

FRANK TURNER AWARD - 2010

Richard James

At this years Banquet and Awards ceremony I had the privilege of presenting the Frank Turner Award to a member who has provided exceptional service to our club. Gwyneth and Bruce Kingham, long time members of the Victoria Camera Club, gave me their impressions of Frank Turner. "Frank Turner was a very active member. Frank always welcomed and encouraged new members, and gave many darkroom workshops, including colour printing. Frank was a fine print maker in both black and white and colour, regularly winning club competitions. It was Frank who got many members started in doing colour processing and printing. The workshops were presented not only in Victoria, but also at APAC and elsewhere, and were always well attended. When asked for assistance, Frank's comments were always kind and encouraging no matter how trivial the question. He was the epitome of a gentleman, and as such, well liked and respected by all in the club, and very much missed when he passed away. The Frank Turner award is a fitting tribute to his memory, and the trophy itself especially so, as it is actually his favourite camera."

The winner of the award is usually determined by a committee of the past three winners of that prize. In this case, only two of the previous recipients were able to meet and discuss who most deserves an award for exemplary service to the club. The committee recognized that many members provided extensive services to the club, for which we are grateful, but, with due respect to Frank Turner, the recipient of the award this year is one that could have an award created in their own honour because of all that has been contributed by this person.

The recipient has volunteered in many capacities over the years, taking on more jobs than should probably be handled by one volunteer. This person did so with effective organization skills and delivered great results. In recognizing that one could not do so much on one's own, this recipient reached out and involved other members in the work of the club. This recipient contributed to growth in club membership by providing more services than ever before. This year, the Frank Turner Award goes to Richard James.

Richard took on the role of Field Trip and Workshop coordinator, organized existing field trips and workshop offerings; then extended the options by engaging many other members in the delivery of workshops and the leading of field trips. He also delivered a broad range of workshops himself, and led many field trips. He took on the role of Close-up Editor, and worked with the printers to improve print quality; with members to get more content; and with advertisers to collect on past due

accounts, helping to recover \$3,000 in funds. On top of these two roles, Richard served as Vice President, and then temporarily took over as Acting President for the month of January 2009 when I had to be out of the country. Once again in the fall of 2009, he led the club while facilitating the transition to a new president when I had to step down for personal reasons. Richard did all of the work to convert the club to a Registered Society and to obtain insurance that provides better protection to the members.

I am certain that I have only touched on some of what Richard has contributed to the club, but I believe that this clearly illustrates that he is a deserving recipient of the Frank Turner Award. Thank you Richard for your generosity.

Gary Ford