

# Message from the President

March 2021

This month marks a year since the effects of the pandemic were felt by the Club. In that year we have made the transition from being in-person to providing club activities online, and I do have to say that we did it masterfully. As I write this, we are still unable to meet up in person, even with social distancing, but I am looking forward to the time when we can get together again and see one another either at a workshop, field trip or a Norway House meeting. Until then, I will enjoy our online workshops, speakers, and Thursday meetings through Zoom.

One upcoming event that I am looking forward to is the next speaker in the BC/Yukon Interclub Speaker Series taking place on March 26th. Tri-Cities Photography Club will be hosting Laura Letinsky's presentation titled "A Proposition, or the Allure of Photography". There are some member-led workshops also happening in March that I would like to bring to your attention. Neil Boyle will be giving his always popular "The Final Touches" workshop and local photographer Mike Byrne will introduce us to Flash plus Portraiture. The competitions committee will also have their image reviews which are always helpful in improving our images.

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. If you are new to the club, consider joining one of our many committees. It is a great way to get to know other members of the Club.

As we start getting closer to the Annual General Meeting some of our 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.

I encourage everyone to get out and photograph our lovely city and the surrounding area. You never know when you might get that award-winning photo!

Teri VanWell – President