

Message from the President

May-June 2019

As I come to the end of my first year as the President, I started to reflect on how I thought we did as a Club. Improvement is never ending, and one should always work to improve at whatever you do, be it photography or just life. These are just a few highlights from the past year.

Throughout our season we had 1,475 images submitted by Novice, Intermediate and Advanced photographers in our internal competitions. The numbers were slightly down from previous years, so I encourage more Novice photographers to enter. For external competitions we entered into a record 25 events as a Club with PSA, CAPA and a few others. The highlights are in the President's Year-end Report and we did extremely well.

Our field trip and workshop committees really stepped up and provided us with some great opportunities to improve our photographic skills. Our new socials committee set up fun and games at our Christmas Social and raised \$ 1,530 for donations to two worthy charities.

Our print show showcased 97 images from members at Victoria Arts Council's new gallery on Store Street. It was an amazing opportunity to show off the talent of our club members. This talent was also shown during our successful Member's nights.

Our ever-evolving website continues to be award winning thanks to our webmaster and his hard-working crew. It really shows off how much we do as a Club. Close-Up is the other way we get the word out about the club and the editor and his crew have created an award-winning magazine which we are very proud of.

I would like to thank the outgoing executive members Pam Irvine, Richard Marshall and Jacqui James for their contributions and dedicated work during their time as Members-at-Large and Secretary. They were especially helpful to me as I learned my role throughout the year. I am looking forward to working with our new executive team in bringing fresh ideas to the table moving forward. As always, we are an open executive and are always receptive to members bringing ideas of their own to us to help improve our club.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you, our members. Without your dedication of your time and talents we would not be as successful as we are. It's the reason that I joined the executive. We have achieved a lot this past year and I am looking forward to our continued success in the coming year of successes.

Teri VanWell, President