



In Focus

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President's Message by Terry Babij

Happy New Year to all!

I hope everyone had a safe, joyful and uneventful Holiday period. In preparation for the Members' night in March we will be looking for individual members to prepare a program, slide show or something that you just want to share with the club members. The programs should be 5-10 minutes and can be any topic. We are looking for a volunteer to gather the names for the meeting. As for volunteers we are still in need of a Vice President and someone or 2 to look after house committee. This is an important position that makes sure we have refreshments and treats at our meetings! If anyone has suggestions or is interested in these positions please see myself or one of our executive at the meeting. There is also a great contact tool on the Executive page of our website, www.niagarafallscameraclub.org.

I am looking for suggestions for potential outings, does anyone have any? Outings and working in groups will enable cross-pollination and make people and ideas bloom and grow. What are some of your interests we can help fill the need? We cannot operate in a vacuum and are looking to you the members for direction to give you what you are looking for from your club. As this is the cold season some may not want to venture too far into the cold so we could have some home workshops on weekend days to meet some member needs.

We are living in an incredible time where technology and the art of photography are going to places unimagined in the past. Who would have thunk, 25,000 ISO for cameras, 15 megapixel point and shoot cameras or HD video from a still camera!!!!

Keep shooting!

Terry

New Year's Resolutions By Chris Empey

I generally do not make resolutions for the upcoming year as I have a habit of breaking them by January 3rd! When it comes to photography though, I have more persistence. Here are a few suggestions for all of us to consider this upcoming year.

1. Backup Your Photos. Unlike with film, other than your hard drive you have no physical copy of your images. Copy them to CD or DVD and store them in another location.
2. Share your photos. Print them or publish them online. Share them with friends and family. Create a Photo Book or open a Flickr account.
3. Learn a new technique. Tutorials abound online for just about any technique you can think of.
4. Hone your skills. Practice by using only one focal length for a day, then only one shutter speed, aperture, ISO, etc.
5. Start a Photo of the Day or a Photo of the Week Project. Having a project can give you a reason to shoot more often.
6. Work on utilizing Off Camera Flash. "The only good light is available light, and by that I mean any light that is available" - Joe McNally
7. Keyword your images. Windows Vista and 7 and I would expect the latest Apple OS to have this functionality built in.
8. Volunteer your time. There are many charities and organizations that could use the skills that you have.

Convention 2010 Mark Your Calendars

The 2010 Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs Annual Convention will be held April 23, 24 and 25 at the Holiday Inn on Grand Island, NY. Watch the upcoming In Focus issues for a complete lineup.

Monthly Competition Scores January 2010

Colour Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Terry Rotella	8	8	120
	Silvia Greco	8	7	118
	Henry Wojnarowski	7	7	100
	Ed Sweeney	6	6	91
	Frank Pascuzzi	2	1	23
Silver				
	William Stokes	8	7	119
	Lorraine Pichette	8	7	118
	Eric Baloga	6	5	87
	Derek Bottomley	5	2	58
Gold				
	Denis Audette	8	6	122
	Laura Nikishar	8	3	99
	Terry Babij	6	5	92
	Kirk Stokes	8	1	89
	Dorothy Seabourne	4	2	50
Diamond				
	George Beehler	8	2	104

Monochrome Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Silvia Greco	8	8	120
	Terry Rotella	8	6	109
	Ed Sweeney	4	3	57
Silver				
	Lorraine Pichette	8	7	118
	Eric Baloga	4	3	56
Gold				
	Denis Audette	8	5	119
	William Stokes	8	5	115
	Kirk Stokes	8	2	94
Diamond				
	George Beehler	8	4	115
	Terry Babij	6	5	96

Slides

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Ed Sweeney	8	7	119
	Terry Rotella	8	8	117
	Doug Banas	8	8	114
	Henry Wojnarowski	6	6	90
Silver				
	Danny Dickenson	8	7	123
	Lorraine Pichette	8	3	97
	Derek Bottomley	6	6	93
	Eric Baloga	4	3	58
Gold				
	Jacqueline Dingman	8	8	132
	Steven Simons	8	8	128
	Lynn Audette	8	7	128
	Denis Audette	8	6	124
	Denis Grantham	8	5	111
	Cliff Empey	8	4	108
	Jacqueline Kennedy	8	2	94
	Miriam Gersho	6	3	83
	Terry Babij	6	1	73
Diamond				
	Scott Simons	8	8	140
	Chris Empey	8	6	131
	Karen Fulham	8	4	113
	Sharon Murray	8	3	108
	Laura Cardwell	8	2	101
	Paul Patterson	8	1	89

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