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Meetings will be held at Gethsamane Lutheran Church 1921 Cabana Rd W. Windsor at 7:30pm

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I would first like to extend a huge Thank you, to Darlene, on behalf of the WCC, for your contributions as our Editor over the years. We have enjoyed, as you put it, "your nonsensical musings" and you have kept us informed and provided an enjoyable reading experience with each edition. We will miss you and I hope I can continue to bring that same experience to the Membership.

I decided to write about **Photography as a Hobby.** I uncovered a list of very powerful reasons why each of us might have chosen this path and I'm sure we can relate to one, a few or all.

Photography combines creativity, relaxation and even a chance to earn some extra cash. In this fast-paced world with endless distractions, taking photos offers an escape - one where you can tell stories, keep records and share experiences. Here are a few reasons. **More to follow in our next edition.**

- Photography will help you record events and memories. By capturing a special moment in time, you can always remember it in detail, even as your mental memories begin to fade.
- You will have fun. Photography offers many opportunities to do new, interesting and fun things with your camera.
- Learning a new skill is good for your brain. Research shows that learning a new skill helps the brain and improves memory. And the more difficult the skill, the more you benefit.
- Photography is a great stress-reliever. Photography offers a unique escape, a chance to disconnect from the chaos and reconnect with your inner self. It's a mindful practice that encourages you to be fully present in the moment.
- Photography will improve your health and fitness. Getting out of the house, walking, and even hiking are common side effects of interest in photography. Do you like landscape photography? Then you'll need to go where the landscapes are, and that often means some form of exercise. Do you want to photograph people? Then you'll need to walk the streets, which requires plenty of physical activity.
- You get to be creative. Photography, is hugely creative and allows for endless flexibility in shooting and artistic style. That style can grow as you learn more and start to experiment with different genres. Creativity is fun, and it provides a necessary counterbalance for the stressful demands of a modern lifestyle.
- Photography will help you communicate with friends and family. When you embrace photography as a hobby, you start capturing moments that matter. From your daily routines and workplace to your home, kids, or even your garden, you can use your camera to tell the story of your life. With each photo you capture, you're giving your friends and family a chance to see what's going on in your life. They can experience the joy, the challenges, and the beauty that surrounds you. It's a way to strengthen those connections and ensure that distance or time constraints don't hinder your ability to stay in touch.

Theresa, Your Editor

Assignments for 2023

September Food
October Hair
November Mustache
December Snow

Downtown Detroit Tour

Place....Carpool from Food Basics, 800 Goyeau

Dan Gilbert, owner of Rocket Mortgages & the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers, is one of the largest building owners in downtown Detroit. Join us as we tour & photograph some of the area's most iconic architecture. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a personal tour of these properties.

There is no cost, but the tour is limited to the first 20 members who register by email to Brent at brent@ibitrucking.com





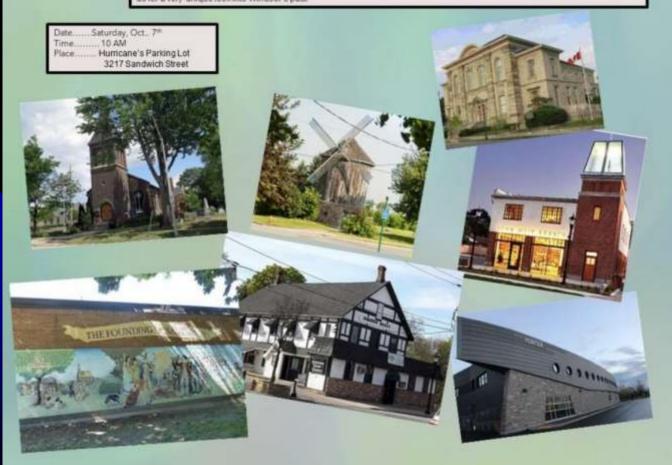




Windsor Camera Club

Photo Walk Old Sandwich Towne

Located along the Windsor – Detroit border of the Detroit River, Old Sandwich Towne is a vibrant waterfront community which is steeped in heritage and history. We will be exploring it's unique history by visiting sites such as the Old Windmill, Windsor Jail, St. John's & Assumption Churches, unique pubs like the Dominion House, Sandwich Brewery, the HMCS Hunter and much more. Join us for a very unique look into Windsor's past.









Brent Groh Gondola 1st place Advanced 86.3 points

Print Nature





Brent Groh Grizzly Bear 1st place Advanced 92.0 points





Willy VanAuder Lone Tree 1st place Advanced 91.7 points



Greg Aldous Cuban Hat Patterns 2nd place Advanced 89.7 points



Alan Defoe Dakota Lake Morning 2nd place Advanced 89.7 points



Greg Aldous Brandi High Key 3rd place Advanced 88.7 points

Print Monochrome





Willy VanAudenaerde Sun Voyager 1st place Advanced 85.7 points

Digital Altered Reality





Brian Masters Hot Car 1st place Advanced 89.3 points

June Assignment Boats





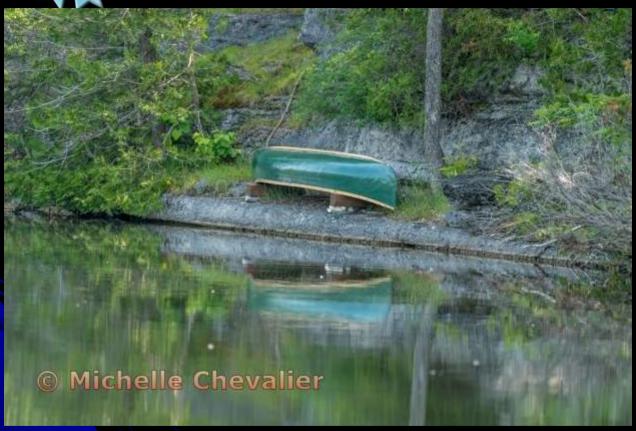
Brent Groh All Hands On Deck 1st place Advanced 89.0 points

Lillian Dajas Sunset Cruise 2nd place Advanced 88.7 points





June Assignment Boats



Michelle Chevalier Green Canoe 1st place Novice 81.3 points

Digital - Monochrome





Laura Strilchuck Gazing Gorilla 1st place Advanced 90.5 points

Digital - Monochrome

Brian Masters Pagan Princess 2ndplace Advanced 87.3 points





Larry Zavitz Nighttime at Willistead 2nd place Advanced 87.3 points

Norm Rheaume Mountain Gem Humming Bird 1st place Advanced 90.5 points









Michelle Chevalier Yellow Bellied Sapsucker 1st place Novice 76.3 points



Doug Myers Blue Birds and Lunch 2nd place Advanced 90 points

Arlene Kochaniec Exploding Milk Weed Pod 2nd place Advanced 90 points





Alan Defoe Tricolored Heron Takeoff 3rd place Advanced 89.3 points



Larry Zavitz Green Heron and Fish 3rd place Advanced 88.3 points



Theresa Tessier

Double Arches

1st place Advanced 93 points





Michelle Chevalier

Calm Waters

1st place Novice 77.3 points



Theresa Tessier
Along the Colorado River
2nd place Advanced 91.3 points



Doug Myers Bonavista Morning 3rd Place Advanced 90.7

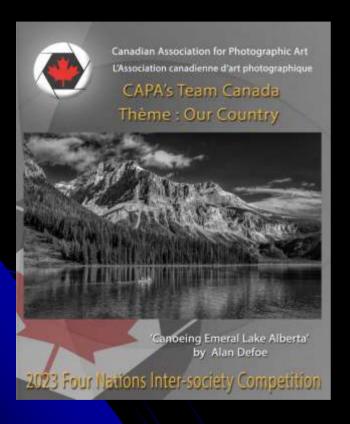


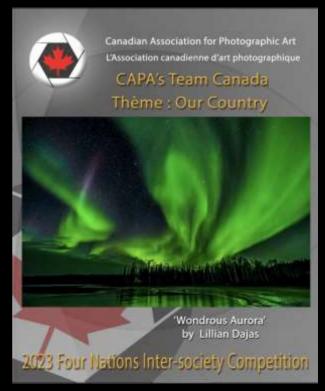


Laura Strilchuck Sorina 2 3rd place Advanced 89.5 points

Charles Wilson Alaskan Marina 3rd place Advance 88.7

CAPA's Team Canada "Our Country" Winner 2023 Four Nations Inter-society Competition





WCC at Henry's



Here is a list of some upcoming events that maybe of interest to Club members to visit to capture some unique Images.

September 16th Amherstburg Uncommon Festival Navy Yard Amherstburg, Noon

September 19th Downtown Detroit Tour Meet at Food Basics on Goyeau

October 7th Photo Walk Old Sandwich Town Hurricanes Parking Lot, Sandwich Street 10:00 am

Brent Groh, Outings Director

Mentors

WCC member who are willing to help our members learn to improve their images

Alan Defoe Basic Lightroom, Photoshop & Elements, Birds & Landscapes

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Graham Brown Canon cameras, Lightroom, Photoshop, Wildflowers and people

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Doug Myers Canon and Lightroom

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Brent Groh Nikon, Profoto, Godox, Photoshop, Lightroom, Portrait Pro,

action sports, music lighting, posing and flash

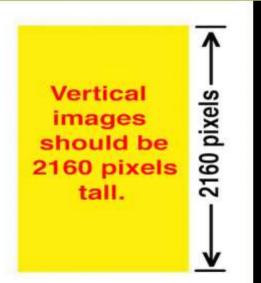
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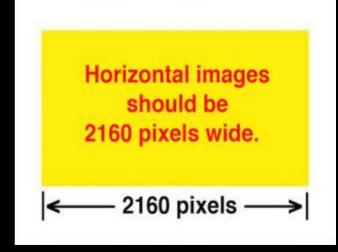
Palmer Johnson Portraits

palmerjohnson01@gmail.com

Preparing and Submitting Images for Competition

- 1. Make sure that horizontal images are 2160 pixels wide and vertical images are 2160 pixels tall. The resolution doesn't matter; it's the pixel dimensions that are important.
- 2. Make sure that your titles have 25 characters or less (including spaces but not including the "jpg" suffix).
- 3. Photos in the assignment category must be taken after the newest list of assignments was given out. (New assignment topics are announced in May of each year.)
- 4. To submit images, go to our Visual Pursuits website, log in, and select "Submit Images to a Competition" from the "Competitions" menu. You can watch the video "How to Submit Images to a Competition" to assist you.
- 5. The maximum number of entries allowed for each monthly competition is 3 (any combination of prints and digital images).
- 6. For help with submitting images, contact any of the listed mentors on the next page.





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"Blast from the Past" Windsor Camera Club September 3rd, 1968



"There are always two people in every photo: the Photographer and the Viewer"

Ansel Adams

Camera club offering aid to beginners

Pictures are everyone's pleasure, both to look at and to take.

That's the message the Windsor Camera Club seeks to put across. To help bolster participation in photography, the club is offering a six-week basic instruction course for beginners.

Aim is to attract anyone unsure about handling a camera Instruction will be given in exposure, camera mechanics, composition and lighting.

Tied to the course is a one-year membership in the club, which hopes to gain more youngsters and make them confirmed "shutter-buss".

Advance registration for the course is Wednesday at the AKO Community Centre from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10, which includes textbooks and the year's membership as well as the course.

Lessons will be given Sept. 18, Oct. 2 and 16, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4, all Wednesdays.