



The Viewfinder

Newsletter of the Peterborough Photographic Society

March 2014



George Gillespie

PPS President

President's Message

As you know, PPS is a photography club; however this is not obvious from the following numbers. We have about 60 members but on average only 14 members (generally the same people) submit images for display at our meetings. In addition we only get a handful of people at our outings, and these are mostly the same people. What are the other 46 members doing?

When I became president, one of my objectives was to increase member participation in photographic activities. I suggested ways to develop photographic skills, and cajoled members to get involved. Our outings have been to interesting locales where we could practice our photographic skills. For one reason or another I failed to meet that objective.

Obviously my approach has been wrong and there must be many who are disappointed with their membership. I would like to hear from those members, so please send me your comments. I will be away for the March meeting, but will schedule some time at the April meeting for an open discussion on what we can do to make the club more attractive to all members. That might be a bit late to fix things for this year, but your input could go a long way into making the club more valuable in the future.

Our club elections are held at the May meeting. All positions are open, and you will be approached to find out if you are prepared to serve on the executive. New members on the executive could go a long way to reinvigorating PPS. Please give it some careful consideration and let either Dave Duffis or me know if you would like to help the club in this way.

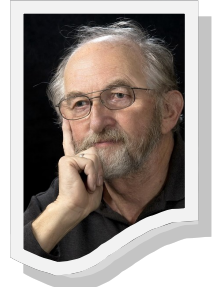




Program Notes March 2014

Themes for 2014

Mar...Red Abstract.



Suzanne Schroeter

Brian Crangle

- March - Mary Talbot...."Seeking beyond the Familiar-Enhancing your Photography Experience"
- April - To be advised

Keep an eye out for emails, website postings -<http://www.peterboroughphotographicsociety.com>, or Facebook notifications about upcoming club outings and events!

March 2014

On a miserable winter's night (another one!) in February it was heartwarming to see so many members turn out for David Librach's presentation on "Lines and Symmetry."

Once again David opened new doors for most of us, and in his personable manner taught us a different way to see design and shape. In light of the number of questions asked, it was apparent that most people were also highly interested in the presentation. Many thanks David, for a job well done.

Thank you also to those who allowed their images from The Mount outing to be forwarded to my good friend John Martyn for use by his group.

March sees an old friend, Mary Talbot, return for a presentation entitled "Seeing Beyond the Familiar, Enhancing your Photography Experience." Mary has been a perennial favourite at PPS for several years now and has always left us with new and exciting ideas.

Roll on March 4th. Our theme for March is "Red Abstract". This should pique your imagination. Can't wait to see what comes up!



"Like" us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/PeterboroughPhotographicSocietyCanada

The Peterborough Photographic Society has been a part the Facebook world since June 8, 2013! Here you will find many interesting articles about photography, updates regarding club events and many other resources to help round out your photography experience with our club.

Check us out on Flickr! 

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/peterboroughphotographicsociety>

Please be sure visit the Peterborough Photographic Society Group Flickr page. The intent of this Flickr page is to not only allow members to share their images, but also to provide a platform for a club-based "365 Project". This involves taking one photo a day for an entire year and the Flickr Group Page is a great place to share your daily photo with other club members who are doing the same. It certainly will help to keep you accountable!

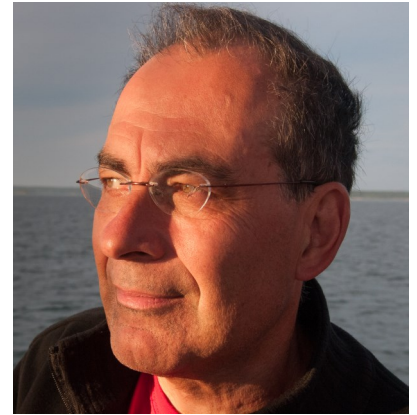
Please feel free to send an email to: socialmedia@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com if you have questions regarding either of these Social Media platforms, or if you'd like to share an image, an article or a photographic event opportunity with other club members!

Stay warm and keep clickin'

Cheers Brian and Suzanne



Thompson Bay Video Chat



George Dimitoff

March 18, 2014 - The Hot and Cold of Photography
Interview with Clyde Butcher in the Florida Everglades -
Large format photography and very large printing!



Winter shooting in Yellowstone, Quebec and from a snowmobile.





MARCH OUTINGS INFORMATION

Hi Folks

If you are interested in attending any of the outings please let me know by emailing ppsoutings@cogeco.ca

March Outing

We will meet on Sat March 1st at Harper Road commuter parking lot at 10 am, we then plan to meet up with Members of Belleville Photo- Nat Camera Club and have lunch around 11:30 am in Bancroft. Get ready for a full day of shooting some of Ontario's finest wildlife. We will be traveling to an area just outside of Bancroft to shoot a wild herd of Elk which spend most of their time on the property of Joe Neuhold, known in these parts as "The Elk Man". I have been there several times before and the Elk just roam around the property of bush and field with lots of large and impressive bulls just posing for their picture to be taken. This is a great opportunity for some wonderful images. So don't miss out.

For more information go to <http://throughmylens-ca.blogspot.ca/2008/02/elk.html>



March Breakfast Shoot

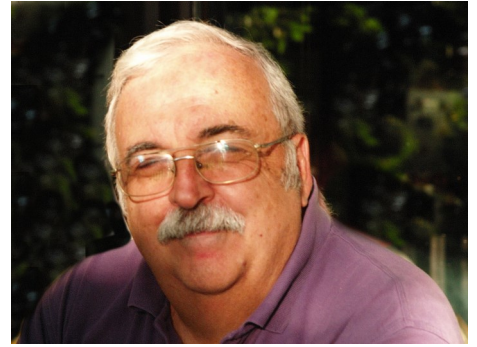
It seems as if our Breakfast Shoots have become quite popular, with 16 members braving the cold at Peterborough Zoo last month

This month's shoot is to East City on Sat March 22nd where we will shoot images around the center and back streets. After the downtown shoot a few months ago, several members enjoyed it and have asked for more.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Burnham St and Hunter St East in front of the gas station. Then at 10:00 a.m., we can go for breakfast at the Carousel restaurant on Lansdowne St. next to Best Western Motel.

BREAKFAST OUTING RIVERDALE ZOO



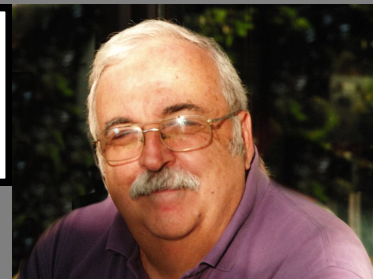


Your Webmaster George Giarratana invites you to visit other areas on our webpage at www.peterboroughphotographicsociety.com to obtain additional information on the following topics.

- Submitting Images for Club Slideshow, and Guidelines for Images that will be Critiqued
- PROJECTIONIST NEWS
- EXECUTIVE FOR 2013-2014
- P.P.S. PHOTO CONTEST 2013-2014 “MY BEST SHOT “
- FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPARK
- WWW.SPARKPHOTOFESTIVAL.COM
- OR CONTACT CLAUDE DENIS PPS SPARK CO-COORDINATOR AT PPSSPARKCOORDINATOR@PETERBOROUGHPHOTOGRAPHICSOCIETY.COM
- FLICKR
- FACEBOOK

Through the Viewfinder as seen by George Giarratana

Publisher and Editor



While watching the Canadians and the Swedes play for the Gold this morning , I was of course as happy as all other Canadians that we won. But the thing that really impressed me was at the end when they were handing out the Gold medals. There were players there that got their medals despite the fact they may not have even laced on a pair of skates, were out for injuries, or for some other reason. Didn't matter they were part of the Team and got full credit for the victory same as if the team had lost they would have had to endure equal blame. Some players contributed more, some less but the results good or bad were shared by all.

After reading the President's message one might be inclined to think that if the Club is having difficulties then a lot of it is George Gillespie's responsibility, but George is a part of a team that oversees the month to month operations of the Club along with a number of other people, all part of the Executive. If he made some personal goals for the Club then they were expanded on, adjusted, compromised or flushed depending on the way the wind blew amongst the Executive.

Now I don't need to defend George as he is quite able to do that himself and he obviously has no hesitation in accepting his individual responsibility good or bad towards the Club.

However, I will defend the position of the President, a job where that person only has one vote and if I understand correctly it can only be used as a tie breaker. That means that items on the agenda as suggested by any of the Executive can go forward or be rejected as the Committee sees fit either with the approval of the President or not. This can leave the President as well as other Committee members frustrated not only by the discussions but also by the outcomes. This is part of the process and I would not have it any other way, nor I think would anyone else.

So, what are you the members going to do about it? Some positive responses would be to come forward as a candidate for the Executive at the next elections, or come up with some good suggestions to help everyone in general in the club, participate as much as possible in outings and monthly slideshows, and any other ideas you might care to contribute.

We realize that not everyone can participate as much as some others for a variety of reasons, but we would hope that you might be able to provide that little something extra and/or make just a little more effort to enhance the Club experience for everyone.

We are a team, not an easy thing to be sometimes, but worth the glory or the pain when going for the Gold.



THIS AND THAT

