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## President's Message

Welcome back to our returning members and a special welcome to our new members. It will certainly be great to see each other again and also, to meet some new friends.

It's been a busy summer, with the closing of the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Club, the Executive has made the decision to join CAPA, the Canadian Association for Photographic Art. Among other things, this will allow us to compete on a Canada wide level with other clubs from coast to coast. It also allows us to share the CAPA magazine electronically with all of our members which will keep you informed about photography events, techniques and equipment from a Canadian perspective.

Speaking of change, I'm sure by now, that most of you have noticed our name change to Niagara Association of Photographic Art or NAPA for short. This will get us away from the preconceived stuffiness of the Camera Club handle. It also allows us to make a statement about photography as an art form in our name. You will still see documents etc. with our old name on it, but we will be phasing it out over time as we transition everything to NAPA.

Karen Fulham has been working hard this summer to ensure we have a great schedule of meetings lined up. Making sure we have a range of topics to please everyone is no easy task. Thanks for all the hard work Karen. Looking forward to a great and interesting season ahead.

The NAPA Fall Seminar featuring Roman Kurywczak is October 14, 2023 here at Fireman's Park Hall. You will be hearing a lot about this in the coming weeks. We are expecting a large crowd that day with photographers from both sides of the border. With that being said, we will be looking for volunteers to help out. Our own Virginia Stranaghan is heading this event up and will be giving more details at our meetings. Thanks for all the hard work Virginia, we couldn't do it without you.

I'm looking forward to getting re acquainted with everyone this season and seeing the results of your photographic efforts over the past summer. All in all, we are poised to have great season ahead of us. With your help and backing, it will definitely happen.

Scott Simons

NAPA President

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## Name Change

### About our Name Change

Since 1954 the Niagara Falls Camera Club has been meeting for interested persons to learn, enjoy, discuss and explore photography.

Over the years, the club has met in various locations until 1975 when it found a new home in the LaMarsh Room at the Niagara Falls Public Library, Victoria Avenue. In 2022 we moved again to our current meeting place at the Stamford Centre Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall at Fireman's Park.

The club was one of the founding clubs of the former Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs which ended operations in June.

In 2023, the NFCC changed its name from The Niagara Falls Camera Club to the Niagara Association of Photographic Art (NAPA) and debuted an updated website to reflect the new name, [NiagaraPhoto.org](http://NiagaraPhoto.org). As we've met different people throughout our travels, we've found there was a thought that a camera club was for a bunch of old people talking about their equipment and for potential new members, that idea seemed to be a deterrent to joining us. This change reflects the growing interest in photography as an art form and our focus on the image as opposed to the equipment used to create the image.

We are still the same club you have come to enjoy but are making some small but exciting changes that we hope are going to advance our group. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on our new name!

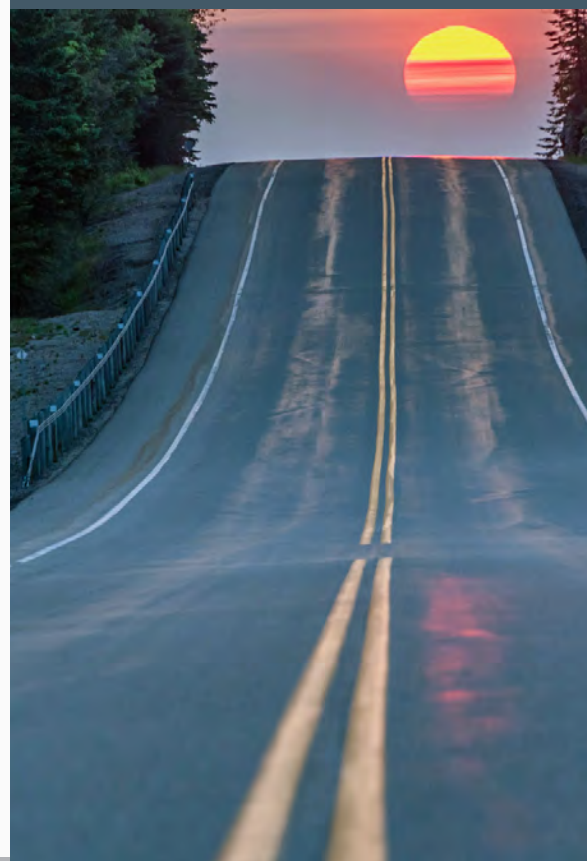
## Membership

Membership for our club is \$60 per person and \$100 for two adult members considered spouses. The membership dues can be paid by cash, cheque or by e-transfer. E-transfers can be emailed to Michelle at [mstranges@niagaraphoto.org](mailto:mstranges@niagaraphoto.org) - no password is required.

Membership is required to participate in Niagara Association of Photographic Art activities and we invite prospective guests to tryout the club for a few meetings.

"Photography  
is the story I  
fail to put  
into words."

DESTIN SPARKS







## Our Program

Monday, Sept. 11, 2023: Ray Lonsdale – “Waterfalls – Where and How”

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023: Monthly Competition #1

Monday, Oct. 2, 2023: Freaktography – Urban Explorer

Monday, Oct. 16, 2023: Monthly Competition #2

Monday, Nov. 6, 2023: Terry MacDonald – “My Own Back Yard – Photography Close to Home”

Monday, Nov. 20, 2023: Monthly Competition #3

Monday, Dec. 4, 2023: Donna Brok – “What’s in the Frame?”

Monday, Dec. 18, 2023: Christmas Party and Monthly Competition #4 - Early Start

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024: Macro/Tabletop Hands On Workshop

**Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024: Rob Stimpson- Following the “Group of Seven” Route (Virtual via Zoom)**

Monday, Jan. 29, 2024: Monthly Competition #5

Monday, Feb 5, 2024: “You Be the Judge”

Monday, Feb 12, 2024: Monthly Competition #6

**Thursday, Feb 15, 2024: “Capturing Motion”- Betsy Wilson (Virtual via Zoom)**

Monday, March 4, 2024: Jeff Barnes- “Photojournalism”

Monday, March 18, 2024: End of Year Competition

Monday April 8, 2024: Rainbow Competition

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM (refreshments at 6:30 PM) September through March at the SCVFA Hall on Mountain Road.

“The best thing about a picture is that it never changes, even when the people in it do.”

ANDY WARHOL





# Competition

PROJECTED IMAGES COMPETITION:FILE-NAMING RULES  
Digital files are to be named using the following five fields:  
Category, Level, Entry Number, Member's name & Image  
name.The fields are separated by the Underscore symbol ( \_ )

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Entry Category			Level	
Action	<b>A</b>		Bronze	<b>B</b>
Creative	<b>C</b>		Silver	<b>S</b>
Nature	<b>N</b>		Gold	<b>G</b>
Photojournalism	<b>J</b>		Diamond	<b>D</b>
Pictorial	<b>P</b>			
Portrait	<b>T</b>			

ENTRY NUMBERS: TWO DIGIT NUMBERS BETWEEN 01 AND 12

Month	September	October	November	December	January	February
Entry Number	01, 02	03, 04	05, 06	07, 08	09, 10	11, 12

The file naming format is:  
**Category\_Level\_Entry Number\_Member's Name\_Image Name**

For example:  
1.Mary Smith is a member entering her first competition. She titles her first entry as follows:

**P\_B\_01\_Mary Smith\_Lighthouse at Dusk**

2.John Henry is at the silver level and has a nature entry.It is his second entry in November (i.e. his 6th entry for the year) The file will be named as follows:

**N\_S\_06\_John Henry\_Snoopy Raccoon**

**You can email your entries to Larry Mathewson at [lmathewson@niagaraphoto.org](mailto:lmathewson@niagaraphoto.org)**





# One Day Seminar

**NAPA**  
NIAGARA ASSOCIATION  
OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART  
NiagaraPhoto.org

## Roman Kurywczak

October 14, 2023, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM



### Nature Inspired

The story of how a city boy from NJ came to enter this exciting field of photography, spending the last 30+ years capturing our world both near and far.



### Macro Redefined – Without a Tripod!

In this program, Roman will share with you all of his technical tips and tricks needed to take your close up photography to the next level without having to rely on a tripod.



### Photographing the Night Landscape

Open up your eyes to the possibility of photographing landscapes with the star filled sky as a backdrop!



### Photographing Birds – From Portraits to Flight

Roman covers everything from gear, to settings, and techniques, while also providing insight on some of the most common mistakes photographers make in this exciting field.

Tickets: \$60 CDN including lunch & refreshments

**Amplis** **TAMRON**  **Bell Arte Camera**  
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"A good  
photograph is  
knowing where  
to stand."

ANSEL ADAMS

