



e-News

June 2025

Editor's Note

Dear PGNS members,

The end of the 2024/2025 PGNS season is upon us and what a busy season it was.

We had a very successful "Oscar" night at ViewPoint Gallery and celebratory dinner at Resto Urban Dining. These were the first in person gatherings of their kind since Covid and we all enjoyed some social time with fellow members and guests.

To cap off the season, there are two more field trips: Peggy's Cove and Parrsboro on June 8th and 21st, respectively. For details, please check the website and watch out for emails closer to the event date. Hope to see you there.

ViewPoint Gallery is holding an exhibition of images by some of our PGNS members. Please take the opportunity to view some outstanding photography.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of you (you know who you are) for your contributions that help make the newsletter what it is. It really does take a village.

Enjoy your summer and see you in September,

Kathy Gartner-Kepkay
PGNS Newsletter Editor





PSA News

PGNS PSA Club Rep Report 2024-25 Season

This year we held three Guild/PSA competitions.

6 images from each of the 5 categories were selected and sent to PSA Interclub Competitions, via the upload system on the PSA website.

After each of the 3 competitions, November, February and April, I make collages of the 6 images that will go away to represent us and those are placed here in the newsletter. (Thank you, Kathy!)

These are the club standings of PGNS after all is tallied for the season.

- Nature Group A ---Tied 14th in our group of 25 clubs *89 clubs overall
- PID Open Colour--- 12th in our group of 23 *143 clubs overall
- PID Open Mono--- 7th in our group of 25 *110 clubs overall
- Photojournalism ---6th in our group of 22 *40 clubs overall
- Photo Travel ---8th in our group of 25 *57 clubs overall

We received 17/90 Awards over the 5 categories – Merit and HMs

I prepared a PowerPoint presentation to highlight our standing and announce the awards for the AGM. A Googlegroup email was sent to the membership with details of our season successes. (May 13th) And then I sent the individual certificates to the 'winners'.

'Congratulations' to each of the Guild competitors. Being part of this club offers many opportunities to share, learn and socialize.

Thank you for your continued support of PGNS!

Viki Gaul

PSA Club Rep for PGNS

Congratulations

15 PGNS Entries to PSA Interclub
3 Rounds in 5 Categories
90 wonderful images made by various members.
17/90 received Merit or HM Awards.



Thank You
PGNS
Members



Certificates from Round 1 PSA Interclub Competitions

2024 - 2025
Season

Certificates from Round 2 PSA Interclub Competitions

Certificates from Round 3 PSA Interclub Competitions



CAPA News

It was wonderful seeing everyone last week at the PGNS “Oscar” night.

Things are winding down for the year, but please note that for next year’s CAPA competitions, to better align competition standards to reflect international competition requirements, **image titles are now limited to 32 characters (including spaces).**

One exciting competition for next season is Triptych- Three Images. CAPA’s Guidelines on how to create one is posted in our Members Only section of the PGNS website and can also be viewed at: <https://capacanada.ca/guideline-to-creating-stunning-triptychs/>

The results are in for the Canada: My Country interclub competition and PGNS scored 125.5 points and tied for 25th place out of 45 clubs. Congratulations to Rosemary Sampson who earned the 3rd Merit Award- Atlantic for her image, “Mist on Fire”! (See ‘Photo of the Month’.)

Have a wonderful summer and see you on the field trips!

Joyce S. K. Chew

CAPA Club Rep for PGNS

Canada: My Country- Hosted by CAPA

Entry			
No.	Image Title-Photographer Name	Score	Awards
1	First Nova Scotia Stampede Opening – Antonio Solis	18.5	
2	Bald Eagle In Flight 2637 - Laszlo Podor	21.0	
3	Mist On Fire – Rosemary Sampson	24.0	3 rd Merit Atlantic
4	Where The Mountains Meet The Sky – Joyce S.K. Chew	20.5	
5	Khutzeymateen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary - Lynn Fergusson	20.0	
6	Smiles On The Backyard Pond 5925 – Viki Gaul	21.5	
Total Score		125.5	25 th tied of 45 clubs

ViewPoint Gallery Exhibits

**ViewPoint Gallery's 2025
SUMMER YOUTH PHOTO CAMP**
ANY DEVICE ANY LEVEL



**VIEWPOINT
GALLERY**

**5 days of Inspiration, Instruction,
and a Final Exhibition**
AUGUST 11-15 / 2025
Register by June 22

\$150 Ages 12 - 15 Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm
Further Info & Registration: aneilsen@eastlink.ca

**VIEWPOINT
GALLERY** 1475 Bedford Highway, Bedford (next to Cora's) 902 420 0854
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE



**VIEWPOINT GALLERY MEMBERS
+ INVITED FRIENDS EXHIBITION**

Dean Hirtle + Stephan Martin	Rae Tang + Basim Al Bulushi
Avard Woolaver + Jane Wilson	Ed Brisson + Janet Brisson
Blair Bartlett + Carlos Jimenez	Jane Oram + Joe Sampson
Colin Chase + Memo Calderón	Chris Kelly + Paul Boucher
Kim Ottenbrite + Mike Donahue	Heather Rose + MZ Zucker
Laszlo Podor + Darryl Robertson	Ron Pitts + Heather Quinn
Craig Benjamin + Peingamla Luithui	Allan Neilsen + Kas Stone
Doug van Hemessen + David Scriven	Evan Purney + Rafe Ayub

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**VIEWPOINT
GALLERY**
PHOTOGRAPHIC ART COOPERATIVE

Guild Program for June: A Reminder

Sunday, June 8th

Field Trip: Peggy's Cove and Area, 10:00 at Swiss Air Memorial *

Leader: Viki Gaul

Saturday, June 21st 10:00am-3:00pm

Field Trip: Parsboro International Plein Air Festival *

Leader: Cheryl Atkins

*Details to follow in an email closer to the event date and the PGNS website

2024/2025 Trophy and Award Winners

Mayor of HRM Trophy

Theme – “Harbours of the HRM”

Trophy Winner: [Kathy Gartner-Kepkay](#)

Nova Scotia Bird Society Trophy

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Darryl Robertson](#)

Atlantic Geoscience Society Trophy

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Antonio Solis](#)

Last Billion Years Trophy

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Stephan Martin](#)

Reta Cook Trophy

The best image of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust competition.

Theme: Coastal Areas

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Katherine Gartner-Kepkay](#)

Reid Sweet Trophy

The best images in the Pictorial category

2nd Place Certificate: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Antonio Solis](#)

Peter Herschorn Trophy

The Best Seascape / Landscape image selected from the Pictorial category.

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Michal Winsor](#)

Tim Randall Trophy

The highest cumulative points in Pictorial competitions

2nd Place Certificate: [Darryl Robertson](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Viki Gaul](#)

Camera Shop Trophy

The best images in the Nature category

2nd Place Certificate: [Michael Winsor](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Michael Winsor](#)

Robert Thorpe Memorial Trophy

Best Botanical image, selected from the Nature category.

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Laszlo Podor](#)

Mary Primrose Memorial Trophy

Best Wildflower Image, selected from the Nature category

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Kathy Gartner-Kepkay](#)

Cyril Smith Trophy

The highest cumulative points in Nature competitions.

2nd Place Certificate: [France Boutilier](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Antonio Solis](#)

Abbotts Trophy

The best images in the Creative category

2nd Place Certificate: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Antonio Solis](#)

Gilbert Van Ryckevorsel Trophy

The highest cumulative points in Creative competitions

2nd Place Certificate: [Kathy Gartner-Kepkay](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Antonio Solis and Viki Gaul](#)

Michael Walsh Trophy

The best images in the Photo Travel category

2nd Place Certificate: [David Feindel](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [David Feindel](#)

Barbara & Paul Bingham Trophy

The highest cumulative points in Photo Travel competitions

2nd Place Certificate: [Andrzej Kajetanowicz](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [David Feindel](#)

Atlantic Photo Trophy

The best images in the Photojournalism category

2nd Place Certificate: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Michael Winsor](#)

George Ghiz Sports Action Trophy

The best images in peak sports action taken from the Photojournalism category

2nd Place Certificate: [Antonio Solis](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

Keith Vaughan Trophy

The highest cumulative points in Photojournalism competitions

2nd Place Certificate: [Joyce Chew](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Laszlo Podor](#)

Markus Stasiulis Trophy

The highest number of points in the Silent Essay competition

2nd Place Certificate: [Viki Gaul](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Laszlo Podor](#)

Frederick Greene Trophy

The highest number of points in the Sight and Sound Essay competition

2nd Place Certificate: [Kathy Gartner-Kepkay](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Laszlo Podor](#)

Mervyn Kumar-Misir Trophy

The highest cumulative points in CAPA Theme/Guild Assignment competitions.

2nd Place Certificate: [Joyce Chew](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

CAPA Award

The highest cumulative points in CAPA digital and print competitions.

2nd Place Certificate: [Viki Gaul](#)

CAPA Medal of Excellence in Photography: [Laszlo Podor](#)

CAPA Club Services Award

Recipient: [Terry Carroll](#)

Gordon R. Lay Trophy

The highest number of points for the Guild in external digital CAPA and PSA competitions.

2nd Place Certificate: [Viki Gaul](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Laszlo Podor](#) [Terry Carroll](#)

Robert K. Mann Trophy

The highest number of points in the competition whose theme has been chosen by the Guild Executive. – Theme: “Why blend in when you can stand out?”-Dr. Seuss

2nd Place Certificate: [Viki Gaul](#) and [Stephan Martin](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Kathy Gartner-Kepkay](#)

Frederick Joyce Trophy

The best theme images in the Portrait category

2nd Place Certificate: [Laszlo Podor](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Viki Gaul](#)

Sam Yanofsky Trophy

Best images in the Humour category

2nd Place Certificate: [Viki Gaul](#)

Trophy + Bronze Medal: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

Schooner Cove Trophy

The highest aggregate for "Guild Only" competitions.

2nd Place Certificate: [Laszlo Podor](#)

1st Place Silver Medal: [Viki Gaul](#)

Gerald Shea Memorial Trophy (Novice Photographer of the Year)

The novice receiving the highest total points in competition.

2nd Place Certificate: [Tony Holland](#)

Trophy + Silver Medal: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

Cameraland Trophy (Photographer of the Year)

The highest cumulative points for their top 35 scores in Guild competition.

5th – Certificate: [Lynn Fergusson](#)

4th - Pewter Medal: [Kathy Gartner-Kepkay](#)

3rd - Bronze Medal : [Antonio Solis](#)

2nd - Silver Medal: [Viki Gaul](#)

Trophy + Gold Medal: [Laszlo Podor](#)



Awards Night and Dinner Memories....



Photo of the Month

Mist on Fire by Rosemary Sampson



When submitting your photos, please

- Size your image with competition dimensions (1920 x 1080).
- Make sure you **copyright** your image (put your name on the image).
- Send your photos to: newsletter@photoguild.ns.ca

An image will be chosen at random for the next newsletter. You may submit as many as 5 images to increase your chances. Please take this opportunity to showcase your beautiful photos. Your participation is very much appreciated.

*“Photographers don’t take vacations. They go on location.”
-Unknown*