

2025-2026 PROGRAM



Image above by Larry Louie - May 21, 2026 Presenter



Image above by Dee Potter - September 18, 2025 Presenter



Image above by Shannon Bileski - February 5, 2026 Presenter

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The MCC 2025-2026 season will include nine in-person meetings and ten online Zoom meetings. Please refer to our [website calendar](#) for updates, Club Workshops, and other information. Visitors are welcome to attend Club meetings and new memberships with the Club are available. All ages are welcome. All meetings on this program are held on **Thursday** evenings. Zoom meetings start at 7:00 p.m., in-person meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Season Kickoff

Join us for an evening of informative and entertaining presentations. Extra time will be provided to socialize to share summer experiences.

SEPTEMBER 18 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Explorations in Photography

Presenter: **Dee Potter**

www.deepotter.photography



Dee Potter is a landscape and travel photographer based in Toronto who is passionate about capturing unique and exotic locations for art, education and tourism. Join internationally acclaimed and 2025 World Top Ten Nature Landscape Photographer

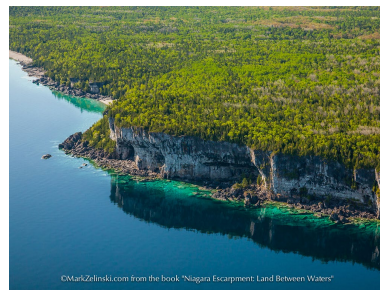
Dee Potter for an inspiring visual journey through his captivating cityscapes, dramatic landscapes, and compelling cultural portraits from around the world. In this visually rich presentation, Dee takes you behind the scenes of his global adventures, sharing the stories, challenges, and creative techniques behind his award-winning images. You'll see how he works a scene to go from great to extraordinary and learn what it takes to represent Team Canada at the World Photographic Cup. Dee will also share his "secret weapons" behind his most celebrated photographs, and help you gain insight into how you can elevate your own photography through impactful storytelling and a clear, purposeful vision.

OCTOBER 2 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Niagara Escarpment: Land Between Waters

Presenter: **Mark Zelinski**

www.markzelinski.com



Mark Zelinski trained as an artist and a designer. His diverse career as a professional photographer has taken him across 80 countries with clients ranging from the National Film Board to Panasonic. He is also a publisher, writer, painter, filmmaker, Fellow of Royal Canadian Geographic Society, member of The Explorer's Club, Board Member of UNESCO Niagara

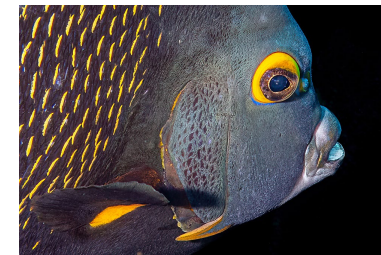
Escarpment Biosphere Network and winner of the Canadian Governor General's Medal. Mark's presentation of "Niagara Escarpment: Land Between Waters" brings exquisite focus to the environmental treasures of the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, and to the diverse Indigenous and modern communities that thrive along its rugged, curving path. The show includes photos and stories from his global travels, and also features stunning photography of Royal Botanical Gardens, considered the plant and wildlife biodiversity hotspot of Canada, and an internationally respected Canadian cultural, education, scientific and tourism organization.

Competition 1 Submissions Due Sunday October 5

OCTOBER 16 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Annual General Meeting and presentation: The Ocean: Someone Else's Livingroom

Presenter: **Andrea Page**



The Annual General Meeting to discuss Club business, including the annual budget and to confirm director positions, will occupy the first portion of the meeting followed by Andrea's presentation. Andrea joined the Mississauga Camera Club last year and has been an active

participant in all our activities. She has been perfecting underwater photography over the course of 17 years. An initial scuba diving venture with family and the desire to capture memories progressed into a lifelong passion. Early on it was evident how special it was to be underwater and what a privilege it is to physically experience being in someone else's living room literally. Andrea will showcase underwater photos from around the world in oceans where we humans are guests. A journey of learning, discovery, joy, wonder and respect has taken Andrea from humble places to world class locations, all of which are rich in diversity and surprise encounters. Andrea will share some of these experiences, lots of photos, and the unique challenges and rewards of underwater photography. Equipment used will be shown and options discussed, together with some cost-effective suggestions of how to begin your journey into underwater photography.

NOVEMBER 6 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Competition 1 Results

Digital competition images submitted will be presented and winners will be announced.

NOVEMBER 20 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Red Works Photography

Presenter: **Nadya Kwandibens**

www.redworks.ca

Nadya Kwandibens is Anishinaabe from the Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation in northwestern Ontario. She is an award-winning



portrait and events photographer, an ambassador for Canon, and the current Photo Laureate for the City of Toronto. In 2008 she founded Red Works with a vision to empower Indigenous cultures through photographic series and features. Red Works also

provides image-licensing, workshops, and presentations. Nadya's photography has been shown in group and solo exhibitions across Canada and the United States, and selected Canadian Embassies around the world. Nadya discusses her artistic journey into photography, the start of Red Works Photography, the importance of Indigenous representation in mainstream media, the power of photography to disrupt colonial narratives, and the responsibility that Indigenous artists have in creating space and amplifying Indigenous realities.

DECEMBER 4 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Elemental: A journey through Earth, Air, Water and Ice

Presenter: **Curtis Jones**

www.curtisjonesphoto.com/meet-curtis



Curtis Jones is an acclaimed photographer and storyteller from Newfoundland and Labrador. Building from clean compositions and strong narratives, Curtis's photographs have been featured in National Geographic Explorer, Canadian Geographic, The Globe and

Mail, and the Huffington Post. His commercial projects focus on environmental initiatives, literacy, national parks, tourism, and food sustainability. In this visually rich talk, Curtis explores the six pillars of his portfolio—Earth, Air, Water, Ice, Who, and Why—offering an intimate look at the forces that shape both landscapes and lives. From the sea-lashed cliffs of Newfoundland to the polar quiet of Antarctica, his work blends environmental storytelling with a deep sense of presence and place. With a background spanning literacy campaigns, National Parks, and sustainable tourism, Curtis invites us to consider not just what we see, but why we see. Part photo journey, part personal reflection, this talk is a study in extremes, curiosity, and the creative drive to make meaning in the wild.

DECEMBER 18 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Member's Show & Tell Evening 1

Join us for an evening of viewing a variety of images created by our many talented Club members. Members will share their creations and speak about their images. Instructions and info for submissions to be announced.

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JANUARY 8, 2026 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Audio Visual Show Presentation Night

Presenter: **Jim Evans**



The audio visual (AV) art form can incorporate a wide array of media content including still images, video clips, music, sound effects, voice-over commentary and more. An AV

show may tell a story, provide information on a specific subject, share a travelogue, or present a curated series of images. It simulates the senses to evoke emotions, spark curiosity, and expand understanding, while leaving a lasting impression on audiences. This meeting will be devoted to viewing AV shows created by club members, and potentially other outside creators. Those who have an interest in participating, sharing their AV shows with fellow club members, should contact AV Leader Jim Evans at earliest opportunity to discuss formats and time allocations. An informal AV workshop will be conducted in the fall to assist any who might be interested.

Competition 2 Submissions Due Sunday Jan. 11

JANUARY 22, 2026 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Fine Art Photography - processing beyond the original image

Presenter: **Hans Arnold**

www.hansarnoldphotography.com



Since 1978, Hans has turned his passion for photography into a lifelong creative journey. Today, he blends the magic of the camera with the power of digital tools, encouraging others to explore their own visual voice. An award-winning photographer with international recognition,

Hans has exhibited and sold his fine art across most of Canada and published two bestselling coffee table books celebrating this country's stunning landscapes. His main love is outdoor photography, personally printing every fine art piece using wide-format technology. Hans is also a dedicated mentor, teaching "the art of seeing" to young students across Manitoba and inspiring others to connect more deeply with the world through their lens. He'll take you behind the scenes of his creative process bridging camera work with digital artistry. Together we'll explore the craft of unique imagery and discover how to make each moment behind the lens a joyful, artistic experience.

FEBRUARY 5 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Chasing Storms - My Passion

Presenter: **Shannon Bileski**

www.signatureexposures.zenfolio.com



Shannon Bileski is a landscape photographer based in Manitoba, with a passion for storms. Fascinated by lightning since childhood, she began seriously pursuing photography after witnessing her first

tornado in 2007. She travels thousands of kilometers every year to seek out and shoot storms. Shannon is self-taught and has spent over 14 years capturing the raw power and beauty of extreme weather – especially lightning, supercells, and auroras. In her presentation Chasing Storms – My Passion, she is excited to share the emotional and technical journey behind her work, offering a glimpse into the thrill of the chase, the serenity found beneath a supercell, and the profound respect she holds for nature's power. "Nothing beats standing under a supercell with warm moist inflow winds at your back feeding the storm and watching the dynamics of what mother nature is capable of."

FEBRUARY 19 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Competition 2 Results

Digital competition images submitted will be presented and winners will be announced.

MARCH 5 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

A Journey through the Natural World: from underwater to topside

Presenter: **Lorenzo Mittiga**

www.lorenzomittiga.com



Lorenzo Mittiga is a professional scuba diver, marine biologist, conservation photographer, underwater documentary filmmaker, and visual storyteller based on the island of Bonaire in the Dutch Caribbean. In parallel to his conservation work, Lorenzo produces fine art

photography focused on the natural world, interpreting marine and terrestrial environments with scientific depth and artistic clarity. He also teaches extensively, offering workshops and masterclasses in underwater photography, general photography, cinematography, and conservation visual storytelling—training the next generation of environmental communicators. His photography has earned major international recognition, including awards from Smithsonian Magazine, National Geographic, Ocean Geographic Magazine and too many others to mention. Lorenzo's work has been exhibited globally in New York, San Francisco, Miami, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Mexico City, Moscow, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. In tonight's presentation Lorenzo talks about documenting marine and terrestrial environments, driven by the conviction that photography is a vital tool for scientific communication and environmental advocacy, capable of fostering awareness and reverence for the natural world.

MARCH 19 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

My Journey as a Full-Time Sports Photographer

Presenter: **Jeff Vogan**

www.jeffvoganphotography.com



Jeff Vogan is a commercial sports and portrait photographer based in Toronto. He got his first taste of sports photography when his son started playing sports. In 2016, he decided to leave the corporate world and pursue his passion for photography. Now a Camera Bits

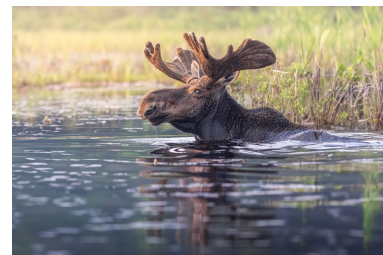
Ambassador and a Getty contributor, Jeff will discuss his experiences photographing professional sports, Olympic gold medalists, world record holders and even a UFC champion. Being a professional sports photographer is more than sitting on the sidelines and snapping the shutter during games and Jeff will discuss the challenges faced, his learnings, and the business side. Whether you will always remain a hobbyist or aspire to become a professional photographer, there will be something to learn from his experiences. And we'll get to look at some of his favourite images and hear about his techniques.

APRIL 2 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Persistence

Presenter: **Jesse Villemaire**

www.followmenorth.com



Jesse and Susan Villemaire are professional photographers and educators based in Muskoka, Ontario and the founders of Follow Me North Photography. Known for their immersive wildlife and landscape workshops in Algonquin Park and South Africa, they help

photographers of all skill levels refine their craft while deepening their connection to nature. In this talk titled PERSISTENCE, Jesse and Susan invite you into the stories behind the images, moments shaped by persistence, patience and passion developed through years of experience in the field. Through striking visuals and honest reflection, they will share what it takes to photograph wildlife ethically, adapt in unpredictable conditions and stay inspired through creative ruts and missed shots. You will walk away with practical insights, field-tested tips and a reminder of why we keep showing up, camera in hand.

Competition 3 Submissions Due Sunday April 5

APRIL 16 Zoom Mtg 7:00 p.m.

Member's Show & Tell Evening 2

Join us for an evening of viewing a variety of images created by our many talented Club members. Members will share their creations and speak about their images. Instructions and info for submissions to be announced.

MAY 7 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Competition 3 Results

Digital competition images submitted will be presented and winners will be announced.

MAY 21 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

The Voice of my camera: a retrospective

Presenter: **Larry Louie**



Dr. Larry Louie is a Canadian optometrist whose passion for documentary photography over the years has won him numerous international accolades. Using his optometry and photography as a platform, he raises awareness on social issues and

the challenges people are encountering in a world facing rapid urbanization and globalization. In his clinic as an optometrist, Dr. Louie works to enhance the vision of people from all walks of life. On his travels he is a humanitarian documentary photographer, exploring the lives of remote indigenous people and documenting social issues around the world. He wants to engage people in inspiring stories of perseverance and strength, not only of those who have found themselves caught in such a plight, but also the amazing individuals and organizations that are lending a helping hand. He hopes his photographs will be able to tell the stories and make a difference, and to reveal light that is found in the darkest of places. As an optometrist Dr. Louie adjusts people's visual perception. As a photographer he seeks to adjust people's view of the world. Either way, he is interested in things that exist outside the regular field of vision. Dr. Larry Louie's work has appeared in numerous magazines and exhibited around the world; including the Royal Geographical Society of London, Circle of Fine Art in Madrid, Center of Photography in Charleston, Pendulum Gallery and the Royal Alberta Museum.

JUNE 4 In-person Mtg 7:30 p.m.

Annual Awards

A special evening dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of Mississauga Camera Club members. Details to be announced.



Photo by Judy Stuart