

MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB

63 Years of Fellowship Through Photography



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As one of our resident professional photographers, Peter van Rhijn says "Winter is the perfect time to work on the digital side". And so, I will take this time to let you members of the Mississauga Camera Club in on some of the Board's winter activities and plans.

When you renew your membership, you typically are asked to fill in a form to indicate

areas in which you would like to volunteer. This form, however, doesn't let the Board know what makes up the vast experiences of our members. To deepen our understanding of Members' abilities to assist in Club activities, we have revised the traditional survey and will be issuing a request of members' knowledge and skills outside of the Photographic world. The survey will be issued shortly by Kathy Foster and we hope that all members will participate. You can rest assured that all of the information collected will be kept confidential to Board members. This survey has been in the works for some time and Kathy will provide further details before it is issued.

Without wishing to inundate you with questions, a second online survey will be conducted this winter by our Communications Director, Sandra Breston. This survey is oriented to finding out more about your photographic interests. This will help us build a better organization, better programs, workshops, and outings. Again, I encourage you to participate fully in this survey. The results of this survey will be used in an upcoming planning session targeted for the end of April.

Roughly every 3 or so years, your Board of Directors engage in an activity to plan ahead. The goal of the session is to review the direction that photography is taking and marry that to the interests of our members. Since a planning session with 200+ participants is entirely unwieldy, this latter survey is your opportunity to provide material for the Board to consider. With the growth of better cameras in cell phones, more digital post-processing, more interest in video, drone photography, etc., it is incumbent upon the club to organize and plan according to your interests.

You will notice that your email regarding this Snapshot doesn't contain the text and photographs present in previous versions. It is the Board's direction that we wish to focus our communications to Members around the website at 'mississaugacameraclub.ca'. If this presents a problem, please contact myself or Sandra Breston, Director of Communications. This change in our distribution of Snapshot is part of an overall plan to rejuvenate the website. Therefore, a task force has been struck to work on improving the look, and functionality of the website. More information on this work will come as we get closer to testing and preparing for implementation of changes..

We continue to have an exciting agenda of speakers ahead as well as the year end banquet. We hope that you will also participate in competitions. The judging of your photos is still the best way we know for an individual to grow in photographic art.

Should you have feedback to any of the programs being offered, or communications you receive, please do not hesitate to contact me at 'president@mississaugacameraclub.ca'. As we move into a planning stage, your input is crucial to the success and future growth of the Club.

Remember: If you aren't carrying your camera, the spectacle you see will never make it to the winner's circle.

David Penty, President MCC

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM

We currently have 205 members in the Mississauga Camera Club.

For the 2018 – 2019 season we have an opening for a volunteer position on the Membership

Team. The duties would include:

- maintaining the membership boxes
- greeting club members and guests before the meeting

- responding via email to inquiries generated from the website
 - managing the Renewal process
 - coordinating with the Database Team

Support would be available until the volunteer is comfortable on his or her own. If you would be interested in filling this position, please contact Liz McNally or Kathy Foster:

lizmcmcc@gmail.com

kgfoster@rogers.com

FOR SALE

Used tripods, studio lighting, stands and more for sale by George Cordahi. Check this link for details: <http://bit.ly/2qSMweh>

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNICATION TEAM

For the 2018 – 2019 season we have an opening for a volunteer position on the Communication Team as Editor of the monthly Snapshot. The duties would include:

- on a monthly basis, gathering Snapshot material; this would include writing material if interested
- editing the material and putting the Snapshot together using MailChimp software (training on MailChimp software would be provided)

Support would be available until the volunteer is comfortable on his or her own. If you would be interested in filling this position, please contact Janice Perkins or Sandra Breston:

jperkins776@gmail.com

srbreston@gmail.com

GTCCC UPDATE

My name is Hilary Callin, and I represent our club at the Greater Toronto Council of Camera Clubs (GTCCC). The GTCCC is an ever-expanding collection of 26 local

clubs, and they are involved in judge training, workshops, competitions and additional services & supports to the member clubs. One of their biggest events is the annual competition open to all member clubs. This used to be known as the Interclub Competition, it is now the Open Challenge Competition, with lots of categories and images to be submitted, and more flexible criteria to encourage greater participation.

First, I would like to thank our two Mississauga members, Larry Biancolin and Marcus Miller, who volunteered this year to manage the Open Challenge on our club's behalf. It's a fair bit of work, and they've been doing a great job. Many thanks!

Second, I would like to thank our 27 members who participated. We have submitted 275 images, which is very good. Thanks again, your support is appreciated! Last year we had submissions from 21 members and a total of 147 images, so next year we'll have ... even more??

The results will be shared at the annual awards night, Saturday April 21, 2018, . An evening of amazing photography and numerous individual and club awards. That is also the day of the annual education day, which is a great day of workshops and keynote speakers, for a great price. Tickets can now be purchased for both events at <https://www.gtccc.ca/gala/> . Early bird prices are in effect until March 20th, and there are further discounts if you purchase the education day with the awards dinner and/or show. Please note that some education day tutorials fill up quickly, especially the live-model shoots. Some of the topics this year are time-lapse photography, nature photography, portraiture and preparing images for competition.

If you ever have any questions or comments, please contact Hilary Callin at gtccc@mississaugacameraclub.ca

MCC Meeting - February 15, 2018

Title of Presentation: Travelling for the Night

Presenter: Wesley Liikane

www.cowboywithacamerat.com

Wesley's presentation will be focusing on night photography including the milky way, northern lights, deep space (tracking), time lapses and star trails. He will discuss some of the processing methods, scouting methods as well as stories that go along with many of the photographs. Wesley is a freelance photographer who loves the night sky, landscapes and wildlife. He tries to bring a unique perspective and artistic interpretation to all his photographs.

His mission is to inspire and help others with their photography. Wesley leads

workshops, private lessons and guiding around North America but mainly in Muskoka and Algonquin Provincial Park. He prides himself on developing a relationship with his guests and getting to know you and what kind of images you are looking to capture.



MCC Meeting - March 1, 2018

Title of Presentation: 'Hilarizing' - The Fine Art of Creativity

Presenter: Hilarie McNeil-Smith

Hilarie will present several slideshows of her creative work both manipulated and in camera. A segment of before and after images will show what can be done to play with your pixels. Hilarie will openly share with you some of her creative techniques to transform images into works of art and will edit several images from beginning to end using simple Photoshop techniques. Hilarie is a long term member of the Mississauga Camera Club, a judge, and past member of the executive as outings director. She has presented to many camera clubs and at international photo seminars. Her main interest is creative photography, using Photoshop, Corel Painter and several other artistic plugins. She has also taught Photoshop classes for the City of Mississauga. Her work has been published in the British Painter Magazine as well as travel magazines, several websites and brochures and is sold throughout locations in Canada and the United States. Hilarie has been the recipient of numerous photographic awards.



MCC Meeting - March 15, 2018

3rd Competition Results

COMPETITION UPDATE

Competitions within the Mississauga Camera Club is a significant part of the Club's activity/program. To support the program requires a team of club members to plan, implement and support the competitions throughout the year.

The Club will need to find replacements for the current Director of Competitions and the Digital Team Leader at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure a smooth transition.

Following is a brief description of the roles and responsibilities of these two competition leaders.

Leading the Competitions is the **Director of Competitions**. This member is also a Board Member of the Club Executive and attends all Board of Directors meetings. The Director reports to The Board on the competition teams' activities and is responsible for preparing a budget request to cover the expenses related to competition activities for the upcoming year. The Director has supervisory responsibilities to ensure that the Digital and Print teams fulfil their responsibilities and to assist between the competition teams and the Data Management, Web Page, Membership and other club groups/members to resolve issues that may arise.

Leading the Digital Team is the **Digital Chair (Team Leader)**. This member is responsible for working with the Director of Competition and other team members to plan, organize and execute the digital competitions for the Club. This involves reviewing and updating the Digital Handbook, implementing modifications that have been approved by the team for the upcoming season. Choosing themes for theme competitions. To mention of few of the activities.

Prior to the commencement of the first competition, the Digital Chair shall contact judges from the approved GTCCC list for their availability to judge. Then the judges are selected for the competitions throughout the season. Ten days prior to each competition the selected judges receive their instructions for the up-coming competition. Throughout the judging period, judges are monitored to ensure that they can complete the assignment on time and responds to any inquiries from the judges. After the results night the Digital Chair sends the judges their honorarium and GTCCC judges competitions analysis.

During the submission periods, you monitor the submissions. Contact submitters if there are concerns and respond to inquiries from members through the competition season.

At the conclusion of the judging period, in conjunction with the Director and the web master, prepare the list of competition award winners. This list is forwarded to the Data management team with the other results for preparation of the award ribbons. These results are also forwarded to the result night narrator.

During the results night participate in the awards presentations.

Please contact Warren Davis: director_comp@mississaugacameraclub.ca and/or Craig Stirton: digitalchair@mississaugacameraclub.ca to express your interest in assuming either of these leadership roles and to arrange to monitor the last two competitions.

Congratulations to all the participants and award winners from competition #2. The results night was a wonderful show.

Competition #3 has two additional categories within which to compete. We trust you'll enjoy, if you choose, to try your hand at images for "STILL WATERS" or "FROM MY BUCKET LIST" categories.

Thank you.

Warren Davis, Director of Competitions director_comp@mississaugacameraclub.ca

Craig Stirton, Digital Chair digitalchair@mississaugacameraclub.ca

OUTINGS

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905-844-8838

To confirm or with questions

Sunday 18 March 2018

Meet at 10AM

Centennial Park Conservatory

151 Elmcrest Rd.

Off Rathburn Rd east of Mill Rd. Etobicoke.

Sunday 15 April 2018

Meet 10AM

for **breakfast at West End Diner.**

1181 Main St West Hamilton.

Take 403 Hamilton to Main St West.

Left at the lights and stay on Main St.

Don't go into Dundas, but turn left to continue on Main toward Ancaster.

Restaurant is on the left in the Whitney plaza.

<https://westen.foodpages.ca/?showmap=1>

After breakfast we'll go just down the road to **Tiffany Falls.**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiffany_Falls

After the falls, take Main through Ancaster.

Main becomes Wilson to **630 Trinity Rd** to the

Ancaster Fair Grounds and the

Ancaster Nostalgia Show

<http://www.collectorshows.ca/EN/gallery.php>

Sunday 27 May 2018

Meet 11AM

for **breakfast at The Trail Eatery**

35 Crawford Cres.

Campbellville

<http://traileatery.com/>

We'll visit **Mountsburg Conservation and then Crawford Lake Conservation** if there is time.

<http://www.conservationhalton.ca/park-details?park=mountsberg>

<http://www.conservationhalton.ca/park-details?park=crawford-lake>



