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Newsletter December 2025 Issue I

You are receiving this email because you are either a Sunshine Coast Camera Club member or have a possible interest in the club. Join us for a couple of meetings to see if you'd like to become a club member.

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Joel Robison – “Finding Your Voice in Creative Storytelling” – Sunday December 14th at 1PM.

Joel Robison will be presenting a talk titled “**Finding Your Voice in Creative Storytelling**” on Sunday, Dec 14, 2025 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Use this link to register:

<https://form.jotform.com/253176437968977> . When you register, you'll receive the Zoom details.

Joel is a Canadian creative conceptual photographer currently based in the UK. His work is a blend of whimsy and surrealism mixed into honest storytelling, often using self-portraits that allow the viewer to follow the creative narrative in his images with him as the main character.



Instagram - @joelrobison

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/joelrobisonphotography>

Flickr - https://www.flickr.com/photos/joel_r/

Website - www.joelrobison.com

Sheldon Boles' Update on Artificial Intelligence and Competitions – Replay link.

Sheldon Boles, of the Canadian Association for Photographic Art, spoke on the new CAPA rules regarding the use, intentional or not, of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in post-processing images last Thursday. The new rules come into effect the beginning in January 2026 and will apply to all CAPA competitions, as well the North Shore Photographic Challenge (submissions due to MJ by January 1st). You can view the talk at <https://capacanada.link/AI-Update-Live>

Other Recent Presentations

- Our presentation by Dave and Kelly Hutchison titled “**From Inspiration to Publication: The Making of ‘Vancouver Island: The Art of the Landscape’**” [is available to view here.](#)
- BC/Yukon Interclub Speaker, Shane Gross, on “**How to Use Your Images for Conservation.**” [View Shane’s Presentation here.](#)

Club Social December 16th at the Blackfish Pub in Gibsons

Our mid-year social event is this Tuesday! Do consider coming out to meet and get to know fellow club members in a different setting. Details:

- Date: Tuesday December 16th
- Time: Meeting up at 18h00 - Dinner around 19h00 ish
- Location: Blackfish Pub in Gibsons
- Address: 966 Venture Way, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V7

You should have RSVPed now, but if you didn't and are interested, please check with MJ sccc.competitions@gmail.com and ask if there is still room. 🍷

Photographic Competitions

Entries for the North Shore Photographic Challenge are due January 1st. As well, start thinking about the next CAPA competition themed “Fine Art” with subthemes: Abstract, Landscape, Creative Vision, and Still Life; the submission deadline is the 16th of January. Have look at MJ's emails of December 6th and consider what you might submit.

Competitions Entrants: Two items of note:

- **CAPA Competition rules have changed** to deal with issues related to the use of Artificial Intelligence by post-processing software, like Lightroom, Luminar, Photoshop etc. These rules come into effect in January 2026. To understand what it means to you as an entrant in competitions check out the CAPA webpage: <https://capacanada.ca/updated-ai-requirements-on-capa-competitions/>. We also have a presentation on available for viewing on AI and competitions including the new rules related to CAPA competitions in 2026. It is available here: <https://capacanada.link/AI-Update-Live>
- **Coaching for Competitions** if you are interested in receiving comments on images that you wish to submit for competitions, perhaps on choosing the “best” of three, or checking in on questions you might have about composition or contrast, etc., please get in touch with Bruce Pond, (millpondsailor@gmail.com) and I will try to arrange a casual meeting for this conversation, since we have no in-person meetings scheduled prior to January 1st.

Competition	Theme	Deadline
NSPS ¹	North Shore Photographic Challenge - Open	Tentatively Jan 1 st
CAPA ²	Fine Art • Abstract • Landscape • Creative Vision • Still Life	Jan 16 th

Competition	Theme	Deadline
CAPA	Inspiration Open Colour • Man-Made Environments • Seasonal Transitions • Action & Motion • Cultural Events and • Close-Up	Feb 14 th
CAPA	Canada My Country • Atlantic Zone • Pacific Zone • Prairie Zone • Ontario Zone • Quebec Zone	Mar 16 th

¹ North Shore Photographic Society

² Canadian Association for Photographic Art

Photo Publication Opportunity in “Not an Island”

The Sunshine Coast Writers’ and Editors’ Society publishes a literary quarterly of contemporary prose and poetry titled “Not an Island.” Check it out: <https://www.scwes.ca/not-an-island/not-an-island-fall-2024>. Although the content is primarily prose and poetry, the editors often include graphic art, photography included.

The theme for the coming issue (Winter 2026) is “Adventure” favouring winter settings. Use your imagination; have a look through your archives and consider submitting a few candidate images to me, Bruce, at millpondsailor@gmail.com, with Subject line “SCCC - Not an Island – Adventure”) by January 3rd.

Club Members’ Photos Published in “Salal”

You will remember that Natalya Gunde organized a photo walk for us at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden (SCBG) in West Sechelt. Janet Slater put together a [great video](#) of our images; which we sent off to Heather Vince at the SCBG. Heather has published some of the images in their quarterly publication “Salal.” Check them out on page 23 of the [Winter 2025 issue](#)

Canadian Photography Conference 2026 – Calgary (or online) July 13-16

Registration is now open for the Canadian Photography Conference, co-sponsored by CAPA and the Foothills Camera Club. “Experience how our shared love of photography can connect, inspire, and equip us to share our nation's stories.” Have a look and consider registering at: <https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/>

Canadian Association of Photographic Art (CAPA) December Newsletter

The December CAPA Newsletter is now available: <https://mailchi.mp/capacanada.ca/monthly-news-dec-2025-english>.

Club Membership

If you are interested in joining the club, please visit the membership page on our club website: <https://sunshinecoastcameraclub.ca/membership/>

Members' "Classifieds"

FOR SALE:

Petra Mayer has the following Nikon equipment available for sale. If you are interested, please contact her directly at Petra Mayer pm.petramayer@gmail.com 604-723-9222.

Nikon	D300s
Nikon	SB-900
Nikon	AF Nikkor 20mm 1:2.8 D
Nikon	AF Nikkor 50mm 1:1.8 D

Nikon	Speedlight SB-80DX
Lensbaby	LBC.093658
Nikon	AF Nikkor 85 mm 1:1.8 D

WANTED:

If anyone has a Paterson Tank for developing film, please contact Neil Caravan at neil.caravan@gmail.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.
 - If you are submitting a phone photo that has not been processed on a computer, send it by email as an attachment using an image size of "Large" for iPhone, if you've got an Android, send one size less than "Actual Size" (we're working on this).
- Name your image files with your name followed by a dash (-) followed by the theme keyword e.g. "Health" or "B&W" followed by a dash, and then the image title; e.g. "Bruce Pond-B&W-Guardians.jpg".
- Submit the images to Bruce Pond (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with the theme keyword in the subject line, e.g. Light Painting.
- If you wish your submission to be reviewed in our "Coaching Conversation," then please include the keyword "**Coaching**" in your email's subject line and text.

2025-26 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 an in-person meeting at the Port Stalashen Clubhouse, Wilson Creek

Date	Presenter	Date	Member Review Theme
2-Sep-2025	Cody Schultz – Starting the Conversation: A Walk with Mental Health https://codyschultz.com/	16-Sep-2025	- Your photography and mental health. - Your favourite or most significant images from the last 4 months
			Janet Slater – CAPA Presentation
7-Oct-2025	Chuck Kimmerle – From Field to Print https://www.chuckkimmerle.com/	21-Oct-2025	Black and White
			Member’s Critique Conversation
4-Nov-2025	Carolyn Watson – Sixteen Miles Out: Still Life Cultivated https://sixteenmilesout.com/	18-Nov-2025	Still life – Member’s Review
			Coaching Conversation
			Photos Walks: SC Botanical Garden Riverdale Hospital
Friday 28-Nov-2025 6:30PM	Shane Gross – How to Use Your Images for Conservation		
2-Dec-2025	Dave Hutchison – From Inspiration to Publication: The Making of “Vancouver Island: The Art of the Landscape” https://www.davehutchisonphotography.com/		
Thursday 11-Dec-2025	Sheldon Boles –Artificial Intelligence and CAPA Competitions Update https://capacanada.ca/updated-ai-requirements-on-capa-competitions/		
Sunday 14-Dec-2025 (1PM)	Joel Robison – Finding Your Voice in Creative Storytelling https://www.joelrobison.com/	16-Dec-2025	Winter Social – Meeting up 18h00 - Dinner 19h00-ish – Blackfish Pub, 966 Venture Way, Gibsons

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		20-Jan-2026	Stefan Gerrits: Minimalism through High Key & Low Key Photography https://www.stefangerrits.com/
3-Feb-2026	(Port Stalashen Unavailable - TBD)	17-Feb-2026	Minimalism member review? Photo Walk: Remembrance Day Mushrooms
3-Mar-2026	Bruce Murphy – Floral Composites (check this date with Laura) @brucemurphyart	17-Mar-2026	Floral Composites
Friday, 27-Mar-2026 6:30PM	Larry Louie – The Voice of My Camera: A Retrospective Dr. Louie, internationally recognized documentary photographer, will show work from Bangladesh, Nepal, the Philippines, and new environmental portraits from Edmonton. His images highlight resilience, social issues, and humanitarian efforts.		
7-Apr-2026	Jessie Johnson – Behind the Scenes: Wildlife filmmaking in Antarctica?? https://jessejohnson19.mypixieset.com/	21-Apr-2026	Wildlife/Birds
5-May-2026	Randall Romano – Documentary Street Photography https://www.randallromano.com/	19-May-2026	Street/Urban
Friday 8-May-2026 6:30PM	Manpreet Sokhi – Tigers in India with Editing Tips & Tricks Manpreet will present his tiger photography from India, discussing field challenges and sharing practical editing techniques to maximize image impact.		
2-Jun-2026	Member Showcase (curate up to 10 images as a portfolio or to represent an aesthetic)	16-Jun-2026	Social