

# **Message from the President**

October 2020

This month I would like to start my message with a well-deserved congratulations. Each year the Close-Up team selects one issue from the past year to enter in the Photographic Society of America (PSA) Newsletter competition. This year the team selected the May-July 2020 issue. I am happy to say that for the third year in a row Close-Up placed first in the Large Club Category! Not only that, we also received awards for Best Variety of Content and Best How-To article. Many thanks to our Editor Richard James, the production team and the more than fifty authors who contributed throughout the year to produce our award-winning magazine!

I also want to welcome all of our newest members and give a warm greeting back to our current members for another great year with Victoria Camera Club. Our Club is about learning, advancing our photography skills and having fun! We look forward to ‘seeing’ you all at our many events this coming year, whether it be during a monthly presentation, a workshop or possible field trip.

At the beginning of each year I like to talk about the importance of volunteering in our Club. We have a large membership and our members have diverse knowledge and skill levels. We are proud of the many various programs that we provide for our members annually. All of these programs are put together and run by volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to help others. Volunteering can also be a good way for a new member to meet other members. If you are interested in joining a team please email me [president@victoriacameraclub.ca](mailto:president@victoriacameraclub.ca) or any member of the committee that interests you. Their email address can be found under the About Us tab on the website.

The past six months has seen quite an adjustment for all of us. With the current restrictions in place due to the pandemic our Club has moved to a Zoom meeting format until such time that it is safe for us to get together in person again. I would like to personally thank Richard Letourneau, Kim Smith and their team for putting everything into place and training Club members in its use to allow us to move all that the club has to offer online. I would also like to say thanks again to all of our volunteers who have been working hard during this transition and to all members who continue to be patient while we adjust to our new normal.

In the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry, ‘Be kind, be calm and be safe’.

Teri VanWell, President