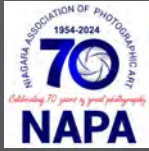


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Upcoming Programs

- ****Monday, February 3, 2025 - Freaktography – “4 Days in Saskatchewan: Ghost Towns, Abandoned Houses, Wild Fires and More”**
- Thursday, February 6, 2025 - Manfred Muller (via Zoom) CAPA presentation “Elevating your Photography”
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - Competition #6
- Thursday, February 20, 2025 - Frank Smith (via Zoom) – Architecture & the Art of Graphic Elements
- Saturday, February 22, 2025 - 10:00 am NIAGARA PARKS FLORAL SHOWHOUSE
- Monday, March 3, 2025 - Member’s Night
- Monday, March 17, 2025 - End of Year Competition
- April (TBD) - Rainbow Competition at TCCC

**** Freaktography - “4 Days in Saskatchewan: Ghost Towns, Abandoned Houses, Wild Fires and More”**

Freaktography- “4 Days in Saskatchewan: Ghost Towns, Abandoned Houses, Wild Fires and More” Dave of freaktography.com returns with a brand new presentation. Heading to Saskatchewan for four days of exploring, Dave travelled almost 3,000 km and visited 41 different sites of photographic interest. In his presentation he will take us through this adventure featuring the many photos taken along the way.

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Digital Competition

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Desmond Edwards	8	8	99
Bruce Horsburgh	8	8	92
Shaina Christopher	4	4	48
Tristan Christopher	4	4	47

Silver	Entries	Honour	Score
Doug Reilly	10	9	123
Suzanne Richards	10	9	122
Arpana Nautiyal	10	9	119
Bob Jones	10	9	118
John Telesz	8	8	110

Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Amy-Lynn Haskin	10	9	135
Henry Wojnarowski	10	9	133
Paula Chiasson	10	8	133
Virginia Macdonald	10	9	133
Linette Mori	10	9	132
Bruno Campagiomi	10	9	129
Michelle Stranges	10	9	129
Susan Dayboll	10	10	129
Kelly Herbert	10	8	127
Ron Wing	10	9	127
Molly Clarkson	10	9	125
Lorraine Pichette	10	7	123
Joni Carpenter	6	4	76

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Scott Simons	10	10	145
Chris Emprey	10	10	144
Ela Masse	10	9	138
Kathy Heykoop	10	8	138
Ruth Wanless	10	7	138
Ian Mather	10	9	136
Paula Cheese	10	7	135
Dave Bauer	10	5	134
Larry Mathewson	10	5	133
Nora Mathewson	10	7	133
Dave Mellow	10	5	132
Charles Vandersluys	10	7	130
Ron Planche	10	6	130
Stephen Hops	10	5	130
Karen Fulham	10	4	128
Pearl Basco	8	5	105
Christine Hess	6	6	78
Terry Rotella	4	3	56
Virginia Stranaghan	2	0	24

“To photograph truthfully and effectively is to see beneath the surfaces.”

ANSEL ADAMS



Ian Mather

Print Competition

Black & White/Mono

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Arpana Nautiyal	1	1	14
Silver	Entries	Honour	Score
Susan Dayboll	10	10	132
Doug Reilly	10	10	128
Stephen Hops	10	10	122
Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Lisa Kelly	10	5	123
Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Dave Merrow	10	9	136
Ron Planche	10	6	135
Ian Mather	6	5	78

Color

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Bruce Horsburgh	6	6	84
Aprana Nautiyal	7	5	85
Silver	Entries	Honour	Score
Doug Reilly	10	10	136
Susan Dayboll	10	10	134
Stephen Hops	10	10	130
Wendy Jenkinson	10	19	117
Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Lisa Kelly	10	9	131
Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Ron Planche	10	10	140
Dave Merrow	10	6	136
Ian Mather	10	7	134

"Photography is not about cameras, gadgets and gismos. Photography is about photographers. A camera didn't make a great picture any more than a typewriter wrote a great novel."

Peter Adams



Why photographers don't give **RAW** files to their clients

Outings

NIAGARA PARKS FLORAL SHOWHOUSE

Saturday, February 22, 2025 @ 10:00 am

NIAGARA PARKS FLORAL SHOWHOUSE

7145 Niagara River Pkwy, Niagara Falls

Explore this garden oasis, close to home, which has three main display houses, a stunning tropical foyer and seasonal shows. Collections of orchids, succulents, and other tropical plant species are on display throughout the year, along with floral shows that reflect the changing seasons. In February the feature is a Cyclamen display. With seven shows per year, something new is always in bloom. For more information: [Floral Showhouse \(niagaraparks.com\)](http://niagaraparks.com)

We will meet at the entrance at 10:00. Admission is \$8.00. Parking is \$30+ or free with a current Niagara Parking Pass. Lunch to follow at Queen's Coach Family Restaurant at 2845 St Paul Ave, Niagara Falls.

For more information on this or future outings contact, Imori@niagaraphoto.org



Alternate Photo Opportunity on February 23rd

Royal Botanical Gardens Orchid show and special creative floral display in the auditorium areas. Opening at 8 am-10 am for photographers. Tripods are allowed until 10 am and volunteers will assist where necessary.

Adult admission is \$19.50 Seniors \$16.50 plus HST. All inside gardens are accessible

Alice in Bloomfield is also on and has to be booked online ahead of time. with timed tickets.

Click [RBG - Events](#) for upcoming event news.

ON THE HORIZON

Saturday, March 29th 10 am. - Niagara Railway Museum in Fort Erie

Full-scale train and train car display indoors.

21 Warren St. Fort Erie, ON Cost- Minimum \$10 donation/person.

Lunch at the Barrel Restaurant. Contact Linette at Imori@niagaraphoto.org



Invisibili-TEA - Amy Haskin

“Creating a whimsical, creative composite photograph is a way that I like to express my imagination, capture a sense of wonder, or simply to make someone smile. This image is made from 4 photographs blended together in Photoshop. All images (the book with spoon and teabag, tea cup, legs and background) were photographed in the same lighting on the same day, this makes blending layers a breeze. The teacup was actually a coffee mug so I used the transform tool to squish it down to the size I wanted. Dodge and Burn introduced shape and depth to help make the layers blend seamlessly; it helped create a dimension to the legs and to make the teacup sitting atop look like it was casting a shadow down on both the book and the legs. The background is a photograph of fence boards – I put my lens on manual focus, defocused and took the pic. Lastly, I played with contrast and saturation and worked on the tones until it had the look I wanted and then moved over to Lightroom for some fine-tuning, adding a slight radial vignette to bring your eyes to the center. Creative composite photography is not everyone’s cup of tea but I love how it challenges me and teaches me new tricks and techniques in photo editing – I learn something new every time!”



Title: Frist Trip of the Day

Judge's Pick from the January Competition



Background:

These two fishermen were on the way past a maze of fish traps just after dawn, from a small fishing village near Huê, in central Vietnam. I love the layers, colours and the serenity of this shot. It's been hanging on my wall for a while.

The image was captured with a Nikon D800 and a Nikkor 28-85 lens at 85mm, f 11, 1/500 sec at ISO 200. There was very little post-processing done on this image, just some fine-tuning in Lightroom and a couple of small distractions removed with Photoshop.

Doug Reilly



BALLOON CLASSIC FESTIVAL Outing - July 25-27, 2025

The Balloon Classic is a free event and part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival. Dozens of hot air balloons are launched from the grounds of Kent State University at Stark State College.

The festival's schedule usually runs from 6:30 am to 10 pm on Friday and Saturday, featuring a morning lift-off, a Friday Night Glow, and an incredible firework show on Saturday evening. The main festivities begin at 4 pm on the first day of the festival, with food vendors available. The Night Glow normally takes place at 9 pm on Friday, dazzling the attendees with the beauty of glowing balloons.

The fireworks display unfolds around 10 pm on Saturday. Balloons usually launch in the early morning, from 6:30 am and in the evening, from 6 to 6:30 pm. After that, until 9 pm, you'll have a chance to go on a tethered balloon ride for \$25 US per person. A thrilling drone show takes place at 10 pm on Friday and at 9:40 pm on Saturday. There will be food and musical entertainment on both nights. Sunday's schedule only includes morning launches at 6:30 am. Parking after 3:30 pm near the festival grounds costs \$10.



Accommodations at: Best Western Plus North Canton Inn & Suites
6889 Sunset Strip Avenue NW, North Canton, Ohio, USA.

There are 4 rooms reserved for our group.

- Room rates for a Double Queen (maximum 4 people):
- Standard Rate = \$172.10 US/night (includes taxes)
- CAA Rate = \$163.49 US/night (includes taxes)
- Full breakfast is included in the rate. Free parking.

Please RSVP to Linette at lmori@niagaraphoto.org.

2024 New Members

To help put a face with a name, here are the six new members who joined in 2024:



"I live in Niagara Falls. I'm a Photography graduate from Niagara College. I've been doing photography for three years now. I work as a photographer at a local portrait studio. I found out about NAPA while searching online for a local photography club. My motivation for joining the club is to stay inspired and continue developing my photography skills."

Shaina Christopher



"Photography is a new hobby of mine that I just started this year as a creative outlet. I live in Niagara falls and enjoy going to the Niagara Parks attractions to take pictures. I learned about NAPA through Shaina, and I joined because the programs are interesting and because I enjoy seeing everyone's work during the competitions."

Tristan Christopher



Mary-Lou Davidson lives in St. Catharines and is a retired NRPS officer. "My love of photography started very early in childhood. Soon enough I had my own camera and experienced the anticipation of dropping off the roll of black and white film and waiting for the moment I could pick it up. Usually the results were awful but the images were magical.

My reason for joining NAPA is to enjoy the company of other photo enthusiasts and learn from them. I'm hoping some of the members have experience with a Nikon P1000 which is what I am using. (In my college days I envied hearing that Nikon click.). I fully admit I'm challenged by the new technology and by joining this club hope to expand my knowledge and improve my skills. I'm looking forward to many years of feeling that magic."

Mary-Lou Davidson

2024 New Members

To help put a face with a name, here are the six new members who joined in 2024.



Stephen Hops

"My interest in photography began when I took a photo of Neil Armstrong's first step on the moon. I read about how to take a photo off the television. I used a Polaroid camera to capture the moment, probably like many others at that time. However, it wasn't until 1976 when I started to routinely take photos while travelling across Canada and the US on a summer road trip. I joined the St. Catharines Photographic Club in 2015 and became President in 2019 until this past year and have now taken on the role of Digital Chair and Webmaster. This year I have joined NAPA to further expand my photographic abilities and network. I am thoroughly enjoying participating in many of the club's activities."



Desmond Edwards "

"I am a retired marketing professional now living in Niagara Falls with my wife. With my wife's encouragement to get out of the house, I found NAPA and have really enjoyed learning the art of documenting life with my camera. NAPA has really opened my eyes to what's creatively possible and how photography is a lifelong journey and not simply a destination. "



Bruce Horsburgh

"Photography has been a part of my life since I got my first 35mm camera at the age of 13. Over 32 years of working for Kodak in Canada, largely on the picture making side of the business, I had the opportunity for a lot of exposure to the professionals developing their craft behind the back of the camera. I have always marvelled at the creativity I see in photography. Through David Merrow's invitation to join NAPA, I look forward to that interaction; perhaps discovering some of that creativity within myself."