

Vernon
Photography
Club

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Monthly

Newsletter
NOVEMBER 2025



Ron Long, Club President

President's Message

As image makers, it is reinforced that we fill our image with the subject we have in mind. And yet, one of the most important images ever taken, in my opinion, occupies just 0.12 pixels. A speck. A pale blue speck. The image is marred by an artifact band of sunlight. In fact, the image was not even taken by a human, but was the last compilation image sent from Voyager 1, in February, 1990, (it was launched in 1977) before the cameras were turned off to conserve power. The image was relayed to earth via radio waves travelling at the speed of light, and it took 5 1/2 hours for the message to reach earth. Voyager is our most distant man made object, travelling 61,000 k/hour to beyond our solar system. It is now about 25 billion kilometers from earth, and in a mere 50,000 years, will be as distant as several nearby stars. Three of 60 images sent, using different colour filters, were amalgamated into the picture. For those interested, it was taken with a 1500 mm lens, f8.5, using exposures between 1/2 and 3/4 seconds. The blue colour, by the way, is partially related to the colour of the oceans, but is more related to the Rayleigh effect, which has to do with the scattering of sunlight in the atmosphere, and is the reason the sky is blue.

Scientist Carl Sagan wrote 'That's here. That's home. That's us.' He talks about our imagined self importance, and concludes, 'To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another and to conserve and cherish the pale blue dot.'

Here, here! At the Vernon Photography Club, we strive to do just that, in some small way, through our appreciation of photography and one another.

Happy shooting!
Ron Long, President VPC

CLUB DATES TO NOTE



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

Nov 5th

Outing to the Rim Rock Trail, King Edward Lake and the Oyama Lookout

The November Outing will take us up the King Edward Forest Service Road near Lavington to the Rim Rock Trail.

Nov 13th

Zoom Evaluation Meeting

Join us by Zoom as we hear the evaluators review of the member images submitted in these categories:

Inspiration Open Color- See CAPA, So Hot, Sports, Open

Nov 8th

Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation

1. Inspiration Open Color- See CAPA Themes
2. So Hot
3. Sports
4. Open
Image(s) to be submitted to vernoncamera@yahoo.com using club naming & sizing guidelines.

Nov 20th

In Person Meeting

Join us at this in person meeting where we will feature an amazing award winning guest speaker from Saskatchewan. Susan Smith Brazill from "Catching Yesterday" fame will tell us about her journey in Photography.

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SAVE THE DATE

GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday Oct 23rd

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Eldred Allen

Revised start time!!
6:30PM

Mr. Eldred Allen, and Inuk photographer from Rigolet Labrador will speak to us from his tiny community on his journey to photography. This will be a real cultural exchange, and we would like to make this event as interactive as possible for members of VPC, as his way of life in the community is so vastly different from ours.

Please check out his CBC radio interview with Matt Galloway and his lovely provocative images. As he is talking to us from Labrador which has a four hour time change, we want to start **sharp at 6:30 PM** as his talk will begin at 11PM Labrador time.

So please come a little early for this in person meeting at the Vernon Community Arts Centre.

Eldred will be speaking from 6:30pm to just before 7:30 pm. Then after a break and club announcements we will have
Ron Long speaking on '50 Images That Changed The World'.

Do you have an idea
for a meeting
speaker?
We are all ears!

Reach out to Ron at
vccexec@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday November 20th at 7pm



Susan Smith Brazill
aka @chasingyesterday-sk

Learn about Susan's journey as she embraces the ordinary, finding beauty in the simplicity of fence lines and weathered posts. The vast Saskatchewan skies paint an inspiring backdrop with their ever-changing hues and moods. Susan is drawn not just to the visual, but to the stories whispered by what she sees.

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**GUEST
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**IN PERSON
MEETING**



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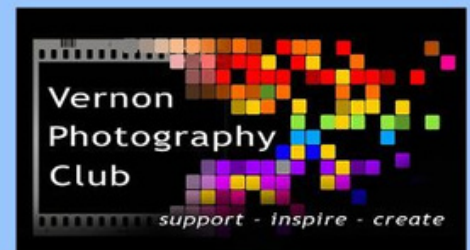


Liron Gertsman
lirongertsman.com

**GUEST
SPEAKER**
**IN PERSON
MEETING**

Liron Gertsman is an award-winning nature photographer and conservation photojournalist based in British Columbia, Canada. His work has been experienced by millions in some of the largest museums across the world, including the Natural History Museum in London and the Smithsonian in Washington DC. By photographing the natural world, Liron hopes to educate and shed light on environmental issues, and the importance of conservation.

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Outing News

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November 5th Outing

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 in order 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.



Details:

□ **Date** – Wednesday November 5, 2025

□ **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. □ **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. You can also phone or message **Bob Johnson at 250.308.4379.**



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Club Evaluation Topics Coming up Next



November Topics

- **Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation**
- **1. Inspiration Open Color- See CAPA Themes**
- **2. So Hot**
- **3. Sports**
- **4. Open**
- **Image(s) to be submitted to vernoncamera@yahoo.com using club naming & sizing guidelines.**

SUBMIT TO:

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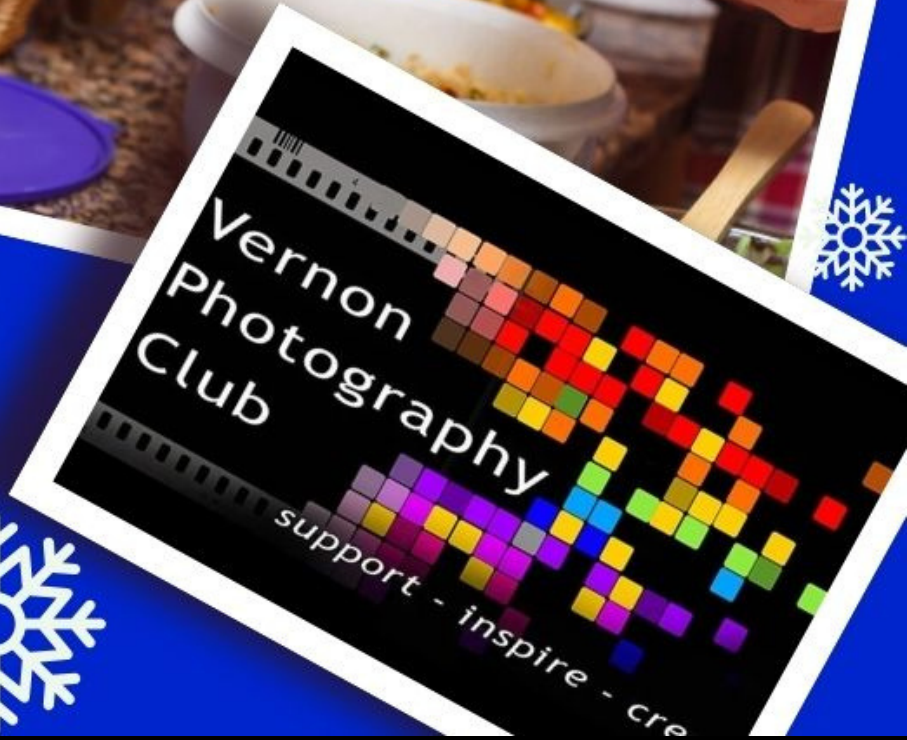
All Image submission deadlines and topics are listed in the Club Website Calendar!

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THE DATE!



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Thursday Dec 11th
From 6:00pm-8:00pm
Vernon Public Library



Club CAPA NEWS



Our club belongs to the Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA) which organizes learning opportunities and national competitions.

Visit our CAPA or LINKS page on the club website for more specific CAPA information regarding:

1. CAPA Monthly Newsletters
2. Upcoming competition description and deadlines
3. Image photo Naming & Sizing
4. Link to Join CAPA
5. What is CAPA Summary
6. Historical CAPA Images with scoring

WELCOME

New Members!

Status of current competitions:

Pacific Zone

Images submitted from Kerry Snelson, Ron Long, Allan Speevak, Bruce Borrowman, and Paul Graham were chosen to represent our club for this competition.

Congratulations to the Image creators for a combined total of 115 points. To view the image submissions and their scores, head over to our website under the CAPA tab to the 2025 gallery.

Congratulations to David Guscott and Kerry Snelson each winning an Honourable Mention Award in the **Pacific Zone Individual Competition**. To view their images go to the CAPA website -Competitions - Winners - Pacific Zone - Individual.

Nature/Wildlife

Our club images are currently being evaluated by the CAPA judges.

Our Club Calendar lists all of the deadlines & subject email to enter images is : vpccapa@gmail.com



Current CAPA Competition

Subject: Monochrome

CAPA states, "A monochrome image must fall into one of these two categories:

-A purely greyscale image using only black, white, and shades of grey

-A greyscale image that has been uniformly tinted with a single colour across the entire frame (such as sepia, red, or gold toning)"

This competition is divided into themes (Candid Person(s), Natural Surroundings, Dramatic Contrast & Shadows, Nostalgia). Image submission for this competition is due by October 26th, 2025.

A few other reminders before you send in your pictures:

-CAPA requires the unmodified EXIF data (camera and image details). Some editors erase it, so check that it is there.

-CAPA won't accept images that have received awards previously.

-Keep your original unaltered image file in case CAPA asks for it.

-Check that your pixel dimensions are right (check our website for help) and the size is less than 1.8Mb

If you have any questions, email any time and we'll sort it out.

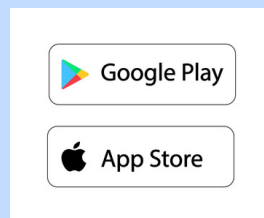
**Anyone can
participate in CAPA
if they choose!**

Tech Tip

Capture the golden hour. When you photograph the sunset, try to make sure there is something in the composition that is unique to the area, otherwise it could be a sunset anywhere. Then turn around and capture what the light is doing to the surrounding landscape. This is the “golden hour” light that photographers passionately seek.



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

This month's member suggestions:

@birdseyeinc

@chasingyesterday-sk

@denisolivier.com

@lirongertsman.com



TEEN Photo Contest

- Deadline to Enter: December 6, 2025
- Image Category: Open
- How to enter: vernonphoto.news@gmail.com

ENTER YOUR FAVORITE PICTURE



Prizes:
First Place
Wins \$200



Second Place
Wins \$100



Third Place
Wins \$50



INFO



Meet Some Fellow Members



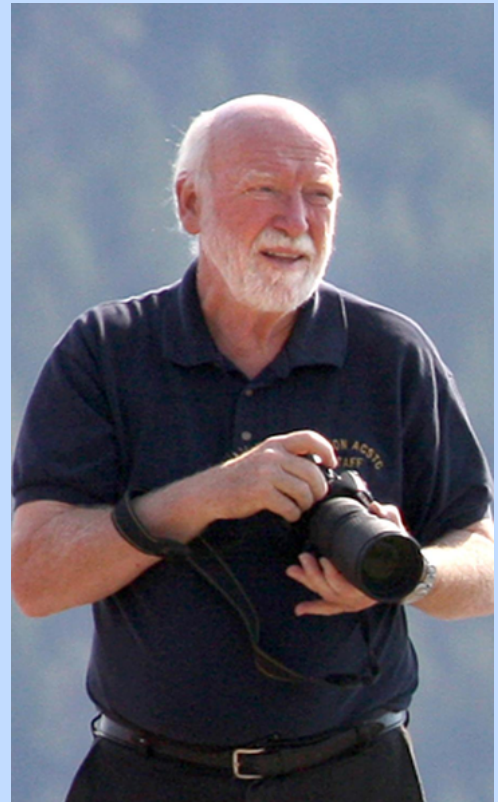
Meet Ron Long

Ron Long is a displaced Ontarian, and long term Coldstream resident, where he and his wife have raised their three daughters. He says he took lots of bad pictures on film as a young adult, but lost the thread due to the demands of family, work, and life in general, until he was enticed back into the fold about ten years ago by a VPC member with a used Nikon to sell! He now shoots on his smart phone and Fuji XT5. Ron especially enjoys the storytelling aspect of photography in its many forms

Meet Wyane Emde

Wayne lives in Coldstream overlooking Kalamalka Lake. He got his first camera when he was about ten - a prize from the Vancouver Sun for selling magazine subscriptions.

Wayne's favourite subject matter changes. A large part of his photography has been photojournalism, 33 years as the Public Affairs Officer at the Vernon Cadet Summer Training Centre, 20 years as the Vernon Winter Carnival photographer, and news coverage for many newspapers and magazines throughout Canada. Wayne has travelled through Europe and Japan and therefore travel photography has been a love for the past twenty years. Recently, he has been shooting bands, dancers, performers and some sports. Wayne hopes to learn more about processing. He shoots with a couple of mid-range Nikons.



"I really believe there are things nobody would see if I didn't photograph them."

— Diane Arbus

Extra things I might need later

CAPA Competition	Themes	Club Submission Dates
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