



# The Viewfinder

Newsletter of the Peterborough Photographic Society

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY GEORGE DIMITROFF

### Let's Share Our Joy of Photography One Shot At a Time



**Hello PPS!**

*"The aims of the Society shall be to encourage and develop the skills and increase the expertise of the members in photography and provide fellowship and support for people with similar interests".*

Did you think the summer went fast? At least the 7 days of summer we've had so far seemed to whip by. I hope you all had a chance to relax and do some things you enjoy.

The Mission Statement of PPS primarily focuses on skill development within community support. PPS was founded on the idea that you can enjoy photography more with similarly minded people and that's what we're about. This means that everyone is welcome – all ages, sexes, experience levels, etc. If at any time you do not feel welcome or excluded, please speak with an executive member or myself, and we'll try to look for a way to overcome concerns. The Executive decided to create a reduced fee for students. This will help draw in some young blood, which every club needs. Youth combined with the wisdom of more experienced members results in a dynamic Society, where everyone can become more excited about photography.

This brings me to the topic of The Joy of Photography. Have you ever felt joyful when holding or using your

camera? Yes, the darned camera (and computer) can be a source of stress and frustration some days (we all have it), but have you ever had a time when you felt the opposite? When time seems to stand still? When you don't have a care in the world, except trying to compose that perfect shot and capture a bit of the beautiful world or person in your viewfinder? Have you ever had that feeling when the magic happens and everything comes together? It doesn't matter what kind of camera you have, which settings you use or where you are. This can happen anywhere or anytime and I encourage you to remember these experiences that can bring a smile to your face. These experiences make us feel good when the camera is packed away.

This is the pleasure we share at PPS. If you have trouble finding this joy, then see if someone at PPS can have a visit or coffee with you to chat about photography so that there is a greater likelihood of this hobby becoming more pleasant and eventually joyous! This is the beauty of belonging to a Society like PPS. It doesn't matter how old or experienced you are, which camera you use or how you use it. It doesn't matter that some days you think everyone else is better than you or that maybe you should get rid of your gear. (We all have these days.) The joy comes in doing what you enjoy. If you like your shot, that is the most important quality that can enhance your joy of photography.

In a way, PPS is a nice community where we can share our personal joy. And that is a good thing!

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL “LANG HANG” AT LANG PIONEER VILLAGE

Eleven members of the PPS and their 37 images received “maximum exposure” at this year’s “Lang Hang” exhibition of member photographs.

The photographs were “in focus” on display in a public showing from June 28 to July 29 in the main building at Lang Pioneer Village.

The coordinator of the exhibition, PPS Past President George Gillespie, said that he was pleased that the exhibition had been given the prime time slot in July, because our members’ pictures will be on display during the peak of the tourist season.

“The display will be seen by many more people than in previous years, which hopefully will result in some new members, and perhaps a few sales of our members’ images,” George told The Viewfinder.

He said that the set-up and take down was handled quickly and capably by PPS volunteers Pat Carpenter, Terry Carpenter, Bill Harrison, Liz Henderson and Gord Henderson.

“It was a good display of our members’ images. Hopefully all of you had a chance to take in the show,” George added. “Thanks to everyone who participated”



**PPS volunteers George Gillespie, Pat Carpenter, Terry Carpenter, Bill Harrison, Liz Henderson, and Gord Henderson helped organize, set up, and take down an exhibition of 37 images by PPS members on display during the peak tourist season at Lang Pioneer Village from June 28 to July 29. – photo by George Gillespie**



**The main building at Lang Pioneer Village housed the exhibition of 37 photographs by PPS members June 28 to July 29, 2014.**

## MEMBER ACCOLADES

**PPS’s own club secretary, Suzanne Schroeter, won Discover Boating Canada’s 9<sup>th</sup> and final weekly Share Your Summer Facebook contest August 1 with her photograph, Sunset With Molly.**



## MEMBER ACCOLADES

Have you won a competition, sold some work, or tried some new technique that we should hear about? Please write it up and email it to us at [ppsviewfinder@yahoo.ca](mailto:ppsviewfinder@yahoo.ca).

## LANSDOWNE MALL EXHIBITION A GREAT SUCCESS FOR PPS

# PPS Photos Garner Compliments from Appreciative Public

BY TERRY CARPENTER



Twenty-one members of our club displayed their photos at our PPS Lansdowne Mall exhibition and information booth, August 15 to 16.

It was a lot of work, but was a great success. Saturday afternoon was very busy with a lot of people coming to view our prints.

Several people stated that they were interested in joining the club and approximately 100 information sheets about the club were handed out to people who showed an interest in PPS.

Three of members generated interest from prospective buyers for their work.

Thanks go to all members who submitted such great images and who staffed the information booth to promote our club.

These volunteers include:

**Terry Carpenter  
Pat Carpenter  
Lydia Dotto  
Brian Crangle  
Gord Tulley  
George Dimitroff  
Sheila Dimitroff  
Murray Palmer  
Paul Macklin  
Dawn Macklin  
Christine Wilson  
Ron Phillips  
Claude Denis  
Suzanne Schroeter  
Ted Taylor  
Lori Cummings  
Ann Norton  
Fred Norton  
Barry Killen**

The club received a lot of compliments on the high quality of the images and the diversity in the shots.

Special thanks goes to Paul Macklin who made the professional display boards and to George Gillespie who made the equally professional name tags.



Ron Phillips represented our club in the PPS Lansdowne Mall photo exhibition with his photo, Argyle Antique, above. He was one of 21 club members who participated in the show.



The PPS photo display at Lansdowne Mall was well received by the general public.  
– photo by Terry Carpenter



PPS member Paul Macklin built the display boards. – photo by Barry Killen

# SUMMARY OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF THE PETERBOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

BY SUZANNE SCHROETER



The 2014-15 executive board of the Peterborough Photographic Society held its second meeting on June 4, 2014.

- A microphone was found to be helpful for regular meetings; all speakers should be using one.
- Terrific slide show; many great photos; club should do more public displays like SPARK & Lansdowne place.
- Meeting was good; warm and inviting feel; good energy in the group.
- Request to use bold text on image information submitted for better visibility.
- Request to be made to shut off hand held devices, as they disrupt meeting.
- Mission Statement to be included on PPS displays, Viewfinder, Facebook and Website.
- Nice to have Alasdair Gillespie from the Northumberland Photo Club at meeting
- Executive members to greet new members and guests.
- Captions enjoyed by all; "Caption the Photo" contest as part of the Viewfinder?
- Three items to be reported at every meeting: Financial Status, Programs & Outings.
- Financial Update: Balance \$753.83; signing authority Carol Pearson, George Dimitroff and Paul Macklin.
- Program Update: Bill Lockington possible speaker for September; continue two member Image Review; other guest speakers to be determined.
- Marg Hamilton now member of the Executive Board as Program Director Co-chair.
- Outings Update: Dave Duffus unavailable; September Outing to be confirmed.
- Lang Hang: 11 members, 38 photos; Lang controls sales and keeps 20%; George Gillespie to email details to participants.
- Lansdowne Place Photo display: 20 members; sitting spots filled; Terry to email details to participants.
- PPS Sponsorships: Lydia, Suzanne and George D. - report next executive meeting.
- Webmaster: Instructional videos links on website; website concerns investigated; Social Media icons included.
- Projectionist: 2013-2014 PPS photos cleared off computer; laptop formatted.

- Member at Large: guests attending outings? insurance investigation Carol and George D.
- Membership: 62 members year end, 70 last year. 1 PPS Pin to each member to wear at outings; additional cost \$2.00 each. Cost for lanyards to be researched. Dawn to act as media coordinator.
- Secretary/Social Media: Summary of Minutes to be in Viewfinder; promote club through Social Media.
- Liability Insurance: Carol, Ed and Marg to research Insurance coverage.
- Financial Records Review: review of books by a non-executive board member.
- Rental Space: other options to be investigated
- Budget: Draft budget by George Gillespie to be reviewed by Carol for August meeting.
- Student Membership Fee: \$25.00 for full-time high school, university or college level students; with valid student card; no voting privileges; include information in media messages and forward to schools.
- Email Addresses: 2014-2015 sign-up form to include section for members email information to be shared with other club members upon approval.
- Records Retention: Carol to review and bring proposal to next meeting



**Bright Eyes by Ron Phillips was one of the PPS photographs on display at the Lansdowne Mall August 15-16.**

# SUMMARY OF THE MAY 7 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF THE PETERBOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



BY SUZANNE SCHROETER

The first meeting of the 2014-15 executive board of the Peterborough Photographic Society on May 7 was a busy and productive.

- Nominations went well, and with no positions being contested. The new Executive for 2014 -2015 will be:

<b>President</b>	<b>George Dimitroff</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>George Gillespie</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Fred Norton</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Suzanne Schroeter</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Carol Pearson</b>
<b>Members at Large</b>	<b>Claude Denis &amp; Paul Macklin</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Dawn Macklin</b>
<b>Outings</b>	<b>Dave Duffus</b>
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Lydia Dotto</b>
<b>Projectionist</b>	<b>Terry Carpenter</b>
<b>Viewfinder</b>	<b>Ed Schroeter</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>George Giarratana</b>

- The screen at general meetings is to be put higher as it was hard to see from the back.
- Microphones and speaker system to be tried at June meeting and reviewed by executive.
- To continue having outing photos in both the newsletter and projected at the meeting (the images in the newsletter aren't captioned).
- The number of images to be submitted for Image review to stay at a cut-off of 10 images, and review to be kept to 2 minutes per image.
- Financial Statement was reviewed
- Print display at Lansdowne Place reviewed
- Website Guidelines have been established
- No club interest in ORCA Workshop this summer
- New Executive to review special speaker as a fundraising event next year
- Lang Hang - June 28 – July 29; George Gillespie to contact participants
- Executive members provided "round the room" updates
- PPS in-kind sponsorship to be reviewed
- Reviewed ideas for next season's programs
- Lydia looking for an assistant Program Director
- Reviewed Themes for next season programs
- Discussed SPARK location
- Materials turned over to new executive

## POETRY CORNER (WORD PHOTOS!)

### Seeking The Bald Eagle

by Murray Palmer © 2014

See us soaring with wings splayed out flat under turquoise skies.

We can see for miles what escapes your inferior human eyes.

We delight in riding rising thermals to incredible height, And if you watch us, before long we're almost out of sight. Nature didn't give you the power of individual flight to compare -

To move with ease in your own space - with our mastery of the air.

You adopt us as your totem or emblem for team, clan or nation;

Power, freedom, even right, you seek to acquire by association.

Some people aren't content to know; they want part of us to keep.

What they are willing to do to get it will surely make you weep.

I must admit a mature bald eagle is an awesome beauty to behold:

Our heads and tails turn snow-white by the age of five years old.

Our hooked beaks are yellow, as are our feet and piercing eyes.

The only trait that's uneagle-like is our somewhat insipid cries.

Only when we're alive can you sense in us the wild and regal.

The wilderness itself would be diminished without the bald eagle.

When we court, we lock talons, and tumble round and round; Head over heel, we stop the wheel just before we strike the ground.

See our huge, stick nest in a tall tree not far from the shore.

My mate finds food for our two chicks; he's on the hunt for more.

Adjusting for refraction, he swoops for catfish, salmon or herring,

And snatches it near the water surface with accuracy unerring.

Eagles and ospreys are often chased, and forced to drop their catch;

We're members of the sea eagle family; our skill is hard to match.

# HELPFUL HINTS FROM OUR PROJECTIONIST: HOW TO SUBMIT IMAGES FOR MONTHLY SLIDE SHOW



BY TERRY CARPENTER

All members are welcome to submit up to two images each for the monthly theme and photographer's choice slide show, as well as one image for image review, and up to five images for each outing.

**The deadline for submitting your images is always midnight the Friday night before the meeting.**

To submit, you must e-mail your images to [ppsimages@cogeco.ca](mailto:ppsimages@cogeco.ca) , but before doing so:

- they must be named and resized as instructed below.
- images must be in JPEG format
- please ensure your images are sent as an attachment with your e mail

When re-sizing your horizontal or landscape JPG image, re-size the width to 1024 pix, and let the height adjust automatically.

When re sizing vertical or portrait JPG images, adjust the height to 768 pix, and let the width adjust automatically.

CATEGORY INITIALS WOULD BE:

**C** FOR IMAGE REVIEW

**P** FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOICE

**T** FOR THEME

**O** FOR OUTING **(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)**

**OB** FOR BREAKFAST SHOOT **(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)**

NUMBERS WILL BE 1 OR 2 FOR EACH IMAGE IN CATEGORY AND 1 TO 5 FOR EACH OUTING, DEPENDING ON HOW MANY IMAGES YOU SUBMIT PER OUTING.

**Only one image can be entered for the image review category.** Please ensure a space is placed between the number and your name.

**FOR MEMBERS NOT WISHING TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON IMAGES PLEASE REPLACE NAME WITH THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER** /E P1 SPACE 1234 or P2 #####

SAMPLES OF THE NAMING SYSTEM ARE AS BELOW:

P1 TERRY CARPENTER OR P2 TERRY CARPENTER ( FOR PHOTOGRAPHER'S CHOICE )

T1 TERRY CARPENTER OR T2 TERRY CARPENTER ( FOR THEME )

C1 TERRY CARPENTER ( FOR IMAGE REVIEW ) Only one image can be entered for the image review category.

O1 TERRY CARPENTER UP TO O5 TERRY CARPENTER ( FOR EACH OUTING ) **(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)**

OB1 TERRY CARPENTER UP TO OB5 TERRY CARPENTER ( FOR BREAKFAST SHOOT OUTING ) **(USE LETTER O NOT NUMBER ZERO)**

After resizing and renaming your photo(s), please send JPEG images as an attachment to your e-mail and send to [ppsimages@cogeco.ca](mailto:ppsimages@cogeco.ca) .

Thanks for submitting your images and we look forward to viewing your pictures.

If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to contact me at 705 742-1724.

May I respectfully suggest that you print this for future reference. - Terry Carpenter (projectionist)

## The Viewfinder: Founded 1982

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## POETRY CORNER (WORD PHOTOS!)



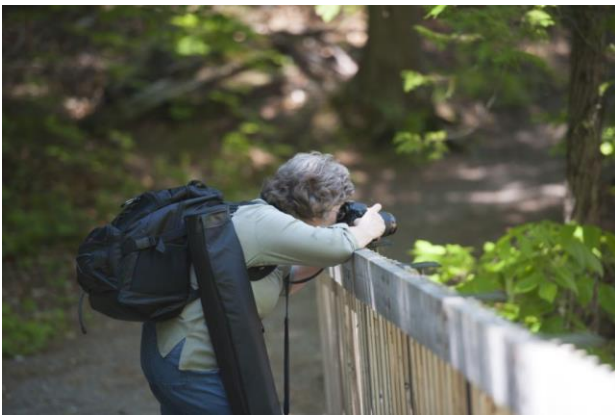
### Chipmunk Hanky-Panky

by Murray Palmer © 2014

On the edge of a mixed thicket lies a pine snag, its roots standing erect.  
An eastern chipmunk has used this lookout for days, hoping to detect  
Clues to the presence of a receptive doe; perhaps she`ll respond to his.  
Is this how simple the mating strategy for solitary critters is?  
Except for breeding season, chipmunks live like belligerent recluses,  
Guarding hidden burrows with chambers for pantry and other uses.  
It`s the end of April, and this wary chipmunk is watching all the more.  
The buck frequents this area of his territory; it must be the core.  
He often emerges from the cover of dogwood and hemlock.  
He runs up and down the root, first bounding over the rock.  
It`s now four in the afternoon - two chipmunks on the boulder.  
They`re standing on their haunches, nearly shoulder to shoulder!  
The doe engages the buck like a young dog initiating play;  
The buck and doe investigate each other in a gentle way.  
With a paw pressing on her, he holds her snout in his jaws.  
This gesture looks so much like kissing, it`s enough to give one pause.  
More posturing leads to the buck 'whispering' in the doe`s ear.  
The mood now changes on this stage; both quickly disappear.  
But wait, the buck, with a different doe, has ascended the rock.  
In the chipmunk world, this energetic male must be all the talk.

## PPS OUTING IMAGES:

# O'HARA MILL HOMESTEAD & CONSERVATION AREA, JUNE 7, 2014



### MEMBER ADDED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

PPS club member Marg Hamilton was appointed as Program Director Co-chair with Lydia Dotto at the June 4 Executive Board meeting by a vote of the board.

Marg is the newest member of the executive, bringing the total number of board members to 14.