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# THE VIEWFINDER

PPS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

February is the month to travel around the local region in search of what winter brings us. Of course, this does not mean that there are limits to what we photograph at any time of the year.

This issue looks at places to go for fun and interesting subject matter to photograph. The Splash Pad Challenge and the February Outing provide opportunities to take outdoor images, whether there is snow, ice, or fog. The early morning sun can provide spectacular angles of light. Cloudy days can provide even, diffused light.

Our very own photo contest is coming up soon, but there is still time to take photographs or look through your previous files/archives of digital or print images. Who knows, maybe there is a hidden gem amongst your folders that you had forgotten about, an image that you were incredibly proud to have taken. We won't even talk about the unfortunate files that may have been accidentally deleted. That is saved in multiple files for another conversation.

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## IN FOCUS WITH THE PRESIDENT

*"Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it."*

*-Salvador Dali*

One of the problems that people have is their idea of perfection. What is perfect for one person will not be perfect for another. This idea of perfection can cause creative people to be petrified by fear. Some wait for the perfect shot or the perfect light.

Instead, push your boundaries, experiment, get out of your comfort zone. If we never stumble, we will never walk. It is only through failure that we learn to succeed. Never worry about looking for the perfect shot.

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## PROGRAM NOTES

### February 6, 2024 In - Person Meeting Featuring the Members' 5-Minute Slideshows

We enjoyed the attendance of twenty members for Terry's January 9th Zoom presentation on creating a 5-Minute Slideshow. On January 12th, the online link to Terry's talk was emailed to all members, and the submission deadline was set to January 30.

Our February meeting will be enjoyed by seeing the presentation of all your hard work. In addition, we will be showing the regular Monthly Slideshow along with an instructional video.

### Important Notice

The February 6 meeting will be held in the Lions Centre's smaller (Sisson) meeting room.

The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Enter by the glass door to the left of the main doors.

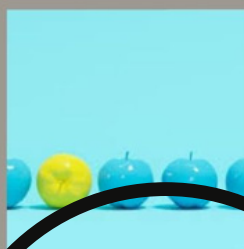


# themes 2023-24



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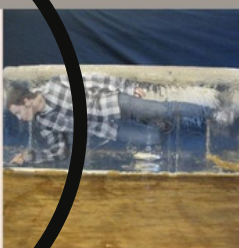
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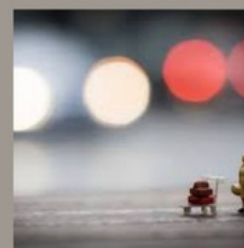


MAY  
from a low angle



JAN

timepieces



JUNE

bokeh

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## FEBRUARY OUTINGS

### *Township of Selwyn Polarfest February 2 - 4, 2024*

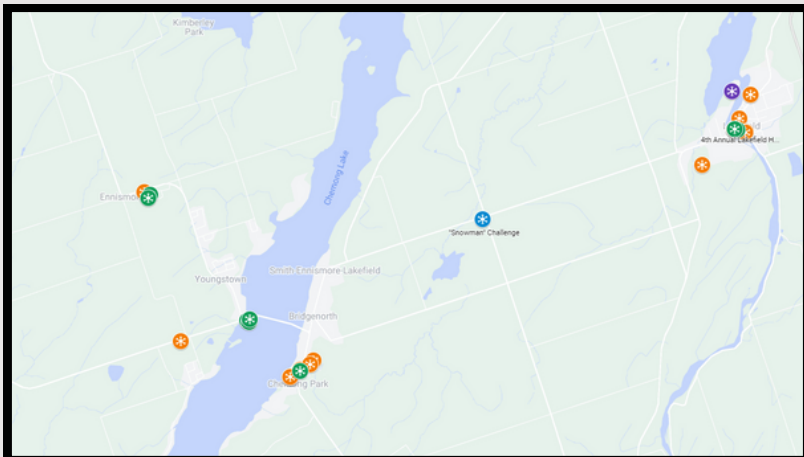
The February Outing will encompass a selection of three days of winter activities, ice sculptures, and a variety of subjects to photograph.

The Polarfest in Ennismore, Bridgenorth and Lakefield will take place Friday, February 2 - Sunday, February 4, 2024

There is no specific meeting time or place. Find something that grabs you, go at your own pace, gather with friends and find that hot chocolate to keep you warm.

A perfect outing to compliment the theme for the March meeting: **FROZEN**

# Barbie themed

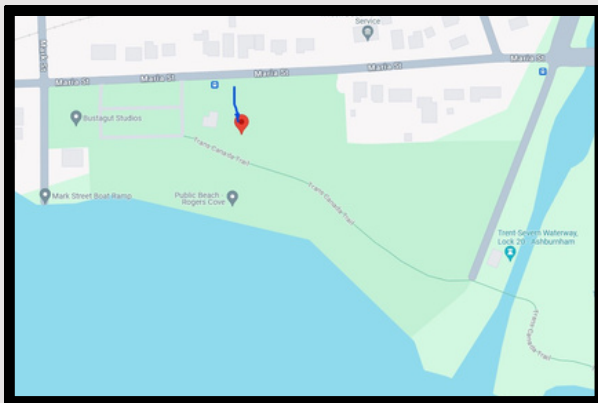


DAVID HELMER  
MEMBER AT LARGE



## CHALLENGE OUTING JANUARY / FEBRUARY

### *Splash Pad Challenge*



*Image by David Helmer*

The challenge for January / February is the splash pad at Roger's Cove in East City, Peterborough. The bleak image below is simply a "record" shot taken with a bit of snow on the ground. Where are the kids? A splash pad in the winter can look lonely and desolate, and perhaps this is something you might wish to portray.



*Image by David Helmer*

With more snow on the ground and on the spray nozzles, frost on the trees, a blue sky and the right point of view, there are many possibilities for setting the mood of your choice. It is up to you, but we'll all be anxious to see what each one of you creates.

Please submit your images by  
February 27th.

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

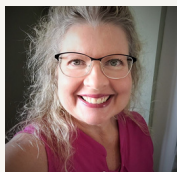
- Guests can attend two free meetings. If you know someone that would like to come to a PPS meeting as a guest, please have them contact me at [memberpps@gmail.com](mailto:memberpps@gmail.com).
- The PPS website includes Membership Information, Resources, Dropbox image submission links, a gallery of 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/IooqKwCgDlsOCD6oJlpm](http://www.dropbox.com/request/IooqKwCgDlsOCD6oJlpm)

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.

SUE STARR  
SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR



## SOCIAL MEDIA NOTES

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](mailto:its_all_good_2day@hotmail.com)

Thanks,  
Sue

**ROM EXHIBIT  
RUNNING THROUGH TO  
MAY 26, 2024**



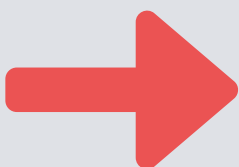
**IMAGE BY MAX WAUGH**

**WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER  
OF THE YEAR  
2023**

Each year, aspiring photographers of all ages and skill levels submit tens of thousands of images in the annual international Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. Organized by the Natural History Museum in London, UK, one hundred remarkable images from this year's competition — the best of the best — will be on view at ROM this fall.

**ROM WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST 2023**

Back for its ninth year! ROM invites you - whether you're an amateur or professional photographer - to share your astonishing photographs of the natural world for a chance to win some amazing prizes and have your photograph on display at the Museum. Open to Ontario residents only. Contest dates: November 25, 2023 to March 25, 2024.



[WWW.ROM.ON.CA](http://WWW.ROM.ON.CA)

## FUNDRAISER FOR TRENT VALLEY ARCHIVES

Our longtime, past executive and current PPS members, Ed and Suzanne Schroeter, have been working diligently on a play to be showcased at Market Hall in Peterborough, May 16, 7:30 pm.

There will also be two matinees on May 15 for school groups interested.

What a great way to support local groups, creatives and fellow members of the PPS!

For further info, please contact the email below.

Trent Valley Archives  
Theatre Presents:

TRENT VALLEY ARCHIVES TVAT

# Tide of Hope

Written by Edward Schroeter | Directed by Gerry McBride

A Peter Robinson settler immigration and refugee story at the Market Hall Performing Arts Centre.

May 16,  
2024 at  
7:30PM

Tickets cost \$30-\$40. To purchase tickets go to [tickets.markethall.org](https://tickets.markethall.org) or call 705-775-1503

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## *Deadline for entry* **MARCH 20, 2024**

Send to Miscellaneous Dropbox.  
Please title your image with Novice or Experienced and the name of your image.

### *Rules*



You must be a PPS member.  
Submit your best scenic image.  
No date restrictions for image creation.

### *Categories*



Novice photographer.  
Experienced photographer.

### *Judging*



Judging and showing of the winners will be at the PPS meeting on April 2, 2024.  
Judges will be you, the members.

This will be a fun night when you, the members, will decide on the final winners of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honourable Mention in the two categories.

For the judging, images shown will not have the member's name, just the slide title. Slight modification to your image are allowed to enhance the overall visual appeal of the photograph. Permitted modifications include adjustments to brightness, contrast, saturation, cropping, straightening and minor retouching (removal of dust spots, etc).

**Not allowed:** heavy digital manipulations, such as adding or removing significant elements, compositing multiple images, or AI (artificial intelligence) photography.

For more info, please contact Terry Carpenter  
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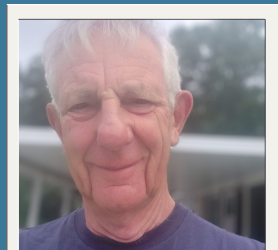
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*the  
parting  
shot*



*Not a storm chaser  
by Anita Erschen-Pappas*