

# Message from the President

March 2019

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring: as we head into March, we have Spring to look forward to. This means there will be more flowers and trees blooming and the grass will start to grow again. There will be spring flower field trips popping up as the flowers are discovered and I know our new workshop committee will have some exciting new topics on the calendar.

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year images are being displayed at the Royal BC Museum until March 24th. Travelling from London's Natural History Museum, the exhibition takes viewers on a visual journey around the world and showcases a global selection of outstanding nature photography. The images evoke a range of emotions but are visually stunning and thought-provoking. Definitely a must see if you have the time.

One photography conference that you might want to consider is CAPA's Canadian Camera Conference that takes place July 16-18th, 2019 in Calgary, Alberta. CAPA has assembled a wonderful and varied group of photographers who you will learn from and be inspired by. Head out to Calgary early or stay later and enjoy the Alberta Badlands, the Rockies or The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, the Calgary Stampede.

Around this time of the year the President's Message in Close-Up makes mention of the one thing that makes our club run, volunteers. Our Club is fortunate to have an excellent group of individuals who work countless hours to make everything in the Club run smoothly. Without them we would not be able to offer everything that we do, but as is the case with many Clubs it is often the same group of people who volunteer their time year after year to help keep our Club viable.

As we start to think about the AGM some volunteers may be thinking about stepping down from their positions. I encourage all members, especially those who have not volunteered in the past, to think about what you get from the Club and consider giving back by filling a role next year. By becoming an active participant, you can have a positive impact through your contribution.

As we move towards the next season in September one of the volunteer positions that you may want to consider is joining me on the Club's 75th Anniversary committee. I would like to put together a group to plan some events to celebrate the reason that we all come together in the first place, our love of photography.

Teri VanWell, President