

Vernon
Photography
Club

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Newsletter

APRIL 2026



Ron Long, Club President

“The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend”

Robertson Davies.

President's Message

Depending on the breed, dogs are up to 100 million times more sensitive to smell than humans are. This is generally more true for larger dogs with longer noses, for example, blood hounds. Dog brains devote 40 times more area than human brains to analyze smells, and that takes up to 1/3 of the brain area in dogs. Dogs can even detect emotions through smell. I wonder if my doodle, Daisy, sensed that I was “mildly annoyed“ at finding a whole chewed through my raincoat pocket recently. Daisy was going for a bag of dog treats left in the pocket at a handy dog level after a walk. That animals experience things differently from us may not be surprising. Bees see in the ultraviolet range invisible to us and, surprising to me, cannot distinguish the colour red at the long end of the spectrum. It is likely that flowers evolved to attract pollinators, not the other way around. Many flowers have distinctive eye catching UV colour patterns that are invisible to us, but irresistible to bees. For many reasons, humans perceive things differently from other humans. More on that next month. But let's embrace those differences in photography, as in life!

Happy shooting!

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH



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

Apr 4th

Deadline to Submit Images for Club Evaluation in these categories:

1. Adventure
2. Light & Shadows
3. Small Objects
4. Open

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

Apr 5th

Apr 5- Deadline to Submit CAPA Images to Committee
Canada My Country- See CAPA Themes

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

Apr 9th

Zoom Evaluation Meeting where we will hear evaluators comments on the topics of Adventure, Light & Shadows, Small Objects and Open

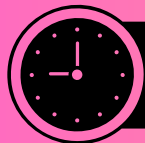
April 18th

Outing will be a Photographic Scavenger Hunt at Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park

Apr 23rd

In Person Meeting- More details to follow in the club website calendar

Club Evaluation Topics Coming up Next



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HOW TO NAME IMAGES FOR ENTRY

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(eg. Flowers - John Doe - Nature.jpg)

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



SAVE THE DATE

March 28th Outing



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The March Outing will take us to Lavington to capture Border Collies at work herding sheep. It will be fun capturing these action shots and there will also be lots of opportunity to photograph the new lambs, the dogs and a few other farm animals.

Here are some of the details for the March outing:

- Date – Saturday, March 28, 2026
- Location – Stirling Acres Farm, 6845 Learmouth Road in Lavington. To reduce the number of vehicles arriving at the farm, we will meet at the Rail Trail Parking lot, along Kalamalka Lake Road (beside Sun Country Cycle)
- Time – We will meet at the Rail Trail Parking lot at 9:30 am for a 10 am arrival at the farm.
- Cost – There will not be a cost for this outing.
- What to bring – Ground conditions may be muddy at this time of year – rubber boots would be a good choice for footwear.

SAVE THE DATE

FOR OUR APRIL OUTING Saturday April 18th



The April Outing will be a Photographic Scavenger Hunt at Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park. This will be a fun outing where we will break into teams to capture a series of images. You will get to practice several camera techniques and to collaborate with your team members. It promises to be fun and different. We hope that you can attend.

Here are some of the details for the April outing:

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□ Date – Saturday, April 18, 2026

□ Location – Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park – meet at the main parking lot (the access point for Jade and Juniper Bay trails). We will park at the most southerly parking lot – near the access point for the Rattlesnake Point Trail.

□ Time – We will meet at 10am.

□ What to bring – We will be presented with a series of photo challenges so if you have them, bring a variety of lenses. In addition to your creativity bring a packed lunch so that we can socialize after the scavenger hunt.

Who do you follow on Social Media, Websites or Apps that other members might enjoy?

Send in your favorites to share with
other members:

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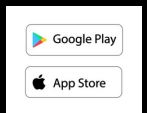
This month's member suggestions:



@biabeible
Interesting poses



@koalitickollective
creative light painting and framing



Allan Brooks Nature Center News

The VPC will have a show of our printed work at the Allan Brooks Nature Centre this summer. Many of the art works from the last show will be on display starting April 15th. The hang date for those contributing their work is 1:00pm Monday April 13th. We will be hosting a reception/open house on Wednesday April 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm so everyone can drop by to see our members work and also to view the changes to the ABNC facilities. They have a newly renovated pond with observation decks and there should be wildlife around by that time. Bring your camera,

SAVE THE DATE

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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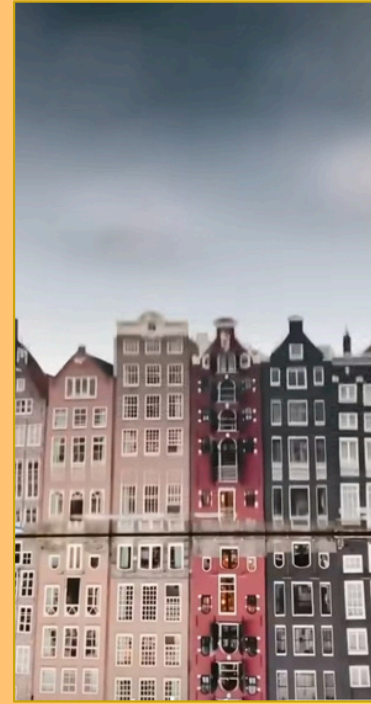
We are looking for someone to fill the Membership Coordinator position for our Club. As an integral part of the Vernon Photography Club Executive, the Membership Coordinator will:

- Be positioned at the door for in-person meetings to greet new members and guests, collect appropriate fees and answer questions. Distribute and collect the name tags.
- Maintain the membership list and name tags. There is usually at least one new member per month, and new tags must be created. Update the communications coordinators (those in charge of the newsletters and the members only website) when people have been added or removed from the mailing list or require website access. Updating the membership list with London Drugs.
- Work with the treasurer to keep track of who has or has not paid their dues.
- Maintain copies of all membership forms as they contain the signed waivers and
- code of conduct. Revise the membership form when necessary.
- Attend executive meetings
- Respond to emails

If you are interested in this position or have any questions about it, please speak with any of the current Club Executive or send an email to Ron Long, President, at vccexec@gmail.com



Tech Tips



Have you discovered upside down cell phone photography?

Top Tips for Upside-Down Cellphone Photography:

- **Get Lowered Perspective:** By flipping the phone, the lens is inches lower than normal, which is ideal for shooting close to the ground, such as with, flowers, toys, or water reflections.
- **Create Foreground Depth:** Use the ground immediately in front of you (grass, sand, pavement) to create a soft, blurred foreground that draws viewers into the image.
- **Improve Portraiture:** Use this angle for children or pets to shoot at their eye level, rather than looming over them, making the photos feel more personal.
- **Pair with Portrait Mode:** Using portrait mode while in this position can help blur the background even further, making your subject stand out.
- **Use Reflections:** Place your phone near a mirror or puddle on the ground to capture surreal, symmetrical images.
- **Adjust Exposure:** Before taking the shot, tap your subject and drag down to reduce exposure. This increases contrast and adds a more moody, professional look to the photo.
- **Combine with Wide Angle:** Using an ultra-wide angle lens while in an upside-down position can create dynamic, exaggerated perspectives

CAPA NEWS

Canadian Photography Conference 2026 Hosted by the Foothills Camera Club and CAPA, join us in Calgary, AB, from July 13–16 at the SAIT Campus Centre in Calgary. Experience three days featuring 12 celebrated Canadian photographers and 10 local photo excursions.

Why attend?

- **Great Value:** We've scheduled the event right after the Calgary Stampede to ensure lower hotel prices and smaller crowds.
- **Convenience:** Stay at the SAIT Residence for 70% of the city average with free parking and easy transit access to downtown.
- **Flexible Access:** Can't make it in person? Virtual passes are available, and all registrants get one year of on-demand access to session recordings.

Don't forget your camera—Calgary's modern architecture (like the Peace Bridge and Central Library) is a photographer's dream. Register at this link

<https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/registration>



Basic Training for New Judges: Calgary

July 17 & 18, 2026

Don't miss out—there are still seats available!

This Special In-Person Session is exclusively for attendees of the 2026 Canadian Photography Conference in Calgary.

Join us for a two-day, instructor-led edition of Basic Training for New Judges. Normally delivered online, this unique in-person opportunity allows you to complete both parts of the program in a single, immersive experience over two days.

Learn, engage, and connect face-to-face with instructors and fellow participants—right in the heart of the conference.

Registration: \$170. Sign up via the "Attendee ONLY" section on the Canadian Photography Conference website. <https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/>

Basic Training for New Judges: Online

Part 1: Introduction to Judging: Start your journey at the CAPA Learning Centre. The course is \$185, but you can save 35% by becoming a CAPA member first!

CAPA Competition	Themes	Club Submission Dates
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

