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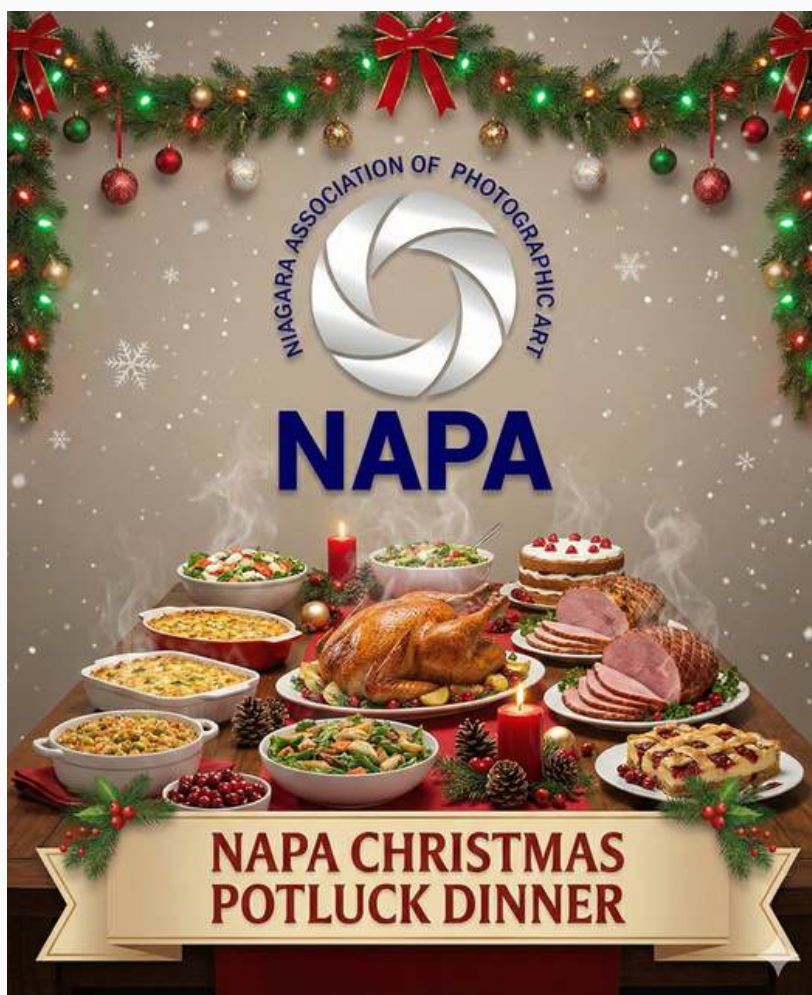
Upcoming Programs

Monday, December 1, 2025 - Kerry-Anne Lecky Hepworth - "Capturing the Night Sky, Near and Far"

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - Christmas on the Rails (See Page 7 below)

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 – 5:30 Start.**



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Digital Competition

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Janice White	6	6	80
Shirley Cove	6	6	76
Linda Hardaker	6	6	73
Wendy Jenkinson	6	5	71
Brenda Burger	6	5	67
Ester Wong	6	4	64

Silver	Entries	Honour	Score
Desmond Edwards	6	5	75
Jacques Dion	6	6	71
Bruce Horsburgh	6	5	71

Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Kelly Herbert	6	3	72
Bob Jones	6	3	69
Lorraine Pichette	4	3	50
Doug Reilly	4	3	49
Linda Casement	4	2	47
Joni Carpenter	2	2	25



Digital Competition - Continued

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Terry Rotella	6	5	84
Dave Merrow	6	4	81
Karen Fulham	6	4	80
Nora Mathewson	6	4	80
Ruth Wanless	6	4	80
Larry Mathewson	6	4	79
Linette Mori	6	3	78
Paula Cheese	6	3	78
Susan Dayboll	6	4	77
Michelle Stranges	6	2	77
Molly Clarkson	6	2	75
Stephen Hops	6	1	72
Ron Wing	6	1	71
Henry Wajnarowski	6	0	70
Ron Planche	4	3	54
Virginia Macdonald	4	3	53
Pearl Basco	4	3	52
Bruno Campagiomi	4	1	48
Charles Vandersluys	4	1	48
Paula Chiasson	4	1	48
Derel Bottomly	2	1	24

Platinum	Entries	Honour	Score
Scott Simons	6	4	86
Kathy Heykoop	6	4	84
Ela Masse	6	2	84
Dave Bauer	6	2	83
Chris Empey	6	3	82
Ian Mather	6	0	75



Print Competition

Black & White/Mono

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Ted Kretz	1	1	13
Janice White	1	1	12
Bruce Horsburgh	1	1	12

Silver	Entries	Honour	Score

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Susan Dayboll	6	4	78
Doug Reilly	6	4	72
Derek Bottomley	2	2	25

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Ron Planche	6	6	88
Dave Merrow	6	4	80
Ian Mather	4	2	49
Ruth Wanless	1	0	12

Colour

Bronze	Entries	Honour	Score
Bruce Horsburgh	6	5	76
Ted Kretz	6	6	74
Jacques Dion	6	6	73
Janice White	2	2	28
Lori Lyons	1	1	15
Linda Hardaker	1	1	12

Silver	Entries	Honour	Score

Gold	Entries	Honour	Score
Derek Bottomley	6	6	80
Susan Dayboll	6	6	79
Doug Reilly	6	4	76

Diamond	Entries	Honour	Score
Dave Merrow	6	4	80
Ian Mather	6	3	79

Platinum	Entries	Honour	Score
Ron Planche	6	6	81

Christmas Decorations by Doug Reilly



“This image was made while experimenting with in-camera movement on the Christmas tree decorations and lights for about an hour, with mixed results. This one was made by zooming out while capturing the image. You can tell that it’s from a few years ago because of the coloured lights. Apparently, they are not in vogue anymore.”

Taken with a Sony A6000 and 55 - 200 mm lens.

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.](#)

Judge's Pick from the November Competition

Making the Curve by Kathy Heykoop



Katie explains:

I took this image earlier this year at the Welland Motorcycle races. It was my first time attending this kind of event. I found it quite exciting. These motorbike racers really move fast, so it made it a challenge to get these riders in a good position. This image was one of the better images I shot, where you could clearly see 4 riders as they came around the bend.

I was pleasantly surprised that the judge chose it for his favourite image.

Editor's Note: This image was created while Kathy attended one of our many Member Outings. See more opportunities to join us below



HALTON COUNTY RADIAL RAILWAY MUSEUM
13629 GUELPH LINE, MILTON, ON

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - Christmas on the Rails

Ride into the holiday season with Halton County Radial Railway!

Ride the rails on vintage streetcars through the woods with snow on the trees and Christmas carols in the air. Santa comes to visit, roams around, and sometimes even drives the streetcar to the North Pole.

The streetcars, buildings and grounds are decorated for the holiday season. Rides are about 20 minutes, and there are usually up to four different ones to ride. You can purchase cider, hot chocolate, coffee or a cookie to enjoy as you wander around the grounds.

Admission includes unlimited historic streetcar rides on two kilometres of scenic track, access to the grounds, display barns, historic Rockwood Station and gift shop for unique railway-inspired gifts and tasty treats.

Tickets:

Adult = \$24.00

Senior (65+) = \$22.00

Tickets sold at the door

Free Parking, Street Parking

Dinner to follow at East Side Mario's, 777 Guelph Line, Burlington

Carpooling is available. Meet at the Glendale Ave Carpool Lot at 1:00 PM.

Please RSVP to Linette at Imori@niagaraphoto.org.



FOOD, FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS
COUNTERPOINT BREWING, 3659 STANLEY AVE, NIAGARA FALLS

Saturday, January 3, 2026 - at 5:00 pm

Counterpoint is a craft brewery and kitchen with a goal of building community through great craft beer and food. They produce a wide variety of progressive and inspired beers that range from hazy IPAs, fruited sours, adjunct stouts, lagers and everything in between. Beer flights are available. They also offer an eclectic array of house made dishes that showcase both creativity and technical proficiency. Their service style and layout were created with a casual and social experience in mind.

After dinner, we will make our way to the Ontario Power Generation Festival of Lights in Niagara Falls, where we will meander through the many lighted displays.



The evening continues with the fireworks display viewed from the Grandview Observation Deck. Fireworks begin at 8:00 PM. Carpooling is recommended for this event.

Please RSVP to Linette at lmori@niagaraphoto.org.

New Members



DEREK BOTTOMLEY

"Born and raised in Montreal, I settled in the Niagara Region in 1979, where I currently reside in Queenston. My photographic journey started in High School, working in a broom closet darkroom, also known as the Camera Club. My professional career spans numerous industries, starting as a Computer Engineer servicing Main Frame computers and then moving on to become a Commodity Food Broker, that provided me the opportunity to travel to many countries around the world.

I ended my career as a logistics manager for a locally based Greenhouse Distribution company. I retired in 2016, which provided me with the opportunity to travel and to pursue my passion for photography. As well as travelling for personal exploration, I have spent time in Cambodia and Uganda, where I have worked with NGO's providing creative arts education (photography), particularly to at-risk youth. This was a highly enlightening experience. Closer to home, I have worked with Brain Injured individuals, introducing them to photography as a form of therapy. My community involvement includes 16 years as a Volunteer Firefighter in Niagara on the Lake, and I am currently a certified aerial spotter with the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association. My photographic interest is focused on travel, event and studio work, particularly portraiture. I originally was a member of the Niagara Falls Camera Club years ago, and after a hiatus, I have now returned to the club where I hope to become more active with like minded individuals."

Member Profile - Robert (Bob) Jones



"I was born in Ottawa, and as far back as I can remember, I loved to travel on wheels, and as soon as I heard the keys to my father's car rattle, I would head to the back seat of the car and sit there like an excited dog. From there, it was a tricycle, a bicycle, and my father's car. After high school, I travelled to Toronto by bus to find a job and soon found myself driving streetcars, buses and subway trains for the Toronto Transit Commission for the next 36 years. This allowed me to buy my own car and a motorcycle and obtain my private pilot licence.

I grew up and did all my schooling in North Bay and with the profits from my newspaper route bought my first Kodak camera and have always had the best camera I could afford. I've been to Europe

and south east Asia twice, as well as Mexico and all states in the continental USA. I shot many photos along the way.

After I retired from the TTC I had to find something to do so one day I started looking over my old slides and photos. They were terrible, I couldn't figure out why I had bothered to take them. I had never heard of Photoshop or Lightroom That's when I thought I must join a photo club and learn how to take a decent photo. I did not want to produce a work of art just a good photo at the camera. I do minor adjustments in Lightroom. Everything else these editing programs offer is too complicated for me.

I do enjoy the camera club gatherings and have met many fine photographers and friends. The photo competitions, speakers and judges have been very beneficial.

Member Profile - Robert (Bob) Jones





CAPA Nature/Wildlife Team Competition

Thanks to strong entries by the individuals listed below, NAPA won the Silver Medal with a combined score of 151. Congratulations all.



Scott Simons, "Hanging Around"



Ruth Wanless, "The Mating Game"



Dave Bauer, "Dancing Loon"



Ela Masse. "The Lone Elephant with Broken Tusks"



Karen Fulham,
"Well Hello There"



Virginia McDonald, "Just Bee"

A BIG shout-out to Scott Simons, who won the Gold in the 2025 Nature/Wildlife Individual Competition. Check out the [CAPA November Newsletter](#) that features a few of Scott's images.