

Message from the President

May-July 2020

What a difference one month can make. Last month I wrote about our upcoming AGM. Little did I know that instead of having our AGM at the usual Norway House meeting that we would have to find a way to have it virtually and that all club meetings, workshops and field trips would be cancelled for the foreseeable future. I am also keenly aware that from the time that I write this message to when it is actually released there will be many more changes to our lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am missing our meetings that are all things social where we can connect with friends and catch up on the latest news. One of the questions on everyone's mind is "When is this all going to end so we can get back to getting together and take photos or learn at our many workshops". I am unable to answer this question but urge all members to heed our governments' advice and look forward to when all of our efforts will help flatten the curve.

In the meantime, our virtual AGM has been done and we will continue to plan for our future. Our executive has been conducting our meetings virtually as well and our next meeting will be the handover to the new executive. Many thanks to John Clarke, our outgoing Treasurer, and Grant Hughes, our outgoing Member-at-Large. Their contributions to the Club have been greatly appreciated and we wish them well. The new executive is:

President – Teri VanWell

Vice-President – Dan Takahashi

Vice-President – Penny Authier

Treasurer – Robert Law

Secretary – Susan McRae

Member-at-Large – Jill Turyk

Member-at-Large – Kim Smith

While we wait for the time when we can get together again, there are many things that you can do at home or in a safe space outside practicing social distancing. For starters, there are many online courses that you can take through YouTube, Lynda.com (free with a GVPL card at gvpl.ca), CreativeLive or Kelby One. Some are free but all allow you to learn some new skills in the world of photography. How about putting together your own workshop to share with members? Then there is the Distraction Project that Lorna Shaw has put together for members. A weekly themed project that members can work on and post on our website.

Whatever your plans are, stay safe and healthy.

Teri VanWell, President