



## **MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB**

*67 Years of Fellowship Through Photography*

# **S N A P S H O T**

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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Eros Fiacconi**

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Good riddance 2021 and welcome 2022, a year that we all hope will be much better and kinder.

While 2021 might not have been a great year for many of us and for various reasons, it certainly wasn't for me with the loss of both my father and father-in-law, not to mention the passing of a number of beloved, long standing Club members. Nevertheless, I'm sure you'll agree that there were also many moments to celebrate – the birth of a child/grandchild, a wedding, a vacation (judging by some of your Facebook/Instagram photos), a new car, camera or lens and much more.

From the perspective of the Club and its operation, it really has been business as usual, at least the new usual meaning no in-person meetings. Despite not being able to meet in person bi-weekly, the quality of the experience from being active members of the Club has not diminished. Some may even go so far as to say that it has been enhanced because Club offerings, such as SIGs, continue to be made available to all members at no additional charge and Zoom meetings, along with the Club website, have made most of the Club's functions and presentations more readily accessible to all members regardless of where they may find themselves.

Given the recent emergence of the Omicron variant, any reasonable expectation of holding in-person meetings at full capacity for the remainder of this Club year have been more or less dashed. Ironically, however, the City of Mississauga has requested that we renew our rental space contracts and pay for the space whether we use it or not, effective January, 2022 through the end of May, 2022. If we do not renew, we risk losing our dates and time because they would be offered to other Clubs/Organizations. Realistically, this is unlikely to happen because I can't see any other Club or Organization committing to space that they may not be able to utilize or utilize to full capacity.

After considerable thought, the Club Executive has decided to renew only one Thursday each month and risk losing the other Thursday space and time. In this way, if things do improve before the end of May, we might still be able to schedule some in-person meetings and if they don't, the financial loss would be minimal. Most likely, the City will either reimburse or credit the Club, if the space can't be used due to restrictions imposed by any public agency.

The on-going rental of space and how we decide to conduct our general meetings going forward is a matter that will be brought before our members for consideration in upcoming Club meetings.

We enter 2022 with the submission of photos for our first Members' Challenge of this Club year. If there is sufficient participation and interest expressed by members, we can consider additional Members' Challenges in the New Year. So, be sure to submit your image.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Continued

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The "Show and Tell" evening at our last meeting in December was very well received and most entertaining. Thank you, Garry Weiler. And, while we may not be able to schedule such evenings as a regular event throughout the Club year, I would remind members that we still have the "Show Off Option B" available for members who wish to tell a brief story (5-7 minutes) using their photographs. We encourage you to prepare these shows to share with Club members. Please get in touch with Jim Evans to schedule your "Show Off" for viewing before the start of our regular meetings.

As we move into 2022, I'd like to reiterate my thanks and appreciation to all our hard-working and dedicated volunteers who make Club operations and programming possible. I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage members, who have not yet volunteered, to step forward and do so. Your contribution will benefit the Club while enhancing your experience and knowledge of Club operations.

Finally, on behalf of me and the Club Executive, we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year full of ever-expanding opportunities and positive experiences, both photographically and personally.

Cheers and kindest regards,

Eros Fiacconi, President MCC - [president@mississaugacameraclub.ca](mailto:president@mississaugacameraclub.ca)

# PROGRAM - Garry Weiler

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## **Members Show & Tell Evening**

Thanks to all who attended the zoom meeting and special thanks to the members who participated in our first Members Show & Tell Evening. We had 21 members participating sharing a great variety of images with interesting presentations and the feedback I received was very good, so we'll most likely be having this type of meeting on the Program again next season.

## **UPCOMING MCC PROGRAM MEETINGS**

### **Thursday, January 6, 2022 - 7:00 pm**

Title of Presentation:     **Bird Photography**

Presenter:                 **Russ Chantler**  
[www.russchantler.com](http://www.russchantler.com)

Russ is an amateur photographer from Tillsonburg, Ontario. His greatest joy is capturing images of the many species of birds that he seeks out near home and across North America. He aspires to capture images that present his subject in its natural habitat and in a setting and light that show the subject's natural beauty to its best. He tries to promote a love of nature through presentations to nature clubs and camera clubs. Each fall, Russ is involved with the Hawk Cliff Raptor Banders, a volunteer group that traps and bands Raptors on their southward migration. His images have appeared on the cover of a Swedish birding magazine, local magazines and research papers and in static displays in Parks. Russ's presentation will focus on bird photographs and in particular how to set up for the best shot, where and when to go for particular nearby species, and some birding hotspots in the southern US.

### **Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 7:00 pm**

Title of Presentation:     **2nd Competition Results**

Digital images submitted will be presented online at a virtual zoom meeting and winners will be announced.

Garry Weiler, Director of Program - [garryweiler@rogers.com](mailto:garryweiler@rogers.com)

# DIGITAL COMPETITIONS - Sandro Del Re

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## Members' Challenge

The Competition Team would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope that everyone had some time to spend with family despite these very trying times. The member's portal will be ready to accept submissions to the Members' Challenge on **January 3** and will close on **January 9** at noon. The Competition team is currently reviewing an easy way for members to pick their favourite images. Stay tuned for further updates.

## Competition #2 Stats

Category	Images
Creative	14
Nature	27
Natural Things	19
Pictorial	40
Theme	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>

## Upcoming Competition #3

As a reminder the theme for Competition #3 is Architecture. As always given the state of the pandemic please exercise caution if going out to shoot. The deadline for submissions for Competition #3 is Sunday **February 20** at noon.

Sandro, Director of Competition Group - [director\\_comp@mississaugacameraclub.ca](mailto:director_comp@mississaugacameraclub.ca)

# ONTARIO COUNCIL OF CAMERA CLUB (O3C)

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## 2022 O3C Open Challenge Competition

The 2022 O3C Open Challenge Competition (formerly GTCCC Open Challenge) offers MCC members a chance to compete with their peers from about 35 other local camera clubs. The competition will draw in over 12,000 submissions, of which approximately 25% are accepted. This acceptance rate is consistent with other competitions of this size.

The Open Challenge Competition is designed to appeal to the greatest number of photographers and their diverse interests. There are 11 digital categories. Prizes are awarded for First, Second, Third and multiple Honourable Mentions in each category. The categories are:

Nature Birds  
Nature Animals  
Nature Botany  
Nature Landscape / Geology  
Expansive Views  
People  
People in Action  
Architecture  
Pictorial  
Creative Vision  
Theme Topic – “Food & Drink”

Please note the OCCC Open Challenge Rules & Guidelines includes a complete definition for each category. Besides individual image awards, the Challenge also recognizes the top scoring Clubs. **To win at the Club level, requires wide participation from our members.**

Now is the time to start planning your April submission to the Open Challenge. Submission and fees details will follow next month.

Go to <https://o3c.ca/competitions/open-challenge/> to download the 2022 Open Challenge Rules & Guidelines.

Larry Biancolin and Vince Filteau  
**Open Challenge Organizing Team**  
Contact us at: [o3c@mississaugacameraclub.ca](mailto:o3c@mississaugacameraclub.ca)

# WORKSHOPS - Holly Lumley

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

TOPIC	PRESENTER	WORKSHOP DATE
Photo Editing	Doug Johnston	January 8, 2022
Videography	Ursula Tweddle	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 an 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](mailto:workshops@mississaugacameraclub.ca)

# WORKSHOPS - Holly Lumley - Continued

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## Audiovisual Presentation Workshop aka Slideshow Workshop - February 5, 2022

This workshop will focus on how to develop an AudioVisual (AV) presentation, the term used by the OCCC. This workshop will look at the guidelines that the OCCC uses to judge AV presentations: quality, production, purpose and audience appeal. It will also look at how to do a presentation in the ZOOM world with PowerPoint, Pages and minimal use of video.

There will be AV examples for demonstrations, critiquing and discussion. A sample of some areas that will be covered are:

- The OCCC guidelines and judging criteria,
- Best practices in creating a presentation,
- Tips and tricks on how to enhance your storytelling theory and techniques,
- The correct usage of Ken Burns and other transition features,
- The dilemma of which comes first: the music or the images,
- How to add meaningful music,
- How to do this in an animated and static presentation format such as PowerPoint and Pages, with or without music,
  
- And, of course, Q&A

About your instructor: Ursula Twedde is an award-winning amateur photographer, who has a love for all types of photography, the digital darkroom and most especially the creative genre. Ursula is a past Competition Chair for the Mississauga Camera Club. More recently, along with giving travel presentations, she has embraced the storytelling opportunities of the AV world, taught an AV workshop, as well as run a year-long Mac Special Interest Group/Workshop on helping users enhance their post processing abilities by understanding their computers. Becoming an OCCC competition judge has also helped her hone her design and composition skills.

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## Other Learning Opportunities

Canon Canada has online learning available on the following topics:

- Photo Foundations for Adults
- Intro to Video Production for Adults
- Beyond the Basics for Adults

More details can be found here:

<https://www.campanon.ca/collections>

Lambton College is offering a number of free online courses:

- Fantastic Photos 1: Composition
- Fantastic Photos 2: Principles of Design
- Phone Photography as Art
- Photography for Online Business

For more information on the courses and to register:

<https://www.lambtoncollege.ca/custom/LambtonApps/PartTime/Courses/CourseList.aspx>

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**MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB HISTORICAL RECORDS - Audrey Cherevaty**

*Members of the Camera Club enjoying the snow.*



*Images by Hilarie McNeil-Smith  
and David Simmonds*



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