



President's Message



Ron Long, President

*'When it comes to luck,
you make your own' –
Bruce Springsteen*

Good fortune, blessing, fluke, a lucky break, advantage, serendipity, windfall... perhaps we have enough words for luck, of which I am a big believer. Sure, hard work and tenacity have their place, but I suspect picking my parents fairly well, and deciding to be born in the latter half of the 20th century in North America probably trumps most of my own efforts in the grand lottery of things.

In 1928, Alexander Fleming found mould growing in a Petri dish containing Staphylococcus bacteria. Bad luck for him. But he noticed that there seemed to be suppression of growth of the bacteria near the mould. Good fortune for us. It led him to the discovery of penicillin.

I suspect there are parallels here that pertain to photography, or at least I know that is the case for me ... no, nothing life changing, like penicillin, but if we can examine our mistakes, our miscues, our bloopers, accidental shots, wrong settings, and the like, there may be a positive take away to be gleaned on occasion. That's what makes the process of photography, and life, so interesting.

Happy happenstance and best wishes for the Holiday Season!

Ron Long, President

P.S. We are still anxious for a couple of volunteers to step forward to help with CAPA competitions. Please consider this.



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest Education, Workshops, Free Resources, and More. Keep Reading!

This Month's Things coming up:



Dec 8th-Deadline to Submit Images for Member Showcase

Members are invited to submit 2 of their favorite images for the Dec 14th PotLuck/Showcase.

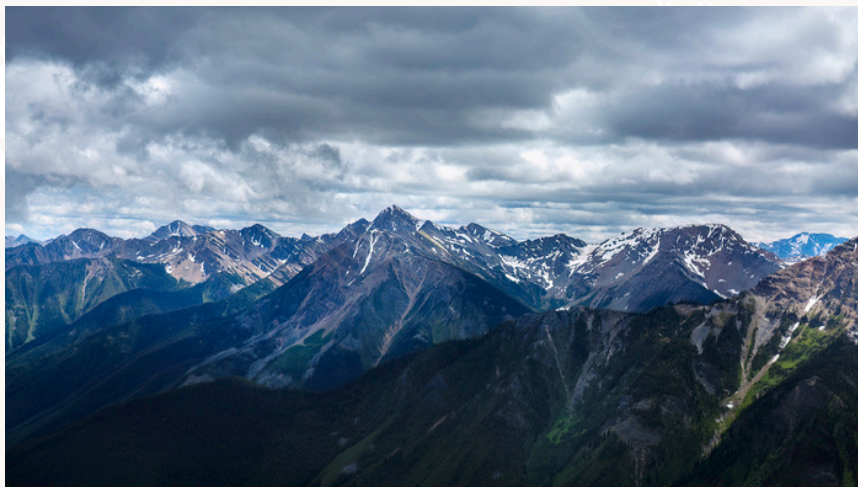
The theme is open.

Submit to: vernoncamera@yahoo.com using correct sizing guidelines

Dec 12th- Club Christmas Pot Luck/Member Showcase

This annual event is a fun social night for all. Bring your favorite dish, appetizer, snack or desert. Not a cook? No worries just bring chocolate.

While there we will enjoy a year end Showcase of member's favorite images and more.



Dec 15- Deadline to Submit Images for North Shore Challenge

Lois would like to ask everyone to submit one or two of your favorite images for consideration by our selection committee to go forward into this competition representing our club. Images can be submitted anytime now with North Shore in the subject line to vpcevents@yahoo.com following club sizing and naming guidelines

Cold and Flu Season is Here!

If you are feeling under the weather or have been exposed to anyone sick please give the meetings & outings a miss and stay home! We would rather not risk any of our immune compromised members.



Upcoming Outings



Visit the Historic
Towne Theatre

December is normally a very busy time for all of us as we prepare for the holidays and gear up for those special times with our loved ones. Therefore, as is the norm, we will not be planning an outing in December but get those cameras ready for 2025!

January Outing

Our January outing will take us for a visit to the Historic Vernon Towne Theatre. As the promotional material for the Towne Cinema states – This is a “long-standing movie theatre with a stately exterior, retro flair and a classic concession stand”, run by the Volunteer Group Okanagan Screen Arts Society. We will be free to explore the theatre with our cameras and capture the many varied aspects including the projection equipment and even the tunnels in the basement. The Vernon Towne Cinema is excited to have us visit and is eager to use our images that we will share with them for promotional purposes (you will be able to opt out of sharing the images if you wish).

Here are the details regarding this outing:

Date – Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Time – 7:00 PM

Location – Vernon Towne Theatre, 2910 30th Avenue, Vernon

What To Bring – As many parts of the theatre will have reduced lighting you may wish to bring along your flash and/or tripod for long exposures. Don't forget those extra, charged batteries!

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

If you attended the outing for the Forest Light Painting, please send me 3 or 4 images for the Outing Slideshow. Since I expect that, given the nature of this shooting, many of the images will be very similar, please feel free to include images that you may have of the participants or a “different” shot. This slideshow will not be played until the January 9, 2025 Evaluation Meeting. Please send your images to vpcoutings@yahoo.com by Sunday, January 5, 2025.





CAPA NEWS

CAPA NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER

Again, here is a big welcome to our new club members!

Our club belongs to a national photography association (CAPA) which organizes learning opportunities and national competitions. To find out more about these opportunities, you can find a link to the CAPA page on our website on both the CAPA Page and also the LINKS page.

CAPA produces monthly newsletters which are very interesting and we have links to those on our club website both on the CAPA page and also the LINKS page.

Our club's latest entry of images has been submitted for the last competition which was "Black and White". The results aren't back yet, but we expect to be notified as soon as they are available. These results will be posted on our website CAPA Page and also on the Club Facebook page.

The next competition is "Fine Art".

There are 5 themes: Abstract, Landscape, Wildlife, Portrait and Still Life.

Please note that there are guidelines for each theme that one should be aware of. You can read these over from CAPA's website via quick links on our club website under both the CAPA tab and also the LINKS page.

We hope that you'll join this competition!

So please send in your 2 best images(Fine Art Category) to vpccapa@gmail.com by January 5.



Club CAPA Due Dates & Theme

January 5 - Fine Art

February 2 - Colour

February 23 - Photojournalism

March 9 - Curves and Lines

April 6 - Canada My Country

Please note that the CAPA Sub categories for each deadline are listed in the Club Calendar as part of the Deadline to Submit Posts!

North Shore Challenge Competition

It is time to start thinking about the North Shore Challenge. This is an outside of the club contest. Our club has a reputation to uphold with this premier photography competition! 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. Please submit two of your favorite images for consideration by our selection committee.

Images can be submitted anytime before Dec 15th to vpcevents@yahoo.com. Please include North Shore Challenge in the subject line. Size the image to the same specifications used for our evaluation nights(this info is available on our website LINKS tab . If you have any questions please let Lois know, or send an email to the address above.

Deadline to Submit Images is Dec 15, 2024

Club Evaluation Topics Coming up next



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

JANUARY TOPICS:

COLOR
ABOUT THE SHADOWS
MINIMALISM
OPEN

submit to:
vernoncamera@yahoo.com



Watch for reminders on Facebook and in the website calendar for image entry dates!

Christmas Pot Luck

Dec 12th at 6:30pm Vernon Library

Do you have a dish or appetizer you are famous for? Bring that and your appetite to the annual club Christmas potluck! Don't forget to enter a couple of images for the member's showcase!



Meet Some Fellow Members



Meet Eileen Kaul

Eileen lives in Vernon East Hill and has been using a camera since elementary school taking photos of her class, friends, and family. Eileen joined VPC shortly after retiring and bought a 2nd hand Nikon D80 from a club member, her first DSLR and has since added a 55-300 lens and purchased a Canon M100 for travel purposes. Eileen loves finding something that catches her eye while hiking/walking and traveling. Eileen would like to learn more about layering in post processing. She loves our club's outings for the wonderful opportunities and is inspired seeing the photos members submit monthly.

Meet Bruce Prosser

Bruce enjoys living in Falkland. His favorite things to shoot are wildlife, landscapes and street scenes when he travels. Bruce hopes to learn more about composition and editing and is also on the lookout for that "perfect camera". He currently shoots with Sony and Fujifilm digital cameras.



Meet David Guscott

David lives in Vernon on Turtle Mountain where he loves to watch the sun rise over the city and the golden sunset bathe it in warmth (with a few rainbows from time to time.)

His favourite subjects to photograph are loons on our local lakes. "I particularly look for the low angle sunrise and sunset shots taken from my kayak".

David feels that photography has so many avenues to explore that it's hard to limit his future learning to a few topics. In the seven years that he has been in a Club member he has: taken his first astro photos of the Milky Way; frozen soap bubble; flaming steel wool pics; and his first images of loons.

David shoots with both DSLR and mirrorless Canon cameras.