

# Message from the President

February 2020

We are now two-thirds of the way through the current club season, and what a season it has been so far. Although it seems like we still have some time to go, our AGM will be coming up before you know it, and this means we need to start thinking about the new executive for the upcoming year. Some of us may decide they would like to continue for another year while others will step down to allow for new members to step forward. All of the positions are available for members who would like to take one on for a one-year term. And if there is more than one member who would like to be, say, President, then there would be a member vote. Wouldn't that be exciting!

Personally, I'd like to say that being your Club President for that last few years, and field trip coordinator before that, has been such a rewarding experience for me. It has allowed me to meet so many of our fabulous members and help the Club to move forward. If you are interested and would like to know more about what it entails, then please ask any of the current (or past) executive about their experiences. I know they would be happy to share them with you. For reference, our positions are President, two Vice-President, two Members-at-Large, Treasurer and Secretary.

February in Victoria is such an interesting time of the year. In the past we have seen the flowers and trees start growing and colours begin to show. Then, like last year, it can snow so much that we wake up one morning to a white winter wonderland. However, I will admit that, as a former Ontarian, I love and miss the snow and wouldn't mind it coming again this year. Both of these scenarios can provide us with some interesting photographic opportunities, so "be prepared" for some photographic challenges.

This month's competition theme is "Abstract", and it is not too late to enter the February competitions so why not see what you can do. Abstract art is defined as "art that does not attempt to represent external reality, but seeks to achieve its effect using shapes, forms, colours and textures".

We have seen many amazing photographs as an example of this in our competition presentations and as well in some members' slide shows. What's more, our monthly Creative SIG, led by Penny Codding and Kevin Keliher, helps members with ideas and guidance in ways to be creative in our photography. I look forward to seeing what everyone can do.

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