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AUTUMN BOUNTY



Travelling to various locations for photoshoots can be relatively easy and reachable by car, canoe or by hiking. David Helmer's talk on the October 3rd meeting about his excursions through southern Africa will allow us to travel vicariously and save airfare at the same time. Planning a day trip or more to Algonquin Provincial Park for our October outing is also a viable option, as this treasured land is relatively close to drive to.

October in Peterborough and the surrounding areas offers us harvest time, rich earthy colours of nature, spectacular sunsets and so much more. Travel can also remain local, and the Challenge Outing continues for this month, where the colours soar along the Lift Lock Canal. How fitting that the November Theme is *the colour orange* for images taken in October.

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I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the wonderful fall weather.

I would like to focus on a quote from a well known and established photographer, Sally Mann: *"Like all photographers, I depend on serendipity. I pray for what might be referred to as the angel of chance."*

What you might see as an impediment can be an opportunity. *I forgot a lens....I left my filter at home...I accidentally deleted the photo...my car is out of gas and I'm waiting for the tow truck to arrive.*

These occurrences can become a chance for you to rethink your approach. This is perhaps life saying "make the most of it".

As Dave Ellis discussed in his presentation in the September meeting, you need to be adaptive and capture the moment. Life gives you opportunities all the time. A good photographer is ready to seize this serendipity.

**PPS MEMBER DAVID HELMER
OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
"VICTORIA FALLS TO CAPE TOWN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA"**

PROGRAM NOTES

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Please join us on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 PM for an exciting presentation by our very own David Helmer. David's talk is titled "Victoria Falls to Cape Town in Southern Africa". It will be approximately 45 minutes, including Q & A. David also welcomes questions throughout his talk.

It would be no exaggeration to say that David has led a global life as a world traveller. In addition to much of Canada, his journeys have covered the United Kingdom, Europe, the USA, Australia, China (on a Foreign Aid program), the Philippines, Vietnam, Mexico, India, and southern Africa.



**ORYX
BY DAVID HELMER**



**KINGFISHER
BY DAVID HELMER**

For his chosen presentation, and in his own words,

"Wildlife photography in Africa is always a big challenge. This was a survey trip to help me choose a location for next photographic safari. It was fourteen days and 4000 km travelling through Botswana and Namibia, finishing Cape Town. We were visiting National Parks, each exhibiting different types of habitats and wildlife, including rivers, ocean shore, deserts, and salt pans. This presentation will give you an idea of the geography of each country, where we travelled, the landscape, and the living situation. The wildlife was mostly viewed from the park game drives in the mornings and evenings, hosted by local guides."

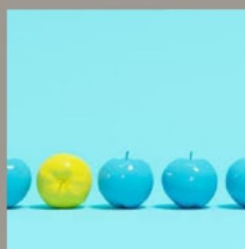
Be sure not to miss this remarkable opportunity to enjoy a fascinating African wilderness journey through David's images!

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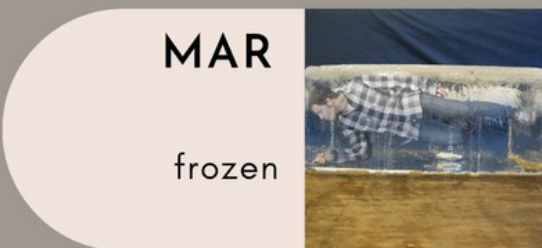
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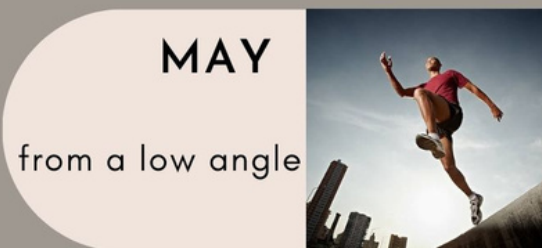
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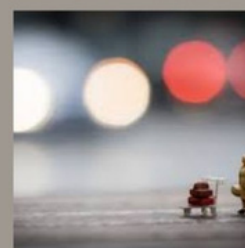
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OCTOBER OUTING

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ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

Hi Folks,

The outing to Algonquin will be Wednesday, October 11th. In the past, we have all gone our own way in the morning after having met for breakfast. We will meet this year at the Algonquin Lunch Bar in Whitney for breakfast at 9:30 AM.

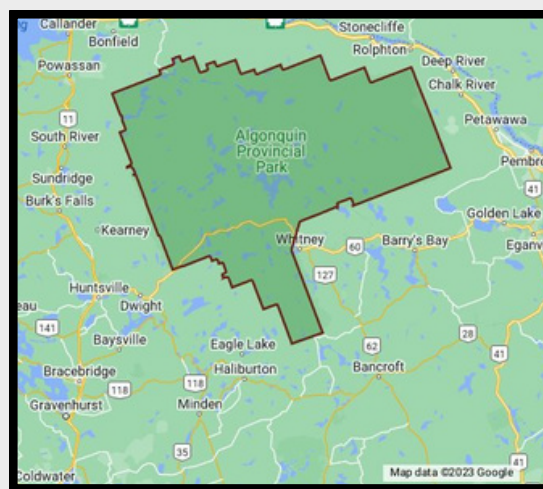
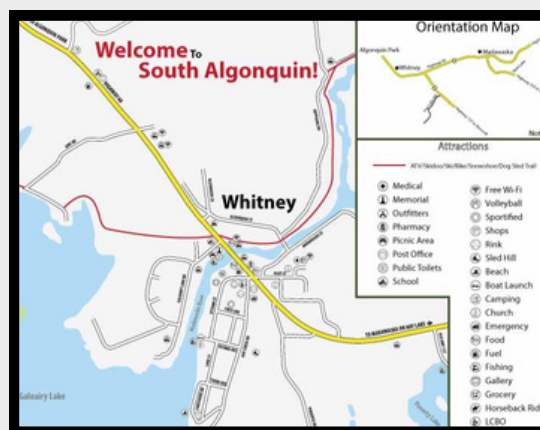
It would be wise to book your own accommodation as soon as possible. Check out the motels on the internet. Reserving a day pass in the park would be highly recommended. Hope this helps.

If you are not able to make the outing on October 11th, but can do so near the date, your images can still be submitted for the Outing Theme.

Hope to see you there! Cheers!
Terry Carpenter



STOCK PHOTO
MOOSE ON HIGHWAY IN ALGONQUIN



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CHALLENGE OUTING SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

DAVID HELMER / GEORGE GILLESPIE



FALL COLOURS ALONG THE LIFT LOCK CANAL

Over the past few years, The Challenge has fallen on hard times. We have let this become a simple photographic assignment such as "City Hall". Ho hum. The Challenge is to take a specific subject and turn it into an interesting photo. You might recall, for example, a few years ago the challenge was to shoot the Pagoda Bridge at Jackson Park, but with the stipulation that it must be shot at night. That got the creative juices flowing and some imaginative images were captured and presented.

We will have a challenge every two months in which the first one will cover September and October. The subject will be the fall colours along the canal between the railway swing bridge and the Lift Lock.



**GEORGE
GILLESPIE**

The photo shown here was taken on September 28. There are lots of opportunities here - later with full colour, earlier as the leaves begin changing, in the mist, leaves on the ground, at night painting by light, etc.

When your photo is shown at the November meeting, you will have an opportunity to tell us about your creation. Or if you choose to say nothing, just let your photo speak for itself.

*** SUBMIT IMAGE BY OCTOBER 31, 2023
FOR NOVEMBER SLIDESHOW**



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of fall. I personally love fall and am looking forward to the spectacular colours.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
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In preparation for 2023-2024 season, membership fees are now due. Good news: the membership fees will be the same as last year:

\$50.00 / SINGLE \$75.00 / COUPLE* \$20.00 / STUDENT

*** at the same residence**



You can either pay at the October meeting by cash or cheque. E-transfers can be made to treasrPPS@gmail.com No password is required.

If there are any changes in your address, phone number, etc., please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at memberPPS@gmail.com

MEMBERS' GALLERIES ON THE WEBSITE

The PPS website includes Membership Information, Resources, Dropbox image submission links, a gallery of our members' images, and so much more. The Member Galleries are a chance for each member to display some of their best work.

We would love to have more members start their own galleries to show some of their best work. It's as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Choose your best images (as many as you'd like)
2. Name the JPEG images as follows: "<your name> - <image title>.jpg"
3. Submit your images to the "Website Gallery Images" Dropbox link here:
www.dropbox.com/request/lo0qKwCgDIsOCD60Jlpm

To make files easier to manage, the best practice is to resize your images: 1024px on the longest edge, regardless of image orientation (landscape or portrait). Otherwise, simply submit your images with any size and we'll take care of it.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Join the Private Group PPS Facebook page (for active PPS members) for updates, photography news, shared images and more. You can post your own images, share videos/links, ask questions, sell your equipment, etc.

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**we would love to
hear from you!**

Do you have a story to share about
your photography journey?

Is there something specific you
would like to see in the Viewfinder
newsletter?

Are you a current or past PPS
member that has something to
share about a positive, enriching
experience with the PPS?

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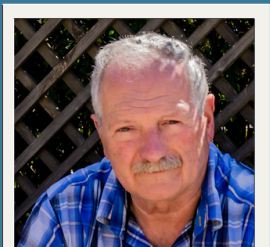
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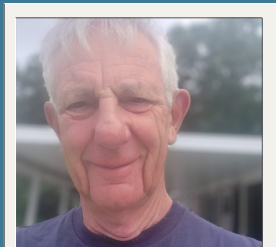
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*Dunstanburgh Castle Sunrise
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