



In Focus

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Message From The President

Happy New Year everyone,
Have you made any New Year's resolutions for 2019? The most common ones are those that involve "giving up" something or cutting back on things we love but are not good for us in excess. But the fact is, 80% of us will break those New Year's resolutions by the time February rolls around. It's been said that the resolutions that you actually have a chance of following through on are ones that involve **doing** something, or vowing to have **more** of something, rather than self-denial. Think: more sleep, more family time, more travel...you get the picture.

All that being said, have you made any resolutions that involve your passion for photography? How about stepping out of your comfort zone and trying out a kind of photography you don't usually do, such as macro, or portraiture, or street photography, for instance? Or

resolving to learn a new post-processing technique, or software? Or if new equipment is not in the budget, how about vowing to get out your camera's manual and finally learn all about the myriad of features on your camera's menu- most of us use a small fraction of what our cameras offer. Video on your DSLR- have you ever even tried it?

On our Facebook page this week, Paula Chiasson has offered up a challenge- post a photo every week for the next 52 weeks. You pick the theme- anything goes- from macro to black and white to waterfalls!

And if it's learning that's a priority this year, it's time to start looking ahead to the Can Am Photo Expo (April 26-28) being held at the Buffalo Grand Hotel (formerly the Adams Mark). Programs and speakers are still being finalized, but it will offer over 70 classes in every photographic field of study as well as hands- on workshops, competitions,

social events, and more. Take advantage of the early bird special pricing available until February.

This is the year that the Fall Seminar comes to the Canadian side of the border. Mark your calendars- we will be featuring Don Komarechka, sponsored by Panasonic, at Club Italia on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Plans are in the works for a hands- on workshop with Don the following day.

In the midst of a dreary, uninspiring winter comes an opportunity to learn how you can have fun and get creative in the comfort of your own home with materials that everyone has in their kitchen. Join us on January 7 as Cheryl Belczak shows us some magic with simple oil and water.

Until then, Happy Shooting,

Karen Fulham

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Upcoming Programs

Monday January 7, 2019

Macro Oil and Water— Cheryl Belczak
 .We'll have fun trying to mix them! Tips, tricks and ideas for creating impactful images with two simple ingredients. Join us for a short presentation and then to give it a try yourself! There will be three workstations so bring your camera, tripod and macro lens (if you have one). This is a fun and engaging way to photograph during the cold winter months when you want to stay home and warm.

Monday February 4, 2019

Composites – Bill Carpenter
 Extraction, background selection and fine tuning.

Monday January 21, 2019

Competition Number 5

Monday February 25, 2019

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Outings

Happy New Year!

We have had some exciting outings in the past, and we are working on some exciting stuff for the future. Stay tuned, and check into our Facebook page for upcoming events!

Summer Inspiration Challenge

Summer Inspiration Challenge Results.

Thank you to all who participated in the Summer Inspiration Challenge this year. We had a great response to this year's challenge. Thank you to the following members for the contribution to this challenge:

Pearl Bacso
 Michael Beetham
 Paula Chiasson
 Jan DiMartino
 Chris Empey
 Karen Fulham
 Liz Masse
 Scott Simons
 Michelle Stranges

The challenge results can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEqhAZKyAkc>.

We look forward to this summer's challenge. If you have any thoughts on topics or locations, please let Chris or Scott know.

Digital Competition Standings

2018-2019 Competition				
<i>Projected Digital Image GROUP</i>				
2018-2019 COMPETITION GROUPS				
	BRONZE			GROUP
Name	Digital	Honour	Total	2018-19
Ron Planche	8	8	125	Bronze
Dave Merrow	8	8	124	Bronze
Joni Carpenter	8	8	123	Bronze
Michael Beetham	8	5	92	Bronze
Richard Grant	6	6	87	Bronze
Sarah Tracie	2	1	25	Bronze
	SILVER			
Name	Digital	Honour	Total	
Liz Masse	8	8	121	Silver
Jan DiMartino	8	8	121	Silver
Shiree Jetha	6	6	96	Silver
	GOLD			
Name	Digital	Honour	Total	
Nora Mathewson	8	7	127	Gold
Anita Hubbard	8	6	123	Gold
Paula Chiasson	8	3	106	Gold
Curtis Capuano	8	4	106	Gold
Jim Koniar	8	3	102	Gold
Dave Robinson	8	4	100	Gold
Lorraine Pichette	6	2	77	Gold
Michelle Stranges	8	1	92	Gold
Doug Banas	6	0	66	Gold
William Feder	2	0	18	Gold
	DIAMOND			
Name	Digital	Honour	Total	
Scott Simons	8	8	139	Diamond
Pearl Bacso	8	5	120	Diamond
Larry Mathewson	8	4	116	Diamond
Pat Lizmore	8	4	116	Diamond
Chris Empey	8	4	112	Diamond
Karen Fulham	8	3	110	Diamond
Laura Cardwell	8	4	85	Diamond

“The whole point of taking pictures is so that you don’t have to explain things with words”

Elliott Erwitz

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Pot Luck Photos



Thank you to Leslie Khan for the photos!