



MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB

67 Years of Fellowship Through Photography

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Eros Fiacconi

When we entered December last year, it had truly been my hope and belief that by now, we might be getting back to more normal operations, namely, the recommencement of in-person meetings. Unfortunately, that does not appear to be the case. Rather, what we are getting back to is merely a discussion of the plausibility of this happening.

With the passage of time, we have become more familiar and comfortable with Club functions taking place on line and via the Zoom platform. And, while we certainly miss the social benefits of in-person meetings and the Prints Competition, Zoom has allowed us to continue the majority of the Club's programming uninterrupted and has expanded the options available to members.

Given the foregoing and the evolving circumstances in which we find ourselves with the pandemic, we may need to seriously re-think how we see the Club operating next year and/or when things "normalize":

- Do we revert to our former arrangement of having 2 in-person Club meetings per month (if/when we are permitted to do so)?
- Do we consider having the two monthly meetings alternate, with one being in-person and the other via Zoom?
- Do we abandon our regular in-person meetings altogether and conduct all future Club meetings via Zoom and simply arrange for periodic in-person meetings throughout the year?

As you can imagine, the list of options is long with many variations. Each has its pros and cons. For the time being, we shall stay the course for the balance of this year and respond to opportunities as they arise.

In the meantime, I would kindly request that you each take some time over the next several weeks (as if you have nothing better to do during the upcoming holiday period) to ponder some of what's been raised above, in particular, how you would like to see the Club operate next year (2022-2023) and/or when things return to "normal". At a future Club meeting, most likely in the New Year, it is the intent of the Executive to conduct a poll to see where our members stand with respect to various options that will be put forward regarding this matter. Among others, this will help the Executive in its decisions regarding the booking of space at the Seniors' Centre.

On a less serious note, I am pleased to inform that the Directors approved having our Club subscribe to become a member of the Canadian Association for Photographic Art. If you are not familiar with this organization, I invite you to visit their website and check it out - <https://capacanada.ca/>. Click on the heading "Clubs" to find out about the many features, competitions, quarterly magazine, workshops etc. that will be made available to you through our membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Continued

November 18th saw our first competition results night. If you were not able to attend the meeting, you can check out all the images submitted along with the winning images by logging in to the members' portal on the Club website. There you will find a pdf of the entire show.

Thanks to all members who participated in the competition and congratulations to the photographers who submitted winning images.

A big thank you goes out to Pradipta Datta and Bob Warren for preparing the show and for the narration during the presentation.

December is the month of holiday celebrations with family and friends, colourful lights and decorations, the onset of winter and the end of the year. There's enough material there to satisfy the appetite of any photographer. So be sure to keep that camera close by and your eyes wide open. Opportunities are often unique and fleeting. And consider sharing some of your best photos with our members in the New Year.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Club, I would like to extend best wishes to all our members and their families for a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful holiday season and good health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

Eros Fiacconi, President MCC - president@mississaugacameraclub.ca

PROGRAM - Garry Weiler

Program Group Update

Special thanks to Mike Laezza for volunteering to fill the Program Development position in the Program Group. I look forward to working with Mike to research and select presenters for our next club season starting in September 2022. Thank you for volunteering Mike, I appreciate it very much and our club appreciates it very much.

UPCOMING MCC PROGRAM MEETINGS

Thursday, December 2, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Title of Presentation: **Architectural Minimalism**

Presenter: **Wayne Fisher**
www.fisherphotoinc.ca

Wayne is a professional photographer living in Thornhill, Ontario. Wayne has a fresh approach to Architectural Photography by dissecting the subject and accentuating the most important elements. Wayne is an Artist and Educator and has work published Internationally including some noted, Chizz Magazine, Collector Book/New perspectives by Contemporary Art Curator Magazine, Flowers of Monet !80th Anniversary of Claude Monet. (To be published end of 2021). It was a great milestone for Wayne to have represented Canada at the World Photographic Cup 2020 in the commercial category. He has presented his Architecture and Minimalism presentation to Panasonic Canada as well as many camera clubs across Ontario. Wayne has been creating images for over 35 years and this genre of photography is where he feels at home. Wayne's presentation will be visually informative, where he will talk about his journey from South Africa to Canada and his vision and post-processing techniques.

Thursday, December 16, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Title of Presentation: **Members Show & Tell Evening**

Join us for an evening to view a variety of images created by our club members. We'll be having 19 members participating in this event which will include 16 members speaking about their images and 3 members will have their images displayed but will not speak about them. Each presenter will have a maximum of 5 minutes to speak about their images. It'll be a fun evening to view a variety of images, hear some interesting stories, learn a few things and an opportunity to get to know our club members a little better.

Garry Weiler, Director of Program - garryweiler@rogers.com

DIGITAL COMPETITIONS - Sandro Del Re

Competitions

Competition #1 results show was a success. Thanks to Pradipta Datta, Bain Myers, Bob Warren, and Kevin White for all their efforts in making the show very enjoyable. Our shows would not be as successful without these dedicated people.

Competition Stats

The Competition team is always looking for ways to increase our members' participation in the competitions. We will continue to work to get as many of our members sharing their work and learning from the competition experience. For Competition #1 we had 42 members submit images. Our total membership this year is 146 so this represents about 28% participation. There is room for improvement.

Upcoming Competition #2

As a reminder the theme for Competition #2 is Close-up/Macro. So, get your extension tubes and macro lenses working. The deadline for submissions for Competition #2 is Sunday **December 19** at 11:59pm.

Sandro, Director of Competition Group - director_comp@mississaugacameraclub.ca

WORKSHOPS - Holly Lumley

We have the following workshops scheduled for the 2021 / 2022 season:

TOPIC	PRESENTER	WORKSHOP DATE
Photo Editing	Doug Johnston	January 8, 2022
Videography	David Clow	February 5, 2022
Avoiding the Recycling Bin	Peter Van Rhijn	March 5, 2022
Printing	Omar Sheikh	April 9, 2022
Motion	David Penty / Xin Qiu	May 7, 2022

Our next workshop is being presented by Doug Johnston on **January 8, 2022**

Join this workshop to explore how to use your editing software to adjust what you captured and create your best possible images. We will explore how to assess your image before making any adjustments, and then will apply the various tools available in your software to achieve exceptional results. To do this we will discuss approaches to removing distractions; cropping for composition; adjusting for tone; adding contrast; enhancing colours; eliminating noise; adding sharpening; and other opportunities to create an outstanding result.

The workshop is aimed at those who are starting their journey into editing or want to improve their understanding of the basic steps and tools, but others may find interesting tips and suggestions in the presentation.

The goal is that participants will leave with a understanding of basic photo editing approaches and tools.

The workshop will run on Zoom for about 2 ½ hours, with time to answer questions plus a couple of breaks. It will be primarily presentation style, using Lightroom software to demonstrate the editing. Other software has similar capabilities.

About your instructor: Doug Johnston has been interested in photography for many years, and is a long-time member of the club, having served as Program Director and President. The opportunity that the digital era opened for editing and adjusting photos after capture, even to achieve creative results, has been an ongoing journey of discovery. He continues this journey as the leader of the Photo Editing Special Interest Group.

Date: **January 8, 2022**

Start Time: 9:00 am

Cost: \$15.00 for members / \$20.00 for guests

Once you register, the ZOOM meeting information will be provided to you. If you have any questions please reach out to Holly via:

workshops@mississaugacameraclub.ca

MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB HISTORICAL RECORDS - Audrey Cherevaty

Remembering MCC Holiday Social December 2013

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

*You better have cameras
You better have batteries
You better have memory
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is judging your images*

*He's marking your work
He's checking your quality
He's gonna watch those competitions
Santa Claus is judging your images*

