

Vernon
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Monthly

Newsletter

JUNE 2025



Ron Long, Club President

**“Every Master is a
Master of Vision”**

George Leonard

President's Message

By all accounts Sisyphus was a cunning and nasty piece of work. In Greek mythology, as the first King of Corinth, he wielded his power and influence to cheat death, twice by some accounts. When almighty Zeus found out about this, he was none too pleased...only the Gods, after all, were allowed immortality. As punishment Zeus relegated Sisyphus to the worst of possible fates...endless, meaningless, hard toil without reprieve. He was to roll an enormous boulder up a hill only to have it roll back down again. Repeat. Forever.

Philosophers have debated Sisyphus' state of mind...they do that type of thing. One, Camus, wrote a book on the subject. Camus believed the only 'givens' in life were suffering and death (he forgot taxes). He thought that humans generally have a difficult time reconciling these things, that life was absurd. He imagined Sisyphus happy. After all, Sisyphus had himself sealed his own fate, and had no say in the task Zeus set out for him, so all he had control over was his thoughts. He might as well be happy. Beats the alternative.

Fortunately, most of us do not trod the narrow path of endless and futile toil. And if some of life seems like this, let's try to whistle while we work, and don't forget to bring your camera, because the views are pretty nice at the top of the hill, and in certain light, it can be magical. Sometimes you can get some good action shots of the tourists and the deer dodging the boulder as it careens down into the valley.

Happy shooting!

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TO THESE CLUB EVENTS



June 2nd-6th

Alberta Trip- Over the course of the 5 days, we will visit Dinosaur Provincial Park, Writing on Stone Provincial Park, Waterton Lakes National Park, and other attractions along the way. Contact Bob Johnson at vpcoutings@yahoo.com with any questions



June 12th

Zoom Evaluation Meeting

Join us as our evaluators review this month's submission of images highlighting the following topics: From & In the Garden, The Color Red, Cute Pets, Open Event Details



June 8th

Deadline to Submit Images for the next Zoom Evaluation Meeting

Members are invited to submit their images (max 3) for the next Zoom Evaluation Meeting. Topics are:

- A- From & In the Garden
- B-The Color Red
- C-Cute Pets
- D-Open



June 23rd

Raptor Event

When: Monday June 23 at 3pm
Where: Allan Brooks Nature Centre
Bring: \$10 each



June 26th

Club Year End Picnic

When: 6:30pm
Where: Meet at the Picnic Shelter at Polson Park near the pond.
Bring: Everyone bring their own food (packed picnic), drinks, lawn chairs and cameras. This is a social event before our summer break. Spouses & partners welcome too!

*See
more
info*

Under the
Calendar Tab
on the
Club Website!

SAVE THE DATE

RAPTOR EVENT

Monday June 23rd



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When: Monday June 23 at 3pm
Where: Allan Brooks Nature Centre
Time: 3:00PM.
Each photographer must pay a \$10 fee for the opportunity to take photos. This will give us a half hour of the private showing where we can get close up images of the birds. There is a flying demo afterwards that so we can get action shots of the birds in flight. The best lens for this event is some sort of zoom but not too large. You will need a focal length of anywhere from 50-100mm for the still shots and maybe up to 200mm for the flying demo. Or bring what you have and enjoy!

You will not be able to handle the birds for this price. If you want that experience, you will have to book an actual ticket to an event that week which are available from June the 21-26th. Check the anbc.ca page for info.

There are plenty of images from past years on the website under the Outings tab so you can have a look and plan your strategy. Watch the Club Website Calendar for more details.

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Outing News

June Slideshow

If you came out to the May 10 outing to the Icelandic Horse Farm and the Forever Home Sanctuary, please send in some photos for the slideshow to be run at the Evaluation meeting on June 12. Since we are expecting lots of photos taken of cute animals and cute people, please send in up to 10 images to vpcoutings@yahoo.com by June 8, 2025.



Watch for future news on our Club Website for next years outings as organized by Bob and our terrific Club Outing Planning Committee!

SAVE THE DATE

YEAR END CLUB PICNIC

THURS JUNE 26TH

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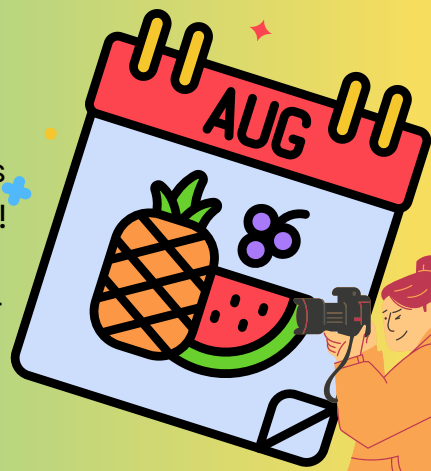
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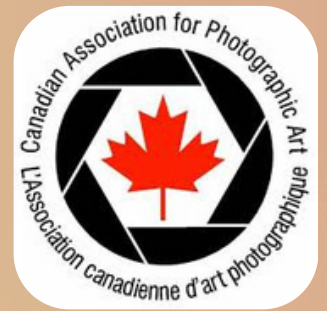
Take a BREAK

Our Club takes a break from meetings during the Month's of July and August!

So get out there and have some fun with your camera, enjoy your summer
and we will see you in September!

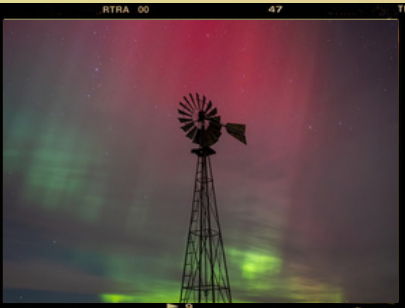


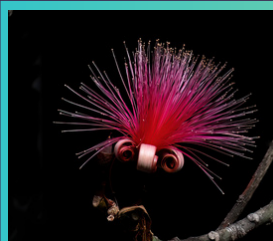
Club CAPA NEWS



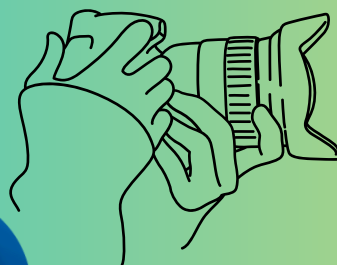
While you are out shooting through the summer, please keep in mind next year's CAPA competitions. We have two competitions that occur very early in the 2025/26 year. We encourage all of our members to submit images for consideration to next season's CAPA competitions, whether you are a new or experienced photographer. Please feel free to chat to Terri or Kerry.

CAPA Competition	Themes	Club Submission Dates
Pacific Zone	No Themes, images must be taken in BC or Yukon	September 14, 2025
Nature / Wildlife	Botanical. Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians Landscape Nature Wildlife	September 28, 2025
Monochrome	Candid Person(s) Natural Surroundings Dramatic Contrast & Shadows Nostalgia	October 26, 2025
Fine Art	Abstract Landscape Creative Vision Still Life	January 11, 2026
Inspiration Open Colour	Man-Made Environments Seasonal Transitions Action & Motion Cultural Events Close-up	February 8, 2026
Triptych - Three Images	Community Stories Human Connections Nature Scene Abstract Transformation	March 22, 2026
Canada My Country	Atlantic Zone (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador & Prince Edward Island) Pacific Zone (British Columbia & Yukon) Prairie Zone (Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan & Northwest Territory) Ontario Zone (includes Nunavut Territory) Quebec Zone	April 5, 2026





Club Evaluation Topics Coming up Next



SEPT TOPICS:(only 2)

- Enter Your Favorite Image from Your Summer
- Nature/Wildlife(See CAPA Themes)

Evaluation of this month's images will be done live at our first In-Person meeting on Sept 11th

Starting in Sept

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Image Submission
Deadline will change to
Saturday Nights!



DEADLINE

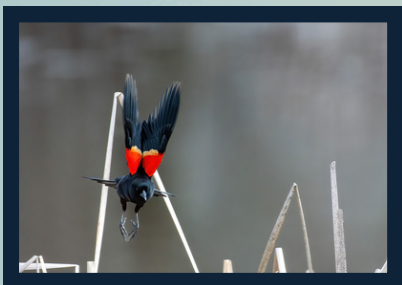
to submit Sept 6th

SUBMIT TO:

VERNONCAMERA@YAHOO.COM

**All Image submission deadlines and topics are
listed in the Club Website Calendar!**

Performing Art Centre Gallery



Our exhibit at the VPAC is June to August this summer. The load-in date is 9th of June at 3:00 PM. Please have your prints ready to hang. In order to make it easier for the group doing the installation. John will be asking for title and size when we get closer to the date so he can print the exhibit cards. Please think about including a sale price if you are interested in selling your work. The pick up date is August 29th between 3:00 and 4 PM. For more info contact John at jcgallant@shaw.ca

Meet Some Fellow Members



Meet Glennis O'Neill

Glennis lives in Coldstream and has spent the last 40 years in the Vernon area. Glennis began her journey with photography during a 1978 trip around the world and then took a break to enjoy her career and family. About 12 years ago she joined the Club and reignited her photography interest. Travel photography has remained her favourite theme as well as close-ups/macro. She also frequently takes photos with the idea that the subjects may be something that she would paint as painting is another of her hobbies. Glennis would like to increase her understanding of her camera and how to do photo stacking. Currently, she uses a Sony a7c, a mirrorless full frame.

Meet David Skelton

David was born and raised in the UK and has spent the last 22 years in Vernon and Coldstream. He was given his first camera at the age of seven and quickly became serious about photography. He has worked as a full time photojournalist, and also had careers in science and aviation. David has been honoured with exhibitions in galleries, as well as having images published in 2 magazines. His favourite subjects are landscape, nature and street. He enjoys using vintage lenses on modern digital bodies and shoots some film. David hopes to slow down the image making process and take fewer images that are more meaningful to him.



Meet Paul Graham

Paul has lived in Vernon for six years and the Okanagan for twenty. He has been interested in photography since his teenage years and as a hobby for 30 odd years. Paul's main interest is in nature photography, primarily bird photography. Paul feels that his learning curve has widened by the club's educational sessions and the suggestions and advice from fellow members. Paul currently shoots with a Nikon P950 point and shoot bridge camera and loves it.

"You can fall in love with one of your pictures.
Just don't expect everyone else to."

Ron Long.

