

Message from the President

May-June 2021

As we bring the 2020/21 season to a close and head into the summer months, it's time to reflect back on the year. Improvement is never ending, and one should always work to improve at whatever you do, be it photography or just life. With the Club not able to meet in person, members rose to the challenge and developed most of our meetings, workshops and presentations on Zoom. These are just a few highlights from the past year.

Throughout our season we had 1,288 images submitted by Novice, Intermediate and Advanced photographers in our internal competitions. The numbers were down from previous years, mostly in novice and prints. For external competitions we entered 19 events as a Club with PSA, CAPA and a few others. The highlights are in the President's Year-end Report and we did very well.

Our field trip and workshop committees really stepped up again this year and provided us with some great opportunities to improve our photographic skills, including bringing in some outside presenters and fun new workshops.

Our ever-evolving website continues to be award winning (in my opinion) thanks to our webmaster and his hard-working crew. It really shows off how much we do as a Club. Close-Up is the other way we get the word out about the club and the editor and his crew have created an award-winning magazine which we are very proud of.

The AGM took place on April 15th and the board members for the 2021/22 year are; Teri VanWell (President), Maureen Reid (Vice President), Steve Sproston (Vice President), Bob Law (Treasurer), Susan McRae (Secretary), Kim Smith, and James Dies (Members at Large).

I would like to thank the outgoing executive members Dan Takahashi, Penny Authier, and Jill Turyk for their contributions and dedicated work during their time as Vice-President's and Member at Large. I am looking forward to working with our new executive team in bringing fresh ideas to the table this year. As always, we are an open executive and are always receptive to members bringing ideas of their own to us to help improve our Club.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you, our members. Without your dedication of your time and talents we would not be as successful as we are. It's the reason that I continue on the executive. We have achieved a lot this past year and I am looking forward to our continued success in the coming year of successes.

Teri VanWell, President