



Vernon  
Photography  
Club

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# Newsletter

MAY 2026



**Ron Long, Club President**

*“The world is full of magic things  
patiently waiting for our senses  
to grow sharper” -*

**W.B. Yeats**

## President's Message

Last spring, my wife and I were wandering in yet another labyrinthine ancient town centre in Puglia (silent 'g') in the heel of Italy. We were delightfully lost in a minor kind of way, but we're looking for familiar landmarks to wend our way back to our accommodation before supper. I was looking for familiar church façades. The churches seem to have been built about every two blocks in these parts back in the day. My wife, however, declared that she knew where we were as she recognized a shoe shop across the street. Suffice to say, that shoe stores resonate differently with her than they do with me.

The Himba, are a pastoral and quite isolated tribe in Namibia with very little exposure to western civilization. They have been subject to a number of “perception studies“. When shown abstract shapes that westerners describe as squares, they describe them as rounded. They have a stronger perception of smoothness and curves as opposed to right angles than we do.

All this goes to show the perception is not universal. A myriad of factors play a role in how we experienced the world. As unique as our own perspective is, it can be expanding and exhilarating to try and be aware of other's views and perceptions. As in life, so as in photography.

Viva la difference, and happy shooting!



# CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH



The Club Calendar on our Website  
is your **One-Stop-Shop** for full details on all events!

## May 9th

Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation:

1. BC Native Plants
2. Portraits
3. Nostalgia
4. Open

Image(s) to be submitted to [vernoncamera@yahoo.com](mailto:vernoncamera@yahoo.com) using club naming & sizing guidelines.

## May 25-27th

Two night outing to the South Okanagan where we will visit The Kettle Valley Steam Railroad, the Old Grist Mill in Keremeos, the Desert Cultural Centre in Osoyoos, Area 27 in Oliver, the SS Sicamous in Penticton, and the trout hatchery in Penticton.

## May 14th

Join us by Zoom as we hear the evaluators review of the member images submitted in these categories: BC Native Plants, Portraits, Nostalgia, Open

## May 28th

Our last Education night of the season, will be a hands-on extension of our Kal Park outing, this time using the beautiful backdrop of Polson Park and the longer days of late Spring as our playground. Expect to do panning, macro, outdoor portraiture, water scenes, multiple exposure, man meets nature and more. Bring your gear!

[vernonphotographyclub.com/calendar](http://vernonphotographyclub.com/calendar)

# Club Evaluation Topics

## Coming up Next



**DEADLINE**  
to submit May 9th

## April Topics

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### HOW TO NAME IMAGES FOR ENTRY

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(eg. Flowers - John Doe - Nature.jpg)

I WALK .  
I LOOK .  
I SEE .  
I STOP .  
I PHOTOGRAPH .

LEON LEVINSTEIN



# SAVE THE DATE

## Spring Outing May 25-27<sup>th</sup>



Our spring outing will be 3-day, 2-night trip to the South Okanagan. Our first stop will be a visit to the Kettle Valley Steam Railway in Summerland where we will capture images of the 1912 steam locomotive and the passenger cars. The 1½ hour journey will take us down to the Trout Creek Trestle with some great vistas along the way. Other stops on this outing include visits to the Area 27 Motorsport Park, the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, the Grist Mill Gardens, the SS Sicamous Paddle Wheeler and a tour of a Fish Hatchery. If the weather is cooperative, we will also be doing some night sky photography. There will be plenty of photographic opportunities on this outing and it is a great way of getting to know your fellow Club members.

### Here are some details for the May outing:

**Dates** - Monday, May 25 to Wednesday May 27, 2026

**Accommodation** - We have arranged for a block of rooms at a discounted rate at the Watermark Beach Resort in Osoyoos. These are condo style one- and two-bedroom suites. The rates for the suites are:

- 1 BR City View \$199 + taxes
- 1 BR Lake Side \$249 + taxes
- 2 BR City View \$259 + taxes
- 2 BR Lake Side \$289 + taxes



To get the group rate, reservations must be made by April 27, 2026, although to get the type of room that you prefer, we recommend that you book as soon as possible. When booking you must identify yourself as being with the Vernon Photography Club. Please contact Bob Johnson ([vpcoutings@yahoo.com](mailto:vpcoutings@yahoo.com)) for the reservation procedures. For those planning to camp, there are several public and private campgrounds in the Osoyoos area. We would recommend that you also book these as soon as possible since Osoyoos is a popular vacation spot.

- Notifications - If you are interested in this outing and/or are planning to attend, please let Bob Johnson ([vpcoutings@yahoo.com](mailto:vpcoutings@yahoo.com)) know so that you can be added to the distribution list for additional communication. Also, please let Bob know if you have booked one of the suites at the Watermark Beach Resort so that we can track the room commitments.

Please contact Bob Johnson if you have any questions about this outing. We hope that you can come along!



[www.vernonphotographyclub.com/events](http://www.vernonphotographyclub.com/events)

# SAVE THE DATE

**YEAR END  
CLUB PICNIC  
THURS JUNE 25TH**

**When:** Thurs June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Where:** Meet at the Picnic Shelter at Polson Park

**Bring:** Your own food (packed picnic), drinks & lawn chairs

This is a social event before our summer break. Spouses & partners welcome too!



[www.vernonphotographyclub.com](http://www.vernonphotographyclub.com)

**Who do you follow on Social Media, Websites or Apps that other members might enjoy?**

Send in your favorites to share with other members:

[vernonphoto.news@gmail.com](mailto:vernonphoto.news@gmail.com)

**This month's member suggestions:**



@maxime\_lv\_photography



@marc.hennige

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## Allan Brooks Nature Center News

Make sure you find the time to visit the Club display at Allan Brooks over the summer. Special thanks to the many members that offered their images for display and to those that organized this fabulous showcase!

# Volunteers needed

We are looking for a few helpers to form an education subcommittee with Ron to help find speakers and plan education hands-on nights.

We are looking for a few helpers to become evaluators for our Zoom education nights.

We are looking for someone to find and organize volunteers to bring treats for breaks for all of our In Person meetings throughout the year.

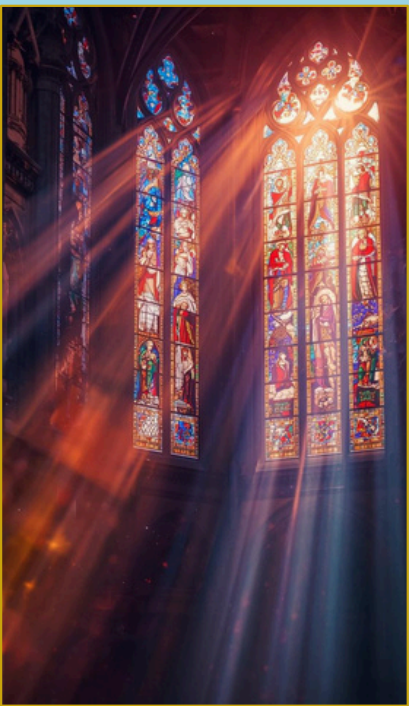
We are looking for someone to join the tech team to help with live meetings, Zoom nights and behind the scenes tech support.

We are looking for a secondary person to help with the Youth Photo Contest in Nov & Dec.

We are looking for a backup helper to occasionally help with the club website and club Facebook Page.

If you are interested in finding out more please email [vernonphoto.news@gmail.com](mailto:vernonphoto.news@gmail.com)

# Tech Tips



## Look for the Light

Pause, take a breath or two, look around to see what light sources there are around you when taking a shot. Whether it's a direct or natural light source, reflection of light from things like water or snow, there is no bad light. Learn to assess the quality and quantity of light and work with it and the settings on your camera.

It's all about learning to use it to your advantage.



Life  
like photography  
we develop  
from  
the negatives

# CAPA NEWS

**Canadian Photography Conference 2026** Hosted by the Foothills Camera Club and CAPA, join us in Calgary, AB, from July 13–16 at the SAIT Campus Centre in Calgary. Experience three days featuring 12 celebrated Canadian photographers and 10 local photo excursions.

Why attend?

- **Great Value:** We've scheduled the event right after the Calgary Stampede to ensure lower hotel prices and smaller crowds.
- **Convenience:** Stay at the SAIT Residence for 70% of the city average with free parking and easy transit access to downtown.
- **Flexible Access:** Can't make it in person? Virtual passes are available, and all registrants get one year of on-demand access to session recordings.

Don't forget your camera—Calgary's modern architecture (like the Peace Bridge and Central Library) is a photographer's dream. Register at this link

<https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/registration>



## **Basic Training for New Judges: Calgary**

July 17 & 18, 2026

Don't miss out—there are still seats available!

This Special In-Person Session is exclusively for attendees of the 2026 Canadian Photography Conference in Calgary.

Join us for a two-day, instructor-led edition of Basic Training for New Judges. Normally delivered online, this unique in-person opportunity allows you to complete both parts of the program in a single, immersive experience over two days.

Learn, engage, and connect face-to-face with instructors and fellow participants—right in the heart of the conference.

Registration: \$170. Sign up via the "Attendee ONLY" section on the Canadian Photography Conference website. <https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/>

## **Basic Training for New Judges: Online**

Part 1: Introduction to Judging: Start your journey at the CAPA Learning Centre. The course is \$185, but you can save 35% by becoming a CAPA member first!



**Hoo-Hoo-Hoo**

**has heard? The Raptors are  
coming June 19th**

**More info on time and  
cost at our May  
meetings!**