

# In Focus

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# President's Message

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now to work off the over-indulgence!

We are now approaching the half way point of our club year. Preparations are proceeding for the NFRCC Conference February 25-27<sup>th</sup> at the convention center in Niagara Falls, NY. I do believe many members have taken advantage of the early registration discount now passed. There are going to be some excellent speakers at the conference.

Our club has changed the date of our annual award banquet to April 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mike DiBattista from the Niagara Falls Review will be at the presenting February 7<sup>th</sup>. Note Competition will be February 28<sup>th</sup> because of February 3<sup>rd</sup> being a holiday Monday.

I wanted to share some of my favourite sites and blogs I follow with the help of Google Reader as my year-end wrap up. Times are continually changing and I feel I need to be updating what I follow and read regularly. I am lucky to have a job that has me focusing on leveraging Social Media for branding and lead generation. Some of my favourite sites and blogs are:

www.luminouslandscape.com This is Michael Reichmann's site. Michael is a Toronto photographer and teacher who presented at last year's conference. He provides a lot of info, reviews and tutorials. If you join the forums you can comment on many topics of discussion.

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http://www.canonrumors.com/ As a Canon shooter I enjoy the news, reviews and commentary.

http://kelbytv.com/dtowntv/ Scott Kelby's video training for DSLR owners.

http://www.russellbrown.com/ Russell Brown was one of the original team that developed Photoshop, so I am told. He continues to provide great instructional videos with special scripts. He is very entertaining and makes learning a pleasure and fun.

<u>http://photonaturalist.net/</u> This site provides great information focused on nature photography techniques.

www.lenswork.com Great B&W focused fine art Magazine and regular blog with podcasts. Brooks Jensen is a writer and publisher from the Pacific Northwest who provides a different prospective on the art.

<u>www.lightandcomposition.com</u> A site that highlights a shot of the day. Many are very interesting.

http://reallyrightstuff.com/ My all round favourite toy store. They produce some of the best gear for camera support in the world. Their catalogue makes great reading material too! They will play havoc on your photography budget.

http://www.neccc.org/ The New England equivalent of NFRCC.
They have their conference in the summer in Western Mass. There is some good content but not always updated. They are NFRCC many times larger.

There is no time like the present to learn and play with our art!

May 2011 be a productive and safe year for all.

Terry Babij, President

# Competition Scores September, October, November & December

# **Colour Prints**

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Jan Maklak	8	8	118
	Anne Shannon	8	6	108
	Ed Sweeny	4	4	64
	Chuck Martyk	4	4	57
Silver				
	Silvia Greco	8	8	134
	Henry Wojnarowski	8	6	110
	Terry Rotella	6	5	88
	Derek Bottomley	2	0	19
Gold				
	Terry Babij	8	6	122
	Kirk Stokes	8	5	111
	William Stokesj	8	4	108
	Lorraine Pichette	8	3	103
	Eric Baloga	6	3	85
Diamond				
	Denis Audette	8	6	126
	George Beehler	8	3	106

# **Monochrome Prints**

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Anne Shannon	4	4	60
Silver				
S S.	Silvia Greco	8	7	125
Gold				
	William Stokes	8	6	120
	Kirk Stokes	8	3	101
	Lorraine Pichette	8	2	91
	Eric Baloga	4	2	53
Diamond				
	Terry Babij	8	6	126
	George Beehler	8	3	114

#### **Christmas Dinner Dec 20th 2010**





# **Competition Scores**

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# **Digital Images**

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Jan Maklak	8	8	122
	Laurie Hunter-Rees	8	7	111
	Ed Sweeney	6	5	88
	Chuck Martyk	6	5	80
	Melissa Schumacher	6	4	77
	Adam Higgins	6	4	76
Silver				
	Henry Wojnarowski	8	6	113
	Doug Banas	8	6	113
	Terry Rotella	6	4	80
Gold				
	Denis Audette	8	7	125
	Danny Dickenson	8	6	119
	Lorraine Pichette	8	6	118
	Denis Grantham	8	5	111
	Cliff Empey	8	2	97
	Eric Baloga	6	5	93
	Terry Babij	4	2	60
	Jacqueline Kennedy	4	2	56
Diamond				
	Scott Simons	8	8	143
	Sharon Murray	8	6	126
	Laura Cardwell	8	5	122
	Chris Empey	8	5	120
	Karen Fulham	8	5	120

# Monthly Print & Digital Competition #4 Dec 20th 2010





Members viewing Print Competition Entries



# Niagara Falls Camera Club 2010-2011 Program Guide

# 2010 September

Paul Sparrow, Latow Guild, with Leslie Khan



## 2010 October

Manny LoPresto Science Museum

CC



### 2010 November

Dee Cunningham

South Towns CC



#### 2010 December



Members' Critique night

## 2011 January

- 3 "Colour, getting it right: Tools and workflow for true colour"
  - Terry Babij, NFCC
- 9 \*\* Deadline for Digital Images
- 17\* Monthly Print & Digital
  Competition #5

# 2011 February

- 7 "Photo Images"Mike DiBattista, Photographer,Niagara Falls Review
- 21 \*\* Deadline for Digital Images
- 25 27th NFRCC Convention Niagara Falls, NY
- 28\* Monthly Print & Digital Competition #6

### 2011 March

- 7 Members' Night
- 21 Slide and Print of the Year Competition

# 2011 April

- 12 Rainbow Competition hosted by TCCC
- 23 Annual Awards Banquet
  (Please note this is a new date for the Banquet).

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<sup>\*</sup> Prints – bring your prints in on the evening of the monthly competition.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Digital – email two images to Chris at cempey @NiagaraFallsCameraClub.org by the deadline date shown (second Sunday before the competition night.)