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Upcoming Programs

Monday, October 6, 2025 - Terry McDonald- [“Creating Compelling Landscapes”](#)

Monday, October 20, 2025 - **Competition #2**

Saturday, November 1, 2025 - [Fall Seminar Featuring Alyce Bender](#)

Thursday, November 6, 2025 - Zoltan Levay (by Zoom) - “Deep Space Photography with Hubble and Webb Telescopes”

Monday, November 10, 2025 - Ted Murrison – [“Architectural Photography”](#)

Thursday, November 20, 2025 - David Long (by Zoom) – “Night Landscapes”

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 - **Competition #3 - NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Monday, December 1, 2025 - Kerry-Anne Lecky Hepworth - [“Capturing the Night Sky, Near and Far”](#)

Thursday, December 11, 2025- Jennifer King (by Zoom) – [“Using Principles of Design to create More Dramatic images”](#)

Monday, December 15, 2025 - **Potluck and Competition #4 – Early start**

October Presentation

Monday, October 6, 2025

Terry McDonald - Creating Compelling Landscapes

Ansel Adams once said, “Landscapes are the supreme test of the photographer.” The difficulty is recreating in two dimensions grand scenes and vistas full of light and emotion. But where to start? We’ll examine specific techniques for creating and capturing memorable and engaging landscapes you’ll want on your wall.

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Fall Seminar

**2025 Fall Seminar Featuring Alyce Bender
Seminar – November 1, 2025**

Alyce Bender

(<https://www.abenderphotography.com/>) is a professional nature photographer, writer, educator, and adventurer. Camera in hand since childhood, her fascination for photography developed into a career after serving in the U.S. Air Force. Her passion for wildlife and the natural environment compels her to connect others with nature through sharing both visual art and in-field experiences that promote conservation, creativity, and ethical photography.



Alyce will present 4 separate programs discussing the following topics:

- ***Small-Scale Wildlife Photography: Creating Unique Wildlife Images with a Macro Lens***
- ***The Diverse Landscape: Capturing Landscapes and All They Have to Offer***
- ***Impressionistic Photography: Using Creative In-Camera Techniques to Create Artistic Images***
- ***Putting Nature First: An Introduction to the Seven Principles***

Tickets for the Fall Seminar, including lunch and refreshments, are \$70 and can be purchased at <https://niagaraphoto.org/fall-seminar/>.

Members of the Niagara Association of Photographic Art are entitled to use a discount code of \$10 off the ticket price. A unique code was sent to you in the September 13, 2025, NAPA newsletter that you can use at checkout.



Digital Competition

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Janis White	2	2	28
Brenda Burger	1	1	11

Silver	Entries	Honour	Score
Bruce Horsburgh	2	2	26
Desmond Edwards	2	2	23

Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Kelly Herbert	2	2	26
Linda Casement	2	2	26
Bob Jones	2	1	23

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Larry Mathewson	2	2	29
Terry Rotella	2	2	29
Karen Fulham	2	1	28
Molly Clarkson	2	2	28
Nora Mathewson	2	3	28
Ron Planche	2	2	28
Ruth Wanless	2	2	28
Virginia Macdonald	2	2	28
Linette Mori	2	1	27
Ron Wing	2	1	26
Stephen Hops	2	1	26
Susan Dayboll	2	1	26
Michelle Stranges	2	0	24
Paula Cheese	2	0	24
Paula Chiasson	2	0	23
Bruno Campagiomi	2	0	22

Platinum	Entries	Honour	Score
Scott Simons	2	2	30
Dave Bauer	2	1	28
Ela Masse	2	0	27
Ian Mather	2	0	26
Chris Empey	2	0	25



Print Competition

Black & White/Mono

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score

Silver	Entries	Honour	Score

Gold	ENTRIES	HONOUR	SCORES
Doug Reilly	2	2	27

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Ron Planche	2	2	31
Susan Dayboll	2	2	28
Dave Merrow	2	1	26
Ian Mather	2	2	26

Colour

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Bruce Horsburgh	2	2	29
Ted Kretz	1	1	13

Silver	ENTRIES	HONOUR	SCORE

Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Doug Reilly	2	2	30

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Dave Merrow	2	2	30
Ian Mather	2	2	30
Susan Dayboll	2	2	29

Platinum	Entries	Honour	Score
Ron Planche	2	2	28



PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Explore More
- Learn More
- Do More
- Focus More

Time to Renew!

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A place to learn



Judge's Pick from the September Competition

Reflection by Scott Simons



Scott explains:

This image is deceiving. What you think is the hard part was quite easy, and what you don't even think about was quite difficult.

It is obviously 2 images put together in Photoshop. The model's instructions were one shot eyes open and the next eyes closed. No change in expression. No eyebrow movement or smile, etc.

You open both in Photoshop. The main image is eyes closed, so you select her open eyes from the other image and move them into place. The easy part is done.

Onto the more difficult part, the edge of the mirror. In the original shot, it was very bright to almost white. This is typical for an unfinished edge of a mirror. Deciding to make it black on anything that went outside of her body was easy and done using spot healing and cloning tools.

The part that crossed her chest was way more difficult to select and downplay. I chose to make it as close to black as I could to make it stand out less. Lighting was simple with a softbox camera left.



ST. JACOBS MARKET - 878 WEBER ST N., WOOLWICH, ON

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

St Jacobs Market District is a bustling, year-round marketplace with a country vibe featuring indoor/outdoor food and craft vendors and the Market Road Antiques.

What once began in 1975 as a place where farmers gathered to buy and sell their livestock, the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market has grown to host over 400 local producers, growers and artisans each year and is now a beloved community meeting place in the Region of Waterloo. In 50 short years, it has grown to become Canada's largest year-round outdoor farmers' market. This year marks the 50th year in operation.

Market Road Antiques is a 20,000 square foot indoor destination antique mall with over 100 antique dealer booths under one roof. Featuring quality furniture, glassware, tools, estate jewelry, collectibles, art, books, vintage clothing, toys and more.



Located just down the road from the historic Village of St. Jacobs, the area is known for its Mennonite heritage and authentic rural experience, where sightings of horse-drawn carriages, maple syrup farms and handmade quilts all act as reminders of a simpler, bygone era.

We will meet at the Glendale Ave Carpool lot at 8:00 a.m. for an approximate arrival at the market at 10:00 a.m.



BALL'S FALLS CONSERVATION AREA - 3292 6TH AVE, LINCOLN, ON

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Ball's Falls Conservation Area is an 80-hectare site set within the breathtaking Twenty Valley, known for its two stunning waterfalls, a network of hiking trails, and several historic buildings. The area offers spectacular scenery and natural beauty, including scenic views of the Niagara Escarpment.

For more information, visit [Ball's Falls Conservation Area](#).

Carpooling is recommended to reduce costs.

Meet at the Victoria Ave Carpool Lot (off South Service Rd at QEW) at 9:30 AM

**Lunch will follow at Penny's Kitchen, 3347 King St, Vineland.
<https://www.penny'skitchen.ca>**

Please RSVP to Linette at Imori@niagaraphoto.org





**HAMILTON TREK -
ARCHITECTURE & STREET PHOTOGRAPHY WALKING TOUR**

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Join us for a street photography outing which will include a mix of old and new architecture, and a choice of photographing places, people or both.



There will be carpool availability at Glendale Ave Carpool lot at 8:30 AM. Parking at 75 John Street North Lot #2, Hamilton. We will meet for lunch at Hamburger King William, located at 49 King William Street at 12:30 PM with reservations.

It is very important that you email dbauer@niagaraphoto.org if you plan to attend this event.

All of the Outings for the year are detailed on the website calendar. This makes it easy to plan your photo opportunities.

[Click here to go to the Calendar](#)



“Eilean Donan Castle is one of the most iconic castles in Scotland. It sits on an island where three lochs meet, surrounded by majestic scenery.

It was built in the mid-13th century, but different versions have been built and rebuilt throughout Scottish history. It was partially destroyed in a Jacobite uprising in 1719, and was left in ruins for almost 200 years. It was restored and reopened in 1932, and is now one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country.

I was lucky enough to visit the castle in 2024, on a typical overcast Scottish day. The heavy clouds seemed an appropriate backdrop to this looming stone structure.”

Inspirational Challenge

THE INSPIRATIONAL CHALLENGE IS BACK TO INSPIRE YOU TO TRY SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T DONE BEFORE AND HAVE A LITTLE FUN. [Click here for the Challenge.](#)

New Members



RITA TRUDEAU

"Hi everyone! I moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake nearly seven years ago and have enjoyed every moment of it. With a background in construction and engineering, I continue to work as a consultant and trainer in project management.

My photography interests include architecture and landscapes, with growing aspirations in astrophotography. I'm endlessly curious, and this creative medium keeps me a perpetual student of the craft. Looking forward to learning and sharing with you!"



LORI LYONS

"I've always had an appreciation for the arts, and photography has long been one of my favourite hobbies. Although I've owned a camera for years, I still consider myself an amateur.

Since retiring in 2024, I've been looking forward to spending more time behind the lens, and joining NAPA felt like a natural next step in that journey. I'm excited about the seminars and learning opportunities ahead, and I hope to build the confidence to enter a competition in the near future."