

Message from the President

September-October 2019

This fall has much cause for celebration. We are so lucky to be celebrating our 75th year as a club. Thank you to all our longstanding and new members for supporting the club, without a doubt is the collaboration of the volunteers and club members that has made the club the wonderful community that it is today.

This historic milestone is only one of many accolades that the Victoria Camera Club has been honored to receive. Close-Up came in first place in the large club category in the PSA Newsletter Competition with the Sept/Oct 2018 issue. Huge congratulations are due to the writers and the Close-Up team of nine members, led by Richard James for their contributions. Our website also received an Honourable Mention in the PSA 2019 Website Content Competition. Thank you to our Webmasters Steve Jakes and Richard Letourneau, and their team. We also need to give a big THANK YOU to Steve Jakes who has led the website team for the last five years. He leaves our website in good hands with our new Webmaster Richard Letourneau and his team.

I am proud to honour not only our club but also our talented club members who continue to impress me and everyone with their stunning shots. Congratulations to Steve Smith who won 1st place and Best in Show at the Red River Exhibition Photo Salon in Winnipeg, MB, for his image "The Wrestlers". Kim Smith and Leah Grey also received Honourable Mentions. They were competing with photographers from across Canada and we are so proud of their achievement. Congratulations also to Suzanne Huot who won an Honourable mention for her image "Isle Bonnaventure Ganets Bonding" in the CAPA "Canada: My Country" competition. Her image will be displayed at the National Museum of Photography in Drummondville, Quebec between January 7th and March 29th, 2020 along with 39 other images. This is an amazing triumph.

We are so lucky at the Victoria Camera Club to have such amazing photographers who teach us so much about this art that we all enjoy. Our Camera Club also benefits from a large and diverse group of volunteers. I want to thank you, the volunteers who arrange field trips and teach classes, for bringing our club to its 75th year in shining glory. You are the stars of the show and we are all so thankful for you. If anyone is interested in volunteering this year and becoming part of this lovely tradition, I encourage you to reach out. Everyone has skills and talents to contribute and I hope you consider joining our diverse cohort of volunteers.

Teri VanWell – President