

# The Viewfinder



## President's Message By Claude Denis

### A New Season

Hello All,

Well, here we are again with a new season upon us. We, on the Executive, are bound and determined that the new season will be just as good as, if not better than, the past one, even in the midst of the current pandemic. Of course, this is not coming without a great effort on the part of many, to be sure, and will probably include some hiccups along the way. The first part of our season, September through December, will include speaker presentations using the remote conferencing app, Zoom, in place of live meetings. Please see Guy's Program Notes elsewhere in this newsletter for details on these virtual meetings. The advantage with on-line meetings is we can present speakers from anywhere, as will be the case with one or two based in the UK. Please note that these will have a different start time from what we are accustomed to, in order to accommodate the time difference. Again, please see the Program Notes section for details.

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So far we have 13 paid members, and, hopefully, this will increase (hint!) and make our efforts worthwhile. For those of us who need a little help (or a lot) George Giarratana is putting some helpful videos on the PPS website for the Zoom app down load, set up, and use. Zoom can work on most devices. As always, if you need help just let us know and we can get you on your way. Program Director Guy has more info about Zoom in his Program Notes section.

Our first meeting is September 1st at 7:00pm, at which time you will get an invitation by email to join us on Zoom. We will have a speaker's presentation followed by a question and answer period. When available, you may also view a recorded version of the presentation a few days following the live event. As well, you will receive the monthly slideshows containing members' images, just as we were doing last fall.

The ongoing pandemic means much of what we've arranged for the new program will be subject to change, but with sufficient notice to allow our members to accommodate any such changes.

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# President's Message Continued

I'm sure some of you must be losing sleep wondering what will happen now, since we did not have our election in May, because some of you were anxious to fill one of the positions on the Executive. Fear not! You can still join us and finally get some rest, and in case you forgot what position you had in mind, all positions are open, but there are a few critical ones we have in mind,

Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Outings Director

Luckily, and with much appreciation, the existing Executive members have agreed to stay on to weather the storm, but some are doing double-duty and our next election is slated for April 2021. As always, if you would like to fill any position or help someone holding a position please contact me, and, if you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to contact me.

Claude



“Mississauga River”, by Claude Denis



# Program Notes By Guy Ridgway

**Hello everyone**, and welcome back for an exciting new PPS season!

Included in this issue of The Viewfinder is the Program Calendar containing all the year's events, but with important differences from previous years.

To cope with the present global pandemic all speaker presentations from September through December will use remote conferencing. We are tentatively hoping to hold in-person meetings from January through June, depending on public health regulations and guidelines in effect.

We plan to establish a complete set of protocols that are fully compliant with health regulations. A decision to begin in-person meetings in January will be made early in December. We'll work with the Lions Centre and ensure that we are in full compliance with regulations and guidelines for indoor meetings.

For that reason, the Program Calendar will be subject to change throughout the season. Members will be notified of any changes as soon as they're established.

## Remote Speakers via Zoom

To cope with the present global pandemic all speaker presentations from September through December we will use remote conferencing via the free Zoom app. This allows us to try something completely different: We'll be hosting two professional photographers from the UK to get different perspectives on some of the iconic shooting locations in Great Britain. In addition we'll host photographers closer to home who will talk about minimalist architectural imaging, where to find great, but lesser known, photo sites along the Great Lakes, and more.

Members can participate in these events by down-loading and installing the free Zoom app.

For Mac or PC users: go to <https://zoom.us/download> and click the Download button under "Zoom Client for Meetings"

The app will download the appropriate installer to your Downloads folder where you can proceed to open the file and follow the instructions.

You can view a Zoom installation and setup instruction video for Macs and PCs from the following links (also available on the PPS website HOME page where you can click on ZOOM INSTALLATION AND SET-UP, then click "How to Zoom-PC" or "How to Zoom-Mac"):

**Mac users:** <https://youtu.be/6FQhQttsXWc>

**PC users:** <https://youtu.be/lxuuVtJ7e7Q>

iPhone and iPad users can install Zoom on their devices from the App Store and Android users can use the Google Play Store. Simply search for "Zoom Cloud Meetings".

If you need help installing or using the Zoom app, please contact me ([PPSPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:PPSPrograms@gmail.com)) or Claude ([ckdenis@cogeco.ca](mailto:ckdenis@cogeco.ca))

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# Program Notes Continued

Each Zoom session will begin with our President's remarks, followed by the speaker's presentation, and ending with a Q&A. We encourage all members to participate in these events to hear some wonderful stories and view inspirational photography. Some, but not all, Zoom sessions will be recorded and made available at a later date for those unable to attend the live events.

## Wayne Fisher (September)

Our first live Zoom speaker will be Wayne Fisher (September 1, 7:00pm). Wayne is a Toronto-based photographer specializing in photo-journalism, outdoor, and architectural photography. His talk is titled **"Architecture and Minimalism"**.

Unfortunately, there will be no recorded version of this presentation following the live session. Please be sure to reserve the time on September 1 to view Wayne's talk and enjoy the Q&A. Wayne is a fantastic speaker and this is one presentation you won't want to miss.

## Monthly Slide Shows: Themes, Outings, and More – Oh My!

Each month will also include the popular members' images slide shows: Monthly Theme, Outings, and Photographer's Choice. The themes are outlined in the Program Calendar.

**To start with, the Theme for September is "Fruit Still Life". Images must be submitted to the Themes Dropbox link no later than midnight, August 25.**

Please see the Photos Submissions section elsewhere in The Viewfinder for important information on submitting your photos for the slide shows.

**Note that the Outings format has changed.** Each participant will now choose their own location each month and submit up to three images for that location. The photos can all be taken on the same day or on different dates through the month (helps in getting just the right light or those perfect clouds). Part of the challenge will be to choose a different location each month (but we know you're up to it!). You're on your own, so there won't be any breakfasts or social get-togethers on these outings – one of the sacrifices we have to endure these days.

## My Photography and Personal Slide Shows

The Members' 5-Slide Essay (February) and Members' Five-Minute Slide Shows (May) will be part of our season – details to follow. The 10-minute members' presentation, My Photography, will let participants expound upon any photographic topic near and dear to their hearts – anything from a single photo to a favourite photographic technique, piece of equipment, or post-processing software. The final event of the year will be the Annual Members' Slide Show - a collection of images selected from photos submitted throughout the year.

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# Program Notes Continued

## June BBQ!

As if all that wasn't enough, we're planning to host a BBQ for our final meeting of the season. Everyone knows the weather always cooperates for this kind of event, but if it doesn't we'll be sure to have something just as impressive up our sleeves.

That's a lot to pack into a season already made challenging because of a global pandemic, but it can only happen if we all take pride in our club and our accomplishments, and pull together to make it a tremendous year.

Guy Ridgway, Program Director  
(PPSPrograms@gmail.com)



"Sitting Pretty", by Kathryn Danford

# Program Calendar 2020 - 2021 by Guy Ridgway

## PPS 2020~2021 Program Calendar

Each month includes the following image slide shows: [Monthly Theme](#), [Outings](#) (see Notes, below), and [Photographer's Choice](#).

No in-person meetings from September through December (**Red dates**). In-person meetings for January through June (**Green dates**)

Each Zoom session or in-person meeting begins at **7:00 p.m.**, except for the UK presentations, which will begin at **4:30 p.m.**

Date	Speaker	Activity	Theme
<b>Sep 01</b>	Wayne Fisher – Architecture and Minimalism (Zoom)		Fruit Still Life
<b>Oct 06</b>			Complementary Colours
<b>Nov 03</b>	Melvin Nicholson [UK] – Photography Travelogue (Zoom) <b>** 4:30 pm **</b>		Through a Closed Window
<b>Dec 01</b>	Lydia – Great Lakes Photography Locations (Zoom)	Members' 5-slide Essay	Vintage/Old
<b>Jan 05</b>	Colin Jarvis [UK] – Mono Moods (Zoom) <b>** 4:30 pm **</b>	My Photography	Black & White
<b>Feb 02</b>		Pick up Your Empty Brown Bag	Tools of the Trade
<b>Mar 02</b>	Brian Tyson – TBA	My Photography Leave a Brown Bag Get a Brown Bag	Upside Down
<b>Apr 06</b>		<b>Executive Election (2021-2022)</b> Brown Bag Photos	Reflections
<b>May 04</b>	Cindy Taylor – TBA	My Photography 5-Minute Slide Shows	Street Scene
<b>Jun 01</b>		<b>BBQ</b> Annual Members' Slide Show	Porches

### Notes:

Speakers and presentation dates are subject to change, with notice to members.

In-person meetings scheduled for January through June are tentative, depending on public health regulations and guidelines

Outings: One per month, each photographer chooses own location, different location each month, up to 3 images per location.

Guy Ridgway – Program Director  
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# Photo Submissions by George Giarratana

## Notes Concerning Photo Submissions

### SUBMITTING MEMBERS' MONTHLY IMAGES

Members may submit up to three images each for monthly Theme, six images for Photographer's Choice, and up to three images for each Outing. Please note that the Theme images should be shot within the current year of the club. The deadline for submitting your images is always the Tuesday before the meeting, at midnight. Before submitting your images they must be titled and re-sized as instructed below. Images must be JPEGs.

First, select the images you wish to submit into the PPS Categories, and copy them into a folder. Re-size them to be 1024 pixels on the longest edge. No cropping is required. After re-sizing them give each image a simple title, such as "Lift Locks At Sunset.jpg". **DO NOT ADD YOUR NAME** (the system will automatically put your name on the image for our presentation).

Go to <http://www.peterboroughphotographicsociety.com/>, then to [HOME](#), then to [IMAGE SUBMISSIONS](#), and then to [DROPBOX LINKS FOR IMAGE SUBMISSIONS](#). The first link you will see on this page is "Preparing Images or Video for Club Slideshows". Please click on this to find out all you need to know to submit images.

Now, go back to the [DROPBOX LINKS FOR IMAGE SUBMISSIONS](#) page. Scrolling down the page you will see all the categories we use: Theme, Photographer's Choice, Breakfast Outings and Regular Outings, Member Slideshows and Video Submissions, Miscellaneous Files, and Brown Bag. Here you will also see a brief description of each category. Also, you will see each category highlighted in blue. This will be the link to click on to submit your images.

Click on the blue Link and this will take you to a Dropbox page asking you to choose your files. Click this icon and it will open a page where you can select the images you wish to submit (you do not need a Dropbox account and do not need to Sign In to Dropbox). Highlight your selected images and click on "Open" at the bottom right hand corner of the pop-up. This will direct you to a page showing you which category you have selected, will show you the images you have selected, and ask you for your name and e-mail. After typing this information click on Upload at the bottom of the page. And that is all there is to it. I know in print it sounds like a lot, but in reality it is very quick and smooth. Now, close the page and go to the next category and repeat the instructions.

### SUBMISSION MUSTS

Please read and try to keep these four simple guidelines in mind when submitting your images each month:

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Images must be submitted before midnight on the Tuesday, one week before the monthly meeting. Images submitted after this time may not be included in the slideshow.

# Photo Submissions Continued

## OUTING IMAGES

**COVID-19 Change:** The Outings format has changed. Each participant will now choose their own location each month and submit up to three images for that location. The photos can all be taken on the same day or on different dates through the month. Part of the challenge will be to choose a different location each month. There are no breakfasts or social get-togethers on these outings.

## THEME IMAGES TIMELINE

All Theme images must be shot in the timeline from June of the current year to May of the next year. This is to present a challenge for our members to come up with some imaginative ideas and create their images for the current theme, rather than just sort through old files looking for something to suit the monthly theme. Although this rule has been in effect for some years now, it's easy to forget, so please abide by it.

## DROPBOX CATEGORIES

Make sure the photos you send are placed into the correct Dropbox category. Images sent through the wrong Dropbox link will automatically be included in the category to which you have sent them.

Please, folks, try to abide by these guidelines. It will ensure that your images will appear in our monthly slideshow for all to enjoy. Also, this will make it much easier for the Projectionist to assemble the monthly slideshows. Thank you for your consideration.

**MAY I SUGGEST YOU SAVE THIS ARTICLE IN A SAFE PLACE OR PRINT IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

Thank you for submitting your images, and we look forward to viewing your photos.

If you have any problems, please don't hesitate to contact me at:  
Photos@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com

**George Giarratana, Projectionist**

### **THEME**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/bPYd3c9adqfXlofHT2Bg>

### **PHOTOGRAPHER'S CHOICE**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/rFJf6AJYhx7p5OaqAaaO>

### **REGULAR OUTINGS**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/gvt47J5XOkzngcFKBFIy>

### **BREAKFAST OUTINGS**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/pacpHj3UezS1cuoJchcA>

### **MEMBER SLIDE SHOWS AND VIDEOS**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/CNjrOWgqC4o3Zu8ixDVO>

### **MISCELLANEOUS FILES**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/86CXhKvxLCPtXRKgfndI>

### **BROWN BAG**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/N3ZwiIwkSeHLOWngB5uN>





## Outings By Brian Crangle

At the last executive meeting it was decided not to have Challenges this season. However, we will have Outings for individual participants or couples, thus allowing more images per person. Each participant may choose your own location and take up to 3 photos at that location within the month. It will become your own Outing without the social aspects, i.e., no gathering for breakfast or lunch, no car pooling, etc. Each member may take the pictures at a location of your choice and select 3 to submit for the slide show. Members should find a different location each month.

You may invite friends to join you, but please remain safe. In time, we will return to our usual group Outings.



“Peony”, by Judith Bain

# Notices

## Outings

Outings  
are  
On Your Own  
and  
At Your Convenience

### **THEME**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/bPYd3c9adqfXlofHT2Bg>

### **PHOTOGRAPHER'S CHOICE**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/rFJf6AJYhx7p5OaqAaaO>

### **REGULAR OUTINGS**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/gvt47J5XOkzngcFKBFly>

### **BREAKFAST OUTINGS**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/pacpHj3UezS1cuoJchcA>

### **MEMBER SLIDE SHOWS AND VIDEOS**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/CNjrOWgqC4o3Zu8ixDVO>

### **MISCELLANEOUS FILES**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/86CXhKvxLCPtXRKgfndI>

### **BROWN BAG**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/N3ZwiIwkSeHLOWngB5uN>

## Themes

Sept.: Fruit, Still Life

Oct.: Complementary Colours

Nov.: Through a Closed Window

Dec.: Vintage / Old

Jan.: Black & White

Feb.: Tools of the Trade

Mar.: Upside Down

Apr.: Reflections

May: Street Scene

June: Porches

### **Do You Need Help With Computer Work?**

Any member who needs help with the computer aspects of photography may feel free to approach our Web Master, George Giarratana, at any meeting for advice and assistance. Issues with post-processing, cropping, preparing photos for export, etc., are the things that George can help you with.

[photos@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com](mailto:photos@peterboroughphotographicsociety.com)

### **The Clothesline**

The Clothesline is a place where you can display your photo prints at any meeting. Bring your un-framed prints to either of our Members-At-Large, Anita Erschen-Pappas or George Gillespie, and they will have them pinned on the line for the duration of the meeting.



## Photo Essay By Lydia Dotto

### Swallow Behaviour

In May, 2020, one of my images was published on the cover of the *Journal of Experimental Biology*. It shows a mother tree swallow working frantically to keep her chicks fed.

The picture was taken at the Lakefield lagoons in June, 2018. The lagoons are rimmed with boxes that attract nesting tree swallows every spring. While I was shooting there one day, I encountered Simon Tapper, a Trent University Ph.D. candidate, who was studying the feeding behaviour of swallows.

I agreed to give Simon some of my pictures to use in his scientific papers and presentations. In return, he allowed me take shots of the young swallows when he took them out of the nest to be weighed and examined.



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# Photo Essay Continued



Simon Tapper



## Memberships by Linda Cardona

I would like to welcome all members back in September, and look forward to seeing you on-line.

During these unusual times, we have decided to offer a payment range for fees rather than a set amount. Our fees are normally \$50.00 per person and \$75.00 per couple. This year (2020/2021) annual member's fee payments of any amount between \$20.00 and \$50.00 are welcome. Spouses pay half of the member's fee. For example, If the member pays \$40.00, the spouse will pay \$20.00, etc.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge Kathryn Danford (Treasurer) who has agreed to accept the membership payments this year and distribute the membership cards. Payments can be sent to Kathryn Danford by cheque (made out to PPS), money order, or cash. Membership renewals are due in September.

Payments can be forwarded to the following address,

Kathryn Danford  
592 Waterford St.  
Peterborough Ont.  
K9H 3K6

If you know of anyone who would like to check-out PPS, they are welcome to attend one free Zoom meeting. They will need to pre-register with me, so please forward their e-mail address to me and I will contact them, or they can contact me at the e-mail address below.

Also, If you have any changes to your home address, e-mail address, etc, or if you have any questions, please contact me at [lindacardona@sympatico.ca](mailto:lindacardona@sympatico.ca).

## Facebook by Linda Cardona

Many PPS members belong to our private Facebook group. Over the Summer, there have been two photo Challenges (thanks Brian Crangle). In July the challenge was "Flowers", and in August the challenge was "Water". It was nice to see so many people sharing their challenge pictures on-line in the Facebook group. I would like to thank Suzanne Schroeter, who has done an amazing job of changing the Facebook cover pictures every month.

If you would like to have your image shown as the cover photo on the PPS Facebook group or if you would like to join the PPS Facebook group and need assistance, please contact me at

[lindacardona@sympatico.ca](mailto:lindacardona@sympatico.ca)



**From the Editor's desk** By Judith Bain

## Your Newsletter Needs You!

This is a reminder to all PPS members that ***The Viewfinder*** is YOUR newsletter.

We can only continue to publish our monthly editions if we have contributions from the membership. Please contribute to the PPS by sending articles, photos, and photography-related information for inclusion in *The Viewfinder*. Thank you!

**Please Note:** If you like to participate in photo contests, please look at this web site: <https://www.photocontestinsider.com/>

### Equipment Sell / Swap

A table will be available at every meeting so members may display any photography-related gear that you wish to sell or trade.

### September Meeting

To Be Held Virtually  
Using  
ZOOM

September 1st, 2020  
7:30 p.m.

### Viewfinder Seeks Submissions From Members

*The Viewfinder* invites PPS members to submit their work for any of the following features:

- The Story Behind My Photograph:** Send in one or more photos and the story behind them.
- Photo Essay:** Send in a series of photographs on a topic or location.
- Insights:** If you would like to contribute an essay with photos on anything to do with photography, you are welcome to send it to us.
- The Parting Shot:** Send in a an entertaining photo that you have taken.

# The Viewfinder



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We're also on Facebook! You can find us at [www.facebook.com/PeterboroughPhotographicSocietyCanada](http://www.facebook.com/PeterboroughPhotographicSocietyCanada).

## Submissions to The Viewfinder

We encourage PPS members to submit their photos and personal news, as well as articles, poetry, writing, and humour about photography and our club.

Text submissions should be in one of the following file formats: .doc, .rtf, .odt, or .pub. Image files in formats such as .jpeg, .tiff, .gif, or .png graphic file.

The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions for size, content, and style without consultation.

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# The Parting Shot

By Brian Crangle

