



In Focus

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President's Message

Greetings one and all, I am writing this as I wait for the 160 images I captured this morning to download into Lightroom, a longish and

patient, trying process. It was a wonderful crisp and clear morning with much frost on pumpkins if I were to have seen one.

It appears our club has had one of the best starts in years. There is a lot of activity at our meetings and online. We are seeing some great entries in the first two monthly competitions. Hope is you will pick up pointers to help make your images more powerful. It's like spinach for your mind and camera! Where else do you look for inspiration??

Our Facebook page is taking on a life of its own thanks to the contributions of many. Jan Maklak has posted a challenge to invest 15 minutes a day on photography and posting a selected image weekly in a folder on our Facebook Group page. If you are on Facebook it is easy to join our group. Search "Niagara Falls Camera Club" in Facebook and join our group.

Jan Maklak is also attempting to have a common meeting place on Saturday mornings to go out and find good places to shoot together as a group. Join in or post a spot you want to go and shoot. We are all looking for new or a different perspective on the familiar. Feel free to contribute to our newsletter and send your stories to Denis Grantham e-mail dgrantham@NiagaraFallsCameraClub.org Keep a camera with you, you WILL be disappointed if you are without! Keep clicking.

Terry Babij, President

November's Program

"Before you click the Shutter"



Peter Ferguson is currently the President of the Welland Camera Club and has been an active member there for the past four years. He is also one of the three active Diamond level photographers within the club.

Since Peter retired from teaching in 1999 he has been avidly photographing all aspects of nature with a special affection for Algonquin Park. Many of his images have been donated to the park archives and are used regularly in park publications and promotional material.

Peter has lived in Fonthill with his wife Lynda for the past 11 years and spends a majority of his time exploring the local nature habitats.

In tonight's program we will see a variety of material that will showcase many of Peter's interests as he shares with us his tips and techniques for widening our photographic horizons.

Come and enjoy Peter's presentation, Monday evening, November 7th. At the Niagara Falls Public Library LaMarsh Room, 4848 Victoria Avenue. Meet and Greet at 6:30pm and the meeting proper at 7:00pm.

Monthly Competition Scores - October 2011

Colour Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Jim Koniar	4	4	56
	Scott Watson	4	2	39
Silver				
	Anne Shannon	4	4	62
	Bill Feder	4	1	46
	Chuck Martyk	2	1	29
Gold				
	Kirk Stokes	4	3	60
	Eric Baloga	4	2	56
	Silvia Greco	4	1	51
	William Stokes	4	1	49
	Terry Rotella	2	1	28
	Lorraine Pichette	2	0	21
Diamond				
	Chris Empey	4	2	60
	George Beehler	4	2	56
	Karen Fulham	4	1	51
	Jennie Grant	4	0	41
	Terry Babij	2	1	31

Monochrome Prints

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Scott Watson	4	4	61
	Bill Feder	4	3	55
Silver				
	Anne Shannon	4	2	49
Gold				
	Silvia Greco	4	4	64
	Eric Baloga	4	1	49
	Kirk Stokes	3	1	38
	Lorraine Pichette	2	0	23
Diamond				
	William Stokes	4	2	57
	George Beehler	4	2	56
	Terry Babij	2	0	23



N.F.C.C. ANNUAL Christmas Potluck

Join us on Monday, December 19th at 5:30pm in the LaMarsh Room for our annual feast! Feel free to bring a friend or "significant other"!

Check out the signup sheet on the coffee table at each meeting

before the December 19th meeting. Let Karen Fulham know what you will be bringing. On the Potluck night, bring your food between 5pm and 5:30pm for setup. We will be eating at 5:30pm sharp. Following the dinner, we will be holding our December competition at 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there!



Monthly Competition Scores

October 2011

Digital Images

Group	Name	Entries	Awards	Score
Bronze				
	Cindy Phillips	4	4	66
	Jim Koniar	4	3	50
	Jane Kretschmer	4	2	48
Silver				
	Laurie Rees	4	4	65
	Melissa Schumacher	4	4	62
	Jan Martyk	4	3	56
	Charles Martyk	4	2	50
Gold				
	Doug Banas	4	3	61
	Terry Rotella	4	3	59
	Cliff Empey	4	3	56
	Denis Grantham	4	1	48
	Terry Babij	2	2	33
	Lorraine Pichette	2	2	32
Diamond				
	Scott Simons	4	4	71
	Denis Audette	4	3	63
	Chris Empey	4	2	58
	Karen Fulham	4	2	57
	Laura Cardwell	4	1	50

As editor I am always looking for Newsletter content. If you have an idea or suggestion, send me an email.

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Denis Grantham
Editor, In Focus



NFRCC Annual Fall Seminar

Subject: Photo Optimization Workflow

When: Saturday, November 19th 2011.

Where: Michael's Banquet Facility

4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY 14075

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm Registration at 8:00am

Cost: \$45.00 US/Cdn. Lunch Included



The Seminar features Tim Grey. Tim is one of the top educators in digital photography and imaging, offering clear guidance on complex subjects through his writing and speaking.

He has written more than a dozen books on digital imaging for photographers.

In this full-day seminar you'll see the full workflow Tim employs for optimizing photographic images to make them look their best.

The presentation will begin with an overview of Adobe Photoshop Lightroom, demonstrating some of the organ-

Almost here! This Seminar is this month, so it's time to go online and order your tickets!

izational tools that can prove very beneficial to any photographer. Tim will then move into Photoshop, demonstrating his workflow for applying basic adjustments, performing image cleanup, and applying advanced and creative adjustments. The focus will be on a flexible and non-destructive workflow, the best approach to tasks you'll perform on a regular basis, and the information you need to improve your image optimization skills.

Tim will also make time to address questions from the audience, helping to ensure everyone walks away more knowledgeable and confident about their ability to produce great photographic images using digital tools.

To download a registration form go to: www.nfrcc.org

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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

7 - "Before you Click the Shutter"
Peter Ferguson, Welland CC

13 - ** Deadline for Digital Images

19 - NFRCC Annual Fall Seminar
Hamburg, NY
featuring Tim Grey

21* - **Monthly Digital & Print
Competition #3**

2011 December

5 - "Composition"
Paul Sparrow,
Latow Guild

11 - ** Deadline for Digital Images

19 - **Christmas Potluck**

19* - **Monthly Digital & Print
Competition #4**

2012 January

9 - "Workshop sponsored
by NFCC"

15 - ** Deadline for Digital Images

23* - **Monthly Digital & Print
Competition #5**

2012 February

6 - "Under the Surface"
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).