

FRANK TURNER AWARD 2025

Each year the Victoria Camera Club recognizes a member with the Club's most prestigious award, the Frank Turner Award. This award recognizes the ongoing dedication and significant contributions of a member to the Club and their demonstrated excellence in the art of photography.

The Frank Turner Award was created in 1987 to honour Frank Turner, a long-time member of the Club, who was an accomplished photographer, won many awards for his art and was a vital member of the Club for many years.

This year the committee, composed of the last three winners - Ian Faris, Clive Townley and Richard Letourneau - is pleased to announce that the 2025 winner of the Frank Turner Award is Penelope Coddling.

Penny is an accomplished photographer and dedicated volunteer for the Victoria Camera Club. She has been a member for 23 years, first joining in September 2002. Among her contributions to the Club we recognize the years she worked with the Creative SIG, the Nature SIG, and currently as leader of the very active Tuesday Group.

Capturing images of her young children, using an inexpensive Kodak camera with print film, was the beginning of her photographic journey. In the late '80s she graduated to a Pentax SLR film camera and slide film. In 2006 she made the transition to digital cameras, including Pentax and Olympus.

Her passion for photography continued to grow as did her formal training. She started to take a course every year to improve her seeing and technical skills. In addition to nature, macro, and travel photography she started to explore new subjects and creative image processing.

Always willing to share her knowledge with others, Penny contributed eight articles which were featured in the Club's Close-Up magazine, over a span of 10 years.

She says, "On my outings, I discovered that taking my camera along causes me to pay attention, to look more carefully, and to be mindful of the light and environment. With a camera on my shoulder, I am more attuned to the observed world. Whether or not I take a picture doesn't matter, I reap the benefit of being attentive to my visual surroundings."

Photography is a wonderful hobby and modern cameras and smart phones add to the fun. You are never bored if you have a camera - that's my motto."

Professor Coddling received her PhD in 1971 and is now retired with Professor Emeritus distinction from the Faculty of Chemistry at the University of Victoria. She held several administrative roles throughout her career and received many awards and accolades, including the YM-YWCA Woman of Distinction in Science, Research and Technology in 2004.

And now, Dr. Coddling, we are happy to bestow upon you one more accolade - the **Frank Turner Award for 2025**. - Congratulations Penny!



Photographs by Penelope Coddling

Fading with Grace



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