

President's Message

September 2017

Welcome, new and returning members to the Trillium Photographic Club.

For new members, we will be adding a blue dot sticker to your nametags so that other members can recognize you as new members and hopefully strike up a conversation. We hope that will make you feel a little less intimidated by the size of the club.

Also, you will notice that the name tags for Board members and interest group leaders include information about their roles, so you can identify them and ask any questions you might have. We go over important points for new members at the orientation night, 2017.09.26. We also have a critique night, 2017.10.03, before the first clinic entries are due on 2017.10.06.

New members will also want to review our Handbook, which as I have noted has been lightly modified. We have taken out references to committees that are no longer active, for instance, like publicity, the newsletter, and hospitality.

On that last point, we now arrange for treats on an *ad hoc* basis for the opening night, the print salon, and for the closing night. I would like to thank Bert Francoeur for volunteering to arrange for the treats tonight, with the help of Judy Boufford, Pat Wintemute and Janet McNally. We will be looking for volunteers to help out on the other nights mentioned as well.

In fact, in general we encourage new and returning members to volunteer for positions on the Board and on committees.

Also in the Handbook, we have provided that, for the Three Club Exhibition and Show, members can submit images for the A/V show, or else we will select images submitted to the Clinic Committee. You will also be able to drop off prints at the Church on meeting nights before the Show.

I hope you have had a chance to look over the upcoming program prepared by Toni Browning and the hard-working members of the committee. Toni led a members' survey, so our program has tried to reflect its results. For instance, Nature got the highest requests, and we have two speakers on nature – Rob Stimpson, 2017.09.19 and Michael Bertelsen, 2018.04.17.

Other areas where members showed high interest and we have speakers are:

- photojournalism – Fred Lum, 2017.10.17
- street photography – Sal Lopes, 2017.11.14
- astro photography – Mike Kukucska, 2018.01.16
- mirrorless cameras and cell phone photography – Andy Duncan, 2018.02.06
- slow shutter speed – Juraj Dolansjki, 2018.13.13

There was a good response to the table top photography session we had last year, so Don Corby will be doing a macro photography workshop.

Members are still enthusiastic about the interest groups, so we have an interest groups presentation scheduled for January.

We will be conducting another workshop on plug-ins as well.

As for opportunities for members to show their pictures outside clinics, in addition to a couple of critique nights, there will be a night where you can show your images with no judging or critique, a members' presentations night, and the members' challenge.

You will also see that several outings have already been arranged.

So, thanks again to Toni and the committee. I would also like to thank the interest group leaders and the members of all our committees for their hard work and dedication, upon whom the success of this club relies.

And, of course, I would like to thank Clara Parsons for putting together her marvellous A/V show, representing the work of our club members this past year.

Have a good season of photography!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ewans". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

President, Clinic Committee Chair, Trillium Photographic Club