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# KLIK

THE MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB  
*Fellowship through photography*

*Our 52<sup>nd</sup> Season 1954 – 2007*

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"Trees in Fog"

Photo by Hilarie McNeil Smith

The Mississauga Camera Club, an affiliate of the Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department, is a member of the Mississauga Arts Council, the Canadian Association for Photographic Art, the Greater Toronto Council of Camera Clubs, and supports the GTCCC policy on nature photography.



## President's Message

Welcome back. I hope that you have had a summer of gentle relaxation and fruitful photography, and that your portfolio has expanded with satisfying images that you will be sharing with other members during the year.

As you will see, your executive has not been resting entirely all summer, as they have been very busy setting up an exciting programme, workshops, outings for this year, running conferences, arranging outings, and working at the many issues of club business. And we're blessed with an enthusiastic and active team this year. We welcome a number of new faces to the club executive. They are quickly learning their positions, and contributing their new and fresh ideas. We are also fortunate to have a balance of experienced members to guide us with their steady hands.

I encourage you all to get to know them, and to pass along your ideas, concerns, and congratulations for their work. It's amazing how much there is to share about this fascinating world of photography, and we're always open to ways to make the club experience that much better.

As at the start of every year, it is always important to recognize the hard work of those club members who are taking a break from the club executive. Thank you to them for the many hours they have dedicated to building the club with their enthusiasm and hard work. And I would particularly like to thank Robert Bateman, our outgoing president for his steady guidance last year, and for his kind advice and support to me, as I take on the job. It really is an honour to serve, and I hope you will bear with me as I learn.

Doug Johnston

## Upcoming Events, Programs & Outings

- First Club Meeting, Sept. 7, 7:30pm (come early to join)
- First Workshop, mid - Sept.
  - Beginner and Intermediate Photoshop Training
- First Outing, Sept. 23
  - Montsberg Wildlife Centre
- First Competition Submissions
  - Oct. 5

## Major contents at a glance

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# Slide Competitions

**Doug Johnston**

As many of you know, one of the challenges faced by the executive over the last few months is the future of slide competitions in the club. As we have reviewed the competition entries from last year, we have found that the number of members entering slides has dropped drastically, to the extent that in some groups the level of competition is severely restricted. And also, over the summer we have also been told even more of the "slide shooters", have arranged to move to a more digital environment. The result is that we believe in excess of 80% of the members competing will be digitally oriented by this fall. At the same time, over the summer, despite personal appeals, and email solicitations from Robert Bateman, the executive has been unable to find a volunteer to run the slide competition.

As a result of this, the executive will be bringing a motion to the club at the meeting on Sept 7, that the club only provides digital and print competitions in the future. To do so will also have implications on how many entries per person will be able to be handled, partly because of these changes, but also the increasing interest of the members in competing. Of course, that will also mean adjustments to scoring for awards and advancement. The executive and particularly the competition chair are working on specific plans to address all the questions, and we will present the recommendations for your consideration at the meeting on September 7, with a vote on the subject to be held on September 21. (see comments below)

In order to make sure this transition is as effective as possible, we are committed to provide as much support as possible to continuing slide shooters, to help them adjust to submitting their images digitally, through such things as building a network of members to help scan images, and processing advice and support.

We hope you will see this as a positive transition that will help keep MCC in the forefront of photographic clubs in the area.

# MCC Photographic Outings

**Paul Armstrong**

The 2006-2007 outings season is chock full of photographic diversity which will improve your capability to capture those "special moments in time". The program is built "to have something for everyone" and will challenge everyone from the Novice to the Advanced Photographer. Two outings have a limited number of attendees due to a group size restriction, so sign up as soon as you can to ensure you have a spot.

This year's outings will include:

5 - Local outings

3 - Weekend outings

2 - Optional outings - TBD on interest – Another Summer Mystery shoot as well as a trip to Windsor to shoot the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Freedom Festival.

<b>Date 2006 - 2007</b>	<b>Outing</b>	<b>Notes</b>
September 23	Mountsberg Wildlife Center (limited number)	SOLD OUT with standby list [ \$ ]
October 20,21,22	Ashtabula County Covered Bridges and Ohio Fall Colours	Ohio in the Fall – Covered bridges, wine country, oil wells, Victorian Buildings [ \$\$ ]
November 10,11,12	The Radiant Vista's Inspirational Photography Weekend Fantastic Opportunity to learn and explore. <i>"A captivating two-day event designed to inspire and motivate photographers to explore our endless potential!"</i> <a href="http://www.radiantvista.com/workshops/workshop19/">http://www.radiantvista.com/workshops/workshop19/</a>	Location: Philadelphia, PA Instructors: Mark S. Johnson, Craig M. Tanner [ \$\$\$ ]
December 2	Night Photography and Festive Lights	A night on the town shooting Festive & City lights
February 10	Winter Ice	Hopefully we get ice this year ☺
March 17	B & W Shoot with a Photoshop workshop (limited number)	Shoot in colour or B&W then a workshop on converting your images.
May 19& 20	Point Pelee & Rondeau Parks – Spring Bird Migration Photo shoot & Workshop lead by Ethan Melag	Ethan will lead us on a one day shoot covering the Pelee and Rondeau Parks areas. Sunday will be spent at " For the Birds" [ \$\$ ]
June 23 - TBC	2007 Barrie Grand Prix [ \$ ]	Great Action Shoot - Recommended by members who attended this event in 2006. This will be the last time it is hosted in Barrie.
\$ = Entrance Fee, \$\$ = Travel expenses (Hotel, food, gas), \$\$\$ = Workshop cost + Travel expenses (Hotel, food, gas)		

# Workshops

**Bob Warren**

In the upcoming year, our club will be conducting a series of three workshops. These workshops will address both the use of Photoshop and in-camera photography. They will be generally geared for the beginner and intermediate photographer, although the workshops are open to all levels and all members are encouraged to attend any of the sessions.

Workshop details such as locations, firm dates and instructors will be announced at the year's first meeting. Please consult the program for specific information on each workshop's contents.

**Workshop #1:** is tentatively scheduled for September 18, '06.

**Workshop #2:** is tentatively scheduled for November 21, '06.

**Workshop #3:** is tentatively scheduled for February 6, '07.

# GTCCC

**Cecil Lindsay**

The GTCCC plans to get back on track this coming season with a full competition and exhibition of images for camera clubs within the Greater Toronto Area. Stay tuned for more details at club meetings.

For new members, the GTCCC is the Greater Toronto Council of Camera Clubs. The Greater Toronto Council of Camera Clubs is an association of photographic clubs in the Greater Toronto Area of Ontario, Canada. At present the member clubs range from Hamilton and Burlington in the west to Oshawa in the east, and north to Newmarket. The GTCCC acts as a forum for member clubs and promotes and facilitates various events of common interest. In addition, the council publishes lists of qualified people who are prepared to act as judges in photographic competition, and a list of speakers who will speak at club meetings, or put on workshops and other types of program from which the member clubs can enhance their own meeting programs. The major event in the council calendar is the organization of the annual InterClub competition, in which member clubs compete against each other for a number of prizes and trophies in various categories.

# Financial Statement Publications

Myra Jones

Financial Statements are confidential to members only therefore will not be published in the KLIK. The statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 with comparative budget figures will be available to MCC members at the meeting of September 7th and September 21st.

## MCC Competitions

Jim Calvert

Each year, the Mississauga Camera Club conducts a number of competitions to encourage our newer members to strive for better photographic excellence and to recognize our more advanced members for their truly beautiful imagery.

For our new members and for those who have been with us a year or two, a review of the competitions and trophies will be useful.

First, there are 4 **Standard Competitions** throughout the year to which the members submit images for judging and awards. In the recent past, each member could submit up to 5 images; that number is currently under review and may change to 4. The 4 standard competitions count toward the year-end total points score and trophies. The 4<sup>th</sup> standard competition is also known as the "Salon" competition to which members may submit images of their choice from the preceding 3 competitions. There are trophies awarded to the top point score for Beginner Intermediate and Advanced Photographers. There are predetermined point plateaus which the club uses to recognize and promote members from the Beginners Class to Intermediate and then to Advanced. I recommend that everyone, intending to compete and be promoted, be sure to submit the full complement of images in each of these 4 competitions.

In the past, the Standard Competition was split into 2 categories: 1 for slide entries and 1 for digital entries. At the time of this writing, it is expected that the Slide Category will be discontinued.

Second, there are 4 **Print Competitions** open to everyone in the club coinciding with the standard competitions. To these competitions, members submit 2 printed and matted images. There is only 1 class in which all members compete and a trophy is awarded at year's end. The Print Competition points do **not** count toward the Standard Competition totals.

Third, there is a single **Photo Image Essay Competition**, held usually in February/March, to which members submit a 5 to 8 minute photo show. A photo show or essay is normally generated using Microsoft Movie Maker or Photodex Proshow or other similar home computer based programs. The Photo Essay Competition points do **not** count toward the Standard Competition totals.

Fourth, we have a competition open to all members for submission of 1 digital image of flowers. This is known as the **Maurice de Cunha Award**. The Maurice de Cunha Award does **not** count toward the Standard Competition totals. A cash award is presented.

The fifth competition is the **Jim Cranston Award** to which any member can submit a slide &/or a print entry of Flowers. At the time of this writing, it is unclear whether the slide portion of this award will be continued. The Jim Cranston Award does **not** count toward the Standard Competition totals. A cash award is presented.

Finally, at year-end, a trophy is presented for the **Top Score in the Nature Category**. This competition is open to all members of any class.

## MCC Website

Jim Calvert

I urge everyone to visit the MCC Website at <http://www.mississaugacameraclub.ca>. Our website is an excellent place to view our award winning images as well as a venue to display your own photos in custom galleries. The website is also an important source of club information, notes of events and periodic downloadable documents.

## KLIK Editor's Note

Jim Calvert

The first issue of the KLIK (you are reading it) will be distributed in hard copy to all members via Canada Post. In addition, it will be made available via the MCC website as a downloadable document. From this point on, however, the KLIK will be made available **only** as a downloadable document from the MCC website and as an email attachment sent to all members.

KLIK submissions are encouraged and always welcomed. Please feel free to send to me your notes, articles, and event suggestions pertaining to the MCC and photography in general. My email address is: [jwcalvert@rogers.com](mailto:jwcalvert@rogers.com)

## **Social Meeting September 7, 2006**

**Doug Johnston**

This year for the first time, we have decided to have a social evening to kick off the season. Although there will be no featured speaker, our plans are for a full evening of fun and club business. There will be presentations about the exciting programme for 2006, plans for workshops and descriptions of the outings. We'll also introduce some club business for discussion, such as the resolution about the slide competitions, and hope to feature some winning images from last year, as well as some of the fun around the mystery shoot.

And, of course, there will be some social time so you can catch up with what your colleagues did during their summer. We hope to see you there.

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