

Message from the President

November 2018

I am grateful this year to be working with an exceptional group on the executive. Our executive structure gives us a strong foundation on which to build, and we are always looking for innovative and creative ideas that have a positive impact on our club. We are also always looking for new people to join our club community. With our membership currently standing at 262, I am pleased to welcome all new members who joined during the summer and fall. I encourage new members to look at the field trips that we offer so they can meet some of our other members. I also encourage you to bring your friends and loved ones so you can share the amazing art of photography with them.

I am thrilled to see so many people signing up for the various workshops and field trips that have been organized by the coordinators. As well, the attendance at our special interest groups (SIG's) has been encouraging. These are a great way to delve deeper into a chosen area of photography with other like-minded members, and develop meaningful friendships as well. Thank you to all those who have stepped forward and volunteered their time and knowledge for the betterment of others.

As I am writing this message, I am looking out at the colours that are changing with the season and at the weather as well. The blue skies of summer are being traded in for the cloudy days of November. It can be easy to just stay at home and work on our photos that are already sitting on our computer but I encourage you all to layer up and get out into the island. Go somewhere you've never been before. This time of year offers so many wonderful things to photograph.

I recently decided to head out to Port Renfrew and check out Fairy Lake. There is a bonsai looking tree that has grown on an old log sticking out of the water that I have always wanted to see. It was a beautiful day and I enjoyed the drive along the south coast of Vancouver Island.

There are so many places one can stop at along the way that one trip is definitely not enough. Once I arrived at the lake I was not disappointed. It was so nice to see life growing wherever it can. Lots of photos were taken and I enjoyed my time.

In the end the journey was worth it. Where will you go?