

President's Message Trillium Photographic Club September 2020

Welcome to a new season of the Trillium Photographic Club! We're excited about our slate of activities for this coming year.

Following is a brief introduction to the Club and its activities, and a description of the program for the coming year.

The mission of the Trillium Photographic Club is to promote the appreciation and enjoyment of photography within our community by providing an opportunity for photographers to meet and exchange ideas, exhibit their work, and advance their skills. The Trillium program consists of non-judged events in which digital images and prints are presented internally and to other clubs; formally-judged competitions (which we call "Clinics"); outings; workshops; and guest lectures. In addition, in any given year we have special-interest groups that one may join, on topics such as equipment, photo editing, bird photography, night and slow-speed photography, street photography, flash photography, etc.

The Trillium Photographic Club was formed in 1992. The Club came about with the merger of the Colour Photographic Club of Hamilton and the Colour Photographic Club of Burlington. The name "Trillium" was chosen because many members liked to photograph nature and trilliums were a favourite subject, as well as being Ontario's official flower.

The Trillium Photographic Club has come a long way in the past twenty-eight years with the advent of digital photography and continual advances in photographic equipment and techniques, and in editing and presentation software. A constant throughout those years has been the unwavering commitment of individuals to the Club and to its success. The Club runs entirely with volunteers, and we have been fortunate to have had strong Executive Committees and Program Committees, in particular. In addition, the Club has many expert photographers who freely share their knowledge, and whose work is inspirational.

Trillium has a very good web site: <http://trilliumphotoclub.org/> and it is constantly being improved. On it you will find much useful information on our activities, as well as a members-only gallery to view photos from the five clinics that are held every year, and a section on tips and tutorials. In addition, we are on Facebook, where you may see members' photos and photographic tips. I will provide a more detailed orientation on the club and its activities to new members.

The 2020-2021 Trillium Photographic Club Board of Directors and Officers (Chairs/Co-chairs of committees) are as follows:

President	Jim Maguire
Vice-President	Bertin Francoeur
Past President	David Evans
Treasurer	John King
Secretary	Janet McNally
Program Committee	Orchid Fung
Outings	Claudia Povilauskas
Membership Committee	Jim Thomson and Geoff Dunn
Webmasters	Andy Langs and Dan Copeland
Clinics	David Evans
Equipment	David Surette and Dan Copeland
CAPA Representative	David Evans
OCCC Representative	David Evans
NFRCC Representative	Jim Maguire

(CAPA is the Canadian Association for Photographic Art, OCCC is the Ontario Council of Camera Clubs, and NFRCC is the Niagara Frontier Region Camera Club.)

Speakers Program for 2020-2021

I thank the Program Committee and its chair Orchid Fung for their work in producing an excellent program for the coming year. I also thank all Trillium members who have contributed ideas and suggestions for the program. That participation is vital in developing a strong program. This year we will have the following roster of speakers and topics:

- Jorn Hansen – Some thoughts on bird photography
- Olivia Goldstein – Path to the perfect portrait
- Andrew McLachlan – Ontario and beyond – wild places, wild faces
- Tom Stirr – Transitioning to small sensor camera gear
- Kas Stone – A picture is worth a thousand words
- Bob Fisher – Street photography
- Jeff Vogan – Sports photography
- Marilyn Cornwell – From snapshot to great shot in garden and flower photography
- Scott Kennedy – Police forensic photography

In addition, as mentioned above, Trillium's program features:

- non-judged events in which digital images and prints are presented internally and to other clubs;
- formally-judged competitions (which we call "Clinics")
- outings
- workshops

- Movie Night, which features movies on techniques of composition, and movies on famous photographers and their techniques
- special interest groups: in any given year we have special-interest groups that one may join, on topics such as equipment, photo editing, bird photography, night and slow-speed photography, street photography, flash photography, etc.

You can find the program posted both as a PDF and as a detailed web page on our web site, but do check now and then during the season in case there are changes. We also have a calendar for you to see what is going on in any given month.

All meetings by Zoom until further notice

Because of the COVID-19 emergency we had to curtail our in-person meetings last March, and since then our Club meetings have been by conducted on-line through Zoom. We want to resume our in-person meetings as soon as possible because socializing is an integral part of our club's activities. When we do resume in-person meetings, it will be at our new location, St. Matthew on-the-Plains Anglican Church on Plains Road in Burlington. In the meantime, we have transitioned to an on-line club (using Zoom) until such time as we can resume our "normal" activities. Thanks to our Program Committee chair, Orchid Fung, and the Summer 2020 program she put on, many of us have become experienced – even adept – with Zoom. Andy Langs has been instrumental in teaching us Zoom.

A Note of Appreciation

I thank two persons who have left our Board this year: Vic Turczynski, who co-chaired the equipment committee for five years, and Doug Doede, who was our CAPA representative for three years.

Looking for Volunteers

As I mentioned above, Trillium operates solely with volunteers, and we have been fortunate to have had strong committees in various areas. We are always looking for volunteers to join our various committees, in particular the Program Committee. We want your ideas, and we want new perspectives, so that Trillium can flourish. We'd also like people to consider becoming our representatives on CAPA, OCCC and NFRCC, as well as the other committees. You don't have to "start cold". You could work with a representative to learn the ropes.

Coordination with other camera clubs

If you've participated in our Summer 2020 program, you'll be aware that our new way of operating by Zoom has had at least one bonus: the ability to attend gratis some of the webinars that other camera clubs and organizations have arranged. In particular we are grateful to the Hamilton Camera Club (HCC) and the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Club (NFRCC) for their kind offers, and we have reciprocated. We anticipate closer ties

with camera clubs and organizations like HCC, NFRCC and OCCC in the future. It will broaden the scope of programs and experiences that individual camera clubs had offered heretofore. The offerings of other clubs are not free, however: you do have to be a member of Trillium to benefit from this cooperation.

Once again, welcome to all members, current and new. We hope that you enjoy your time with the Club. We encourage you to take part in Club activities, and to think about volunteering for various Club activities. Tell your friends about us.

Jim Maguire
President, 2019-2021
Trillium Photographic Club