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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

They say all photographers have done it at least once; the most annoying thing about it is that once should have been enough to prevent it, but obviously not so for me. On the last day of the Sunflower Festival at Howell's Farm, I grabbed my camera and headed out. Was lucky to find a parking spot, paid my admission, trekked out to the sunflower field and began happily shooting away. There's a particular kind of anguish you experience when you realize you left your camera card in the card reader attached to your desktop computer at home, and all of your extra cards are in your other camera bag. Too far from home and too pressed for time to make going back an option, I pulled out my trusty Canon point-and-shoot. I ended up with a few that I actually liked a lot and have potential. Which just goes to prove that the best camera is the one you've got with you at the time!

So with that story, I'd like to welcome everyone back to the 2019-20 Camera Club season, and hope that your summer months were full of exciting photo opportunities for whatever camera you brought with you. A special welcome to new



members joining for the first time; we're glad you've decided to let us share your photographic journeys with you. Hands-on learning, real live presenters and worthwhile feedback during our competitions offers much more than an online tutorial ever could. An added bonus of membership is the ability to attend any program in any of the member clubs within the NFRCC. (Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Club). It's been an active spring and

summer for our members who have participated in a few fun outings in spite of the club being on summer hiatus. We'll keep you posted on any upcoming field trips and outings in the near future. The Fall Seminar has finally come back to Canada this year. Mark your calendars, Saturday, November 9th at Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls. Don Komarechka is the featured speaker this year with his presentation, "Vision Beyond Seeing". Check it out at <http://www.nfrcc.org/fall-seminar> for more information.

Check out our Camera Club exhibit in the Rosberg Room of the Victoria Avenue Library for the month of September. As you will see, the photographic interests of our members are as diverse as the members themselves.

This season's lineup of presenters will include photographers who specialize in post processing, pet photography, kids, sports, and weddings. Join us Sept 9 as Andy Glavac kicks off the season with "Street Photography". Hope to see everyone there!

~ Karen Fulham

NFCC PROGRAM

2019

September 9	Capture Life on the Street, by Andy Glavac
September 23	1st Print and Digital Image Competition
October 7	Studio night at Doug Hansgate's. This will be a field trip to Doug's studio in Tonawanda NY. Bring your camera, as we will have models in several different lighting setups in an actual working pro's studio.
October 28	2nd Print and Digital Image Competition
November 4	A Little bit of Everything in the Wedding Business By Charles Vandersluys All the tools you need to take on your wedding assignment. Including posing ideas as well as marketing. Also a Q&A session.
November 9	NFRCC Fall Seminar Featuring Don Komarechka See http://www.nfrcc.org/vision-beyond-seeing-with-don-komarechka/ for details
November 18	3rd Print and Digital Image Competition
December 2	Fur-tography, by Karen Black of Indigo Pet Photography. The art and magic of capturing great images of your furry friends. Learn tips and tricks for impactful portraits of your pets from a professional pet photographer.
December 16	4th Print and Digital Image Competition and Christmas Potluck Dinner

2020

January 6	Facial Retouching, by Doug Hansgate. Learn the fine art of facial retouching by a local master. Doug will focus on skin and eyes.
January 20	5th Print and Digital Image Competition
February 3	Photographing Kids by Nadia Trappasso Green of Dreams and Tales Fine Art Photography. Learn to capture children in a beautiful and natural way. We will focus on working with the light, finding the best angles and how to bring out real moments that capture the personality of the child you are photographing.
February 24	6th Print and Digital Image Competition
March 2	Sports Photography by Pete Methner Port Colborne CC. If it doesn't challenge you, you won't get better.
March 23	Print and Digital Image of the Year Competition
TBA	Rainbow Competition with Twin Cities Camera Club. Hosted by NFCC
April 24 – 26	CanAm Photo Expo - See https://www.canamexpo.com/ for details
TBA	Awards Ceremony

CLUB OUTINGS

We are so happy to say that the turnout at outings have been fantastic! The success of such events are completely dependent on your attendance, and the feedback on past events has been wonderfully positive!

We have had a busy photographic year at NFCC, with champagne breakfast shoots, to late night stargazing, to twirling steelwool to capturing soft whispery waterfalls... and this sort of fun photography will continue this new club season.

As usual, I will create the upcoming event on the NFCC Facebook Group, if you have not joined, please do so,

as well as here in our newsletter. It is important that you RSVP and change your "Interested or Maybe Going" status to a more definitive one as the date approaches. This saves us time on location waiting around, if you are a no-show as it takes away from the shoot time of the group.

We also invite you to share your Outing pictures on the Facebook Group and if you would like them to be included in our monthly newsletter, please pop them over to me.

Thank you for your continued support.

~Shiree Jetha

"JUST
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SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 Niagara Butterfly Conservatory 10am-3pm

Opportunity to photograph over 45 specie of butterfly, lots of fauna and flora and some water features to capture.

Admission is \$16.

Parking is available.

We will meet at the entrance at 9:45am and you are welcome to stay as long as you want. A snack bar is available for refreshments.



DRINKS AT
CLANCY'S
RESTAURANT
AND SPORTS BAR

5233 Stanley Avenue
(corner of ValleyWay)
Niagara Falls, Ontario

MEETUP IS
SCHEDULED
STRAIGHT AFTER
EVERY CLUB
MEETING.

See You There!

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?

Part of serving you better, is listening to your suggestions and feedback.

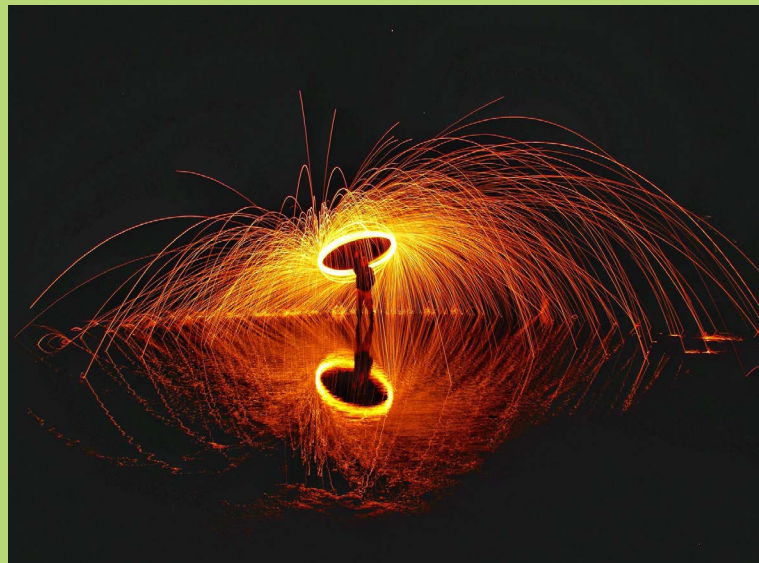
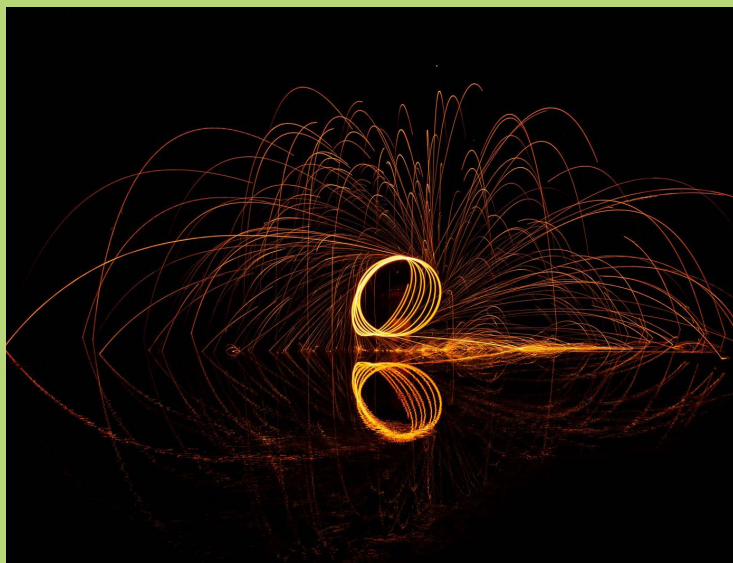
Please feel free to contact me if you have a great locale in mind for the club to enjoy.



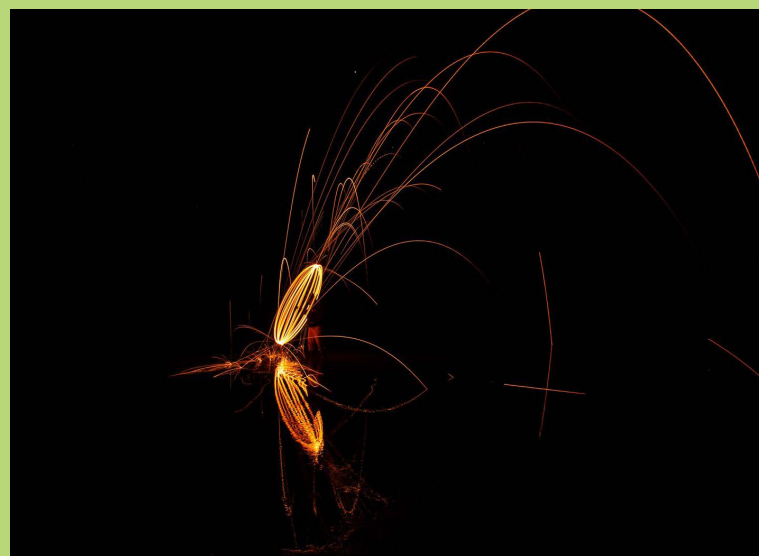
CLUB OUTINGS

STEELWOOL SPINNING

Photo Credit Left to Right: Larry Mathewson, Michelle Stranges, Scott Simons, Scott Simons, Michelle Stranges



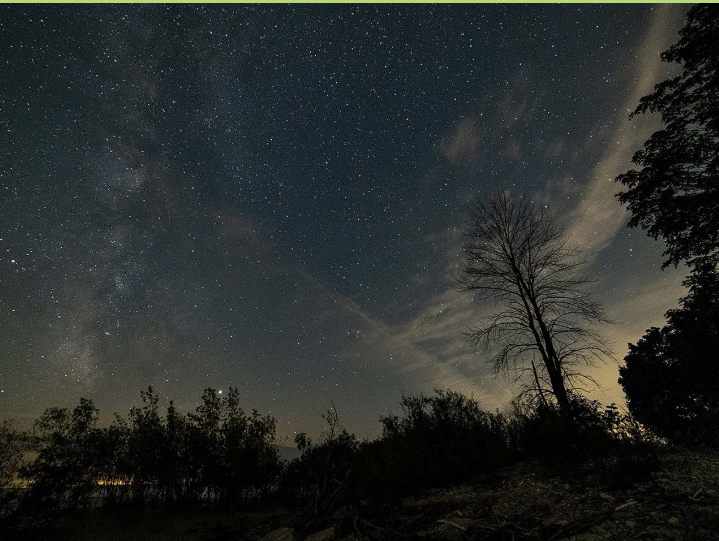
The Steelwool Spinning Outing was held twice due to high interest, at Wainfleet Wetlands. The event was led by our very own experienced spinner, Scott Simons, who was there to assist all in attendance. The turnout was amazing and the photographs made those nights, speak for themselves.



CLUB OUTINGS

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY

Photo Credit Left to Right: Eric Baloga, Michelle Stranges, Scott Simons, Piroska Basco, Karen Fulham



CLUB OUTINGS

PHOTO CREDIT: Karen Fulham (Wainfleet Wetlands), Ron Planche (Sherman Falls); Larry mathewson (Niagara Falls Fireworks); Scott Simons (Fort Eerie Racetrack), Shiree Jetha (50 Points Champagne Breakfast Shoot)



SUMMER CHALLENGE 2019

SUMMER CHALLENGE IS OPEN TO ALL.

The Rules Are Simple:

- Photograph each of the 6 subjects between now and September 30th.
- Size them to 1920 pixels (wide) x 1080 pixels (tall).
- Save your images as JPGs, sRGB color space.
- Please name your files with the subject number and your name. Example "4 Chris Empey"
- Email those 6 images to cempey@NiagaraFallsCameraClub.org no later than Midnight, September 30th.
- All the submissions will then be compiled into a slideshow and will be shown at the Christmas Potluck meeting of the Niagara Falls Camera Club, December 16, 2019 and will then be posted to YouTube and our website for online viewing.
- Submissions are open to everyone, not only camera club members

~ Chris Empey and Scott Simons

#1 Flowers Outside

Niagara is home to many locations for flower photography, from the Niagara Falls Botanical Gardens and Queen Victoria Park to many locations for wild flowers. For this challenge, photograph a flower (or flowers) outside away from your home.

2 A Composite Image

We would like to see your creativity and a little bit of Photoshop skill with this challenge. You will need to come up with an idea, photograph at least two different images and then combine them into a composite, final image. All parts of this photograph must be shot after the start of the challenge.

#3 A Photo from One of Our Outings

We will be holding several outings over the course of the summer and we want to see a photo from one of these outings. Be sure to watch our Facebook page for notice of the outings.

#4 In The Forest

Forests have a wonderful charm to them. The way the light filters through the canopy, plants that require the shade the trees provide, and mossy rocks that you won't find in the sun. Show us your photo taken in a forest.

#5 Brock's Monument

Show us a photo that includes Brock's Monument. Be creative.

#6 McBain Center Skate Park

Not your normal park, this park is concrete and metal, with curves, hills and graffiti. Show off your photography from this location.

MEMBER COMPETITION LEVELS

2019-2020

Congratulations to all our competing club members! Here are your level status for the new season of competitions. Best of luck to all. Competitions for are paid club members and are held on the third Monday of each month.

Please consult the Member's Handbook for the rules of submission or feel free to talk with our Digital and Print Competition Chairpeople. They are always willing to help!

~ *Larry Mathewson And Lorraine Pichette*

	DIGITAL	COLOR PRINTS	MONOCHROME PRINTS
BRONZE	Sarah Tracie Simone Gomes	Dave Merrow Gino Biancaniello	
SILVER	Ron Planche Dave Merrow Joni Carpenter Michael Beetham Richard Grant	Ron Planche	Ron Planche
GOLD	Shiree Jetha Liz Masse Jan DiMartino Anita Hubbard Dave Robinson Paula Chiasson Curtis Capuano Lorraine Pichette Jim Koniar Michelle Stranges Doug Banas Wiliam Feder	Shiree Jetha Bill Feder Dave Robinson	Shiree Jetha Dave Robinson
DIAMOND	Scott Simons Pat Lizmore Chris Empey Pearl Bacso Nora Mathewson Larry Mathewson Karen Fulham Laura Cardwell	Anita Hubbard Nora Mathewson Lorraine Pichette Larry Mathewson	Anita Hubbard Larry Mathewson Nora Mathewson Lorraine Pichette

MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2019-2020

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Karen Fulham

Vice President
Vacant

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Sharon Murray

Treasurer
Chris Empey

Prints Competition Chairperson
Lorraine Pichette

Digital Competition Chairperson
Larry Mathewson

Program Chairperson
Scott Simons

Newsletter Chairperson
Shiree Jetha

House Committee/Social Chairperson
Paula Cutler-Chiasson

Publicity Chairpeople
Chris Empey, Bill Feder

Outings Chairperson
Shiree Jetha

Webmaster
Chris Empey



From Left to Right: Lorraine Pichette, Bill Feder, Chris Empey, Sharon Murray, Scott Simons, Michelle Stranges, Larry Mathewson, Karen Fulham, Shiree Jetha, Paula Cutler-Chiasson

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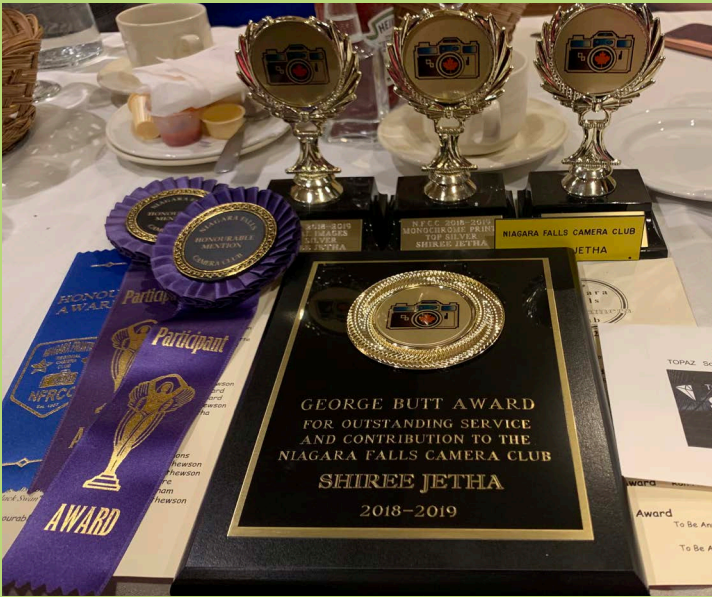
Scott Simons, Chris Empey, Paula Cutler-Chiasson, Shiree Jetha, Eric Baloga, Terry Babij

AWARDS BANQUET 2019

Special Thanks To Our In-House Photographer, Leslie Khan



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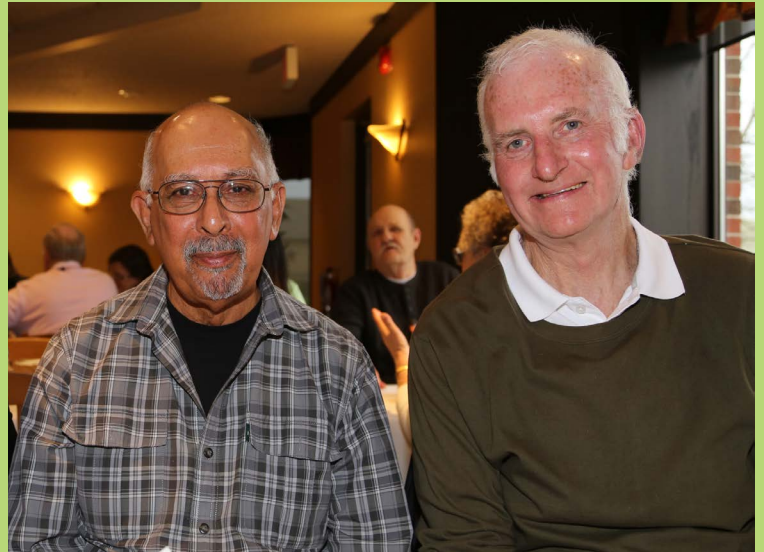
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THE BANQUET AFTER PARTY

BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE ROLL ...

DOC MAGILLIGAN'S RESTAURANT & IRISH PUB



MEMBERSHIP DUES

2019-2020

\$45

PAYABLE TO
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB

CHEQUE OR CASH

PLEASE SEE CHRIS EMPEY



MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

- Attend all regular NFCC meetings and workshops
- Participate in monthly competitions in which Digital Images and Prints are evaluated and awarded, suggestions for improvement are provided
- Attend regular meetings of any of the other camera clubs comprising the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs.

WELCOME BACK,
EVERYONE.