VERNON PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

newsletter

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CAPTURING THE MOMENTS

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President's Message



Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers - Voltaire

In the I800's it was noted that the unicellular algae, Chlamydomonas, (pond scum to most of us) could sense and migrate towards light. How a simple one celled organism, without eyes or a nervous system could orchestrate this task was a mystery until the I980's, when a researcher isolated a photosensitive protein in the algae, which turned on its capability to move, allowing for improved photosynthesis. Skip forward several decades and other researchers have developed ways to 'impregnate' living cells with this protein, allowing those cells to be turned on and off with light. This is helping to shed light on the function of those cells, and may give us insights into the nature of memory, for example, and eventually give us treatments for a host of diseases. Thus, the field of Optogenetics was born, and this year's Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to three key researchers.

What does this have to do with photography, you ask? Well, among things, light is the sine qua non of imagemaking. But I think it also speaks to something indomitable in the human spirit. The story started with an observation that led to a question that led to an investigation that led to a discovery far, far, far from where the story started. In many ways, our path to discoveries in photography may be similar... Like this research, photography starts with an inquisitiveness in order to understand the world around us.

Happy shooting!

Ron Long

NOVEMBER

happenings

NOV 1ST

Nov 1- Outing to Rim Rock Trail.
The November Outing will take us up the King Edward Forest Service Road near Lavington to the Rim Rock Trail . See the website for more details

NOV 7TH

Deadline to submit images for evaluation under the following categories:
1. Fine Art- (See CAPA Themes on January deadline)
2. Cultures Accross the globe
3. Happiness is
4. Open

Images to be sized & submitted as per club guidelines.
Please email images to vernoncamera@yahoo.com

NOV 12TH

Zoom Evaluation Meeting 7pm
Sit back at home and enjoy the show as our evaluators review the images from the Nov 7th submissions!

NOV 19TH

In Person Meeting
This in person meeting will feature member Wayne Emde with a presentation on Travel Photography - Getting “Non-Touristy” Travel Images. Then member Allan Speevak will introduce Stella D/Entremont of New Brunswick, talking to us via Zoom - Her talk on Creating Story Telling Images was given at the CAPA Calgary Convention in July, and will be repeated with a few modifications for us, given our placing of her talk under the broader topic of travel photography. (Stella is also President of CAPA.) Bring a note pad & pen.



Final Call

Please ensure that your membership renewal has been completed to remain on our mailing list! All members must renew yearly using the link on our website to ensure everyone is insured for club activities and included in all correspondence!

CLUB OUTING NOVEMBER

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SAVE THE DATE

Nov 1st Outing

www.vernonphotographyclub.com

The November Outing will take us up the King Edward Forest Service Road near Lavington to the Rim Rock Trail. This trail will take us to ancient lava beds that provide some great photographic opportunities. We will be doing this hike as a loop trail, leaving some vehicles at an access point to ferry the drivers back to the rest of the vehicles. Not far up the trail, we will walk to the bottom of the opening where you will get an up-close look at the lava beds. Carrying on along the trail, there are some steep pitches that will lead us onto the ridge where we will look down at the lava beds and discover some interesting geology. The views from the top are magnificent. The trail is approximately 4 km long. After we are back in the vehicles, we will drive up the road for a look at King Edward Lake, followed by a stop at beautiful viewpoint looking down into the Okanagan Valley above Oyama. The road will take us down to Oyama for the drive home.

Here are the details for the September outing:

- **Date** – Sunday November 1, 2026
- **Time & Location** – We will meet at the parking lot on Kalamalka Lake Road beside Sun Country Cycle (16500 Kalamalka Road in Coldstream) at 9:00 am. The gravel roads on this outing can be rough and are not suitable for cars – SUV's and pickups will be fine. We will minimize the number of vehicles travelling up to the trail as the parking along the road can also be limiting.
- **Accessibility** – This outing will involve hiking on some rough, uneven trails. While much of the walking will be on level on downhill slopes, there are some steep pitches that must be traversed to access the upper trail.
- **What to bring** – Bring water and a bagged lunch. The weather can be chilly at the higher elevations – dress accordingly and don't forget the gloves. Wear good hiking shoes or boots. For the hike you may wish to minimize the amount of gear that you are packing but don't forget the spare batteries!
- **IF THE WEATHER IS SNOWY OR ICY WE MAY HAVE TO POSTPONE THIS OUTING.** If the weather is marginal, a notice concerning the outing will be posted on FaceBook.






VPC In the Community

The Vernon Performing Arts Centre has confrimed our display date starting on January 4th 2027 at 1:00 PM. Please start thinking about which of your art works are worthy of printing and displaying. The show runs till the end of February. There is no theme to this exhibit, just bring your best work, framed and ready to hang. There should be space for a couple of prints each. No size restrictions unless you are going larger the 3 feet then let john know. This is a great opportunity for the club to draw attention to our work. Don't forget that London Drugs gives a good discount on printing.



ADVICE FROM DAVID

1. Don't rush:
Prepare the night before: pack your gear, charge batteries, choose clothing and food, and review travel plans. Before leaving, run through a final checklist so nothing essential is forgotten.

2. Prepare for the weather and hunger:
Canadian weather is unpredictable! Check the forecast but pack extra layers, rain gear, gloves and rubber boots. Staying warm and dry helps you remain in the field and capture better images.

3. Know your subject:
Learn about the species and its behaviour before photographing it. Put safety first, use a guide when needed, keep your distance, and respect ethical boundaries.

4. Respect nature:
I end each shoot by thanking the animals for the privilege of photographing them and hope that my love for nature is reflected in my images. Wildlife photographers are ambassadors for their subjects and stewards of the places they share.

5. Enjoy the journey:
Remember why you are there. Pause to enjoy nature and observe your surroundings; curiosity often reveals an unexpected perspective or composition.

MONTHLY CAPA NEWS

The Canadian Association for Photographic Arts supports photographers of all skill levels. CAPA's mission is to foster a vibrant and inclusive community that promotes ethical practices and advances the art of photography for all skill levels. We inspire and empower photographers to tell meaningful visual stories through creativity, education, and community.

For a decade, Sheldon Boles was the Director of Competitions for CAPA. Sheldon has been presented with the Honorary Fellowship and the Distinguished Service Award from CAPA. A new Director of Competitions has been appointed this season, Dan Sigouin. Dan is the former Prairie Zone Director, last year's Director of Education and a certified CAPA
judge. VPC thanks Sheldon for his expertise and welcomes Dan.

Interested in improving your photography? CAPA offers an online Introduction to Judging Course, that you can complete in your own time. The Introduction to Judging Course covers topics such as CAPA's philosophy on judging, judging methodology, and guidelines for various photographic genres, all delivered through an interactive and flexible online platform. Non-CAPA member pricing $185, for individual members of CAPA there is $65 off.

2026-2027 CAPA & EVALUATION NIGHT TOPICS

Nov 7- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Fine Art- (See CAPA Themes on January 10 deadline)
2. Cultures Across the Globe
3. Happiness Is
4. Open

Dec 5- Deadline to submit 1 or 2 images for the year- end showcase

Dec 19- Deadline to submit North Shore Challenge Images to Club Committee

Jan 9- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Color Inspiration (see CAPA Themes under Feb 7 deadline)
2. Mist/Fog
3. Feathered Friends
4. Open

Jan 10- Deadline to Submit CAPA Images to Committee
Topic is Fine Art- Themes are:
1. Abstract & Creative Vision,
2. Human Form & Expression,
3. Landscape,
4. Motion & Time,
5. Still Life.

February 6- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Canada My Country- (See themes under Mar 28 CAPA deadline)
2. Chaotic
3. Romantic
4. Open

February 7- Deadline to Submit CAPA Images to Committee
Topic is Color Inspiration - Themes are
: 1. Curves & Lines,
2. Movement & Energy,
3. Nature's Palette,
4. Color with a Human Touch,
5. Colors of culture

March 6- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Canada My Country- See CAPA Themes
2. Nautical
3. Ground Level
4. Open

March 28- Deadline to Submit CAPA Images to Committee
Topic is Canada My Country- Themes are:
1. Atlantic Zone (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador & Prince Edward Island),
2. Pacific Zone (British Columbia & Yukon)
3. Prairie Zone (Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan & Northwest Territory),
4. Ontario Zone (includes Nunavut Territory),
5. Quebec Zone

April 3- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Leading Lines
2. Black & White plus one Color
3. Delicious
4. Open

May 8- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Landmarks
2. Cocktails
3. In The Forest
4. Open

June 5- Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation
1. Magazine Shot
2. Panning/Action
3. By the Water
4. Open

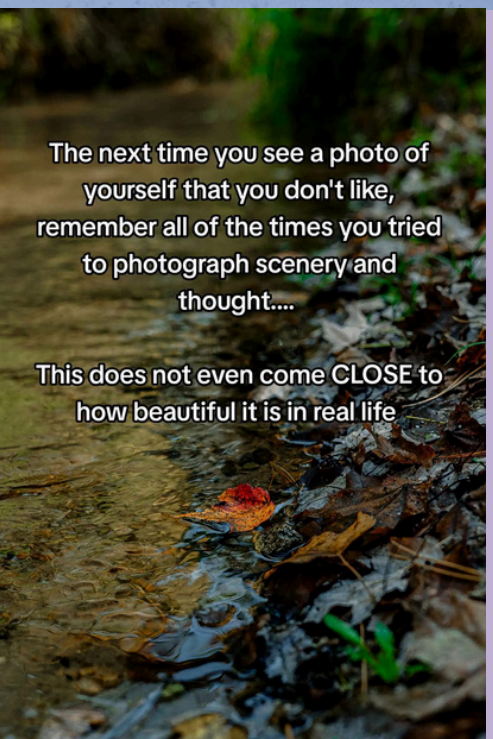
YEAR END SHOWCASE

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DEC 5TH

Do you have an image or two that you really love but haven't entered in for evaluation ? Why not showcase them at our year end party. Each member is invited to submit 1 or 2 images in this just for fun showcase where we will each judge our top favorites!

Submit to vernoncamera@yahoo.com

OPEN GATEGORY



FORGET THE CAMERA, FORGET THE LENS, FORGET ALL OF THAT. WITH ANY FOUR-DOLLAR CAMERA YOU CAN CAPTURE THE BEST PICTURE."

ALBERTO KORDA



TEEN
Photo Contest

Deadline to Enter: December 4, 2026

How to Enter:
Scan the QR Code & Email
vernonphoto.news@gmail.com







ENTER YOUR FAVORITE PICTURE

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Prizes:

1ST First Place Wins $200

2ND Second Place Wins $100

3RD Third Place Wins $50



SAVE THE DATE!

VPC CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

Thursday Dec 17th

6pm-8pm

Vernon Public Library

Spouses Welcome



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Help our club to another impressive showing at the:

North Shore Photographic Challenge

Submit your favourite images by Dec 19th, 2026



It is time to start thinking about the North Shore Challenge. Our club has a reputation to uphold with this premier photography competition. Last year our club placed 1st out of 27 clubs! The competition theme is open, with a wide range of subject matter, including stunning landscapes, altered reality, abstracts, portraits, architecture, wildlife, nature, and more. Our club entry into this competition is to include six photos from six different photographers. We would like to ask everyone to submit one or two of your favorite images for consideration by our selection committee. Images can be submitted anytime now to **vpcevents@yahoo.com**. Size the image to the same specifications used for our evaluation nights. If you have any questions please contact Lois at the email address above.