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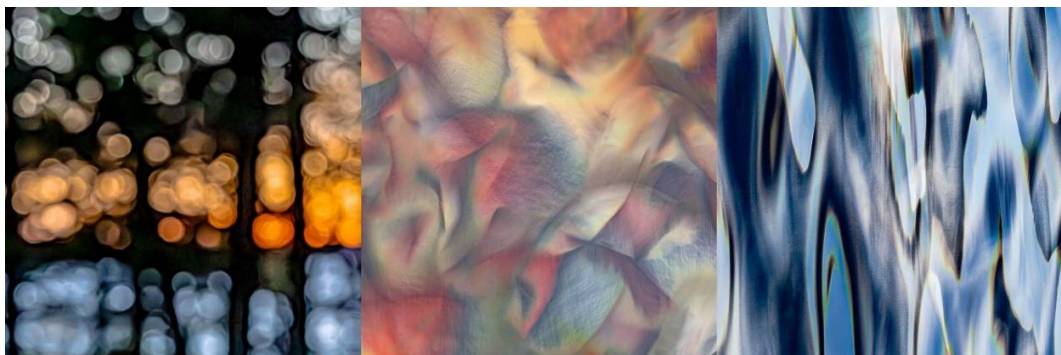
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Next Meeting by Zoom Tuesday March 3rd Beth Buelow: Approaching Abstraction: Ways of Seeing, Creating, Processing, and Presenting



Beth's professional training as a musician informs her current work as photographer and artist. She wants her images to serve as speed bumps that invite us to slow down, get out of our head, and connect with our imagination. Since she sees the contradictions in life and people, she likes to experiment with techniques that reveal complex layers in a creative way: intentional camera

movement, multiple exposures, macros, and specialty lenses. You can see her work and find out more about her at: <https://www.bethbuelowphotography.com/>



Here is the link to our zoom meeting on Tuesday the 3rd of March at 7PM; try to come a few minutes early so we can start at 7:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4496088221?pwd=646P15sBV6pkDiokEGrXzfoHWYbSUB.1&omn=84800709333> Meeting ID: 449 608 8221 Passcode: SCCCbelow See you there.

CAPA Competition: “Canada My Country”

Our next club competition is the CAPA “Canada My Country” photo competition. Themes are:

- Atlantic (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador & Prince Edward Island)
- Pacific (British Columbia & Yukon)
- Prairie (Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan & Northwest Territory)
- Ontario (includes Nunavut Territory)
- Quebec.

The following description is from the CAPA competition website:

*This annual competition celebrates the rich diversity of **People** and **Places** across our nation. This year, we want to showcase the People who call Canada home. and the varied Landscapes which surround us.*

Landscape – from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast to our Far North, your submitted photographs should showcase our beautiful country and its vast riches of natural and man-made wonders.

People – images of individuals who call Canada home, photographed in their daily activities, street scenes, workplaces, formal settings, community gatherings, and the varied environment

More details at: <https://capacanada.ca/2026-canada-my-country-competition/>. Last year’s winning images: <https://capacanada.ca/competition-winners-2025-canada-my-country-club-competition/>

The deadline for submissions is Friday March 27th. Please submit to MJ at sccc.competitions@gmail.com. For more information check out MJ’s email of 15th February 2026 at 9:48AM

Competition Entrants: Two items of note:

- **Coaching for Competitions:** If you are interested in receiving comments on images that you wish to submit for competition, perhaps on choosing the “best” of three, or checking in on questions you might have about composition or contrast, etc., send your images to Bruce

Pond, (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with the subject line “Coaching for Competition” and we will have a discussion at the next in-person meeting.

- **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 came into effect in January 2026. To understand what it means to you check out the CAPA webpage: <https://capacanada.ca/updated-ai-requirements-on-capa-competitions/>.

Competition	Theme	Deadline
CAPA ¹	Canada My Country • Atlantic Zone • Pacific Zone • Prairie Zone • Ontario Zone • Quebec Zone	Mar 27 rd

¹ Canadian Association for Photographic Art

North Shore Photo Challenge Gala Event – March 7th

Our club had a full slate of entries in The North Shore Photographic Challenge. This competition culminates in the annual North Shore Challenge Gala Event; this year it's on Saturday March 7th, 2026. The Gala, which is a Zoom event, includes a showcase of competition images, comments from judges on selected and winning images, and competition results. More than 300 images are expected to be shown.

It will be good opportunity to see the creative work of fellow western Canadian photographers. For more information and tickets (\$10), click here: <https://nsps.ca/north-shore-challenge-2026/>
For a 5 minute re-cap of the highlights of last year's Challenge have a look here: <https://vimeo.com/1123045556>

Invitation for Member Slideshows

We would like to get to know more about what our members have been doing photographically. If you have a show or would like to put together a show to share and discuss at a club meeting, then let us know. It might be on

- your relationship to photography
- a trip or expedition around the world or across Howe Sound – show us your style, and your perception of a place and people.
- results from a workshop
- a body of your work or portfolio on a theme, or just images you like.
- a project – show us how you solved a problem, produced a product, experimented with a new technique or genre, or went from vision, through shutter release, to final image.

This is an experiment itself; initially we're thinking from 3 to 12 minutes in length. If you need more time for your idea, please get in touch to discuss scheduling.

If you have something you would like to show and perhaps talk about, please let me know (millpondsailor@gmail.com) and send it along. If it is just a twinkle in your eye at this point, tell me what you have in mind, and when it might be ready and we can work on scheduling.

Photographer's Opportunity at Raven's Cry Theatre



Last year Phil Harrison, our Vice President, asked Raven's Cry Theatre in Sechelt whether they would be interested in displaying some of our work on the screen prior to showing movies. This was their response:

We are always accepting submissions from local artists! The specs are very basic - ideally in a photo format (png, jpg) with a 16:9 widescreen aspect ratio. Minimum size is 1920x1080p, but it can be bigger as long as it fits the aspect ratio. If you want anything on the slide, please add it before you send - we literally drop them into our slide show, we don't add or alter anything.

I can't guarantee that everything we get will be shown but we try to be fair and rotate them as they come in (gives our audiences fresh material as well :)

So:

- submit your photos by email to Jen at Raven's Cry Theatre info@ravenscrytheatre.com
- Jpg or png format.
- 16:9 aspect ratio, at least 1920x1080 pixels.
- Add watermarks or identification logos etc. yourself before submitting your photo.

Phil, Steve Bulman and Janet Slater have all submitted photos; keep an eye open for them.

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. Calgary's vibrant culture and natural beauty will make this conference not just an event, but an experience you'll carry with you long after.

- Meet and mingle with photographers from across the country
- Explore Calgary's local arts scene and breathtaking landscapes
- Be part of the conversations, workshops, and celebrations as they unfold
- Experience a diverse and dynamic part of the Canadian landscape with excursions to a variety of locations unique to the Canadian West
- Access special in-person Basic Training for New Judges Course - July 17 & 18

For the first time ever, the conference is going **hybrid!** If you can't make it to Calgary, you can still join virtually with live-stream access and 12 months of on-demand recordings.”

Have a look and consider registering at: <https://www.canadianphotographyconference.ca/>

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.

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. We are running about \$30 below last year's rebate at this point in the year. 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 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.

Club Membership

If you are interested in joining the club, please visit the membership page on our club website:

<https://sunshinecoastcameraclub.ca/membership/>

Photo Submission Guidelines

We use photo submission guidelines for our member review photo shows which are very similar to those required for entries in Canadian Association for Photographic Arts. (Please see the CAPA Competitions webpage for those details: <https://capacanada.ca/capa-competitions/>).

These are the guidelines our club currently uses:

- 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 (-)the image title; e.g. “Bruce Pond-Guardians.jpg”.
 - If you wish to indicate the order in which your photo should be presented, please include a sequence number after your name e.g.
 - Bruce Pond-01-Contemplate
 - Bruce Pond-02-Honour
 - Bruce Pond-03-Wait
- 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,” as opposed to simply a review showing with no comments, then please include the keyword “Coaching” in your subject line and text e.g. Light Painting - Coaching
- No element in the photo can have been created by “Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools” as defined by CAPA. See the CAPA website for details: <https://capacanada.ca/updated-ai-requirements-on-capa-competitions/>

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
3-Mar-2026	Beth Buelow – Approaching Abstraction: Ways of Seeing, Creating, Processing, and Presenting https://www.bethbuelowphotography.com/	17-Mar-2026	Member Theme: Non-literal/Abstracts inspired by Beth's talk. Competition Conversation: CAPA Canada My Country Members' Showcases: MJ Leeden: Tiny Life of Bill Murray's "Scrooged" Nancy Nederlof: Botswana – Best of the Chobe Wildlife Photo Tour Other offers??
Friday, 27-Mar-2026 6:30PM	Larry Louie – The Voice of My Camera: A Retrospective Dr. Louie, will show work from Bangladesh, Nepal, the Philippines, and new environmental portraits from Edmonton. His images highlight resilience, social issues, and humanitarian work.		
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 photos from India, discussing challenges and sharing practical editing techniques to maximize image impact.		
2-Jun-2026	Member Showcase	16-Jun-2026	Social

Access to the Port Stalashen Clubhouse (1585 Field Road) is via the enterphone just before the gate. Come to the gate, dial **3161** on the enterphone, which will connect to Karen Abrahamson's phone; she will let you in. Consider parking in the parking area by the causeway, walk to the gate and use the enterphone. If there is an issue, call Karen at 604-240-1450.