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First Meeting of the 2026-27 Season – In-Person September 15th

We're finally back in touch after our summer hiatus and are looking forward to getting together in person on September 15th at the Port Stalashen Clubhouse (address and access instructions below). We will talk about the program we have planned for the fall – outlined in the program overview at the end of the newsletter. More importantly we will have a review of images members are considering for submission to the CAPA Nature/Wildlife competition. There are more competition details [below](#) and MJ, our competition coordinator, will be sending out a competition notice very shortly.

During the summer there were three “Barrels, Burgers and Beverages” events at the Sunshine Coast Equestrian Club, which we encouraged members to head up to photograph barrel racing and pole bending. I know of two members who went, and perhaps others went as well. If you

have 3 to 6 photos you'd like to show and discuss, please send them to millpondsailor@gmail.com by the 13th of September and I'll put a review show together for our first meeting.

We also had a Photo Walk to Clayton Park in Sechelt last April; attendance was low, but if you have images from Clayton Park, from the walk or from another visit to the park, please send 3-6 photos along to me at millpondsailor@gmail.com by the 13th of September and we'll have a review of your images and your experience.

If you have a collection of images you'd like to show, perhaps from a trip, or a project, an event, or just some images you are really happy with, then please get in touch with me at millpondsailor@gmail.com and we'll schedule you. It is fun to see what others are doing, and it is a good chance to learn from each other.

See you on Tuesday the 15th of September.

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And a reminder for members to send in their annual fee \$50 through e-transfer to sunshinecoastcameraclub@gmail.com. For more details see [Joining our Club](#) below.

CAPA Coast to Coast Photo Walks 2026 – 19th September

The Canadian Association for Photographic Art is encouraging clubs across Canada to host photo walks on the 19th of September (<https://capacanada.ca/photo-walk/>). Our club is participating again this year, and our photo walk location is Smuggler Cove Provincial Park. Please join us.

Although not necessary, it is helpful if you register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1zHaWMfrpCMYkR5x4vqCuvUisj4vfAiR_LcpNaFw55YnuUg/viewform.

Janet Slater, our CAPA representative, is leading our club's walk. We will meet at the Smuggler Cove Marine Provincial Park (5172 Brooks Rd, Halfmoon Bay) at 10 AM September

19. Following the walk, we will get together around noon at Halfmoon General, 5642 Mintie Road in Halfmoon Bay.

If you have questions or wish a ride, get in touch with Bruce Pond, (millpondsailor@gmail.com 705-772-9438)

This second annual CAPA Photo Walk brings photographers together from coast to coast, and everywhere in between. This is a day to celebrate photography, community, and creativity. Everyone is invited to join — CAPA members, non-members, photo clubs, camera enthusiasts, and curious beginners alike. You will be able to share your photos and CAPA will showcase them in Canadian Photography magazine and online. Photo submission details will be sent to you on the day, if you register.

Get ready to walk, shoot, and share!

Our SCCC Challenge on the CAPA Photo Walk:

We are proposing a SCCC Club-specific Challenge in which walkers will take some time to photograph an iconic view of a forest of drowned trees and one diagonal trunk. We will see how differently, or similarly, we see this feature. Here is one of Phil Harrison's takes on it:



The viewpoint is about 500m along the Smuggler Cove path on the boardwalk looking to the left (south) across the beaver flood. Here is a map of the approximate viewpoint and direction of view.



Club Photo Walks 2026

Two of our members are interested in leading photo walks on the other side of Howe Sound. Phil Harrison wishes to revisit the decommissioned Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam. Janet Slater produced a video of the photos from that walk which highlighted the spooky nature of the location. Here's a link to her video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eTffIEGMdTZcoMTKtLGyLeF-X2hXUypW/view?usp=sharing>.

Phil is planning to return, with the goal of emphasizing or exploiting the spooky character of the site. We will discuss potential dates at our September meeting. If you will not be at the meeting but are interested in attending the Riverview Photo Walk, please let Phil know (thebigph@gmail.com) so he can include you in the planning.

Bruce Pond is interested in visiting the Steveston maritime and fisheries museum exhibits (<https://staging.stevestonheritage.ca/explore/exhibits/>) and would be happy to organize a photo walk there. We will gauge interest at our September meeting and if there is interest, then work out some details of dates and transportation. If you would like to go, please get in touch with him at millpondsailor@gmail.com.

If you have an idea for a photo walk, or you would like to be our photo walk coordinator, please let Phil or Bruce know.

CAPA Nature/Wildlife Competition Review – 15th of September

The Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA) photo competition on Nature/Wildlife is the first that our club is entering this season. The sub-themes are i) Botanical, ii) Insects Reptiles and Amphibians, iii) Landscape, iv) Nature and v) Wildlife; check the CAPA webpage for sub-theme details: (<https://capacanada.ca/2026-nature-wildlife-competition-clubs/>)

As a club we can enter up to six images which we select from our members' submissions. If there are more than six members submitting photos, MJ will send them out to an independent judge to select the top six. If you have Nature or Wildlife images, new or old, which you might submit and for which you would like constructive feedback on any elements in the photos: e.g. which of two or three images is strongest, or getting help with titling or choosing sub-theme, or considering alternate composition choices, or questions you would like to discuss ... send your images to Bruce (millpondsailor@gmail.com) by September 13th prior to our September 15th meeting.

CAPA Club Competitions for 2026-27

The following table indicates the club competitions which we are planning to enter in the coming season. Have a look at the themes and start thinking about what you might enter.

Competition specific details are at <https://capacanada.ca/capa-competitions/>

Theme	Competition Deadline	SCCC Deadline	Sub Themes
CAPA - Nature / Wildlife	Oct 15 th	Oct 1 st	Botanical, Insects Reptiles and Amphibians, Landscapes, Nature Wildlife
CAPA – Monochrome	Nov 15 th	Nov 1 st	Textures and Details, Motion and Stillness, Isolation and Solitude, Working hand
CAPA - Fine Art	Jan 30 th	Jan 15 th	Abstracts and Creative Vision, Human form and Expression, landscapes, Motion and Time, Still life
NSPS - Open theme ?	Around Feb ?	Jan -ish	Usually open theme
CAPA - Colour Competition	Mar 2 nd	Feb 16 th	Curves and lines, Movement and energy, Nature's palette, Colour with a Human Touch, Colours of Culture
CAPA - Canada My Country	Apr 15 th	Apr 1 st	Atlantic, Pacific, Prairie, Ontario, Quebec

What are you up to Photographically?

We encourage our members to make short presentations on topics of interest to them and our club members. These might include:

- My Relationship to Photography
- Body of Work
- Photo Trip Showcase – show us your style, and your perception of a place and people.
- A particular project – show us how you solved a problem, or used a new technique or went from vision, through shutter release, to final image.
- Photos from a workshop

These illustrated talks would usually be about 15 minutes long, either as a video or as a narrated slide show. Please contact Phil Harrison, or Bruce Pond if you would like to make a presentation to the club. We look forward to hearing from you.

Joining our Club

We welcome new members of all ages, abilities, and interests; (**AND** returning members please send in your dues 😊). We plan the program for twice monthly meetings - generally on the first and third Tuesdays and we take a break during July and August. Want to see if our club is right for you? Prospective members are invited to attend an initial 2 meetings for free before deciding whether to join. You are also welcome to join us on a photo walk.

Annual fees are \$50.00, and our season runs from September 1 to August 31. Fees for membership applied for in or after January are \$30.00.

Payment can be made directly through e-transfer to sunshinecoastcameraclub@gmail.com. (Please make a note in the transfer that this is for membership fees for 2026-2027. Auto-deposit has been set up, so no security question is needed).

For further options to pay and additional information on membership, please contact our membership coordinator, Nancy Nederlof, at: nnederlo@gmail.com.

Photo Galleries in Vancouver

There are two photo galleries in Vancouver I'd recommend as worth a visit, particularly if you are in their vicinity.

Gallery 881 Lens-Based Contemporary Art Centre in East Vancouver at 881 East Hastings St is a small gallery with innovative exhibits of both local and international photographers. The current exhibit is of the work of Michael de Courcy titled "One in a Million." The exhibition features over 860 4x6 photographs from Expo 86, installed across the gallery walls as an accessible archive of images. During the exhibition visitors may purchase individual 4x6 prints directly from the wall. This exhibition runs until September 5th. <https://www.gallery881.com/>



If you go to Gallery 881, let John, the curator/proprietor, know you are from the Sunshine Coast Camera Club, he is very approachable and interesting to speak with.

The Polygon Gallery, in North Vancouver, is situated at the foot of Lonsdale Ave right on the harbour. It is also a lens-based art gallery, although much larger and grander architecturally than Gallery 881 <https://thepolygon.ca/>. The current exhibition running until October 25th is a 50-year retrospective of the work of Vancouver-born photographer Greg Girard <https://thepolygon.ca/exhibition/greg-girard/>. I visited it for only a short while, but was so impressed by the range of his subjects and the images themselves drawn from his time as a teenager in Burnaby and Vancouver through his career and life for 3 decades in Hong Kong, Shanghai and other parts of Asia.



ON1 Special Interest Group

Several members have expressed an interest in having an introduction to ON1. We don't know what form this might take: from one-on-one mentoring to a sit-down computer workshop; but we do have an idea that we can help each other, particularly in getting started. If you use ON1 and wish to participate, email Bruce (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with an idea of what might work best for you, and we'll see what we might do together.

London Drugs Discount Agreement – 30% off on most processing

We now have 30 members eligible for the 30% discount on most processing at the Gibsons store. The agreement also includes a 10% discount on most equipment and printer supplies. The discount does not apply to work which London Drugs contracts out, e.g. slide and photo scanning. We will be submitting our new 2026-27 membership list late in September, an added incentive to join the club for the year ASAP.

To take advantage of the discount, at the photo counter indicate that you are a member of the Sunshine Coast Camera Club and wish to receive the discount. If the staff person seems unfamiliar with the agreement, you might ask them to check with a manager, (I've worked with Claire Robinson). You will need to show ID, which they will check against the list of members' names. If there are questions or wrinkles to work out, get in touch with me (705-772-9438) or Phil Harrison.

Use the IGA Cash Cards; help keep Club Fees low.

A reminder that when you use the club IGA cash cards, the club receives a percentage back. Even if you don't usually shop at IGA in Wilson Creek, Gibsons, or Madeira Park, step in sometime and use the card to buy even a few items; every little bit helps. If you have friends who shop at IGA and might be interested in helping the club; consider asking them if they would use an IGA card for us.

If you don't have an IGA card, please get in touch with Nancy Nederlof (nnederlo@gmail.com). You "load" them with your funds, by cash or credit or debit card, at a cashier, or the service desk, and then pay for groceries with the card. If you are uncertain about your balance, ask the cashier to check before they start ringing in your purchases. When the balance on the card gets low, see a cashier about reloading it. It's simple and helps keep our membership fees low.

Tripods for Re-Homing – Unbeatable prices!

Karen Abrahamson has three Manfrotto tripods, which she wishes to pass on to a good home. She is asking \$40 for the “Element” travel tripod; the other two, one with a ball head and the other with a standard 3-axis head, are available for free. Contact Karen if you are interested: klabrahamson@outlook.com.



Photo Submission Guidelines

We use the same photo submission guidelines for our member review photo shows as CAPA requires for competition entries. Here they are:

- The image should have a maximum width of 1400 and a maximum height of 1050 pixels.
- Name your image files with your name followed by a dash (-) followed by the image title; e.g. “Bruce Pond-Guardians.jpg”.
- To indicate your priority of images (e.g. if we ask for three but may have to use only two) please add a ranking suffix e.g. “Bruce Pond-Guardians_01.jpg”.
- Submit the images to Bruce Pond (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with the theme keyword, e.g. KasStone, in the subject line.

2026-27 Program Overview



(All meetings start at 7PM, unless otherwise indicated in the program)

Tan highlight indicates a Zoom meeting. Yellow indicates "not a Tuesday"	
Blue highlight indicates in-person meeting at Port Stalashen Clubhouse, Wilson Creek	
Yellow indicate Club social gathering	
Mauve indicates CAPA Competition deadline (To MJ)	
Green indicates Photo Walk	
Orange indicates BC/Yukon Interclub Speaker	
Date	Program
15-Sep-2026	• Present proposed program • Members' review of CAPA Nature/Wildlife candidate entries • Members' reviews of Barrels, Burger and Beverages and Clayton Park Photo walks. • Members' presentations: a. Pond: My First Undercover Photo Engagement • Discussion with members: a. Request member presentations. b. Photo walks interest, locations and dates i) Riverview ,ii) Steveston, iii) On the Coast? c. Topic choice for Mario Traina: i) Composition, ii) outdoor lighting, iii) B&W imaging, or iv) creating art cards for resale d. Mentoring possibility: needs and mentors e. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) e.g. ON1 software
19-Sep-2025 10AM	CAPA 2nd Annual Photo Walk at Smuggler Cove Provincial Park 10AM Sept 19th Everyone welcome, member or non-member, friend, adult, or child Register at: https://capacanada.ca/photo-walk/
1-Oct-2026	Submission Deadline to MJ CAPA – Nature/Wildlife: a) Botanical. b) Insects, reptiles and amphibians, c) Landscapes. d) Nature. e) Wildlife (https://capacanada.ca/2026-nature-wildlife-competition/)
6-Oct-2026	Speaker: Joe Edelman "Critiques Suck: How to get USEFUL feedback on your photography" https://www.joeedelman.com/photography-presentations/photography-critiques

20-Oct-2026	• CAPA pre-competition review - Monochrome • CAPA Photo Smuggler Cove Walk photo review • Photo Captioning Activity • Members' presentation ○ Steve Bulman: "My Photo, Your Style" ○
1-Nov-2026	Submission Deadline to MJ CAPA – Monochrome: a) Texture & Detail. b) Motion & Stillness. c) Isolation & Solitude d) Working Hand (https://capacanada.ca/2026-monochrome-competition/)
3-Nov-2026	Speaker: Dee Potter: "Exploration in Photography: A Journey Through Urban Landscapes, Natural Wonders, and Fascinating Faces" https://deepotter.com/speaking-engagements
17-Nov-2026	• "Your Photo, My Edit" Review. • Janet Slater – Presentation about Canadian Association for Photographic Art.
1-Dec-2026	• Members' Review of a theme based on Dee Potter's Presentation (3-Nov)
15-Dec-2026	Winter Social • Meeting up 18h00 - Dinner 19h00-ish • Blackfish Pub, 966 Venture Way, Gibsons
5-Jan-2027	• Members critique CAPA Fine Art and possibly Northshore Photo Challenge
15-Jan	Submission Deadline to MJ CAPA – Fine Art a) Abstract & Creative Vision. b) Human Form & Expression. c) Landscape. d) Motion & Time. e) Still Life. (https://capacanada.ca/2027-fine-art-competition/)
TBD	Submission Deadline to MJ Northshore Photo Challenge - Usually Open Theme
19-Jan-2027	Members critique CAPA Colour

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