

In Focus

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President's Message

We have made it through the first month of 2012 and how many have held to their resolutions? The speaker line-up for the

NFRCC conference looks great. There are so many good topics covered over the 3 days March 16-18. There is so much photographic information packed into the 3 days for the relatively small investment of \$130. The registration includes a lunch and the awards banquet on Saturday along with 3 special speakers, cannot really call them all keynote and 11 others. This convention looks as if it will have something for almost everyone. We will have images in the Golden Horseshoe competition on Friday night. The closing presentation "Illuminating Creativity" will be delivered on Sunday morning by John Paul Caponigro, an amazing photographer and artist. Registration forms are available online at www.nfrcc.org or by using the forms that we'll have available at our meetings.

As a follow on to the January club workshop. Adobe has released Lightroom 4 as a public Beta. In other words Adobe will release LR4 as a full version shortly. The Beta may still have a few bugs and will be free to use until March 31, 2012. It is a full operating version. Several people were interested in the Lightroom book I had. Scott Kelby has reduced the price since he probably has many and with LR4 on the calendar, time to reduce obsolescence. He is selling the book for \$20 vs the \$50 it used to be. I posted my note on the NFCC Facebook page and on the Club website, on the Blogroll.

Start picking your images for the Print and image of the year competition in March. You can only enter images entered in the 2011-12 season as they were presented.

Terry Babij, President

February's Program

"Underwater photography"

We have two presenters for this evening, Paul Walker and Kevin Smith. They are both avid scuba divers and underwater photographers. One of those times when two pastimes interact perfectly. The evening will include a display of the type of equipment they use (photo below shows some of their setup). It will also include a presentation of some of their work selected from diving locations both here in Canada and also in some very exotic locations. You'll be tempted to go out and get your scuba diving certification after this program!



A typical underwater camera housing.

We welcome Paul and Kevin to our meeting on February 6th

Niagara Falls Library, Morrison & Victoria. 7:00 pm (Refreshments at 6:30 pm)

Monthly Competition Scores. September 2011 - January 2012

Colour Prints

Group	<u>Name</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Awards</u>	Score
Bronze				
	Jim Koniar	8	8	113
	Scott Watson	7	6	98
	Jim Arcangeletti	4	4	60
Silver				
	Anne Shannon	10	9	149
	Bill Feder	10	6	135
	Chuck Martyk	10	6	111
Gold				
	Silvia Greco	10	6	149
	Kirk Stokes	10	5	136
	William Stokes	10	5	135
	Lorraine Pichette	10	5	129
	Eric Baloga	8	5	115
	Terry Rotella	5	2	66
Diamond				
	Chris Empey	10	8	166
	George Beehler	10	4	141
	Terry Babij	10	4	140
	Karen Fulham	10	3	135
	Jennie Grant	10	2	117

Annual Banquet

We are not too far away now from our annual banquet. Make a note on your calendar for **April 28**th

Karen Fulham will have more information

as we get closer to the date.



Monochrome Prints

Group	<u>Name</u>	Entries	Awards	<u>Score</u>
Bronze				
	Scott Watson	8	8	124
	Bill Feder	4	3	55
	Jim Koniar	1	1	16
Silver				
	Anne Shannon	10	8	141
Gold				
	Silvia Greco	10	9	159
	Kirk Stokes	10	6	140
	Lorraine Pichette	10	3	126
	Eric Baloga	8	3	105
Diamond				
	George Beehler	10	7	149
	Terry Babij	10	5	144
	William Stokes	8	2	103



Doug Banas sent me this link for Red River papers: http://www.redrivercatalog.com/email/jan-12-1.html

They also have on the same web site, 12 Inkjet printing tips for 2012. They also have some Photo Links that could be useful to all of us as they cover the whole gamut of photography.

Thanks Doug for the reference!

Monthly Competition Scores September 2011 - January 2012

Digital Images

Group	<u>Name</u>	Entries	<u>Awards</u>	Score
Bronze				
	Cindy Phillips	10	10	148
	Jim Arcangeletti	10	9	147
	Jane Kretschmer	10	8	134
	Jim Koniar	10	8	131
Silver				
	Melissa Schumacher	10	9	153
	Jan Maklak	10	8	149
	Laurie Rees	10	8	147
	Charles Martyk	10	5	124
Gold				
	Eric Baloga	10	9	166
	Terry Babij	10	10	165
	Cliff Empey	10	6	136
	Lorraine Pichette	10	5	135
	Doug Banas	10	4	132
	Denis Grantham	10	3	121
	Terry Rotella	6	4	85
Diamond				
	Scott Simons	10	10	177
	Laura Cardwell	10	7	151
	Chris Empey	10	5	148
	Karen Fulham	10	5	145
	Denis Audette	10	5	141

Members' Night

Our March 5th program meeting is Member's Night. This is a night we provide for members to present a 5-7 minute slide show or presentation. The subject is up to you and it does not have to be the finest production quality. There are many free and simple programs to put slideshows together. Bring your files and program on a flash drive or cd to the meeting and we will present it. You are also invited to bring in a print and/or a digital file that has not been entered into competition. They will be voted on by the members in attendance.

NFRCC 51st Anniversary Convention



Just a reminder that it is just a few weeks now to the NFRCC Annual Convention. As always there will be a number of excellent speakers, a chance to meet old friends again, and also enjoy the Saturday night Banquet!

Where: Niagara Falls Conference Center

101 Old Falls St., Niagara Falls, NY 14303

When: March 16th - 18th, 2012

Cost: \$130.00 for all three days.

Details are available at the convention web site http://www.nfrcc.org/convention. If you haven't yet registered you can do this at http://www.nfrcc.org/sales

See Terry's message on page 1 for more details!



PhotoEd is a Canadian magazine concentrating on photography Education. Its philosophy is about motivation, inspiration and passion in photography. They put out three issues a year. (Web site http://www.photoed.ca).

The spring/summer 2012 issue of *PhotoEd* Magazine will showcase the work of camera clubs in Canada. Felix Russo, the Publisher and Editor, has sent us a request for submission of our members' work. We need to send 12 - 16 images approx. 5 inches x 7 inches at 300 ppi. This is approx. equivalent to 1600 x 2500 pixels. We also are asked to send full name and contact information on each photographer, including email address. In talking directly to Felix he affirms that only names will be displayed next to each image published, and that images are submitted on a "on-time usage only basis", and that copyright is fully retained by the photographer.

If you wish to help showcase our club, send an image for possible inclusion as part of the club submission. Please send the image and contact information by email to Terry@terrybabij.com on or before Feb. 10th, 2012. Images will be selected and submitted to *PhotoEd* on or before the deadline of Feb. 24th 2012.

Niagara Falls Camera Club 2011-2012 Program Guide

2011 September

Dermot O'Kane
"Landscape
Photography"



2011 October

Leigh Daboll, Welland CC

"The Niagara Insider's Guide to Fifty Photo Day Trips"



2011 November

Peter Ferguson Welland CC

"Before you Click the Shutter"



2011 December

Paul Sparrow, Latow Guild

"Composition"



2012 January

Workshop sponsored by NFCC members.

Presentations by:

Karen Fulham Eric Baloga Terry Babij

2012 February

- 6 "Under the Surface"Paul Walker & Kevin Smith,Welland CC
- 19 ** Deadline for Digital Images
- 27* Monthly Digital & Print Competition #6

2012 March

- 5 Members' Night
- 16 18th NFRCC Spring Convention Niagara Falls, NY
- 19 Digital and Print of the Year Competition

2012 April

- 2 23rd Rainbow Competition hosted by NFCC
- 28 Annual Awards Banquet

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- * Prints bring your prints in on the evening of the monthly competition.
- ** Digital email two images to Chris at *cempey@NiagaraFallsCameraClub.org* by the deadline date shown (second Sunday before the competition night).