

# Message from the President

December 2020

After some careful thought and consideration, the board decided we will be unable to safely have the Christmas social this year. Having said that, I do hope that you consider making a donation of what you would have spent at the social to a worthy charity.

The end of the year is a good time to look back at what we have accomplished in our Club and 2020 has been anything but ordinary.

Our website has continued in the hands of Richard Letourneau and his capable crew. They continue to expand what's available and keep our social media up to date. Richard and Kim Smith also organized and executed our transition onto Zoom with ease and keep everything running smoothly.

Speaking of Kim, although she will be stepping back as Workshop coordinator at the end of the year, she and her team have done an excellent job in keeping us learning from the comforts of our home (and possibly in pj's). Thank you, Kim, for all that you've done!

Our internal and external competitions committees, led by Jill Turyk and Leah Gray, continue their hard work with their teams in reviewing our submitted images and selecting the best of the best images.

Our field trips have taken on a different look and feel but after some time off we are back out in the field with smaller groups lots of precautions. Rilla Ballantyne is now the Field Trip Coordinator and Deb Thurlbeck, Penny Authier, and Jim Fowler continue to lead the Tuesday groups. A special thanks to Vanessa McDonald for all her years of organizing some fabulous field trips!

Our SIG's have continued on Zoom with Jim Gardner and Steve Sproston taking on the Nature SIG and Kevin Keliher and Normand Marcotte guiding us through a creative journey in the Creative SIG. Many thanks to Dan and Gail Takahashi and Penny Coddling for all of your help with these keeping us engaged. I am also happy to say that Graham Budd created the Mobile Photography SIG this year and it has been popular from the start!

We have managed, as a group, to get through a trying time and are better than ever. This is all thanks to the many volunteers that give their time and knowledge to help their fellow creators. To you all I say thank you and wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Teri VanWell, President