



President's Message



Ron Long, President

'Love is the bridge between you and everything' - Rumi

Scientists tell us there are four fundamental forces of nature, without which, life, and therefore obviously photography, would not exist as we know it. These are; the strong nuclear force, which binds protons and neutrons together and provides stability to substances like cameras; gravity, without which it would be difficult to set up a tripod, let alone take a picture of a waterfall; and electromagnetism, which is basically energy and light. The weak nuclear force is harder to relate to photography unless you're an astrophysicist, but you get the picture (pun).

But the Power of Love has them all beat. It's a small thing, it's a big thing, it's everything. I encourage you to incorporate love in your photography, because it's as integral as light. Embrace the frail nature of all forms of love, be they romantic, brotherly, artistic, or self love. Start with the last. Cut yourself some slack. Forgive yourself for whatever, after all, we are all only human. So take a deep breath, look around, smile a little, and take in the awesomeness of it all. Celebrate love, life, and your stubbed toe, because you woke up this morning. Remember your forebears... a glass to them all! Remember Valentine's Day, and remember that love can change the world. Love, empathy, compassion, and understanding are our four horsemen who will ride out to meet the apocalypse.

This message is dedicated to the Power of Love, and to the 54, or 146, or more, likely, (depending on the source you read), journalists and photojournalists who were killed tragically in conflicts worldwide in 2024... because they loved their craft, and they knew that the quest for love, empathy, compassion, and understanding is sometimes as important as life itself, and has the power to change the world.

A PHOTOPHILE IS AN ORGANISM THAT THRIVES IN BRIGHT SUNLIGHT, OR A PERSON WHO LOVES PHOTOGRAPHY:



Feb 2

Deadline to submit Images for CAPA Evaluation

Members are invited to submit an image to the Club CAPA committee for evaluation. The committee then chooses 6 images to represent the club in the upcoming competition.

Topic for this competition is: Color Inspiration

The image must fall within one of these themes: Still Life, Dramatic Contrast & Shadows, Action & Motion, Nature's Beauty, Travel

Submit to: vpccapa@gmail.com

February is here!

Spread Love through pictures

Feb 9

Deadline to Submit Images for the next Zoom Evaluation Meeting

Members are invited to submit their images (max 3) for the next Zoom Evaluation Meeting. Topics are:

A-Love

B-Photojournalism

C-Curves & Lines

D-Open

Submit to: vernoncamera@yahoo.com



If you attended the outing to The Towne Theatre, please send 10 images for the Outing Slideshow to vpcoutings@yahoo.com


Feb 13

Zoom Evaluation Meeting

Join us as our evaluators review this month's submission of images highlighting the following topics:

Love, Photojournalism, Curves & Lines, Open

The Week of
Feb 14

Participate in the Club Spread Love Challenge! 

don't forget

Feb 22

Ellison Park Outing

This outing will focus on In Camera Motion (ICM), Double Exposures, and Water Drop Photography - if it is not too cold! More details to follow on our Club website calendar and Facebook page. .

Feb 23

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Members are invited to submit an image to the Club CAPA committee for evaluation. Six images will be chosen to represent the club in the upcoming competition. Topic for this competition is: Photojournalism

The image must fall within one of these themes: Contemporary Issue, Environmental Issue, Animal/Botany/Bird/Insect, Sports

Submit to: vpccapa@gmail.com

Feb 27

**FEB 27- EDUCATION NIGHT
TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Join us tonight tonight to hear a couple of fabulous guest speakers. First we will have Ginny Sellars speak to us on her journey to Iris Photography & Outdoor Sports photography. Then Ron will speak to us about Hits/ Misses/ and Maybe Lessons Learned from his travel photographs with highlights from Baffin Island, Belize, Italy, Vietnam, and Slovenia

SPREAD LOVE CHALLENGE



Spread Love One Picture at a Time

You know how pictures can brighten peoples lives, show people that we care, make people laugh and generally spread Love? We are challenging our members coming up to Valentines to send a picture to someone(or several people) either nearby or a distance away. They can be friends, family, community members etc. Send the pictures by text message, email, Facebook, Instagram, mail or hand deliver with a Thinking of You message during the month of February. This could include a picture you have taken, an old picture you find or a picture that you know the recipient would love or laugh at. Have fun with this Spread Love Challenge!

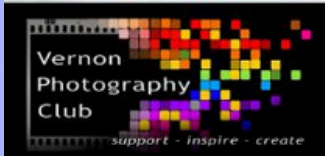
Look for a post on our club Facebook page if you want to share what you have done.

LET'S DO THIS THING

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Outing News



SAVE THE DATE

Outing Saturday Feb 22nd



Ellison Park Outing

February outing will be taking place at Ellison Provincial Park. At this outing we will explore Intentional Camera Movement (ICM), multiple exposures, winter landscape photography, and, if the weather cooperates, water droplet photos. This should be another fun outing - we hope that you can make it!

Date - Saturday, February 22, 2025

Location - Ellison Provincial Park, 9816 Eastside Road, Vernon. As the roads within the park are closed in the winter, we will be meeting at the entrance gate to the park.

Time - 1 PM

What to Bring - The roads within Ellison Park can be quite slippery and icy in the winter. Bring your ice grips to ensure a safe walk in. Also be sure to bring your tripod and extra charged batteries. You may want to bring along a selection of lenses including wide angle and macro if you have them.

We hope that you will be able to make it on this outing! Please feel free to contact Bob Johnson (vpcoutings@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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Save the Date

For These Future Fun Outings

Mar 21-A Day In the Life of Vernon Outing

The March outing will be on March 21, 2025. The focus of this outing will be to capture "A Day in the Life of Vernon". Additional details and information will be coming out regarding this "project" that we hope you all will participate in.

Jun 2nd-6th- Alberta Outing

This will be a multi-day, overnight outing. These are wonderful opportunities to capture views and landscapes that we don't normally see in the Okanagan and get to know some of the Club members. This year, we will take an excursion to Southern Alberta. Over the course of the 5 days, we will visit Dinosaur Provincial Park, Writing on Stone Provincial Park, Waterton Lakes National Park, and other attractions along the way. More information to follow by email and in the Club website Calendar

Images for the February Slideshow - If you attended the outing to the Towne Theatre on January 8, please send us some photos for inclusion in the slideshow to be presented on February 13. Please send up to 10 of your best images to vpcoutings@yahoo.com by Sunday, February 9, 2025. As you may recall, we have agreed to share photos with the Towne Theatre for their use in promotional or commercial purposes (with appropriate credit given to the Vernon Photography Club). If you do not wish to have your photos shared with the Theatre, please advise me of this when you send in your images. To provide a variety of photos to the Towne Theatre, we have increased the number of submitted photos for this outing. In the interest of keeping the slideshow to a reasonable length, we may not be able to include all photos in the slideshow.

Info on all club outings can be found on the Club Website Calendar & Outings tab, at future meetings and posted on the Club Facebook page.

CAPA NEWS



**Club CAPA
deadlines
to
enter!**

Club CAPA Due Dates & Theme

February 2 - Color Inspiration

February 23 - Photojournalism

March 9 - Curves and Lines

April 6 - Canada My Country



VPC is and has been a member in good standing of Canadian Association for Photographic Arts (CAPA) since 1988. To find out more and view our submitted competition images you can visit the CAPA page on our club website: vernonphotographyclub.com

The next competition is **“Color Inspiration”**.

There are 5 themes: Still Life, Dramatic Contrast & Shadows, Action & Motion, Nature’s Beauty, and Travel. Please note there are guidelines for each theme. You can read these over on our club website under either the CAPA or LINKS tab.

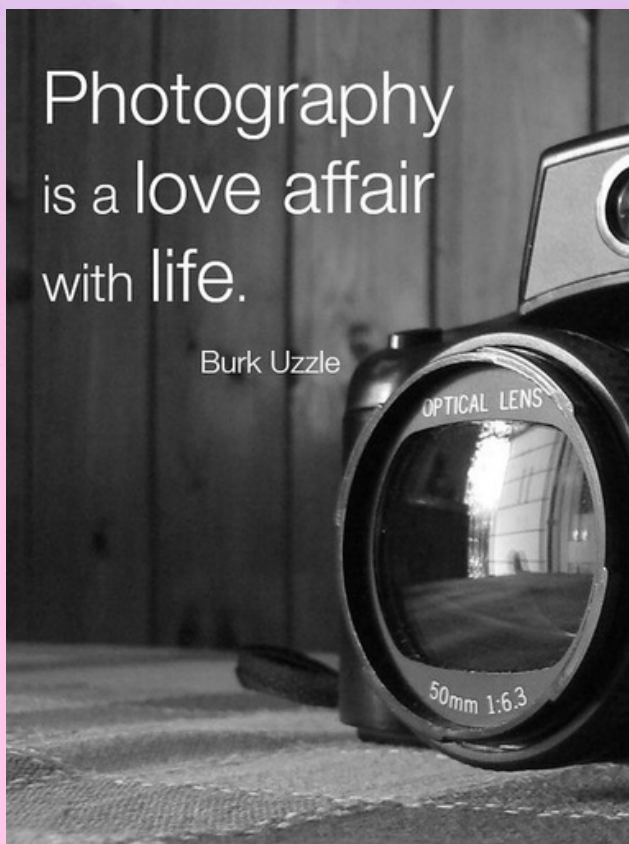
We hope that you’ll join this competition!

Please send in your 2 best images by February 2. A reminder our CAPA yahoo email is no longer in use so please delete that address from your contact list. Then please update your address book and submit your images to vpccapa@gmail.com

Our club’s latest entry is to the competition “Fine Art” has been submitted. The results will be posted on Facebook and our Website once the judging has been done. .

Congratulations to David Guscott! David was awarded an honor award in the individual 2024 Black & White competition. The winning images from the 2024 Black & White Competition from all clubs are available to be viewed on the Club Website on the LINKS page under CAPA, labelled “Last Competition Judged Images”.

VPC’s CAPA representative role is transitioning to Terri Fugel and Kerry Snelson with support from Tor Nezen and Ron Long. Thanks for stepping up!





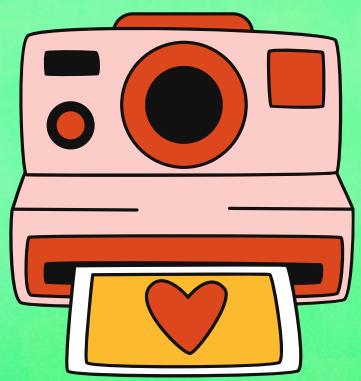
**There's me in the Johnsons' trash. ...
There's me in the Kleeburgs' trash. ...
There's me in the Millers' trash. ...**

Website News



Watch for something new coming soon to our
Club Website & YouTube Channel!
Bruce has volunteered to make some instructional
videos on sizing and naming images for our
Evaluation Nights & CAPA entries.

Club Evaluation Topics Coming up next



FEBRUARY TOPICS:

- A-LOVE
- B-PHOTOJOURNALISM
- C-CURVES & LINES
- D-OPEN



DEADLINE

to submit Feb 9th

SUBMIT TO:
VERNONCAMERA@YAHOO.COM

Enter your pictures for evaluation!
What a great way to learn

**All Image submission deadlines and topics
are listed in the Club website calendar!**



Meet Some Fellow Members



Meet Kerry Snelson

Kerry lives in the Township of Spallumcheen. She started taking pictures on her first DSL in 2010. Kerry likes shooting anything in nature and particularly macros of insects and spiders. Kerry is always trying to learn something new, and this year is focusing on improving the taking and processing of monochrome images. Her camera is a Sony a7R V



Meet Brian Laycraft

Brian lives in a scenic area outside of Armstrong BC. Like many people Brian started taking pictures as a teenager but for many years had less interest in it. The last few years he became more serious and has moved beyond the point and shoot type cameras. He likes being outside and viewing nature. Looking for what is over the next hill. "The best shots are usually close up and in detail." Brian's goal with photographs is to share with other people the things he has seen and appreciated in the world. He uses both a Canon EOS R8 and an Iphone15.

Meet Bruce Borrowman

Bruce resides in Lumby. As a kid he used a Kodak X15 which he still has in a box. Bruce likes to shoot flowers, macro, landscapes, things with texture and form that he can use to create mirror images with. Bruce hopes to learn more about Image Processing in order to make enjoyable images and a few portraits now and then. For the last 20ish years Bruce has been shooting with Nikon. Currently he is using a Nikon Z8. Prior to that he used Olympus and Kodak cameras.

