



MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB
68 Years of Fellowship Through Photography

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Eros Fiacconi

December marks the beginning of the second trimester of the Club year. And so far, so good! The presentations at our bi-monthly meetings have been over the top, we've just completed our first competition of the year highlighting the excellent photography of our Club members, the full slate of Special Interest Groups resumed via Zoom and despite the continuing saga of Covid, Club outings began again with the frequency of pre-Covid days. We held our Annual General Meeting on October 20th and provided the requisite documents to the appropriate agencies thereby satisfying our requirements as a not-for-profit organization.

Among the items considered at the meeting were the President's report, Directors' reports, a review of the Club's financial health and adoption of this year's operating budget expertly presented by Henney Bryant, Administration Group Director and CFO. A big thank you to Henney and all the Club Directors and the volunteers within their respective groups for assembling the information and producing their reports.

The AGM also saw the departure of Tom Iwasiw as Director, Recording Secretary, after an extended 4-year term in that position. On behalf of myself and my fellow Directors, I would like to thank Tom for his exceptional work and dedication in fulfilling his duties in this position. Tom's attention to detail made his minutes informative and indispensable and his contributions at Directors' meetings greatly valued.

Stepping in to fill the position of Director, Recording Secretary, is Gay Peppin. Gay has considerable experience with other not-for-profit organizations in various capacities, including director, executive director, and past president. We look forward to benefitting from the knowledge she's gained from her past experiences and to working with Gay in her capacity as Recording Secretary for our Club.

The Club also voted to extend the terms of Garry Weiler, Henney Bryant, Sandro Del Re and yours truly for another year beyond their terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM following which the attendees were treated to a most entertaining presentation by Club Member Peter Dulis on "Caribbean Photography" and his top 5 photo adventures there. Excellent photography and interesting narrative.

The Directors have already met on 4 separate occasions this year to deal with the many facets of Club business and to consider proposals to enhance our members' experiences. Here are a select few that we intend to bring forward over the next little while:

- Record presenters' presentations and make them available exclusively to members for a period of 1 week. This will give members who were unable to attend the meeting a chance to view the presentation and offer the other members the opportunity to watch it again.
- Introduce an "In Memoriam" page on the Club website to acknowledge departed members. This will require the website team to set the page up and a volunteer to take it on - update and so forth, so please let us know if you are interested.
- The website team will also be asked (time permitting) to create a section within the "In Memoriam" page that features Club trophies, their sponsor and what they are for.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Continued

- There is a proposal to have a volunteer conduct several brief (10-minute) presentations at the beginning of our bi-weekly meetings to go over the Club website – what's there, how to access material, upload photos , etc.
- Under serious consideration is a unique opportunity, brought to us by Club member Sherry Prenevost, to expand the Club's operating budget. If pursued, the funds generated have the potential to expand our programming possibilities in a meaningful way. Once again, the ability to realize this opportunity is dependent on Club members stepping forward to volunteer. More information will be forthcoming.

And now a final note with respect to Club related matters. We have recently been advised by Janet Martin that she will no longer be able to continue as editor of Snapshot. Over the past 4 years in this role, Janet has done a remarkable job in assembling the input from contributors, formatting and editing the material to produce this quality monthly publication. Our thanks go out to Janet for all she has done in this capacity.

In light of the foregoing, we are now looking for someone to take on this position. At a recent meeting of the Executive, it was decided that the frequency of the publication of Snapshot be reduced from monthly to three or four times per year. Please contact Jane George director_comm@mississaugacameraclub.ca if you are interested in assuming this position.

As noted earlier, our first competition results evening took place on November 17th. I'd like to congratulate the photographers on their winning images and thank all members who participated.

Entering competitions is a great way to improve our photography. While we may not always agree with the decisions of the judges or their comments, they are beneficial in that they force us to re-examine our photographs with a more critical eye. This could ultimately lead to better photographs. And so, I would encourage those who did not participate in this first competition to give serious consideration to doing so in the future.

A big thank you to Pradipta Datta and Bob Warren for preparing and narrating the show and to Sandro Del Re and the whole Competition Group who help make it happen.

Please be sure to join us for our December 15th meeting which will feature the annual members' Show and Tell evening. If it's anything like last year, it should be very entertaining.

December is a great month for celebrating with family and friends. And for photographers, there's enough material to satisfy all tastes and interests – colourful lights and decorations, light shows and snow-covered vistas, just to name a few. Be sure to keep that camera close by and your eyes wide open as opportunities are often unique and fleeting.

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

COMPETITIONS - Sandro Del Re

Competition #1

We completed our first competition of the year. The theme for the first competition was Humour. It was very nice to see our members stretch their creative muscles from the many and varied entries in the theme category. Please visit our website to view all of the winning images.

Entries Competition #1

We had 140 images submitted for the first competition which is a good number of images. Unfortunately, there were NO images submitted in the Entrant level. The Competition's team message to the Entrants of the club is please consider submitting images. There are senior members that are available to mentor you and it is a sure way to take your images to the next level.

As Director of the Competition team (Sandro Del Re) I will reach out via email to all the Entrants to introduce myself and offer some ideas to increase participation at the Entrant level. Of course all participation is voluntary.

Staying with Competition #1 submissions: There were only 8 images submitted in the Creative category. The Competition team recognizes that this is an important category, and we invite the members of the Creative SIG to enter images if they desire.

Sandro, Competition Director - director_comp@mississaugacameraclub.ca

SHOW OFF - Jim Evans

Two New 'Show Off' Releases

Two new videos have been posted on the club's website under the Member's Work > Show Off tab as follows:

Tribute to Al Tilson - Club members appreciate the heart-felt tribute to the late Al Tilson produced by David and Karen Simmonds. In this video they share photos of Al participating in various club events and gatherings over the years, as well as posthumously 'showing off' many of his award winning images. Al was Show Off Leader for several years and so this seems a entirely fitting place to post his tribute. He will be missed by his many friends both inside and outside the Mississauga Camera Club.

Cosmos – Michael Lemiski imagines what floating through space would feel like. In this video he started with a single oil and water image and, as an accomplished musician, added his own ambient music composition. Enjoy this journey into the Cosmos !

Show Off postings on the website have received over 800 views to date. For those who have not recently visited the Show Off section of the MCC website, as the cold winter-weather arrives you'll have more time indoors now to explore the club's website and enjoy the art of your fellow members. For those who would like to create a Show Off but are unsure how to go about it, or have technical questions ... please feel free to contact me at showoff@mississaugacameraclub.ca. For those who do not have AV software tools at hand, I'll be happy to do the video production for you using your images and music selection.

Jim Evans, Show Off Leader - showoff@mississaugacameraclub.ca

ONTARIO COUNCIL OF CAMERA CLUB (O3C)

2022 O3C Interclub Challenge Competition Update

I recently attended a meeting of the representatives of the O3C competition team. As most members are aware, the 2022 O3C Interclub competition was postponed earlier this year because a number of volunteer positions remained unfilled.

It was reported at the meeting that some of the positions had recently been filled but there were still several openings remaining. These volunteer positions will eventually be filled by members of participating clubs throughout Ontario.

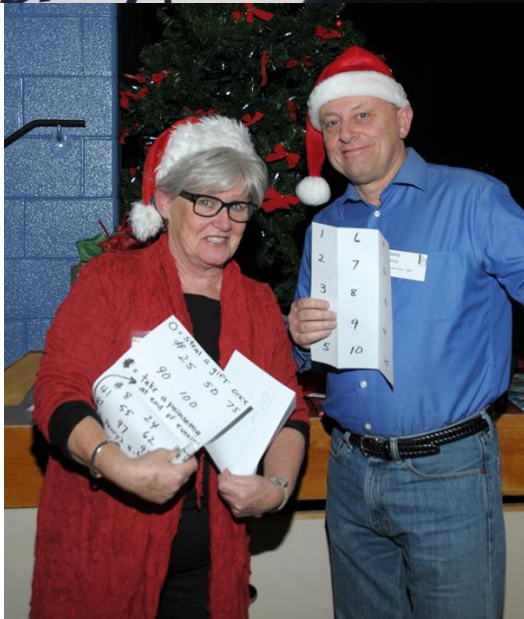
Hopefully the positions will be filled soon. In the meantime, MCC members who submitted images earlier need not worry about them. We have them safely stored away until the next O3C competition.

Vince Filteau - o3c@mississaugacameraclub.ca

MISSISSAUGA CAMERA CLUB HISTORICAL RECORDS - Audrey Cherevaty

Remembering MCC Holiday Social - December 2015

We're only limited by our imagination.



Audrey history@mississaugacameraclub.ca

OF INTEREST

Pat Donaldson recently contributed the following information.

Marty Pinker's brother Trevor posted the note below on the Club FB message board. There may be several members who might possibly be interested in this. I'm passing it along for sharing on your post if you like.

*Hi there, I am the brother of Martin Pinker who passed last October following a long battle with cancer. I know he was an active member of the Mississauga Camera Club and had many friends there. As you probably know, he used to post one of his photos each day on Facebook, and many enjoyed seeing them. Yesterday I decided to create a public Facebook group titled '**Celebrating the Photography of the late Martin Pinker**'. I have access to all his photos and plan to continue his practice of posting one each day in his memory. I hope you will join the group and continue to enjoy his talent.*

.... and from Audrey and Santa

