



Vernon
Photography
Club

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Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026



Ron Long, Club President

**‘ Learn the rules like a pro so you can
break them like an artist’-
Pablo Picasso**

President’s Message

In these grey days of winter, while we are all pining for longer days and some colour, it sometimes seems to me as if things are broken. (One alternative is to just stop watching the news). Rather, however, I say “let’s break things!” No I’m not talking about rule of law, courteous discourse, finding commonality, and being inclusive. There’s already enough people trying to undo all of that... that field is already too crowded. Let’s instead find a different path.

I’m talking about photography! Let’s try and break habits, break conventions, break expectations, break with set ideation, and break rules! They’re really only guidelines anyway. What have we got to lose? A little bit of our time, maybe, but look what we stand to gain... a renewed spirit of adventure, a quest for new knowledge, a broader appreciation of art and our place in the world, a different perspective, and maybe, just maybe, some amazing images. I realize, looking at the clubs submissions that most members are already doing this. The images I see are superlative and improving all the time! I’m just giving us, myself included, permission to break some rules photographically speaking, and in doing so, allowing permission to fail, too. So let’s all fail and break more rules in 2026!

Happy shooting,

Ron Long, President VPC.

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER



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

Feb 7th

Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation

1. Triptych- Three Images- CAPA Themes
2. Performers
3. Abandoned
4. Open

&
Deadline for Outing Pics to Bob!

Feb 8th

Deadline to Submit CAPA Images to Committee
Inspiration Open Color- See CAPA Themes

Feb 12th

Zoom Evaluation Meeting where evaluators will review images under the categories: Triptych, Performers, Abandoned, Open

Feb 14th

Spread love in our community by sending a message or a photo to family, friends, neighbors! Let them know they are in your thoughts.

Feb 21st

Deadline to Submit Images for 'Your Image-My Edit' which will be reviewed at the Feb 26th (in person) Education Meeting. Please submit images to vernoncamera@yahoo.com using the usual format and they will be put into a slide show for the evening.

Feb 21st

Snowshoe/Dinner/Light Painting Outing at the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre. See website for details

Feb 26th

Join us for our in person education meeting where we will demonstrate live editing techniques in this version of "Your Image-My Edit"

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Your Image-My Edit



The February 26 (in person) Education Meeting will be a reprise of 'Your Image-My Edit'. Look for an email early in February with instructions in obtaining images provided by us, and then let your creative magic happen! Send up to three edited images back to us at the evaluation address, vernoncamera@yahoo.com using the usual format by February 21 and they will be put into a slide show for the evening. We hope that different editing techniques and applications will stimulate considerable discussion. We are also looking for members willing to bring in laptops with their post processing programs to demonstrate, live, how they would tackle editing some of these images. If you are willing to demonstrate your post processing apps and skills, please let us know at VPCexecutive@gmail.com

February Topics

Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation

1. Triptych-3 Images-CAPA Themes
2. Performers
3. Abandoned
4. Open

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

Club Evaluation Topics Coming up Next



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!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday February 21st



The February Outing will be a return to a very popular outing, last experienced in 2024 – an afternoon/evening at the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre (SLNC). For those who are energetic, we will start with a snowshoe hike that will reveal the beauty of the forest in the winter. After the snowshoeing, we will have dinner in the Old Day Lodge at SLNC, followed by getting creative with long exposure light painting. If we get a clear evening, there may also be an opportunity for some night sky photography. Please note that participating in the snow shoeing is not required to enjoy this outing. We would love for you to come for the Golden Hour photography, dinner and the light painting if that is your preference.

Here are some of the details for the February outing:

📅 **Date** – Saturday, February 21, 2026

📍 **Location** – This outing will be taking place at the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre up Silver Star Mountain

– when driving up Silver Star Road, turn left onto the Sovereign Lake Road a couple of kilometers before you reach Silver Star Village.

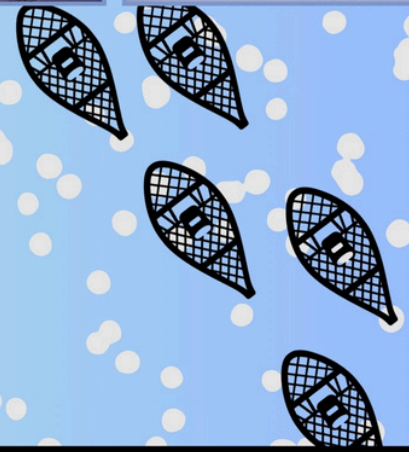
🕒 **Time** – If you plan on participating in the snow shoeing, the hike will be starting at approximately 4 PM. For those that would like to come for the dinner and the light painting, dinner will be out at approximately 5:30 pm, with the light painting to follow dinner.

💰 **Cost** – Dinner and hot beverages will be supplied by the Club. SLNC is generously providing the venue free of charge however we are exploring ways in which donations may be made to the SLNC Lodge Legacy Fund – more details to follow.

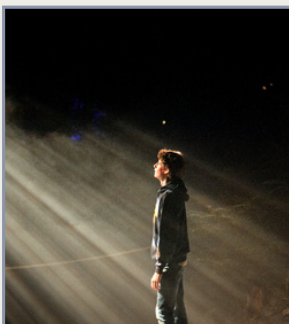
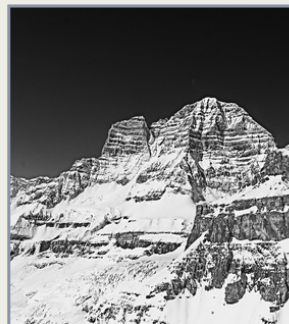
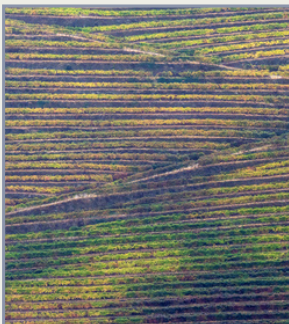
👢 **Snowshoes** – There will be no snowshoe rentals available when we have our hike as the the Lodge closes at 4 pm. Many members have several sets of snowshoes, and we will try to make sure that we have some available for those without the equipment but want to go on the hike. If you need snowshoes, please let me know at vpcoutings@yahoo.com. Conversely, if you have extra sets of snowshoes that you could lend out for the afternoon, also please let me know.

🎒 **What to bring** – It will probably be cold on the mountain, especially after sunset, so dress warmly with good gloves, boots and hat. As we will be using long exposures for the light painting, a tripod will be required (and a remote trigger if you have one). The cold will eat up your battery life, so be sure to bring some extra charged batteries. A wide angle lens will be helpful for some of the shots.

We look forward to seeing you on the Outing!



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Spring Outing May 25-27th



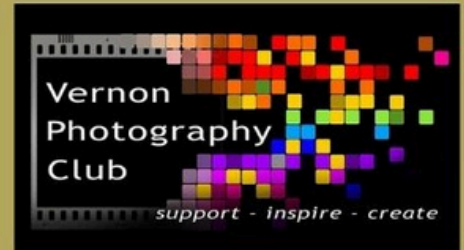
Our spring outing will be 3-day, 2-night trip to the South Okanagan. Our first stop will be a visit to the Kettle Valley Steam Railway in Summerland where we will capture images of the 1912 steam locomotive and the passenger cars. The 1 ½ hour journey will take us down to the Trout Creek Trestle with 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



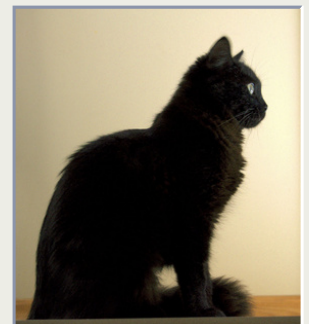
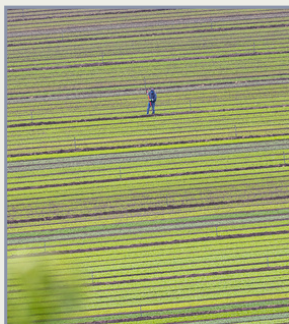
To get the group rate, reservations must be made by April 27, 2026, although to get the type of room that you prefer, we recommend that you book as soon as possible. When booking you must identify yourself as being with the Vernon Photography Club. Please contact Bob Johnson (vpcoutings@yahoo.com) for 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) 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!



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Tech Tip



The fundamentals stay the same with cell phone pictures. Regardless of your device, a good photo is always well composed, exposed correctly, and has a main subject. Think of the monitor on your smartphone as your canvas, and be responsible for its entire area.

You are the painter of the scene.

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Information for those members that are shooting the Vernon Winter Carnival. Watch for an email coming out regarding how to upload your photos each day. Note that the photos should be named as follows:
Event Name - photo number

**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:



@palebluewave

Portraits of strangers in Portland

@learn_photographytips



@thechristinebuzan

Great advice for posing subjects!



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Club CAPA NEWS

CAPA Competition	Themes	Club Submission Dates
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

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
6. Historical CAPA Images with scoring

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

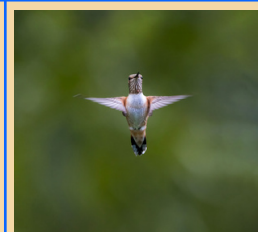
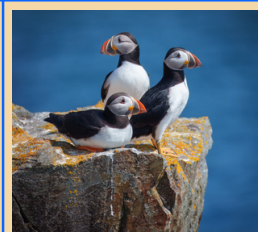
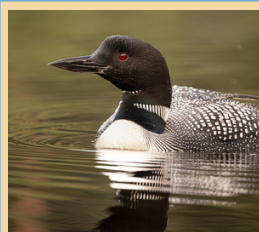
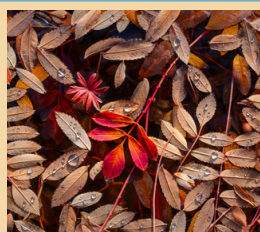
Current CAPA Competition

Subject: Open Colour Inspiration

CAPA says that "this competition and its themes invite photographers to showcase their creative skills, using colour as a vibrant medium to capture dynamic, outstanding, stunning, thoughtful and thought-provoking images". Submit images for one of the following themes: Man-Made Environments, Seasonal Transitions, Action & Motion, Cultural Events and Close-up. Reminder that images submitted in the November Club Evaluation that meet the CAPA themes and data requirements will be considered for submission.

A reminder, DO NOT activate any post-processing feature that contains the word "GENERATIVE" in its names. Examples include generative fill, generative expand, generative fill. Every submitted image must contain complete metadata from your post-processing workflow: including Camera settings, software and version information, editing history and applied operations, and Date and Time stamps. Original files must be un-retouched JPEG or RAW files from your camera. Award Candidates may be requested for the Original Files, or Working Files. If Photoshop or layered based software is used, ensure that the original PSD file or set of files must be maintained prior to flattening so that all editing history is retained. Also enable content credentials if you use Adobe Photoshop/Lightroom (2024 or later).

CAPA is hosting the 2026 Celebrating Canadian Photography Conference in Calgary July 13-16. This conference can be attended in person giving the opportunity to sign up for outings at additional cost, such as, Alberta Wild Horses, Roaming the Prairies and Badlands, Downtown Architecture Photo. Also you can join virtually with live-stream access and 12 months of on-demand recordings.



AI is making CAPA competitions stricter with its MetaData requirements as generative AI is not allowed in CAPA competitions. CAPA's Sheldon Boles gave a fantastic presentation on AI in December on youtube at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/PK9tZpXm1Bw>

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 vpccapa@gmail.com any time and we'll sort it out.

