

Message from the President

July 2022

Hello everyone,

Already it's mid-summer and finally we are enjoying some seasonal warmth! I have a feeling the rest of the summer will whiz by quickly. And the next thing you know we'll be back to our regular Victoria Camera Club programming.

Having said that, program chairs and the Executive are actively building the next season's activities and some of the programming is already on the calendar. We hope to resume some Thursday evening sessions in person at Norway House when we return in September. We will also be updating our audio-visual equipment to better accommodate hybrid meetings (in-person and via ZOOM). Hybrid meetings may be with us for the foreseeable future and we heard your feedback from the AGM meeting about the poor quality of the audio. We'll return to you with firmer plans regarding in-person meetings later in the summer as the health situation evolves.

One of the summer priorities for VCC's Executive is to prepare the launch of a digital version of the VCC newsletter in the fall. We have an upcoming discussion with former Close-Up team members who are interested in going forward and we aim to make some decisions on this at our July 28 Board Meeting.

As members of VCC we enjoy a very active, talented and creative community. Our Club has a wide range of offerings to suit any style or preference: whether you like to compete, to learn from speakers and in workshops, to be a mentor or a mentee, to go on outings and field trips with fellow photographers, or to share your knowledge and skills with others. To keep things vibrant and interesting, it's critical to have a regular new injection of volunteers on committees and leading outings or special interest groups. If you're a new member, please don't be shy! Jumping into the action is the best way to help shape the Club into a place you can call your second home. And if you're not a new member...we need your volunteer talents too!

And, as it happens, we have a number of volunteer openings. Here's a bit of info about each and the program lead for you to contact if you're interested:

Social Committee Chair:

The Chair of the Social Committee leads a few volunteers to organize the VCC Christmas Party (let's be optimistic that we will be able to have one this year), and assists in heading up the Refreshments Committee (running the dispensing of coffee/juice and cookies during Club meetings at Norway House). This person is ideally gregarious, likes to work with people and is well organized. Contact: Ian Faris DirectoratLarge1@VictoriaCameraClub.ca

Workshop Committee Member:

The workshop committee generally meets once each month for two hours by Zoom. Members have specific roles, which might include: researching and contacting prospective presenters; obtaining

detailed information from presenters regarding their biography, sample images, content, and fees; and hosting or co-hosting workshops (for which training is provided). Contact: Stephen Lustig Stephenlustig1@gmail.com

Internal Competitions Member(s) (up to two new members):

The specific role of individual members is flexible with a time commitment in the range of 2-3 hours per month. The Committee selects monthly themes, organizes internal competitions, hosts competition evenings (in-person/ZOOM), communicates with judges/pays their honoraria, writes web and newsletter posts to describe the monthly themes and to communicate results, and plans and hosts the Year End Awards Night. Contact: Lorna Zaback lzaback@shaw.ca

Mobile Special Interest Group Lead:

If you are passionate about mobile photography, we are looking for a lead and a co-lead for this SIG. Contact Jason Frank casajk8@gmail.com

In the meantime, enjoy the lazy hazy days of summer and I hope you are exploring the world with your camera. Do take a look at the upcoming fall internal and external competition topics and guidelines. Maybe you can build up your catalog with theme-ready photos? The September topic for internal competitions is "friendship" and Lorna Zaback has provided a detailed description of what the theme encompasses - you can find it at page 10 of the April/May edition of Close-Up on our website. [View Page 10](#)

External competition deadlines are built into the VCC calendar and include hot links to the CAPA theme guidelines.

Ending on a celebratory note, and on behalf of the VCC Executive, I would like to congratulate several of our members whose photographs were juried into the 2022 Sooke Fine Arts Show: Roger Botting, Kevin Keliher, Kahsia Hartwell, Stephen Lustig, Cim MacDonald and Jill Turyk. Congratulations!!! The show runs from July 22 - August 1, 2022 at the SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke. I'm sure many of us will visit the show. I look forward to seeing these photographs on display! More info about the show: <https://sookefinearts.com/show-2022/#about>

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