

# Frank Turner Award Winner 2021: Jacqui James

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The Victoria Camera Club is one of the best photographic groups in Canada. It has been going strong since 1944, adding up to 77 years of dedicated work by those who volunteer to help keep the Club vibrant, interesting and educational.

Each year the Frank Turner Award committee, that is made up of the last three honourees, recognizes a member with the Club's most prestigious award, the Frank Turner Trophy. It was first presented in 1988 and recognizes the ongoing dedication and contributions of a member to the Club and their demonstrated learning and skill in the art of photography. It also recognizes the example set by those being honoured and the value that we attach to service to our Club.

We are proud to announce that this year's recipient of the Frank Turner Trophy is Jacqui James.

Before Covid forced us to meet virtually, we met at Norway House and had the wonderful opportunity to mingle and chat with other club members. Jacqui was always present, quiet, not in the foreground, but always readily available for a good chat.

She originally joined the Club in the 1970s but let her membership lapse after a few years while other priorities took precedence in her life. At the prompting of her husband, Richard, she rejoined the Club in 2009. In 2015 she volunteered for the position of Club Secretary, a position she held for four years. She kept meticulous minutes, calling upon her skills as a careful detailer, skills honed as a Chartered Accountant.

Jacqui's photography is a tribute to her love of the outdoors. In the past she has canoed, hiked, backpacked and camped in many of the provincial and national parks of the Pacific Northwest, and further afield, and often participates in Club field trips.

Out of her many wilderness forays come landscapes and some pretty special wildlife images, most especially those of big animals such as bison, bear, elk and of course moose, her favourite animal, and many other forms of wildlife, including large birds such as osprey, eagles, and herons. Wildlife is the competition category she enters most often, but usually enters most of them.

Jacqui represents the best our Club has to offer. A member who has given her time, energy and skills for the benefit of the entire Club, as well as a photographer who has worked diligently over time to improve her skills. Well done, Jacqui! Congratulations!