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Newsletter January 2026 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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Stefan Gerrits: Minimalism through High Key & Low Key Photography –Tuesday January 20th

Stefan Gerrits has been photographing nature and wildlife for over a decade. His photographic style is often described as imaginative, minimalistic, and two-dimensional. At its core, his approach is about respecting nature and presenting both subject and surroundings in their simplest, most honest form—function over form. <https://www.stefangerrits.com/>



In Tuesday night's presentation Stefan will introduce the creative concept of high key and low key techniques and the three essential elements of minimalism: simplicity, geometric shapes, and the art of negative space. Whether you're aiming to simplify your style or create images with more calm and balance, this session will give you practical insights and inspiration. We'll close with an open Q&A and a short discussion.

Here is the Zoom info for our meeting 7PM Tuesday; arrive a bit early so we can start on time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4496088221?pwd=o4VnIAAb8ekCqRUOGdU7VGsAiSH2EA.1&omn=88306760399> and Meeting ID: 449 608 8221 and Passcode: SCCCStefan.

Lyle Wetsch: Travel Photography & Videography, Capturing More Than Vacation Snaps – Friday 30 January.

At the next BC/Yukon Inter-club speaker series meeting we have Lyle Wetsch presenting "Travel Photography & Videography, Capturing More Than Vacation Snaps." Here is hint of some of the things Lyle will cover in his talk: "Travel opens up a world of locations and experiences, but when you may be looking at capturing photos and videos in a variety of environments including in the air with drones and under the water, the equipment requirements quickly escalate which can be a challenge with increased baggage restrictions and even just being able to manoeuvre at your destination. In this session Lyle Wetsch will share some key insights across the whole journey, from equipment and packing choices, to on the ground suggestions, to editing and backing up your images on the road, to presenting and showcasing your experiences post travel through video."

Lyle will present his talk titled: "**Travel Photography & Videography, Capturing More Than Vacation Snaps.**" On **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026** from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (Pacific Time)

To register, click here: www.BC-Yukon.Live/Lyle-Wetsch

Club Meeting February 3rd Members' Reviews – Minimalism: High and Low Key

Our club meeting following Stefan Gerrit's talk on minimalism will be an in-person meeting in **Gibsons**, we will have a number of Image Shows:.

- On the theme of Minimalism, inspired by Stefan's talk, applying High and Low key Photography if you wish. Submit up to 3 images on the theme to Bruce Pond (millpondsailor@gmail.com) . Please follow the [Photo Submission Guidelines](#) at the end of this newsletter. There will be two shows:
 1. A simple slideshow with each photo being viewed for about 10 seconds.
 2. "Coaching Conversation Review," where photographers are looking for constructive comments and discussion about their images. (If you wish discussion on your images include the word "Coaching" in the subject line.)
- A photo video of our Remembrance Day photo walk images which Janet Slater has put together for us,

- A photo video of our virtual Mushroom Photo walk – due to short notice and bad weather the photo walk didn't really come off, but mushroom photos **were** taken; Janet has collected them and put together video of these photos.
- A "Coaching Conversation" for any photographers wishing some help with images for the next CAPA competition on the theme "Inspiration Open Colour;" for example "Which *one* image should I submit of my best three for this theme?" or "Do you have any suggestions to improve my image?" Please email your images to Bruce Pond (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with the subject line "CAPA Colour Inspiration" and come prepared for a good discussion.

Note a location change for the meeting on the 3rd of February. Because the Port Stalashen Clubhouse is unavailable and through the courtesy of Joan Vernon and Linda Doerksen, we will meet at the Georgia Mirage Strata Clubhouse, 555 Eaglecrest Drive. The clubhouse is indicated by the map-pin; there is limited parking right at the clubhouse, (red highlight), there are a few additional spots at the yellow highlighting, and then parking on Eaglecrest Drive. Please consider ride-sharing.



CAPA Competition “Inspiration Open Colour”

It's time to start thinking about our next club competition entry. Submission deadline for entry in the **CAPA Inspiration Open Colour** photo competition is February 14th to MJ at sccc.competitions@gmail.com. The sub-themes are: Man-Made Environments, Seasonal Transitions, Action & Motion, Cultural Events and Close-up. For more information check out MJ's email of 17th January 2026 at 9:13PM and the CAPA competition page: <https://capacanada.ca/2026-inspiration-open-colour-competition/>

Competition 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 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/>. We also have access to a presentation on AI and competitions including the new rules related to CAPA competitions. 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., send your images to Bruce Pond, (millpondsailor@gmail.com) with the subject line “Coaching for Competition” and we will have a discussion at our in-person meeting on February 3rd.

Competition	Theme	Deadline
CAPA ¹	Inspiration Open Colour • Man-Made Environments • Seasonal Transitions • Action & Motion • Cultural Events and • Close-Up	Feb 14 th
CAPA ¹	Canada My Country • Atlantic Zone • Pacific Zone • Prairie Zone • Ontario Zone • Quebec Zone	Mar 16 th

¹ Canadian Association for Photographic Art

Smuggler Cove Update and An Invitation

Smuggler Cove Marine Provincial Park has been a photo-shoot destination for many of our members. It has been closed to the public and is now reopened with new boardwalks. We are inviting members to make a trip out to the park for new images or to search their archives for

old ones and submit a series of photos which tell the story of why it is an intriguing place. Start thinking about how you would show, in photographs, what makes it special for you, or just show us your best. The show date is tentatively scheduled for our second meeting in February, the 17th. More details about submission deadlines etc. will be coming.

5th Annual Art & Words Festival with Sunshine Coast Writers and Editors Society

The Art and Words Festival is a great opportunity to collaborate with other creative people on the Sunshine Coast. I received this invitation from Cindy Labonte-Smith, President & Founder of the Sunshine Coast Writers and Editors Society:

Hello and welcome to the Sunshine Coast Writers and Editors Society's family. We're reaching out to tell you about an opportunity to participate in our 5th Annual Art & Words Festival at the Gibsons Public Art Gallery August 22-24 as a writer, song-writer, volunteer, or maybe you're an artist or photographer?

The Art & Words Festival pairs up writers and visual artists to collaborate in creating original art and words together, then they exhibit them and give a brief interview about their process at the festival. We also hold our Book Awards for BC Authors reveal event during the festival that brings in authors from all over the province. This year the ceremony will be held at the Gibsons Heritage Playhouse and will be open to the public

There's an informational/sign up meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2 pm, Davis Bay Hall, then the match meeting where you'll meet your writer partner is Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 pm, Davis Bay Hall.

If you're interested in participating in this culturally rich arts festival, please reply to this email or show up at the meetings.

Cindy Labonte-Smith sunshinecoastwritersandeditors@gmail.com

Here is a link to the SCWES website <https://www.scwes.ca/home> and a link to the application form to participate in this year's Art and Words Festival:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10SYI9twRdhYDzeBDcHvtABk5D1zdK-0U/view>

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/>

Canadian Association of Photographic Art (CAPA) January Newsletter

The January CAPA Newsletter is now available: <https://mailchi.mp/capacanada.ca/monthly-news-jan-2026-english>

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 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)

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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	- 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 –
			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
6-Jan-2026	Meeting Cancelled (Port Stalashen unavailable and no program planned)	20-Jan-2026	Stefan Gerrits: Minimalism through High Key & Low Key Photography https://www.stefangerits.com/

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Friday 30-Jan- 2026 6:30PM	Lyle Wetsch – Travel Photography & Videography - Capturing More Than Vacation Snaps Register here: https://www.BC-Yukon.Live/Lyle-Wetsch	3-Feb-2026	Member theme: Minimalism Photo Walks: Remembrance Day Mushrooms Location: Georgia Mirage Strata Clubhouse, 555 Eaglecrest Drive, Gibsons.
		17-Feb-2026	Program to be determined. (Smuggler Cove Showcase?)
3-Mar-2026	Bruce Murphy – Floral Composites (check this date with Laura) www.threads.com @brucemurphyart	17-Mar-2026	Floral Composites
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 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