

Vernon
Photography
Club

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Monthly

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025



Ron Long, Club President

"When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change"

Wayne Dyer -

President's Message

On being unceremoniously dumped by her boyfriend online '...take care of yourself...', avant garde artist/ provocateur Sophie Calle posted that email missive to 107 women of varying backgrounds, for their expert analysis. What she (and we) received was a compilation of different interpretations of that event from different perspectives... from the lawyer we got a legal interpretation, from a philosopher a philosophic treatment etc. Lacking, interestingly, in the subsequent published book, were Calle's own thoughts on the breakup. Perception is a funny thing. It can be influenced by context, education, emotion, culture, our experience in the world, innate biases, and maybe even what we had for breakfast. So many filters!

There is an old adage that if you are a hammer, everything starts to look like a nail. But we don't have to be hammers. We can be wrenches, a velvet glove, a beacon, a villain, a superhero, an inquisitor, or even a provocateur.

Same with our photography. 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!

Dec 6th

Deadline to submit Images for Year End showcase
Submit your favorite image of the year for our year end showcase.
Image to be submitted to vernoncamera@yahoo.com using club naming & sizing guidelines.

Dec 11th

Club Christmas Potluck
We invite you to bring your favorite dish and join in on our annual Pot Luck. We will feature a slide show of our favorite images and play a fun game too!

While you are enjoying the holiday season remember that the first image submission date for 2026 is Jan 3rd!

Dec 15th

Image submission Deadline for the North Shore Challenge
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 3rd out of 29 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 favourite 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.

vernonphotographyclub.com/calendar

SAVE
THE DATE!



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

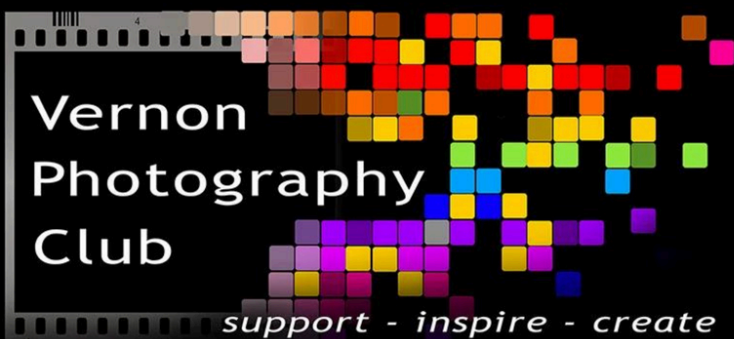
Thursday Dec 11th
From 6:00pm-8:00pm

Vernon Public Library
Spouses Welcome



**Watch for the Winter Carnival Volunteer
Schedule Coming Soon and sign up to help!**

Event Runs from Feb 6-15th



Watch for our
**Volunteer
Photographers**

At the
**VERNON
Winter
Carnival**



Outing News

SAVE THE DATE

January 14th Outing to:

**KF CENTRE
FOR EXCELLENCE** & **AUGUST LUXURY
MOTORCARS**

The January Outing will feature a return visit to the KF Centre For Excellence at the Kelowna Airport. We previously ventured into the KF Centre in 2022 and thoroughly enjoyed the static airplane, simulators, and aeronautical displays. This facility will have us experiencing the history of aviation in the Okanagan Valley. There have been additions to the Centre since our last visit, and it will be fun to capture the various aspects of flight in the Okanagan. We have arranged for the Centre to give us a tour so that we will have a better understanding of what we are taking in.

Following the visit to the KF Centre, we will stop for lunch and then visit August Luxury Motorcars, located across the highway from the airport. This automobile dealership specializes in pre-owned luxury, exotic, and collector vehicles. Their vehicles range from high end luxury brands like Audi, BMW, and Mercedes to supercars and exotics like Lamborghini, Ferrari, and McLaren. We should be able to get some great captures at this stop.

Here are the details for the January outing:

Date – Wednesday January 14, 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. At this time, those that wish to carpool can make the arrangements. Our tour has been arranged for 10 AM at the KF Centre for Excellence at YLW.

For the purposes of arranging for the appropriate number of tour guides, the KF Centre for Excellence needs to know the number of guests, two weeks before our visit. Such being the case, please let Bob Johnson (vpcoutings@yahoo.com) know by December 31, 2025, if you will be attending.

Cost – The cost for our tour and admission to the KF Centre is \$5. As the Centre requires a single payment via a credit card for the tour group, please bring along \$5 to cover your admission. There is no admission fee to August Motorcars.

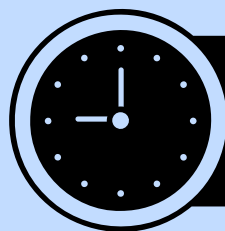
What to bring – Bring along an assortment of lens if you have them. You may want a wide-angle lens to capture some of the aircraft. The KF Centre has a great viewing deck that allows us to capture aircraft landing or taking off from the airport. If you are thinking of capturing some multi-frame action shots, bring along your tripod. Don't forget the extra charged batteries!

We look forward to seeing you on the Outing!



Club Evaluation Topics

Coming up Next



DEADLINE
to submit Jan 3

January Topics

Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation

1. Fine Art- See CAPA Themes
2. Unique Lighting
3. Elevation
4. Open

Image(s) to be submitted to

vernoncamera@yahoo.com using club naming & sizing guidelines.

As a reminder to everyone submitting pictures for evaluation nights, or for consideration to CAPA, that they be named like this 'titlespacedashspacenamespacedashspacetheme.jpg' (eg. Flowers - John Doe - Nature.jpg)

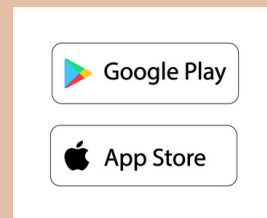
All Image submission deadlines and topics are listed in the Club Website Calendar!

Tech Tip

Play around with the placement of your subject. When putting a person in the foreground, aspiring photographers often make the mistake of putting that individual in the center of the frame. Consider putting them off to the side, with the information of place filling the frame in the background. These “environmental portraits” allow your subject to share space with the place, often creating a more engaging photo.



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:

@jordikoalitic



@willys360world

A joyful dog that does his own videos!



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



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

Status of Submission in to CAPA for Judging:
Monochrome- The images have been submitted to CAPA for judging and we await the results

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

WELCOME
New Members!

Current CAPA Competition

Subject: Fine Art

CAPA states, Fine art photography is the deliberate use of the camera or smartphone as a creative medium to express the artist's unique ideas, emotions, and messages. The initial image must be camera-captured, though it may be enhanced through a photo post processing application but without the use of generative AI digital creations or the enhancement of the image with generative features. Unlike conventional photography, fine art transcends mere documentation or representation by employing innovative techniques and artistic vision to convey deeper meaning. The challenge for the photographer is to create an image that challenges perspectives, evoke emotional responses, and communicate personal or universal truths in ways that are distinctly their own.

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.

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

Anyone can
participate in CAPA
if they choose!