

Message from the President

July-August 2019

So summer is here, and the time is right for taking photos! Actually, it's always the right time.

I would like to start by thanking everyone for re-electing me as your president for the 2019/20 year. It was wonderful to hear that you liked me. You really, really liked me! I would like to introduce you to your new executive. Returning Vice-President's are Dan Takahashi and Bob Law and returning as Treasurer is John Clarke. The new Directors-at-Large are Jill Turyk and Grant Hughes and the new Secretary is Susan McRae. We are all excited to work towards making the coming year a great one.

I would also like to thank our members for the contributions that you made over the past year. What a wonderful year we had, too many things to list, but all worthwhile and fun. It was great to see members stepping up when a position needed to be filled. Thank You!

"Once a year, go someplace you've never been before." Dalai Lama

So, what is your adventure going to be this summer? My family and I will be heading down to Arizona (a first for me) at the beginning of July to outfit our truck with some overlanding gear. What's that you say? Well, overlanding is a combination of off-roading and camping and our gear allows us to be 'off the grid' for an extended period of time. This means we get to take our rig and go where others can't with a regular vehicle. It also means we get to go to some wonderful photographic locations and spend time exploring without any time constraints. There will be a lot of exploring for me this summer seeking out dark skies to capture wonders. Maybe I'll see you out there.

"The voyage of discovery is not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." – Thomas Alva Edison

As you enjoy your summer in Victoria, I'd like to ask you to think about what you'd like to see for the new season, such as workshops or field trips.

Please contact me or one of the other members of the executive with any new (or old) ideas you have for the continued enjoyment of our Club members. Our door is always open.

I am going to stop the corny jokes now and get myself packed up to head out on my summer adventure. I hope you enjoy yours and I look forward to seeing your images in September.

Teri VanWell – President