



The Viewfinder

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PPS MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



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WINTER WONDERLAND AND MORE

Winter can provide opportunities and challenges for photographers. As we see in this month's Viewfinder, there are many themes and ideas to consider for creativity and fun.



Whether indoors or outdoors, we can try some still life or creative macro photography learned from last month's meeting, and incorporate some festive details in the mix. Perhaps an interesting float at the Santa Clause Parade will catch your eye. Is there a theme to collect for a 5 minute slideshow for February's meeting? SPARK Photo Festival is gearing up for another year, so there are opportunities to exhibit your images.

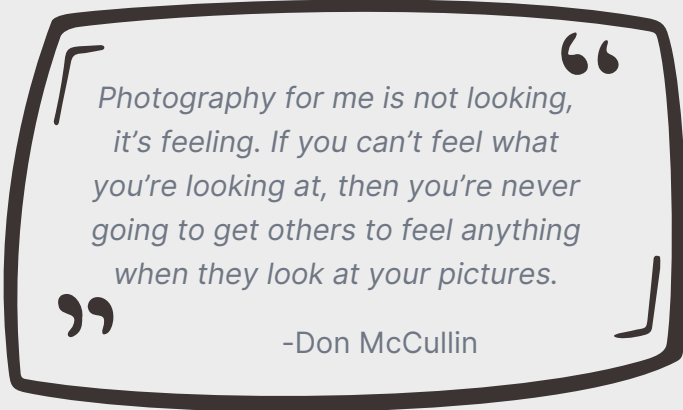
Enjoy and have fun with your photography!



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IN FOCUS WITH THE PRESIDENT

In a previous life, I had the privilege and good fortune of being the Chair of Arts, Culture and Heritage for the City of Peterborough. In my role, I had an opportunity to interact with many people, both in and out of the cultural sector. There was a recurring theme to many discussions with artists and cultural workers. The above quote really captures it.



As an artist, you must do your best to invoke an emotional response from your audience. What you do as photographers is very important. You capture moments in time, and emotions from once in a lifetime events. You do these things because you are called to do it. How many times have you looked at a photography and felt joy, anger, love and calm? This is why you shoot.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !



PROGRAM NOTES

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR
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Our December meeting will celebrate the festive season with a Christmas dinner at One Eyed Jack Restaurant and Bar in Peterborough.

The fun starts at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 5. Be sure to RSVP Linda Cardona ASAP.

www.oneeyedjackpub.com/peterborough

DECEMBER MEMBER'S SLIDESHOW

Please note that, as usual, the December Member's Slideshow will be made available through the PPS YouTube channel. Check your email in early December for the link.

JANUARY MEETING DATE (NOT THE FIRST TUESDAY!)

The January meeting will be on the 9th rather than the 2nd, and will be held in the Lions Centre's small meeting room (Sisson). The meeting will start at 7:00pm. Enter by the glass door to the left of the main doors.



PPS Christmas Dinner

Tuesday December 5th 6pm
One Eyed Jack's Restaurant
116 Lansdowne St East

Partners/Spouses welcome!

Please RSVP to:
Linda Cardona
lindacardona@bell.net

MEMBERS' FIVE-MINUTE SLIDESHOWS FOR FEBRUARY

An early reminder that the Members' 5-Minute Slideshows will be shown in the February 6th meeting. It's not too early to start thinking about your own entry and how you'll put it together. Your entry must be submitted no later than January 30th.

To that end, Terry Carpenter will provide a tutorial in our January 9th meeting. He'll cover what makes a great slideshow and how to build one. All your questions will be answered in time for you to present your best work in the February meeting.

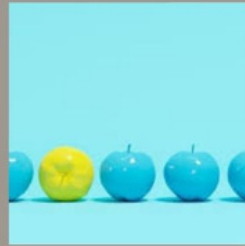
Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season!

themes 2023-24



SEPT

multicoloured



FEB

contrast



OCT

dead trees



MAR

frozen



NOV

colour orange



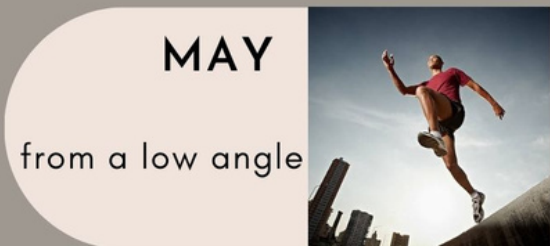
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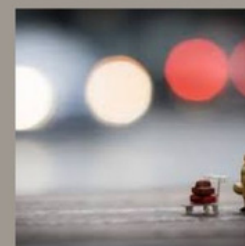
from a low angle



JAN

SUBMIT BY JAN 2

timepieces



JUNE

bokeh

www.peterboroughphotographicsociety.com/program-calendar/

**DOWNTOWN PETERBOROUGH
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**



DECEMBER OUTINGS

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December can be a busy time for many of us. Some of us love to bake and cook special Christmas dishes. With the onset of snow and colder weather, we can envision a snowy trail for skiing or hiking, outdoor rinks for skating, Christmas lights adorned on homes, and the annual Santa Claus Parade. And that is just the tip of the local iceberg!

For the **December Outings**, I have decided to change it up a little bit. There will be opportunity to explore various activities occurring in downtown Peterborough. Some activities have fixed dates, **others will be announced in an email** closer to a determined date, while the rest of downtown offers a festive spirit.

The following are some of the highlights that will take place in December:

- **Santa Claus Parade**, Saturday December 2 beginning at 4:30 pm, George Street thekawarthas.ca/event/peterboroughs-48th-annual-santa-claus-parade/
- **Lighting of the Christmas Tree** at Quaker Foods City Square (details forthcoming).
- **Lantern walk** (details forthcoming).
- **Christmas window displays** Various businesses have their windows decorated and designed with interesting features.

Explore the festive sights, the magical lights, a familiar place or something new!

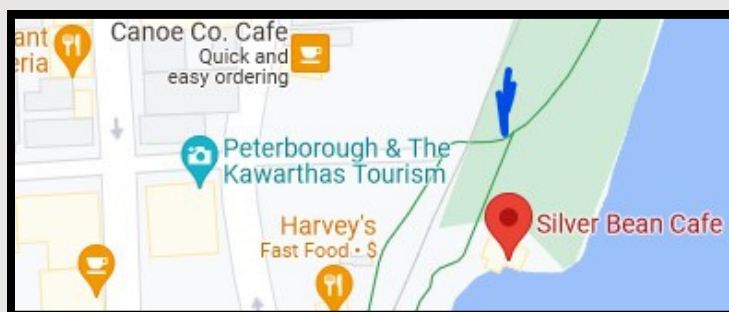
There are no boundary guidelines, but the only rule is that the image submissions follow the same guidelines as with every monthly outing: **submit up to three images by midnight Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

**CHILDREN STATUES AT
MILLENIUM PARK,
PETERBOROUGH**



**CHALLENGE OUTING
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER**

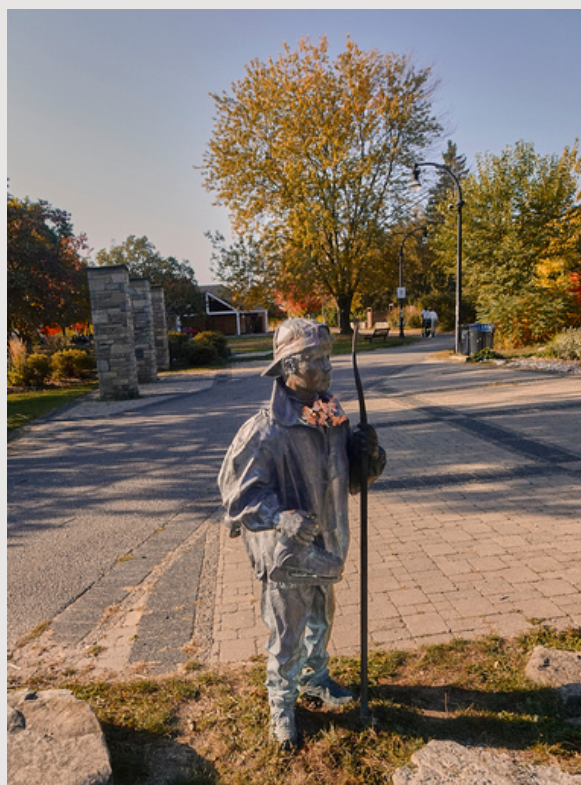
DAVID HELMER



The Location Challenge for November and December is the statues of children at Millenium Park to be submitted at the end of December.

*** SUBMIT IMAGE BY JANUARY 2, 2024
FOR JANUARY 9TH SLIDESHOW**

The single picture can be a composite, or details from one of the statues. Looking forward to seeing the results of your imagination.



BOTH IMAGES BY DAVID HELMER

**MEMBERSHIP
NOTES**



**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
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Guests can attend two free meetings. If you know of someone that would like to come to a PPS meeting as a guest, please have them contact me at memberpps@gmail.com

MEMBERS' GALLERIES ON THE WEBSITE

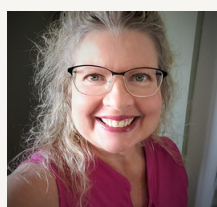
The PPS website includes Membership Information, Resources, Dropbox image submission links, a gallery of our members' images, and so much more. The Member Galleries are a chance for each member to display some of their best work.

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.

**SOCIAL MEDIA
NOTES**



**SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR
SUE STARR**

Hi, I'm Sue, the PPS Social Media Director. I try to keep everyone up to date using our Private Facebook Group Page.

Our Facebook page is a good source of information regarding upcoming meetings, photo submission deadlines, items for sale, etc. Facebook is also a good forum to share your images. Please feel free to do so. Only our group members will be able to access your posts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

its_all_good_2day@hotmail.com

Thanks,

Sue





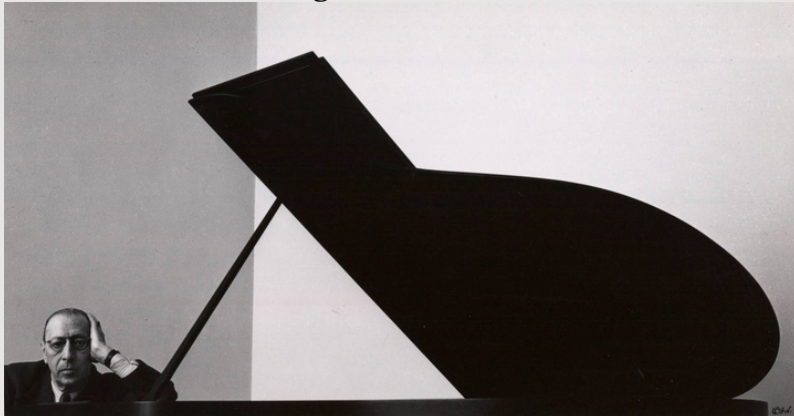
AGO Arnold Newman Exhibit: Building Icons: Arnold Newman's Magazine World, 1938-2000

An exciting new exhibit is running at the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) from October 18, 2023 until January 21, 2024 showcasing Arnold Newman's photography.

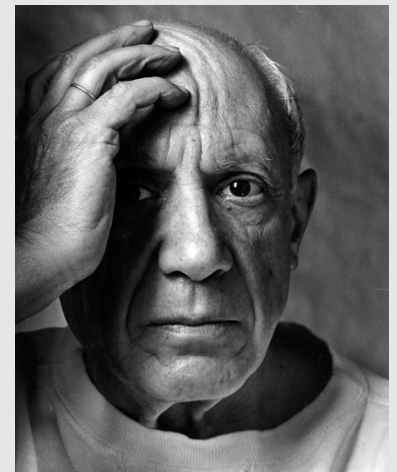
Newman established a reputation as a commercial portrait photographer, setting up a studio in New York in the 1940's and working for *Life*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Look*, *Time* and *Holiday*. Through this work, he became celebrated as the most sought after portrait photographer of his day. (AGO source)

www.ago.ca/exhibitions/building-icons-arnold-newmans-magazine-world-1938-2000
www.ago.ca

Here some iconic images from Arnold Newman:



IGOR STRAVINSKY
1946



PABLO PICASSO
1954

**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?

Please send submissions to Anita at
ViewfinderPPS@gmail.com

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Kodak Carousel 850
Projector and many
extras plus slide trays.
All items for sale for
\$100 and open to
offers. Listed on
Facebook Marketplace.
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705-313-5044.



SPARK

PHOTO FESTIVAL

The SPARK Photo Festival is a celebration of photography & the artists, storytellers, professionals & enthusiasts behind the lens.

OPEN CALL EXHIBITS

Individual or group • Exhibit venues throughout the region

JURIED EXHIBIT

Invited competition • Open to all Ontario photographers

EMERGING ARTIST PROGRAM

Learn the basics from concept to exhibit

Every year, the month of April marks the arrival of numerous photographic exhibits and artists, workshops, lectures and other related photographic events and activities throughout the Peterborough, Northumberland and the Kawarthas

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING

First-Time Exhibitors Workshop: We will walk you through what you need to have a successful exhibit

HIGHLIGHTS

Receptions and Exhibit Events • Toureka! Mobile app for exhibit discovery

VISIT [SPARKPHOTOFESTIVAL.ORG](https://sparkphotofestival.org) TO LEARN MORE  

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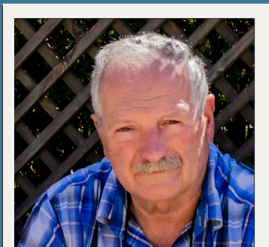
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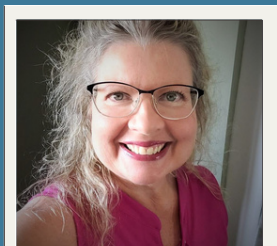
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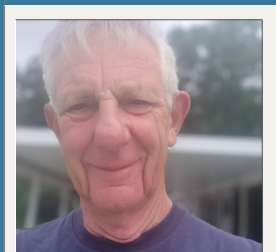
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*AGO Arches #1
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CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY
NEW YEAR