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#### **President's Message**

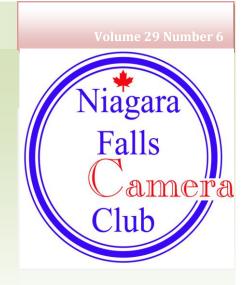
## From the President

Only one more monthly competition to go in our 2015-16 season-where has the year gone? However, the fun is far from over- our end-of-year competition is happening on Monday, March 21. Choose four of your best images of the 2015-16 year (September to February) to enter in our Digital/Print of the Year Competition. That's four digital images, four colour prints, and/or four monochrome prints, depending on what division you've been competing in. Choose your highest scorers, or, simply choose your favourites. The fun thing about this competition is that sometimes the status quo gets overturned- you may be surprised at who comes out on top! So don't hesitate to enter even if you feel you haven't done well all year. Different judges, different eyes...

Peter Ferguson from the Welland Camera Club will be joining us on February 1st to share some of his techniques for award winning bird images. On March 7, Darren Creighton will explore the world of black and white photography. And, of course, our Digital Image/Print of the Year Competition on March 21st and the annual Rainbow Competition and potluck (hosted by us) on April 4th. Mark your calendars - April 30 is the date for our annual Awards Banquet to be held at Betty's Restaurant. There's still lots of winter left to go , so don't just endure it, embrace it! Cold weather photography has its own set of challenges- frigid temperatures can take their toll on your gear. Just a few things to remember in order to protect your equipment and get the most out of winter photography:

- Remember to take extra batteries as they drain twice as fast when the temperature dips below 0 degrees C. Keep your spares in a pocket where body heat can keep them warm. I've also found that a dying battery can be revived for a little while longer by a little application of body heat. Remember that certain camera functions like image stabilization and live view use up more battery power.
- If your camera is not weatherproof, protect it from rain, sleet and snow by enclosing it in a plastic rain sleeve, or in a pinch, a plastic bag with a hole torn out of it for the lens to peek through. Or wrap a scarf around it.
- Taking a cold camera suddenly into a warm environment can cause condensation both outside and inside (not so good) of your camera. I always carry an extra large Ziploc freezer bag in my camera bag. Before going inside, take out the battery and memory card, place the camera in the bag. Condensation will form on the bag, not the camera. I let my camera warm up gradually in its protective plastic bag (which is inside the camera bag/backpack as well).

Happy Shooting and stay warm!





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Image below is from the model shoot at the club on October 4, 2015. More images on the last page!



<u>DIGITAL IMAGE/PRINT OF THE YEAR:</u> For the digital image/print of the year competition, please go through your previous digital and print submissions from this years competition entries and choose 4 from each of digital entries, colour prints and monochrome prints. All entries are to be as they were when entered into competition originally, **no** 

#### **FEBRUARY 2016**

1-Peter Ferguson is currently the competitions director and vice president of the Welland Camera Club. He has been persistently photographing nature since he retired from a career in education in 1999. Peter will share many of his bird images and explain the process he has undergone over the past 15 years in order to achieve some success with these somewhat flighty subjects

22-Montly Digital/Print Competition #6

#### **MARCH 2016**

corrections or adjustments are allowed.

7-For the Love of B & W Photography by Darren Creighton

21-DIGITAL IMAGE/PRINT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

#### **APRIL 2016**

4-THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RAINBOW COMPETITION HOSTED BY THE NFCC.

8-10 -CanAm Photo Expo 2016 for more info visit: www.canamphotoexpo.com

#### STANDINGS 2015/2016 As of February 1, 2016, Comp#5

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#### Monthly Digital Image standings as of Feb 1,2016 Competition #5

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### Images from the Model Shoot Night at the club Oct 4/15







