kim Eller

The dog is from the village of Castelmola high above on a hill overlooking Taormina



- Video Photography -

Many photographers have the capability on their cameras to take videos and never use it. The evening on January 17th, 2018 opened with a new way of taking photos with the video mode. Remember the days when you needed a camcorder and other gear to video tape? Shooting video today is as easy as switching to video mode on your camera and hitting the record button.



WCC member Perry Hughes traveled with Photo Tour Trekkers to Galapago Islands. The first visit in the morning was to the Darwin Research Centre where they present the mandate of conserving and preserving the turtles of the island through a breeding centre. The boat anchored in Santa Cruz one of only several areas that people live on the islands.

Other WCC club members, Len and Jan Grincevicius and John Novak are off to the Wolves Photo Tour this February - 'The chill of the howl'.

Brian Harris and Karen Guthrie are going to the Rain Forest in Costa Rica. We will be looking forward to viewing their photos.

Polar Bears Photo Tour - Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2018 'Canada's Gateway to the Arctic'- Now open for booking.

To book upcoming trips contact James Cowie Director Photo Tour Trekkers Tourcan Vacations / Specialty Groups toll free 1-800-263-2995 exit 2688 or 416-391-0334 exit 2688. james@tourcanvacations.com,

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Scans of Snowy Owls

This winter Snowy Owls have been flocking to Southern Ontario in record numbers due to an unusually successful fledging. Hickson resident and avid birder and camera club member Richard Skevington calls it the year of the snowy owl and has spotted Snowy Owls across Southern Ontario, including many in Oxford County.

They have been spotted between Hickson and Bright. Look to farmer's silos or fence posts. Best time to find them is anytime after 5 pm because they are in pursuit of food. Do not get close to the bird as they will fly away and there goes your photo opportunity. There are only a few weeks left to see the owls so grab your cameras.

Karen Aubin and Kim Eller's Outing:



Photos by Karen Aubin

On January 17th Kim Eller and myself set out on a winter day to search for Snowy Owls. We drove to Strathroy, a fellow co-worker is a birder and gave me some information on where to look. Off the 402 take hwy 81 north to Highway 22.



We drove west on Highway 22 and saw our first snowy owl on a hydro pole, on Highway 22 between School Road and Seed Road. We also saw a snowy owl on Seed Road. Another was sited on Highway 81 just north of the Tim Horton's. On Saturday we spotted a Snowy Owl in Perth. County just north of Tavistock at the intersection of Perth 33 and Line 110 just before sunset. Always an awesome sight! We only had a small point & shoot camera with us which sure beat our cell phone camera.

Karen Aubin

Spring is in the Air and you are invited to a Vintage Camera Show.

Hello from London, Ontario Canada; We'd like to invite the photography club members to Canada's FRIENDLIEST (and 2nd largest?) Vintage Film Camera Show taking place on:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15th
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Carling Heights Community Centre,
656 Elizabeth St. London, Ontario.

* That's right "behind" Wolseley Barracks on Oxford Street.

Access via Oxford or Adelaide,
look for the big yellow signs

Our Spring 2017 show was huge - almost 400 people and a record 73 tables of all manner of FILM PHOTOGRAPHY items - cameras (all ages, formats, styles, brands), lenses, accessories, lighting, darkroom stuff, medium and large format equipment, 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 items before you buy - face-to-face from an experienced local dealer. Buy in Canadian funds, no shipping, customs or additional fees. Safer, smarter and way more fun.

Admission \$4 adults, film lovers under 16 free. Free parking and lots of it.

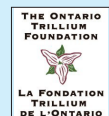
Check out our website:
www.londonvintagecamerashow.vpweb.ca

...and our massive on-line Facebook film photography community: London Vintage Film Camera Shows.

We hope to see film lovers from across the province and across the border on APRIL 15th, 2018.

Maureen and Ron Tucker

519-473-8333



Mark your Calendars

February 28, 2018 – Bill Hall
Landscape Photography

March 14, 2018
Guest Speaker – James Cowie

April 11, 2018
Guest Speaker – Mike Kukucska
Single Exposure Astrophotography plus
Basic Night Photography & Star Trails.

May 9, 2018
Guest Speaker – Scott Simons
Butterflies and Dragonflies

Walk for Alzheimer's

The walks are a great fund raiser that support the Alzheimer Society of Oxford and give families support and hope. The walk was a family oriented event with food, face painting and activities. The Woodstock Camera Club gives back to the community by taking photos to record events.

On January 20th Colin Hutchinson gave his time to photograph the Ingersoll Walk held in the Unifor Hall and on January 27th Christen Currie photographed the Woodstock Alzheimer's Walk held in the Oxford Auditorium.

Thank you to these two WCC members for giving their time for a great cause.



Free Dyes Try Retouching Photos

Cathy Groulx has a large selection of photo dyes available for anyone who would like to try their hand at retouching photos instead of using your computer. Cathy used to use them for photo retouching when she worked for a photographer. Some are in jars and some are liquid in bottles - all are Kodak. They are free to someone who would have a use for dyes and wants to try retouching.

If you are interested please contact the WCC communications.
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Bob Bembridge
A few words from the
Club President

Wow, we are more than half way through the club year. Things are going well. We have had a number of successful meetings with some excellent guest speakers, some informative session and some laughs.

Plans are well underway for our May 5th and 6th seminar and workshops with Don Komarechka. The Saturday seminar looks particularly interesting to me but if I also go to a Sunday workshop I save \$55.00 and get to go to both. Decisions, Decisions!

Our photos with Santa worked out well despite having one less day.

At the last executive meeting we activated the nominating committee for next year's executive. The executive positions are as follows: Program Chair, Contest Chair, Communications Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. If you are interested in helping or even taking on one of these roles then let Linda Feick know. We could meet with you to explain the role and the work load each position generates. Presidents position will require filling next year. I don't know about the rest. We could even use a new web master. Just viewed the Contest #2 winning photographs, we do have a number of talented photographers in the club.

BoB

Thank You from Santa

Hello from the Great White North

Sorry for leaving you so much snow when I left Woodstock but I had to hurry back to the North Pole to get ready for the toy delivery. The elves also needed some discipline to make sure all the toys were ready for the Christmas Eve delivery. We were very busy this year at my temporary home in the Museum Square in Woodstock with so many children to see and listen to.

There were also many camera club members that came to help me out and I appreciated them being there to keep me on track and it made my job so much easier!

Linda told me to thank you all for your help. Well, I'm off for a well deserved nap in the north pole so see you all next year.

Santa



Karen Auben
Treasurer



Christen Currie
Secretary



Linda Feick
Program Chair

We are halfway through this years club year already! I don't know where the time has gone but we still have lots more to go. We have had some guest speakers with more to come in the near future. Some of our members are getting ready for their showcase nights, busily putting their slide shows together for your enjoyment. They are choosing a wide variety of places and subjects for you to see. We also have some amazing speakers coming up too.

The highlight of our year is our weekend with Don Komarechka which will be a cause for great excitement for our members! Stay turned for more information. You have until the end of February to sign up for the workshops which are on a first come, first serve basis so don't delay. Lots of exciting things coming your way....I can't wait!

Linda Feick



Ruth Ann Rule
Communications

Communication is the heart of everything we do whether it be by email, face book, phone, browsing the website, newsletters or just a good old conversation.

In the last week I have been staring at my computer screen as I compose the February WCC newsletter. I have a warm drink, music playing and completely enjoying paginating editorial and pictures that members and also sponsors have submitted and most of all I enjoy my creative time.

Receiving emails from members and other clubs keeps me busy but I wonder are the members really reading the messages? Last week an email went out to the complete membership that was intended for one person. What a great survey. I now know that everyone is reading their emails (grin!).

If you have a story of interest or pictures you want to share with the club members we would like to hear from you. How about planning an outing for the club.

It has been a very cold winter and members are out taking winter photos and enjoying the snow, also searching for the snowy owls, but for me I am trying to capture a photo of a red cardinal that lands at our bird feeder at 4 pm and then I'm back to the warmth of the fire-place.

Actually I am waiting for spring photography and all the flowers.

Keep those cameras clicking!

Ruth Ann



Brian Harris
Vice President

I'm writing this on the evening of February 3rd and it's a cold, snowy night here in Tillsonburg but it is February so we are getting winter behind us. When Ruth Ann puts out the call for editorials I'm never quite sure what my role as Vice President is but I thought I would like to take the space for recognition and thanks to others members on the Board who know what they are doing. Bob Bembridge our President for keeping us on track; Ruth Ann for her never ending job of Communications; Karen Aubin for keeping the books straight and bills paid. Our secretary, Christen who is in the job for properly recording the meetings; the Program Chair, Linda for making sure that when we show up to meetings that we leave educated and enlightened, It's a tough job. And that leaves Len Grencivicius who took on a tough consuming job as contest chair. He has over overwhelmingly met the challenge. There are behind the scenes people, Karen Guthrie, Yvonne Boniface, Pat Foord, Ruth Ann Rule and many other members that, when asked, step up to help get things ready for our events such as the Pot Luck at Christmas and the Year End Gala. I can't leave out Jerry Cornell, who is a very resourceful person at finding the best deals on required supplies. Thank you for all the members and the work that you all put in. And last, but by no means least, David Feick. There isn't one meeting that would take place if he didn't show up early to set up sound equipment, projector and anything else that is needed that evening. When the meeting ends he packs everything up and usually does most of this on his own. If I missed anyone I apologize.

These people are the "backbone" of our Club and without them there wouldn't be a Woodstock Camera Club. Not all of them will be seeking a position next year so I encourage anyone that would like to get involved to give it some serious consideration. Your only reward will be the success of the club that year but trust me it is reward enough knowing that the club is clicking along.

Brian

"When words become unclear,
I shall focus with photographs.
When images become inadequate,
I shall be content with silence."

— Ansel Adams