

Frank Turner Award 2024: Ian Faris

Each year the Victoria Camera Club recognizes a member with the Club's most prestigious award, the Frank Turner Award. This award recognizes the ongoing dedication and significant contributions of a member to the Club and their demonstrated excellence in the art of photography.

The Frank Turner Award was created in 1987 to honour Frank Turner, a long-time member of the Club, who was an accomplished photographer, won many awards for his art and was a vital member of the Club for many years.

This year the committee, composed of the last three winners (Jacqui James, Richard Letourneau and Clive Townley), is pleased to announce that the 2024 winner of the Frank Turner Award is Ian Faris. Ian is an accomplished photographer and a dedicated volunteer for the Victoria Camera Club.

Ian joined the Club in 2003 soon after he moved to Victoria. He has now been a member of the Victoria Camera Club for 21 years. Prior to that he was a member of the Coquitlam Camera Club, where he also volunteered.

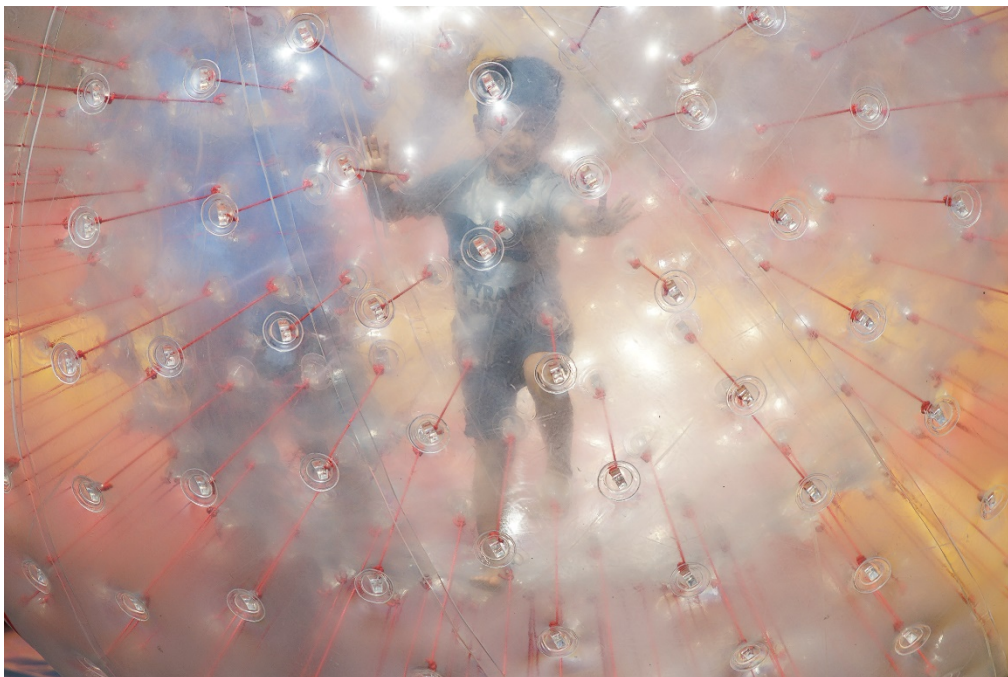
Ian has written many articles for the Victoria Camera Club's former magazine, *Close-Up*. In a member's profile article in August 2021, he detailed some of his earlier forays into the photographic world. In 2012, Ian wrote an article on Sport's Photography. Although he claims to be an outdoor photographer, he also wrote an article on "Shooting Inside on a Rainy Day". In October 2005 his image "Victoria Harbour Full Moon" was on the banner page for *Close-Up*.

Although we all know Ian for his years serving as the Club's Membership Chair, he was also the External Competition Chair. Ian became the Membership Chair in 2017 and stepped down from that position in 2024. Ian is currently a member of the Club's Executive Committee, as a Director-at-Large. In addition, he is leading the Club's 80th Anniversary Project.

Ian's advice, especially for new photographers, is to read your camera's manual and check out every menu item. He encourages members to become familiar with their camera until its operation becomes second nature and the technical side of shooting doesn't get in the way of making your art.

Here are three of Ian's images.

September 2017 - Digital Open - "Look Mommy its Magic" - 2nd Place



The Judge commented: "Very creative image with power of colour, line and design including the human figure allowing a resting place to the right and the vibrant blue on the left adds an anchor to come back to AND then the intrigue of the figure. A child's figure adding still another dimension. Excellent and pleasing."

March 2016 – Digital Nature “Next Stop is Breakfast” – 1st Place.



April 2015 – Digital Nature “Sunrise Over Bow River” - 3rd Place.



The Judge commented that: “The sky and clouds above the mountain are great and the light on the mountain is awesome.”

Always an avid learner and willing to help advance the Club’s endeavours, Ian is a most vital, valuable member of the Victoria Camera Club and a deserving recipient of the Frank Turner award for 2024.