

President's Message Trillium Photographic club

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I hope that you and your loved ones are staying well and healthy. I am honored and privileged to assume the role of President of Trillium Photographic Club for 2021-2023. First and foremost I would like to thank my predecessor Jim Maguire for his leadership and commitment during his presidency all the while during challenging time. I am also grateful to the many volunteers of the Executive Committee and Board (2019-2021). I am inspired by their devotion, hard work and commitment. I look forward to continue working with such a dedicated team. As I take over the role of President, I'm optimistic that lockdown restrictions will ease off and consequently resume to a normal schedule of events that we are accustomed to. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning members.

Innovative and creative ways to engage and connect with club members have been a major focus of Trillium during this crisis. The zoom video conferencing software app enables us to interact with club members when in-person meetings aren't possible. As time went by, we realized the benefits of video conferencing and it is now an integral component of our club. Zoom allowed members to participate in internal judged clinics, various photographic challenges and perhaps most importantly enjoy real-time lectures by award winning photographers. Trillium is affiliated with the Hamilton Camera Club (HCC) and the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Club (NFRCC) and by invitation we can attend some of their speaker lectures via zoom. Facebook is another platform used by members to share photos and other club related information.

Joining Trillium Photographic Club is one of the best ways to improve your skills as a photographer. Beside what is more exciting than to be surrounded by people who share the same passion as yours. Trillium's program committee put together an outstanding program designed to spark your creativity and help you become a more refined and polished photographer. For this calendar year alone there are 31 meetings for members to take part. New members can quickly build their confidence and skills through interaction with other more advanced members who are eager to share their experience and techniques. Being able to freely tap into a rich fountain of knowledge is both exciting and rewarding. Our member's ranges from beginners to masters so no matter at what skill level you are you'll fit right in.

Being a member gives you the opportunity to participate in non-judged events in which digital and print images are presented internally and also shared with other local clubs. Club members can participate in internal judged competitions in the form of clinics and even have some of their images entered in external competitions from distinguished organization such as the Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA), the Ontario Council of Camera Clubs (OCCC) and the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Club (NFRCC). For example, this year Trillium received an invitation to participate in the O3C/NFRCC Interregional Competition. Furthermore as a club member you can participate in organized outings, workshops such as macro photography, flash photography and attend

guest lectures by high profile award winning photographers. On average 10 to 12 lectures are presented in a calendar year. Speaker's profile can be found on our website.

For detailed information on our program, club activities, photo galleries (members only), club Board of Directors and officers, Speakers program etc. we encourage you to visit our newly redesigned website: <http://triliumphotoclub.org/>.

Trillium was very welcoming to me when I joined in 2014. I quickly realized how vibrant and dynamic this club is and that's all because of hard working volunteers. I slowly got involved in club activities by helping at different events and in 2016 I was co-chair of the equipment committee till 2019. In 2019 I was asked if I would consider becoming President. For me this was a no-brainer. I accepted and became Vice president in 2019 and now President for 2021-2023. This is my token of appreciation for what Trillium did for me. It enriched my life and elevated my love of photography to a higher level. If you are a new or a long time member, please consider becoming a volunteer to carry-on the legacy of such a wonderful club. To use the words of my predecessor "You don't have to start cold". Our volunteers are eager to share their experience and knowledge.

Bertin Francoeur
President, 2021-2023 Trillium Photographic Club