

IN FOCUS

Message From the President

The popularity of digital photography has exploded in the past decade, and as a result the internet and print media have been flooded with images. The resolution of our digital cameras keeps getting better and better, with our image editing software opening up more and more creative possibilities every year. There is some absolutely stunning work out there by both pro and amateur photographers, and it's often hard to tell the difference between the two. The sheer volume of photographic excellence on display at any given time can lead you to say to yourself, "I'll never be that good" or "I'll never be able to learn how to do that" and maybe even consider giving up on photography.

The fact is, many of the shooters whose work we admire started out as amateurs, and many are self-taught. They honed their skills by trial and error, learned from their mistakes, and kept shooting, shooting, shooting. The constructive criticism gained at competition night will go a long way towards improving your photographic skills. A club competition can be fun, but is a valuable learning tool. Don't let the success of others discourage you, let it inspire you to do better. Also, there is a wealth of information out there from photographers willing to share their knowledge with others via the internet. It's not rocket science- it's photography! (What I tell myself when I'm trying to learn a new technique).

Photographer Bill Fortney expressed this idea very well in his blog "Why Bother?" Check it out at <http://billfortney.com/?p=6176>

My favourite quote from Bill -" I have only one photographic goal; to be better tomorrow than I am today, and love every minute of the journey!"

Join us on Monday, October 3 for "Postcards from the Park" , an evening of nature and wildlife photography presented by Peter Ferguson, of the Welland Camera Club. Peter will share his most successful images of Algonquin Park over the years and the stories behind the images.

Karen Fulham





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October 3rd

Join us this Monday October 3rd (tomorrow!) for Postcards from the Park by Peter Ferguson featuring images of Algonquin Park

Oct 17th Monthly Slide & Print Competition #2

Oct 29th NFRCC Fall Seminar Featuring Dan Hughes

<http://www.nfrcc.org/fall-seminar> for tickets and more information

Nov 7th Travel – How to get the most enjoyment out of your Photographic Journey by Steve Dent

November 28th Monthly Slide & Print Competition

December 5th Winter Photography by Mike Dziak

December 19th Monthly Slide & Print Competition #4, and Christmas Potluck

Here are a couple of images taken of our display set up at the library for the month of September.



**COLOUR PRINTS-
SEPT 2016**

BRONZE	Entries	HA	Score
Diane Falconer	2	2	29

SILVER	Entries	HA	Score
Anita Hubbard	2	2	34
Paula Chiassun	2	2	32

GOLD	Entries	HA	Score
Nora Mathewson	2	2	33
Larry Mathewson	2	COLOUR PRINTS:	30
Bill Feder	2	1	25
Derek Bottomley	2		23

DIAMOND	Entries	HA	Score
Christine Hess	2	2	33
Charles Martyk	2		23
Lorraine Pichette	2		23

B&W PRINTS:

BRONZE	Entries	HA	Score
Diane Falconer	1	1	13

SILVER	Entries	HA	Score
Anita Hubbard	2	2	34
Paula Chiassun	2	1	28

GOLD	Entries	HA	Score
Nora Mathewson	2	2	36
Larry Mathewson	2	2	34
Bill Feder	2	1	28

DIAMOND	Entries	HA	Score
Christine Hess	2	2	34
Lorraine Pichette	2	1	29

DIGITAL IMAGES

<u>BRONZE</u>	Entries	HA	Score
Diane Falconer	2	2	31
Paula Chiassun	2	2	30

<u>SILVER</u>	Entries	HA	Score
Anita Hubbard	2	2	34
Piroska Bacso	2	2	34
Clay Morehead	2	2	33

<u>GOLD</u>	Entries	HA	Score
Larry Mathewson	2	2	36
Nora Mathewson	2	2	34
Charles Martyk	2	2	31
Cliff Empey	2	1	28
Lorraine Pichette	2	1	27
Jim Koniar	2	1	25

<u>DIAMOND</u>	Entries	HA	Score
Scott Simons	2	2	37
Chris Empey	2	2	33
Karen Fulham	2	2	33
Chris Hess	2	1	29
Derek Bottomley	2	1	28